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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit..... 9 Aust Inf Bn

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Date and Time.—From..... 0001 hrs 1 Nov 2359 Hrs 1 Nov 43. To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU- Port Moresby - Area.	1 Nov 43		<p>Reveille sounding at 0630 hrs, marked a day of a new week in a new month, with all personnel of the Bn, settled into their respective camp sites, after a period of three weeks spent in the MORESBY Area.</p> <p>The usual weekly training syllabus has been adhered to and the men once more back into harness, ready to carry out the tasks allotted them.</p> <p>A Coy spent the morning firing on both the LONG HILL and TK/A Ranges and during the afternoon carried out section field firing.</p> <p>B Coy carried out section field firing in the morning and the coy was on LONG HILL range during the afternoon.</p> <p>C Coy put in the day between training in their own areas and firing on the Tk/A Range.</p> <p>D Coy was firing on WESTY range and spent the afternoon training in their own area.</p> <p>Commencing from Nov 1 for approx one week, the Adjt (Capt G.A.COCHRANE), will carry out a course of smartening up drill for all WO's and Sgts.</p> <p>The course will cover all stages of squad drill, rifle exercises, with particular attention paid to marching and discipline.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs the Bde Educational Officer (Lieut JACKSON) lectured personnel of C Coy and during the afternoon D Coy. The subject covered a talk on the new wonder discovery "plastics" and commented on its value and many uses both in pre war and post war possibilities.</p> <p>Steady construction work is still being maintained by the pioneer pl on the new offrs mess hut, which before very long should be ready for occupation. Owing to the transfer of Lieut M.W.RYAN, the position left vacant as I.O. has been fulfilled by Lieut D.S.DIND who was until recently attached to D Coy of this Bn.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials and notes in right margin]</i></p>

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 1 Nov To 2359 hrs 1 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU- Port Moresby area	1 Nov 43		<p>At 1930 hrs a lecture and demo of the s.c.r. 536 B set, was given to the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) and his officers in the officers mess.</p> <p>The lecture was undertaken by Capt Stevenson of 7 Bde, who after explaining the fundamentals, proceeded to carry out practical demonstrations to illustrate its possibilities.</p>	
			Weather: HEAVY RAIN from 1300 hrs.	
			Strength : 27 Offrs, 766 ORs	

David Lewis

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Unit..... 9 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From..... 0001 Hrs 2 Nov To..... 2359 Hrs 2 Nov 53.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU Port Moresby area	2 Nov 43		<p>A Coy was in their own area all day carrying out the training as laid down for the day.</p> <p>B Coy was firing on the Tk/A range in the morning and during the afternoon carried on with the training in their own area.</p> <p>C Coy spent the day on the LONG HILL range with general fire practice.</p> <p>D Coy carried out field firing exercises in the morning and for the afternoon the Coy was firing on the Tk/A range.</p> <p>HQ Coy was in the Coy area, busy with training and duties; 2 pl as work parties, 4 Pl went through the Bde Assault Course and 5 Pl on General Construction Work in the Bn area.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs the Bde Educational Officer (Lieut JACKSON) gave a lecture to the personnel of A Coy, the subject being a talk on "plastics"</p> <p>At 1430 hrs he spoke to personnel of B Coy and outlined the present day position of "BURMA."</p> <p>Since the return of the Bn from the MORESBY area, working parties consisting of all available carpenters have been extensively engaged on the erection of Mess huts in the various Coy areas.</p> <p>Now that supplies of much needed roofing iron, has come to hand, the work is well under way, with the men timber falling, clearing the areas, and digging post holes etc.,</p> <p>The personnel of the pioneer pl measured and cut out the framework for the standard type huts, and are also lending assistance in the general set up of the preliminary structure</p>	
			<p>Weather: HEAVY RAIN from 1400 hrs.</p> <p>Strength: 27 Offrs. 767 ORs</p>	

Carroll's diary

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 3 Nov to 2359 Hrs 3 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby area	3 Nov 43		<p>All Coys trained and adhered to syllabus in the usual daily roster.</p> <p>A Coy spent the morning firing on WESTY Range and during the afternoon the Coy was trg/there own area.</p> <p>B Coy was trg in their Coy area all morning and were firing on the WESTY Range for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>C Coy was the duty coy and were busy as working parties throughout the Bn area.</p> <p>D Coy, after spending the morning trg in the Coy area, carried out firing practice on LONG HILL range, for the afternoon period.</p> <p>HQ Coy comprising of 1 - 2 - 3-4 pls spent the morning period, firing on the LONG HILL Range</p> <p>At 0930 hrs the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) accompanied by Major G.M.PERCIVAL and the RQM^s left for the MORESBY area, for the purpose of ascertaining the facilities, at present in the 58/59 Bn area.</p> <p>The party inspected the area, checked water supply and tentage in preparation for occupation of this Bn at a future date.</p> <p>From 1800 hrs personnel were free to attend a film screening on the Bde grounds.</p>	
			<p>Weather: HEAVY RAIN - during afternoon.</p> <p>Strength: 27 Offrs 765 ORs</p>	

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Unit Aust. Inf. Bn.....

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 4 Nov To 2359 Hrs 4 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby area.	4 Nov 43		<p>During the day, periods were set aside to A-C-D Coys, for the purpose of an exercise on "track going maps".</p> <p>B Coy was the duty coy and were made up into working parties for general works routine through out the Bn area.</p> <p>HQ Coy comprising, of 1, 2, 3 pls, carried out periods of firing practice on the WESTY Range and for the remaining periods they were busy with trg and duties in their own area.</p> <p>At 0900 hrs 4 Pl left for the BOERA area, where they will attend a school, for a period of three days on the BOERA Range.</p> <p>5 pl are still busy on the cutting out of frame work for the individual coy mess huts.</p> <p>All available carpenters from the coys are constructing the standard huts, which before very long, should be ready for occupation.</p> <p>During the morning and afternoon, the Bde Educational Officer (Lieut JACKSON) lectured personnel of HQ Coy on the subject of "Trade Unionism"</p> <p>Throughout the week the R.M.O. Capt WINDEYER, inspected all personnel of the Bn for tinea and other skin diseases.</p> <p>On a report of the latest statistics, the result showed about 42% of personnel suffering from mild tinea.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			Strength: 27 Offrs 768 ORS.	
			Weather: OVERCAST.	

Small's diary

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

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Date and Time.—From 0601 Hrs 5 Nov To 2359 Hrs 5 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port. Moresby Area	5 Nov 43		<p>A Coy being duty coy, the parties made up, were busy on Routine duty throughout the Bn area.</p> <p>All remaining Coys, spent the morning periods, trg in their own respective areas</p> <p>At 1400 hrs, a Bn parade was held in D Coy area. The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) made an inspection of the tpts and afterwards expressed his appreciation of the manly and soldierly bearing of the respectable showing of the dress at such short notice.</p> <p>The C.O. commended the men on their conduct and eager training over the past seven months and stressed on the point that they would maintain the standard of discipline and esprit de corps.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs Capt A.J.F. GAUL, returned to the unit after a period at a Tactical School on the mainland. Capt GAUL has received many verbal forms of congratulation on his promotion to the present rank and will now be attached as OC D Coy.</p> <p>The Officers Mess Hut is now completed and except for final finishing touches, the structure is ready for occupation.</p>	
			Weather: RAIN from 1700 Hrs	
			Strength: 27 Offrs, 767 ORS	
			<i>Quintus Lewis</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 6 Nov To 2359 Hrs 6 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABY - Port Moresby - Area.	6 Nov 43		<p>On Saturday 6 ^{Nov} Oct, a Gymkhana was held on the Bde Sports Ground, under the suspensions ^{suspensions} of 7 Bde. The whole of the programme was drawn up by a selected committee under the President Capt P.J. STEEL. Prize money amounting to £200 was allocated for the day, including money gained from the auctioning of horses.</p> <p>At 0900 hrs, amid throngs of eager masses, the auctioning began, voices raised and challenging, with the auctioneer at times almost drowned with the cries of the excited bidders, the prizes starting at zero, and gradually rising to a crescendo of unheard elevation. ^{animation}</p> <p>The animals chosen for the race, took it all in good party but of course un-be-known to them, they came in for a good laugh from the successful buyers, who set about finding suitable names for their mounts.</p> <p>Some of the following were quite humorous and adaptable for the occasion.</p> <p>ZERO by LIGHTNING out of SKY AMENITIES by PROFITS out of CANTEEN SALVITAL by NIGHT MARCH out of BED. JEEP by ARMISTICE out of BACK YARD. HOME LEAVE by GRO out of DATE.</p> <p>From 0930 hrs, the sports carnival took place as per attached syllabus, and each event was contested keenly by the personnel of the Bde.</p> <p>One streamlined youth of this Bn, must have been an offspring of the well known fictional "SUPERMAN", for he was successful in gaining first place, in both the heats and finals of the 100, and 200 yds sprints, winning the enormous sum of £19; as he was heard to remark afterwards, he wouldn't mind running a total of 640 yds every week to collect that sum each time.</p> <p>For the remainder of the morning, the horses and men alike, were kept busy carrying out the various events, each straining hard to gain well earned points for the day.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.</p> <p><i>(Handwritten initials and marks)</i></p>

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 6 Nov To 2359 Hrs 6 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby - Area	6 Nov 43.		<p>At 1330 hrs, after luncheon interlude, the crowds gathered once more, this time mainly to see the race of the day, the running of the 3 furlong DONADABU CUP. The excitement was tense and the air filled with the voices of eager backers, barrackers and owners as they watched the race on the tip of their toes. Six horses lined the barrier and were off with a good start, hoofs flashing and jockeys urging their mounts in the biggest and most exciting event of the day.</p>	D
			<p>AMENITIES came home the winner, by the able hands of Jockey FORBES of this Bn, who put in a brilliant finish by a short head from ZERO.</p>	D
			<p>The presentation of the Cup was made by the Brig Comd, Brig J. FIELDS. DSO, who congratulated the winning jockey on his successful 5 furlong dash. Shortly after the running of the running of the Cup, heavy rain began to fall, (which is taken as a matter of routine in these parts). However it did not retard the remainder of the programme, although the participants were somewhat dampened and mudlogged in body, but not in spirits and they carried on to finish the events of the day.</p>	D
			<p>On a walkabout among the crowd attending, one could almost visualise himself as being at the good old course of FLEMINGTON in pre war days of course.</p>	D
			<p>The DONADABU Gymkhana had the pleasure of the company of various sisters and M.W.A.S. from adjoining camps, who not only made the day more pleasant by their attendance, but enhanced the appearance of the DONADABU "lawn".</p>	D
			<p>Two Canteens were on the grounds, supplying the "fans" with biscuits and drinks etc. and the only thing missing from the "Flemington aspect was the inevitable boy with the tray over his shoulder calling his wares of peanuts, lollies and chocolates.</p>	D Amalthea from
			<p>The 9 Bn band was in attendance and rendered appropriate melodies throughout the proceedings.</p>	

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Unit.....9 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 6 Nov To 0001 hrs 6 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby area	6 Nov 43		<p>The unique day was proclaimed a great success, the whole of the programme went off without a hitch and much credit is due to the organisers and committee, who took it on themselves to make the day interesting and enjoyable.</p> <p>Proceeds from Gymkhana, amounting to some £69 was donated to the Aust Red Cross P of W Fund.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Weather: HEAVY RAIN 1500 hrs onward.</p>	
			<p>Strength: 28 Officers. 765 Ors.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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Unit....**9. Aust. Inf. Bn.**.....

Date and Time.—From..**0001**..hrs..7..Nov..To.....**2359**..Hrs..7..Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby - area.	7 Nov 43		<p>The usual Church Parades were held in the various areas, each parade being voluntary.</p> <p>The C of E service, conducted by Chaplain, Padre D.A.GANLEY was held in the D Coy area</p> <p>The OPD Service was conducted in the 25 Bn area, while the RC parades were held on the Bde Ground.</p> <p>Owing to a fall of heavy rain, during the afternoon the usual football matches and sports had to be cancelled.</p> <p>The men carried on with the weekly make and mend and made the best of a wet Sunday Afternoon.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Weather: Rain from 1300 hrs.</p> <p>Strength: 28 Offrs. 769 ORS</p>	
				<p><i>[Handwritten signature: Arnold Lewis]</i></p>

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H. 100M

Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 8 Nov To 2359 Hrs 8 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADAB U - Port Moresby - Area.	8 Nov 43.		<p>The bn has now completed a seven months course of vigorous training, training from Mon 8 Nov, to Sat 13 Nov, personnel of the Bn, will adhere to a syllabus which has been drawn up, to allow the men a week of relaxation ^{RECREATION}, which has been richly deserved.</p> <p>A Coy spent the morning between playing a soccer match against a team from C Coy and holding a small swimming carnival in the Bn pool. At 1330 hrs personnel from the Coy attending a lecture on "plastics" by the Bde Educational Office (Lieut JACKSON).</p> <p>From 1430 hrs the remainder of the coy, indulged in a period of organised shecking and cleaning of weapons.</p> <p>B Coy made up a team to play D coy in a soccer match, while the balance of the Coy left on a hike, over the area adjacent to the Bn HQ.</p> <p>C Coy put out a team to match A coy in a game of soccer. Portion of the coy spent the morning engaged on Bde and Bn duties; the remainder of the day was devoted to the checking and cleaning of weapons.</p> <p>D Coy played a soccer match against a team from B coy during the morning.</p> <p>All the afternoon period was spent in a swimming carnival in the Bn pool.</p> <p>HQ Coy made up teams for inter pl matches of basket ball and soccer.</p> <p>After the lunch period a party left for the WESTY Range for an inter Coy shot.</p> <p>At 1445 hrs, the remainder of personnel attended a lecture on "plastics, given by the Bde Educational Officer (Lieut Jackson). For the balance of the day, the men indulged in a period of organised sports.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs Capt A.C. T OON rejoined the unit, after a period on the mainland attending an A.D.O.C. SCHOOL</p>	

Weather: Rain from 1130 hrs.
Strength: 29 Offrs, 768 ORS.

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H. 100M

Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 9 Nov To 2359 hrs 9 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby Area	9 Nov 43		<p>An inter coy Rifle shoot was carried out on the LONG HILL Range commencing at 0900 hrs.</p> <p>Teams of six all ranks, were selected from each rifle coy including BHQ, plus 6 Pl; officers and NCO's being eligible if selected.</p> <p>The Butt party was detailed to personnel of D Coy who was the duty coy for that day, the party consisting of one officer and 24 ORS.</p> <p>The usual communication by sigs from butts to mounds was maintained.</p> <p>The details of fire, from both 200 and 300 yd mounds was observed and carried out as per attached syllabus, The results to hand of the days competition showed 'D' Coy first with 'B' and 'C' coys tying for second place and 'A' Coy third.</p> <p>The balance of personnel in the area, indulged in various forms of procedure as laid down in the syllabus for the day.</p> <p>A Coy were away all day on a Pl hike, covering the country to the rubber plantations, ROUNA Falls etc. At 1430 hrs the personnel of A Coy who were due for inoculation needles, paraded to R.A.P. and were duly attended to by the R.M.O. (Capt WINDEYER)</p> <p>At 0930 hrs B coy attended a lecture given by the Bde Educational Officer (Lieut JACKSON) who spoke on the subject of "our government"</p> <p>The afternoon periods were devoted to inoculations and the checking and cleaning of weapons.</p> <p>At 1030 hrs C Coy attended the lecture, on the same subject, and put in the remainder of the day, having inoculations and organised sports in the coy area.</p> <p>D Coy had a morning of organised sports and for the afternoon they had inoculations and attended a bde lecture, the subject being on "BURMA"</p> <p>HQ Coy began the first period, checking and cleaning weapons, and up till the lunch time break, the coy organised a small swimming</p>	

David Andrew Lewis

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M

Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 10 Nov To 2359 hrs 10 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
(PORT MORESBY + DONADABU	10 Nov		<p>All coys spent the day on the Bde grounds, indulging in a programme of organised sports.</p> <p>The usual list of events were keenly contested by the tps who made quite an enjoyable day out of the programme.</p> <p>Some of the events which are ever popular at all times, included, 100yd, 220 yd and 880 yds, High and Broad Jumps, throwing the cricket ball, shot put and tug o'war.</p> <p>The usual fall of rain was experienced during the afternoon and as mud and water is taken as a matter of course in these parts, the programme was carried off to a finish.</p>	
			<p>Weather: Rain from 1400 hrs.</p> <p>Strength: 29 Offrs 768 ORs.</p>	

Quintin Lewis

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H. 100M

Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 12 Nov To 2359 Hrs 12 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby area.	12 Nov 43.		<p>With the exception of portion of B Coy who were duty personnel in the Bn area, all Coys adhered to the recreation programme as set out for the day.</p> <p>During the morning periods, the coys organised an inter Coy swimming carnival in the Bn pool.</p> <p>The majority of the events were on an informal scale, but never the less, the men enjoyed the break, after days and nights of vigorous training.</p> <p>For the remainder of the day, the coys were in their respective areas, clearing and cleaning the sites, with parties burning off the surface debris etc, and making a full scale sweep of the areas in general.</p> <p>As the new individual coy mess huts will be ready for occupation over the weekend, the parties also demolished the old mess buildings and cleaned up the areas.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs the C.O. (Lie-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) took the opportunity of having a photo taken with his officers.</p> <p>The C.O. and his officers assembled in the area for the occasion, and it may be assumed that the result will bring out many happy memories in the days spent in DONADABU.</p> <p>At 1830 hrs an officers dinner and smoke concert was held in the newly completed quarters. <i>as well as</i></p> <p>Officers of 7 Bde, were invited including all officers of the Bn.</p> <p>The programme comprised of individual items, speeches and community singing etc.</p> <p>The evening was the first of its kind in this area, due mainly to the lack of accommodation, but now that a commodious iron roofed building has been completed, it should pave the way for more entertainments in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Weather: Rain from 1600 hrs. Strength: 29 Offrs, 771 ORs.</p>	

David Matthews

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H. 100M

Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001Hrs 13 Nov To 2359 hrs 13 Nov.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU - Port Moresby - Area.	13 Nov 43.		<p>All coys under their coy comds, put in the greater part of the day, cleaning up the coy areas, burning off debris and straightening tent lines etc.</p> <p>Acting on orders from Bde a long waited for leave draft was nominated from personnel of the Bn for home leave to the mainland, the party to depart on Sund. 14 Nov.</p> <p>The draft numbering about 79 men, were selected from personnel who had served 12 months continual service in NEW GUINEA, without leave of any kind.</p> <p>As can be imagined, the task allotted to the administrative staff, was not an easy one, for the majority of the men were the originals of the bn who so successfully retarded the advance of the JAPS in MILNE BAY during the month of August 1942/</p> <p>At 1100 hrs the men selected for the draft were paraded in the BHQ area, and addressed by the C.O. (Lieut Col G.R. MATTHEWS). The C.O. expressed his appreciation of the men for their fine soldierly bearing and attain to training over the past months and stressed that they carry on the good name of the Bn, while on the mainland, particular attention being paid to dress and discipline and above all Esprit de corps.</p> <p>At 1800 hrs the personnel of A Coy tendered a dinner and smoke concert in their new coy mess hut.</p> <p>The celebration commemorating both the opening of the Mess hut and the winning of the DONADABU Cup.</p> <p>The dinner was praised as a great success, while the concert was carried off with great enthusiasm, community singing and items being to the fore.</p>	<p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p> <p>d</p>
			Weather: Rain from 1300 hrs.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 770 Ors.	

David Herbert Smith

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H. 100M

Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 14 Nov To 2359hrs 14 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>BONADABU - Port Moresby area.</u>	<u>14 Nov 43.</u>		<p>The usual church parades, were held in the various areas. The C.Of E parade was held in the D Coy area and the service conducted by Chaplain, Padre D.A.GANLEY.</p> <p>The O.P.D. parade was held in the 25 Bn area, and the R.C. services, early mass at 0845 hrs on the Bde grounds and the next service at 0930 hrs in the 25 Bn area.</p> <p>At 0745 hrs the leave draft of personnel for the mainland, left the area amid lusty cheers and hand shakes and the usual cry of "have one for me", etc.</p> <p>The breakfast meal for the ones left behind was unusually quiet, many minds with thoughts far away, and secretly envying the truck loads of men as they vanished in distance.</p> <p>At 0730 hrs the Education staff of Bde, showed films of an Educational nature to the personnel of the Bn, in the HQ Coy mess hut.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Weather: Rain from 1230 hrs.</p>	
			<p>Strength: 29 Offrs 767 Ors.</p>	
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9 Aust Inf Trg Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 15 Nov To 2359Hrs 15 Nov 43.

H. 100M

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby Map Ref 876402.				
DONADABU) - port moresby area.			<p>On receipt of a warning order, pending a Bde move to a new area, no move before 15 Nov, the Bn on instructions from Bde, carried on with the training syllabus for the weekending 17 Nov.</p> <p>A copy of the warning order is attached & the Bde will await further instructions as regards movement & administration.</p> <p>All Coys started the morning periods with inspection & Coy drill, bayonet training & grenade throwing. During the afternoon under their Pl Comds, the Coys were away on a route march through to LOWER LEVELS & return. 5 pl remained in the Bn area, engaged on general routine duties.</p> <p>At 1915 hrs, the 2/1c Major W G FRY, tendered a lecture to the C O & his officers in the officers mess hut. Major Fry has just returned by plane, after a period of three weeks in a forward operational area.</p> <p>While away he visited the areas of FINSCHHAFEN & surrounding villages. A more detailed report of the Majors itinerary may be found attached.</p> <p>During the absence of the Adjt (Capt G A COCHRANE) who left on Sunday 14 Nov for leave on the mainland, the position of Adjt has now been fulfilled by Lieut D S DIND formerly of 17 pl D Coy.</p> <p>Lieut Dind has also been nominated to the position of I O & will carry out both tasks till the return of Capt Cochrane.</p>	
			<p>Weather: Rain from 1500 hrs. Strength: 29 OFFRS. 171 O.RS</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">D. S. Dind</p>	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 16 Nov To 2359 Hrs 16 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU- Port Moresby Area.			<p>For the morning periods the Coys carried on with syllabus as laid down, namely, coy drill, bayonet training, indication of targets & grenade throwing etc.</p> <p>During the afternoon the Coys had periods for organised sports, indisposed with periods to attend lectures by Major Fry.</p> <p>The lectures took the form of the Majors' first hand descriptions of conditions & fighting ability of the troops in the forward operational areas.</p> <p>A Coy & half B Coy attended at 1345 hrs, while C Coy & half B Coy attended at 1445 hrs.</p>	
			<p>From 1830 hrs all Coys carried out a three hour night exercise on the erection of bivouac shelters.</p>	
			<p>Weather : Rain from 1330 hrs. Strength: 29 OFFRS. - 770 ORS</p>	
				<p><i>David Paul Lewis</i></p>

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Unit 9 AUST INF TRG BN.

Date and Time.—From 0000 hrs I7 Nov To 2359 hrs I7 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY (Port Moresby Area) Map Ref 876402.			Acting under adm instructions, the Bn was notified of its transfer to a new Bn area in JUNE VALLEY (map ref 876402), Port Moresby sheet I inch to I mile. The instructions for the move are attached.	
			At 0730 hrs, the forward details comprising of the Padre, RQMS canteen & detailed Coy personnel left DONADABU enroute to the new area as advanced details & unloading parties.	
			The remaining personnel of the Bn, spent the whole of the morning on a systematic cleaning of all Coy lines.	
			Coys were under comd of their respective Coy Comds, who on completion, tendered reports to the Adjt on the cleanliness & hygienic conditions throughout.	
			The cleanliness of the camp, including tents, bunks, kitchens, mess huts latrines etc, was stressed was most rigidly & adhered strictly supervised by the C O (Lieut Col G R Matthews).	
			During the afternoon, work was carried out on the packing of all personal gear, stores, BHQ office equipment and cooks stores etc., and where possible loading available vehicles, in readiness for the convoy movement the next day. It may be noted that the evening of 17 Nov was free from rain making it the first fine evening for the past sixteen days.	
			The feeling of many, regarding the move to the new area, was of a sad nature, for after spending the past seven months in the area, one could feel the departure keenly.	
			During the period of the seven months sojourn, the 9 Bn was instrumental in making many major improvements in and around the area.	
			On arrival, the area was mostly virgin, with very few roads, bridges and rifle ranges etc, and with the permission granted from Bde, the bn were able to make advancements in the general improvements.	
			The training syllabuses were strictly adhered to, which included, many coy and bn manouevres, along with Bn exercises with MMG and arty support, using live ammn. In between training periods, much work was done, including the making and metalling of roads, bridle tracks in the outlying areas made passable for jeeps, improvement of Rifle and assault ranges, and many bridges, both	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 17 Nov To 2359 hrs 17 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY (Port Moresby Area) Map Ref 876402			<p>of the suspension and standard structure type. The bridges are the pride of the Bn as the whole of the structures were built over fast running streams and rivers and the materials used were hacked and cut to shape from the timber found adjoining the area. A metal quarry was opened up during the latter months and quantities of much needed metal was made available for the binding of the roads.</p> <p>At the end of the bns occupation of the area and brand new iron roofed mess huts were built in each of the coy areas, including a similar structure for use as the officers mess.</p> <p>It can be assumed that the area recently vacated by the 9 Bn, was left in excellent condition, especially with regard to the repair, hygiene and improvements in general. All coyslins were spotless, tents straightened and rolled up, bunks were left standing and the kitchens and latrines, scrubbed and disinfected.</p> <p>The incoming bn is to be congratulated ^{fortunate to} on being selected to take over the area and it is hoped that they will take full advantage of the facilities and keep on improving to make it an area to be proud of.</p>	
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 772 ORs.	<i>Richard Lewis</i>

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Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 19 Nov To 2359 hrs 19 Nov.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY (Port Moresby) Map Ref 876402	19 Nov.		Reveille found all personnel feverishly engaged in settling in their new area.	
			The Bn area on the whole, was very disappointing, many personnel were without bunks in their tents, (contary to what was arranged) kitchens and mess huts were deplorable with debris, grease and odours. etc.	D
			Some latrines in the lines were found to be built the bare fifty yards from the cook houses, and one coy mess hut was built over foul ground which accounts considerably for the never ending swarms of flies about the place.	D
			The water is very meagre, the only supply is by water truck twice a day, to cater for cook houses and to fill petrol drums erected as showers to supply a Bn of men	D
			At 1400 hrs a mobile hot water bath unit, ^{VISITED} visited the bn area	
			This service was greatly appreciated by all personnel, as the water facilities at the moment are inadequate for such a large body of men.	D
			At 1500 hrs the forward and rear details of D and HQ coy arrived in the Bn area from DONADABU. The G.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) also made the trip and immediately on arrival made a survey of the new area.	D
			During the day personnel of the Int Sec made use of available time, to make a field sketch of the area, showing coy boundaries, roads and tentage etc, Commencing at retreat, the bn furnished a guard to Bde HQs.	D
			The tour of duty is from retreat to retreat and the guard composed of 1 subaltern, 1 sgt, 2 cpls and 16 ptex. Due to the HQ of Bde being some distance from the bn communication will be maintained by L/T and D/R	D
			At 1730 hrs the area experienced a cloud burst, damage was negligible, but while it lasted some of the coy tent floors were under water. The mess huts were swamped and volumes of water went hurtling down whatever channels existed.	D

David Andrew Hunt

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 20 nov To 2359 Hrs 20 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY- Port Moresby area-Map Ref 876402	20 Nov		<p>At the request of Bn, permission was granted from Bde to cancel the trg syllabus for the day. The reason being due to unhygienic conditions prevailing in the newly occupied area. The position if not attended to immediately would lead to drastic health conditions among the troops.</p> <p>Working parties were busy all day, digging water channels around the cook houses, scrubbing tables and benches, congealed with foodstuffs, etc.</p> <p>The pioneer and hygiene parties were detached ^{DETAILED} to move three coy mess huts to more ^{suitable} ideal ground and will be engaged for some days, before the hygienic arrangements can be regarded as satisfactory.</p> <p>All coys were engaged in their own respective areas, moving tents, making bunks and settling in.</p>	<p>a</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 768 Ors.	
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 21 Nov to 2359 Hrs 21 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY) Port Moresby area- Map Rep 876402	21 Nov 43.		Voluntary church parades were held in the bn area. At 0900 hrs the C of E service was held in the padre's chapel, and conducted by the Padre D.A.GANLY.	<div style="text-align: right;">D</div>
			At 0900 hrs the R.C. Service was held in the HQ Mess hut; owing to the illness of the padre, the O.P.D. service had to be cancelled.	
			For the remainder of the day personnel in the area were engaged in the usual weekly washing of clothes and make and mend.	<div style="text-align: right;">D</div>
			From 1800 hrs 15% ^{50%} of personnel from each coy, were free to obtain leave, to visit the PORT MORESBY area.	
			With the change of location of the Bn, the area now occupied is approx five miles to the town and as transport is often available, the troops will be able to avail themselves ^{make} of the journey from time to time.	<div style="text-align: right;">D</div>
			At 1830 hrs the bn furnished a guard to tidy to bde, whose tour of duty was from Retreat to Retreat. The Bde guard composed of 1 subaltern, 1 sgt, 2 cpls and 16 ORs including 1 waiting man.	
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs, 763 ORs.	
			<i>David ...</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 22 Nov To 2359 Hrs 22 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby -	22 Nov 43.		Commencing from 22 Nov, the first day of trg was carried out in the new bn area.	J
			A new feature added to the syllabus, was practice plane loading by coys, into dummy planes, situated on an adjacent air-drome. At 0745 hrs one party left the area, per transport for the drome, to commence the practice loading, under supervision of their comd officers.	J
			Parties also left the bn area, at regular intervals marching to the drome a distance of 4 miles, so as to enable the loading practice to be carried out ^{with} in waves of fresh men.	J
			The loading practice went on for the whole day, and as the preceding parties went on for the whole day completed their loading practice, they would change over to the next wave of men and return to camp on foot.	J
			The syllabus for the loading procedure is attached: The period commenced, with a party of sixteen men, including one Bren gunner and No. two man and one rifleman, assembled on the three ton vehicle, along with the necessary stores and amn. which was nominated for the plane load.	J
			At a given signal, the vehicle backed into the doorway of the plane, and immediately the Bren and rifle men took up a position in the area surrounding the plane, covering the loading parties from imaginary hostile attacks. The remainder of the men dashed into the plane and commenced a hand to hand loading from the vehicle, stacking the stores neatly along the passage of the plane. When completed the vehicle drove away and the Bren and Rifle men, took their places in the plane.	J
			The same procedure was carried out for the unloading with the Bren and rifle men first off the plane, taking up a covering posns while the unloading was completed in the same manner.	J
			Each loading party carried out the two way loading programme twice in succession and were timed by watch, the result being well within the set period	J
			as laid down by the Air Administrative officials	J

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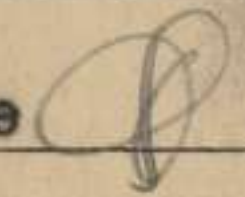
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY - Port Moresby	22nd Nov 43		<p>At 0830 hrs Capt A.J.F. GAUL assisted by the R.S.M. commenced a school for all Junior NCOs. The school was instigated and designed to (i) Improve standard of learning, drill and turnout.</p> <p>(ii) Increase Military knowledge by Junior N.C.O</p> <p>(iii) By 1 and 2 to increase confidence in ability and command</p> <p>The course covers a period of one week, the syllabus for same is attached.</p>	
			<p>Weather: Showery.</p> <p>Strength: 29 Offrs 773 ORs.</p>	
			<p><i>Smallwood</i></p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 23 Nov^o 2359 Hrs 23 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY - Port Moresby Area.	23 Nov 43		From 0830 hrs to 1200 hrs personnel of HQ Coy and BHQ carried out plane loading practice. ^{One}	D
			A Coy completed a route march of three hours duration, during the morning and for the remainder of the day were trg in their own area.	D
			B Coy were trg in their own area, and were away in the afternoon on a ^{one} three hour route march.	D
			C coy were trg all day and carried out the work as laid down in the syllabus.	D
			D Coy were on a route march during the morning and continued on with trg in the coy area, for the afternoon periods.	D
			For periods in between trg, C and B Coys attended lectures by the Education Officer (Lieut JACKSON) The subjects being talks on BURMA and PLASTICS	D
			From 1400 to 1600 hrs a Mobile Bath Unit, visited the area and all personnel were availed of the service. At retreat the bn furnished a guard to Bde consisting of 1 subaltern, 1 sgt, 2 cpls and 16 ORs plus one waiting man.	D
			The tour of duty being from Retreat to Retreat. At 1945 hrs B D and HQ coys carried out a compass march in the vicinity of the bn area.	D
			The coys were divided into pls each pl leaving the start point at quarter hour intervals and making RVs with respective pls of other coys.	D
			Weather: RAIN from 1730 hrs	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 771 ORs	

David Paul Lewis

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 24 Nov 43

2359 Hrs 24 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY - Port Moresby area	24 Nov 43.		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>under</i></p> <p>A Coy, under cmd of the Coy Comd, left the bn area, on a route march during the morning.</p> <p>The route taken was along the HANAUBADA road for a distance of about six miles return.</p> <p>For the afternoon period, the coy were trg in their coy area</p> <p>B Coy was trg in their coy area during the morning, and for the balance of the day, they carried out a route march over the same area as completed by A Coy.</p> <p>C Coy were trg in the coy area all day, and carried out the usual daily trg as laid down in the syllabus</p> <p>D & HQ Coy were in their coy lines for the morning periods, and during the afternoon carried out a route march along the HANAUBADA road.</p> <p>At 1400 hrs a hockey team made up from the bn, played a team from 2/1 M.A.E. resulting in a win for the Bn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p>
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 774 ORs	
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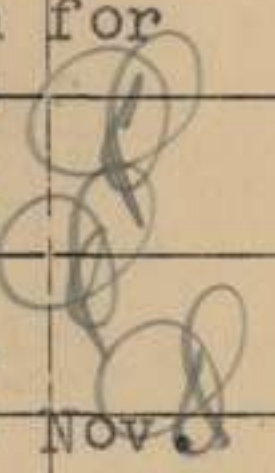
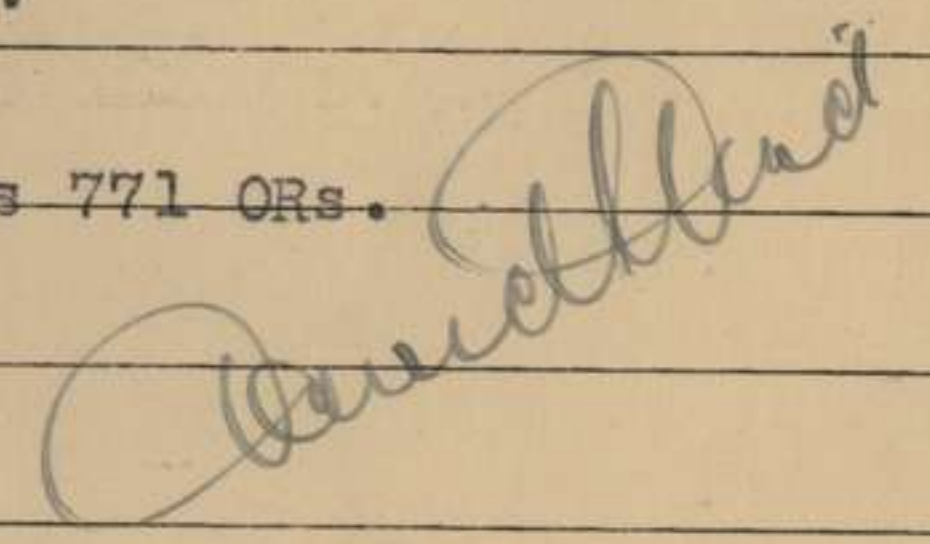
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 25 Nov To 2359 Hrs 25 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY - Port Moresby Area-	25 Nov 43.		<p>For the morning period all coys carried out a route march for approx three hours duration, for a distance of approx 6 miles return.</p> <p>During the afternoon the coys adhered to the syllabus in their respective coy areas.</p> <p>At 1430 hrs the I.O. Lieut D.S.DIND left on a recce over the area, which a Bn route march will take place on Friday 26 Nov.</p>	
			Weather: Showery.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 771 ORs.	
				

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Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 26 Nov To 2359 Hrs 26 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Port Moresby area	26 Nov		<p>From 0845 hrs, for the remainder of the day, the whole bn completed a route march over an area in the vicinity of the bn area.</p> <p>The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) headed the march and was accompanied by the Adjt (Lieut D.S. DIND) with the 2 i/c Maj W.G. FRY in rear of the bn.</p> <p>The distance covered was approx 12 miles, over graded, roads, with the bn accompanied by a drummer who with his rhythmic beats, helped considerably to keep the troops in step and break the monotony of the long march.</p> <p><i>Due to</i> Considering the duration and length of the march, <i>and the changed climate and road conditions</i> approx 40 personnel fell out, due mainly to foot trouble and were attended to by the RMO who followed the march in an ambulance vehicle. At 1045 hrs the Brigade Comd (Brig J FIELD D.S.O.) accompanied by the Brigade Major (MAJ J.C. MAHONEY) paid a visit to the bn area. The party stayed for approx fifteen minutes, inspecting the area and as the C.O. was away with his bn, the party made the tour alone with the Sig O. (Lieut S. M. England)</p>	
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 26 Offrs 775 ORs.	
			<i>David Dind</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY - Port Moresby area - Map Ref			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>-MAJ FRY AT FORWARD ZONES.</u></p> <p>Maj W.G.FRY 2 i/c of the Bn, has just returned from a visit to the forward operational areas.</p> <p>Maj W.G.FRY was one of a party from Bde who left by plane on 7 Oct, to visit the Bde and Div H.Q., in the LAE-FINSCHAFFEN area and the vicinities of JIVENANENG, LANGEMAK BAY and BUREP RIVER etc.</p> <p>An itinerary showing the routine of the journey is attached from which can be gained infm regarding the various Bns and Coys with which Maj FRY had the opportunity of visiting, both in forward and rear positions.</p> <p>On the whole of the period away, the Maj collected an amazing amount of infm which when collated into lecturettes made material of highly educational standard for the tps of this Bn. Data included a summary of the situation, terrain, tactical, support admn, intercom. int, medical and eqpt etc. Throughout the trip the Maj had many startling experiences and availed himself of whatever transport was available including a trip on an American L.C.T. which although heavily armoured came in for a few unsavoury moments from A/C bombing and strafing along the coast towards MADANG. One morning, he again had rather a narrow escape, by being awakened, as the Maj termed it, by an unusual alarm clock in the form of a barrage from ENEMY positions, including arty, MMG. automatic fire, in fact everything that belched forth lead. As the Maj was heard to remark of his experiences at a later date, only by the Grace of God and a large amount of luck, he was able to relate his escapades in a verbal manner. While with HQ of a forward Bde, Maj FRY was present when an enemy OpE. order was captured, this OpE. order showed enemy intentions of a Bn drive through to KATIKA and northwards inland to eventually drive through</p>	

W.G. Fry

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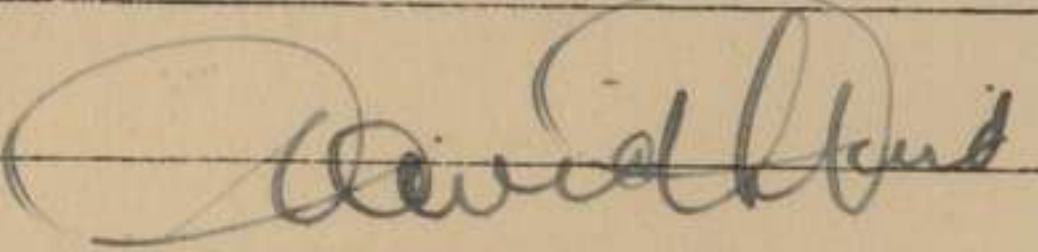
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>MAJ FRY AT FORWARD ZONES.</u>	
			<p>ON to the coast, to link up with a landing by the enemy from barges at the mouth of the SONG River, a notable feature in the OpP. order was, that a huge bonfire was to be lit on the high ground at SATELBERG to enable the barges to proceed to their destination. The Coy Comds under orders from higher ^{formation} formations immediately set out their coys in a tight perimeter defence with particular attention paid to automatic fire. The perimeter extended from the mouth of the SONG river to the mouth of the SIKI RIVER and inland for approx 1/2 mile. As mentioned in the enemy OpP. order, the bon fire was lighted according to plan, indicating that ^{the} enemy were about to start their Bn attack. The enemy offensive lasted all night, resulting in disastrous casualties among the enemy. All the enemy attacks were successfully repulsed, due to our firm defences and the almost continuous automatic fire. The enemy when repulsed would withdraw, re-organise and attack at an entirely different pt. This action was repeated several times during the night, sounding our defences for a weak point. Prior to the landing of the Jap barges which numbered seven, the American L.C.T. engaged them, sinking three, approx 70 personnel of the 4 remaining barges were successful in landing on the NORTH bank of the SONG River and were eventually annihilated by our land forces.</p> <p>Since his return to the unit, Maj Fry has ^{given} tendered lectures to the personnel of the various coys and pointed out many interesting facts and details which were much appreciated by the tps.</p>	
				

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 28 Nov To 2359 28 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Area- Map Ref 867402	28 Nov 43		On Sunday 28 Nov Church Services for O.P.D. and R.Cs were conducted in the Bn area.	D
			The remainder of the day was devoted to make and mend.	D
			Weather: Fine during day with heavy shower at night.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs. 811 ORs.	
			<i>David B. ...</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 29 Nov To 2359 Hrs 29 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<p>JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby area. Map Reference 867402</p>	<p>29 Nov43</p>		<p>On Monday 29 Nov word was received advising the Bn to prepare for a movement from the area. An advance party consisting of 5 Offrs and 142 ORs under command of the 2/i/c (Maj W.G.FRY) was immediately organised and placed on 2 hrs notice as from mid-day; the remainder of the unit, agog with excitement, commenced packing and cleaning up the area preparatory to the movement of the main body, no details of the move other than that it will be by boat are known.</p>	<p><i>D</i></p>
			<p>The firsts intimation the rank and file received ^{of} the move was, when the hurriedly notified advance party personnel was marched to the recreation hut where half a dozen camp barbers worked overtime in preparing the men for the trip.</p>	<p><i>D</i></p>
			<p>During the afternoon the Bn had a visit from the Mobile Bath Unit and all ranks enjoyed the luxury of a hot shower.</p>	<p><i>D</i></p>
			<p>At night personnel attended film screenings in the area</p>	<p><i>D</i></p>
			<p>Weather: Fine during day heavy showers at night.</p>	
			<p>Strength: 29 Offrs 811 ORs.</p>	
			<p><i>David [Signature]</i></p>	

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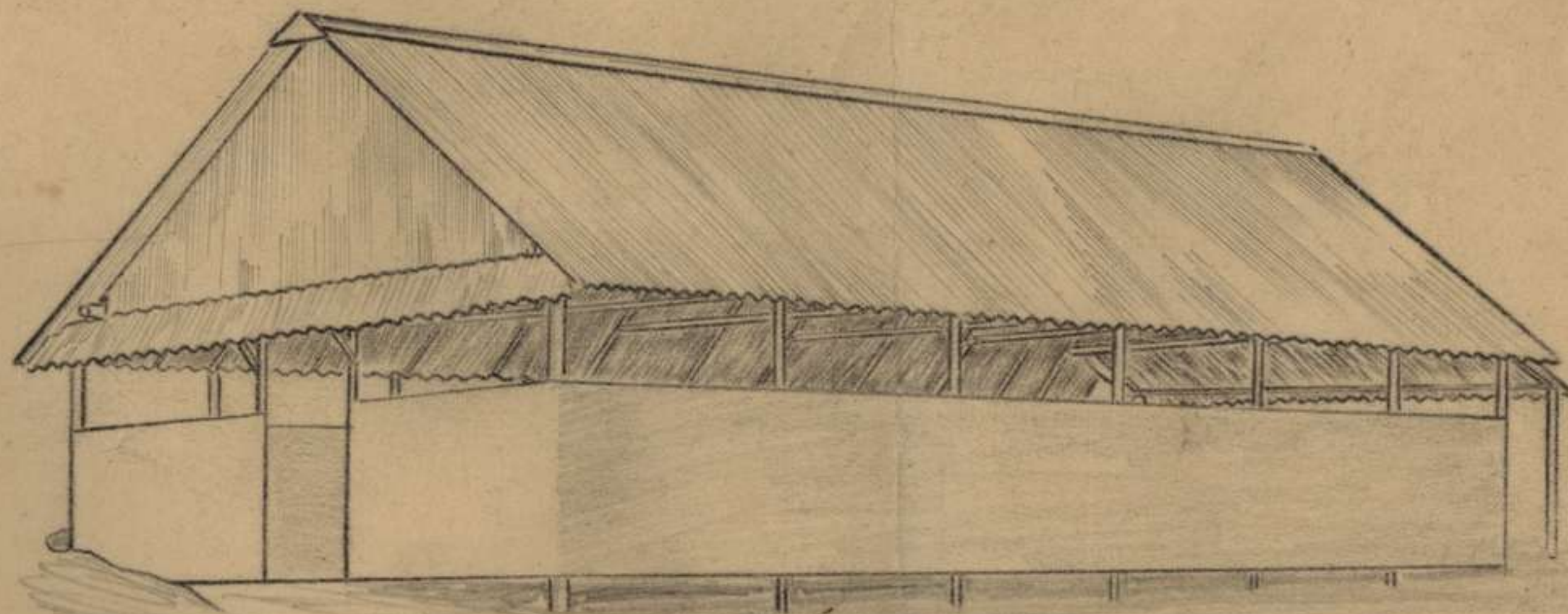
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 30 Nov To 2359 hrs 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Port Moresby Area. Ref Map 867402	30 Nov 43		<p>On Tuesday 30 Nov, 3 working parties consisting of 3 Offrs and 98 ORs were despatched to 2/1 A.G.H. Quarry Hill and 50-50 area respectively. Strengths were — 2/1 AGH 2 Offrs. 55 ORs from D Coy. — 50-50, 1 Officer. 26 ORs from A Coy — QUARRY HILL 17 ORs from B Coy</p> <p>At mid-day the advanced party received orders to move out. Prior to embussing the party was addressed by the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS)</p> <p>The C.O. stressed the necessity of maintaining the existing standards of discipline and general neatness both on board ship and on arrival at the Draft's destination, pointing out that the Bn would be judged by the behaviour of the Advance party.</p> <p>The remainder of the Bn continued with training as laid down on the weeks syllabus.</p> <p>The position of 2 i/c of the Bn vacated by Maj W.G.FRY was fulfilled by the O.C. A Coy (Capt A.T.BEECH).</p> <p>At night personnel attended presentation by the 11 Aust Inf Div Concert Party.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Fine.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength : 29 Offrs 811 ORs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>G. Matthews Lt. Col.</i></p>	<p>Ⓟ</p> <p>Ⓟ</p> <p>Ⓟ</p> <p>Ⓟ</p> <p>Ⓟ</p> <p>Ⓟ</p> <p>Ⓟ</p>

OFFICERS' MESS
DONADABU AREA.



DRAWN BY GILLMAN J. D. PTE.
INT. Sec. 9TH. Fus. Inf. BN.

COMPLETED NOV. 5.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

of

9 Aust Inf Bn.

From 0001 hrs 30 Oct 43
To 2359 hrs 5 Nov 43.

NO MOVEMENT.

On Sat 30 Oct the bn was relieved by the 61 Bn in the MORRISBY area. Each group of the bn moved off independently from the MORRISBY area and the last group arrived back in DONADABU at approx 0930 hrs. The balance of the day was spent in re-erecting tents and settling in.

TRAINING.

Throughout the week training was carried out as set out on the training syllabus. Training took place in respective coy training areas and range practices were carried out on LONG HILL, WENTY, Tk/A ranges and the Bde Assault course.

Tk/A SHOOT.

On Thursday 4 Nov the Tk/A pl left DONADABU for the BOWEN Range and carried out a Tk/A shoot over a period of three days. They will return to DONADABU on the 6 Nov.

RECEC.

On Wed 3 Nov the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) Maj GENCIVAL and the R.Q.M. made a recon of the area at present occupied by the 58/59 Bn which will be occupied by this bn at a later date. The recon was for the purpose of selecting suitable coy area, inspecting existing facilities and checking tentage.

NCO's COURSE.

A training course for WO II's and Senior Sgts commenced on Mon 1 Nov under the direction of the Adj. (Capt G.A. COCHRANE) The course comprised, drill with and without arms, S.I. and lectures on Military Law and other subjects of value to senior NCO's. The course will be concluded on ~~1-1-43~~ Nov.

Mon 8

BN PARADE.

On Friday afternoon 5 Nov a bn parade was held in 'D' Coy area. The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) inspected all personnel, after which, he addressed the bn commending them on their excellent appearance and military bearing.

TYNER PARADES.

During the week the RMO carried out an inspection of all personnel for licea and other skin diseases. The result showed about 42% of personnel suffering from mild licea.

DEMONSTRATION.

On 1 Nov at 1030 hrs a lecture and demonstration of the SCR 536 B set was given by Capt SNEVENS of 7 Bde to all offrs of the Bn.

LECTURES.

During the week the Bde Ed Offr gave lectures to coys on the following subjects "Plastics", "Beras" and discussion on topical subjects as "Trade Unionism"

WORK IN PROGRESS.

During the week the par pl together with all available carpenters from coys have been engaged on the construction of Mess Huts in all Coy areas. The mess huts are expected to be completed early next week. The new offrs Mess Hut has been completed.

OFFRS MARCHES IN.

On 31 Oct Esj W.G. FRY rejoined the bn. He had spent the past three weeks with the 7 Aust Inf Bde observation party in the FINSCHAFEN area.

On 5 Oct Capt A.J.F. GAUL rejoined the unit from the mainland where he has been attending an Offrs School. He has taken over comd of 'D' Coy.

G. Matthews

.....Lt-Col

David D. D. D.

.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

9 AUST INF BN.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Ref Bde Tng Instn No. 32 of 24 Oct 43

Coy	1 Nov 43 MONDAY	2 Nov 43 TUESDAY	3 Nov 43 WEDNESDAY	4 Nov 43 THURSDAY	5 Nov 43 FRIDAY	6 Nov 43. SATURDAY
A	AM LONG HILL Range Tk/A Rifle Range PM. Sec Fd Firing Range	AM Weapon Trg. Bayonet Grenade Throwing PM- 1345 AES Lecture Drill	AM WESTY Range PM. Pl Exercise	All Day Pl Exercise "Track going map"	work	GYMKHANA.
B	AM. Sec Fd Firing Range PM LONG HILL Range	AM Tk/A Range PM. Drill 1445 AES Lecture	AM Weapon Trg. Bayonet Grenade Throwing PM. WESTY Range	Work Parties	Discussion on Thursdays Exercise	All Day
C.	AM. Weapon Trg. Bayonet 1030 AES Lecture Grenade Throwing PM - Tk/A Range	AM. LONG HILL Range PM Sec Fd Firing Range	Work Parties	All Day Pl Exer- cise. "Track going Maps".	Discussion on Thursdays Exercise - Weapon Trg.	
D	AM WESTY Range PM. Weapon Trg. Bayonet 1430 A.E.S. Lecture Grenade Throwing.	AM Sec Fd Firing Range PM Tk/A Range	AM. Drill PM. LONG HILL Range	All Day Pl Exer- cise "Track going Maps"	All Rifle Coys. HQ Coy - AM - Bn. Parade.	GYMKHANA.
HQ	Work Parties	Work Parties	AM. LONG HILL Range Tk/A Range All day Sec Fd Firing Range.	All Day WESTY Range 0930 AES Lecture 1345 AES Lecture	AM. All Rifle Coys. HQ Coy - AM - Bn. Parade. PM.	All Day

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

66 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 11 3 9 / 1943 Aust InfBn (Unit)

W.E. II 120 2 / OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
-	-	-	1	*											
1	1	-	2	*											
-	-	-	9	Lieut.-Colonels											
4	4	-	15	Majors	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-						
				Captains											
				Lieutenants											
				Quarter-masters											
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.											
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.											
5	5	-	27			1	-	-	-						
				DETAIL	S.E.I.	A.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	28	-	-								
				E.(1)											
				E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX1168131	Capt	GAUL, A.J.F.	N.G.Details Depot	5/11/43	xx From 'X' List (school and leave Aust.)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

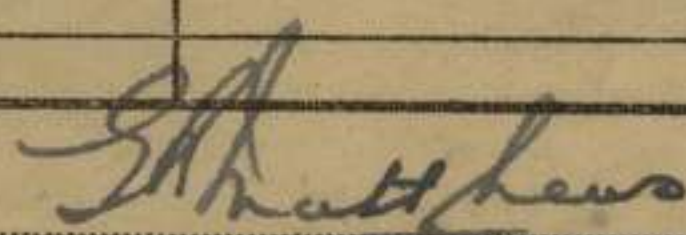
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.O.	2 1/c	Yes		
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	OC C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. 24/8/43 School.	
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 1/c ACoy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	2 1/c C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2 1/c ID Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	H.J.	10 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX58197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40635	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	SX3085	VINEY	W.M.	5 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	8 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX50118	PLATZ	S.J.C.	12 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.W.	1 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	NX104272	DIED	D.S.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX49467	COX, 1/1/1	L.A.	18 Pl	Yes		
T/Capt	NX116813	GAUL	A.J.F.	OC D Coy	Yes	(next in seniority after T/Capt D.P.Radford).	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. cl. IV	VX114018	GANLY, D.A.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain

6 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

 Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

65 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 11 /194 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 120/2 OFFRS 2 O.R.'s 733 + OFFRS 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1 Reinf'ts. Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Reinf'ts. Required.
1	1	-	-	W.Os. Class I.	-	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.	-	1	-	-	-
1	1	-	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	1	Staff Sergeants	-	-	-	-	-
3	3	1	29	Sergeants	-	10	-	-	-
-	-	4	68	Corporals	-	8	-	-	-
19	19	6	618	Troopers, Privates, etc.	-	21	6	1	1
-	-	-	-	Civilians counting as O.R.	-	-	-	-	-
25 *	25	12	725 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	-	40 *	6	1	1 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	C.M.F.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	333	430									
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A										
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	7 Aust Inf Bde.			1	RMO's Ord. Sch.		

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

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

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	28	1	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen.duties	660	642	18
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	-	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.Ms.	5	5	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Mess Sgt	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO's Ord.	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Chirop.	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	2	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	29	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1(NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitters	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	-
												Blacksmith	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	14	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	60	5	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	765	26

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

6 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

C.O. 9

of

9 AUST INF BNFrom: 0001 hrs 6 Nov 43
to: 2559 hrs 12 Nov 43.SYLLABUS FOR WEEK.

For week ending Nov 12, a new syllabus was drawn up allowing personnel of the bn a week of recreation, after a period of severe ~~AND~~ vigorous trg over the past seven months.

GYMKHANA.

On Saturday 6 Nov a Gymkhana was held on the Bde Sports grounds under the auspices of 7 Bde.

Horses supplied by the pack transport coy, were available for auction to the various keen bidders on the ground. A programme of events ~~was~~ drawn up for the day, including the running of the ~~PERADANI~~ Cup.

Athletic events were keenly contested by all personnel of the bde.

SPORTS.

Throughout the week the various coys, organised sports programmes which included, athletics, soccer, basket ball, cricket and swimming carnivals.

LECTURES.

SERIES On the 8 and 9 Nov of this week, personnel of the coys attended ~~series~~ of lectures given by the Bde Educational Officer (Lieut JACKSON). The subjects covered talks on BURMA, OUR GOVERNMENT, and PLASTICS.

INOCULATIONS.

On Tues 9 Nov the R.M.O. (Capt KINDEYER) attended to personnel of the coys, who were due for inoculation needles.

VISIT OF G.O.C.

On Thurs 11 Nov the G.O.C. ~~was~~ ^{IV C} MGP Lieut Gen Sir Leslie HORSHEAD KCB - KBE - CMB - DSO - ED paid a visit to 7 Bde.

During the day the G.O.C. was accompanied by the C.O. (Lieut Col G.R. MATTHEWS) on a tour of inspection of the Bn trg areas.

He witnessed a section battle practice by A Coy, a section field firing exercise by D Coy and Mortar Shoot by the Mortar Pl.

INTER COY SHOOT.

On Tuesday 9 Nov, an inter coy shoot was carried out on LONGHILL range, resulting in a win for D Coy.

ARMISTICE DAY.

At 1100 hrs 11 Nov a 2nd Mortar Red Flare was fired from Bde HQ in commemoration of Armistice Day. All personnel of the Bn stood fast at the appointed time and remained in silence for two minutes while the last part was played, in observance of the great national day.

OFFICERS MARCHED IN.

On Mon 8 Nov Capt A.C. TOON rejoined the unit after a period of the mainland, attending an A.A.O.C. School. Lieut R.W. BEAD has joined the unit and is now attached to 10 Pl B Coy.

WORKS IN PROGRESS.

Work is still being maintained on the coy mess huts which are expected to be ready for occupation in a few days.

J. H. Atchew

.....Lt-Col
C.C. 9 Aust Inf Bn

David Alford

.....Lieut
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

LAW/WEM (1/11)

Subject : 7 AUST INF BDE GYMKHANA

Ref : 43/Amen/15

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (A))
Australia
/ Nov 43

1. A Gymkhana will be held at DONADABU, Saturday
6 Nov 43.

2. COMMITTEE

President - Capt P.J. STEEL
Secretary - Lieut L.A. WOOD
Members - Lieut J. LAWSON
Lieut E. HAMMOND
Lieut H. GREEN

3. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1.	0900	Auctioning of Horses
2.	0900	Underhand woodchop - Heats
3.	0930	100 yds Sprint - Heats
4.	1000	220 yds Sprint - Heats
5.	1030	Broad Jump
6.	1100	High Jump
7.	1115	Bending Race (Horse) 1st Heat
8.	1125	Bending Race (Horse) 2nd Heat
9.	1130	Final 100 yds Sprint
10.	1140	Flag Race (Horse) 1st Heat
11.	1145	Flag Race (Horse) 2nd Heat
12.	1155	Final 220 yds Sprint
	1200 - 1300	Lunch
13.	1300	Bareback Race (Offr Riders)
14.	1310	Pegging the Ring (Horse) 1st Heat
15.	1315	Pegging the Ring (Horse) 2nd Heat
16.	1320	Final Woodchop
17.	1330	DONADABU Cup (3 furls)
18.	1345	Mule Race
19.	1400	Rescue Race (Horse)
20.	1415	Jungle Cart Chariot Race (1 Charioteer in Jungle Cart pulled by team of 6)
21.	1430	Final Bending Race
22.	1445	Musical Chairs (Horse)
23.	1500	Final Flag Race
24.	1515	Slicing Potato Race
25.	1530	Final Pegging the Ring

4. Money received from auctioning of horses will
be added to £200 prize money allocated.

5. Entries for events 2,3,4,5,6 are due at this
H.Q. by 1200 hrs, Thursday 4 Nov 43.

6. Any enquiries regarding events will be made
to Amen Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde.

L.A. Wood
Lieut
Amen Offr. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
(Sec Gymkhana Committee)

Distribution : Over.

DISTRIBUTION

Bde H.Q.
9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aust Fd Amb
24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.
Coy 2/1 Aust M.G. Bn
7 Bde Sig Sec
7 Bde Def Pl
2/113 Aust Con Depot
1 Aust A.R.D.
1 Aust Pack Tpt

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War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL. G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 ARMT INF BN.

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Serial No 21/43
6 Nov. 43109 DUTIES.

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Duty Coy.
7 Nov 43	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	Sgt. LAMBERT C.H.	'C'
8 Nov 43	Lieut L.H. ZIMMER	L/Sgt MITCHELL AM	'D'
9 Nov 43	Lieut S.M. ENGLARD	Sgt. TIPLER C.W.	'HQ'
10 Nov 43	Lieut H.J.E. NICHOLLS	Sgt. SAUL L.G.	'A'
11 Nov 43	Lieut W.M. VINEY	Sgt MUIR D.B.	'B'
12 Nov 43	Lieut A.D. THOMPSON	Cpl CHAPMAN L.L.	'C'
13 Nov 43	Lieut R.T. SANKEY	Sgt. SALDANE D.H.	'D'

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

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are:

(a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in three seconds.

(b) While the delay fuse is burning a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used:-

- (a) It will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;
- (b) When striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

111. PERSONNEL ON LEAVE.

A member on leave will, in matters of dress conform to the relative instructions issued by the HQ L of C area in which he is spending his leave

112. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEE.

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

2. As dependents' allowance and allotment payable in respect of a member absent without leave can only be suspended under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 84 after a Court of Inquiry has declared him an Illegal Absentee, Courts of Inquiry will continue notwithstanding the making of AMR 278A, to be held until further notice. Under AMR 276 in all cases in respect of members absent without leave for 21 days or more.

113. LOSSES AND THEFTS.

1. As a large number of losses are occurring, all ranks are directed to exercise the highest possible standard of care of stores and equipment.

2. Officers and NCOs in particular, will ensure that adequate steps are taken in regard to stores in their care or the equipment of parties under their charge.

3. The active co-operation of all ranks in the safe-guarding of unit stores and the suppression of theft is sought. It should be pointed out that it is the duty of anyone having any information or suspicion concerning theft or the fact that anyone is in improper possession of property to report it immediately to his superior officer. Failure to do so can and should

be punished as a Military Offence.

5. As a check on stealing as well as a means of revealing losses of kit and stores inspections will be held at frequent though irregular intervals. A minimum of warning will be given of such inspections.

6. Members found in possession of any article suspected to have been stolen will be called on for an explanation and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, will be charged with stealing or improper possession. The assistance of the Provost should be sought.

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

114. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES.

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next of kin by commanding officers, chaplains and others have, in some respects disclosed the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.

2. Letters of condolence to next of kin and others from Commanding Officers, Chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the grave.

115. TIME FOR REVEILLE.

To minimise the danger of malarial infection from the activities of the Anopheline mosquito prior to sunrise and where for special reason reveille is sounded before sunrise, troops will not be permitted to perform their ablutions until sunrise.

116. CENSOR STAMP, LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS.

1. Franking Officers will ensure that in future all letters and telegrams are stamped in the top left hand corner.

117 REGIMENTAL TRUST A/C

Balance 1 Oct 43		712: 7:10
Canteen Sales	640: 7: 7	
Refund - Drum Vellums	2: 5: 9	
Profit A.D.C.S.	<u>62: 6:11</u>	

705: 9: 3
1417: 6: 1

Less.

Canteen Purchases	556: 2:11
Extra Rationing	117:12: 9
Boxing Trophies	<u>3:12: 6</u>

757: 8: 2

Balance 31 Oct 43

6670:19:11

Paul W. ...
Adjt. 9 Aust Inf Bn

MONDAY 8 Nov	TUESDAY 9 Nov.	WEDNESDAY 10 Nov	THURSDAY 11 Nov	FRIDAY 12 Nov	SATURDAY 13 Nov
AM 0900-Inter Pl Basket ball 1130-Soccer Match PM Inter Pl Rifle shoot WESTY Range 1445 Education Lect. Note Sig Pl. AM Table Tennis 25 Bn area. PM Athletics Bde Sport Ground	Inter Coy Rifle shoot LONG HILL Range(6 men per coy on Table A part II Blee Coy maintenance of specialist weapons 1350 Education lect. 1400 Inoculations Note: Sig Pl AM Swimming Carnival PM Boat Race		AM Bn Swimming Carnival. PM Rest (All day Cricket Match Bn Offrs v 113 Con Dpt.	Platoon hikes (All day) Note Sig Pl Organised Sports	Thorough Cleaning of Coy areas (All day by all Coys)
0830 - Soccer v C Coy 0930 - Coy Swimming Carnival 1330 - Education Lect. 1430 - Organised cleaning of weapons	Inter Coy rifle shoot Blee Coy - Coy hike by pl. 1. Rubber Plantation 2. Low Levels. 3. Rouna Falls	(Bde Sports Ground)	AM. Bn Swimming Carnival PM Rest (All day Cricket Match Bn Offrs v 113 Con Depot	0830-Complete 1200 cleaning and checking of weapons and stores 1330-Pl Debates 1530 3 groups for pl on CAB subjects 1530- Swim Pde. 1630	Thorough cleaning of Coy area (all day by all coys) Evening 1800 Coy dinner and concert (Opening of Mess Hut and celebration of winning DONADABU Cup
1045 Soccer Match v D Coy Blee Coy all day platoon hike	Inter Coy shoot 0900-1030 Ed Lect 1400 Inoculations. Blee of day checking and cleaning of weapons	CARNIVAL	AM. Bn Swimming Carnival PM Rest (All day Cricket Match Bn Offrs v 113 Con Depot.	Bn & Bde Duties Blee Coy organised clearing of area inspection of all weapons and eqpt.	Thorough Cleaning of Coy area (All day by all coys)
0830 Soccer Match v A Coy Bde & Bn duties blee coy organised cleaning and checking of weapons	Inter Coy Shoot 1030-1130 Ed lecture 1400 Inoculations PM. Organised Sports in Coy lines	SPORTS	AM. Bn Swimming Carnival. PM Rest (All day Cricket match Bn Offrs v 113 Con Dpt)	AM Coy Swimming Carnival PM. Tabloid Sports Pnr Sports Ground	Thorough cleaning of Coy area (all day by all coys)
1045 Soccer Match v B Coy PM Coy Swimming Carnival	Inter Coy Shoot Blee Coy, Coy Sports (Soccer, Soft Ball Deck Tennis. 1400 Inoculations. 1445 Ed Lecture.	BN	AM Swimming Carnival (Bn) PM Rest (All day cricket match Bn offrs v 113 Con Depot	AM Coy-Swimming Pl Hikes (All Day)	Thorough cleaning of Coy area (All day by all Coys)

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9 Aust Inf Bn
8 Nov 43.Subject: INTER - COY RIFLE SHOOT - LONGHILL RANGE 9 Nov 43.

1. TEAMS.
Teams of six(6) all ranks will be selected by each Rifle Coy, HQ Coy less 6 Pl and BHQ plus 6 Pl. Coys will submit nomination by 1600 L/8 to A/Adjt to enable preparation of C 2's, Officers and NCO's are eligible for selection if selected.
2. Practices.
Rifle only will be fired and Table A Part II, Practices 1 - 4 will be fired.
3. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL.
Competitors will assemble Tpt lines at 0845 L/9 and will be moved to LONG HILL Range by tpt, which will report back to collect them at 1600 L/9
4. BUTT PARTY - Duty Coy - (D Coy) will supply
Butt Party of 1 Offr and 24 ORs who will assemble tpt lines at 0815 L/9 to proceed by tpt to LONG HILL Range to prepare targets for opening of practice.
5. MESSING.
Both Competitors and Butt Party will take cut lunch.
6. DETAILS TO FIRE.

No. 1 Detail	A Coy Targets 1 - 6	B. Coy Targets 7 - 12.
No. 2 Detail	C Coy Targets 1 - 6	D Coy Targets 7 - 12
No. 3 Detail	HQ Coy Targets 1 - 6	BHQ Targets 7 - 12.
7. CONDITIONS.
 - (a) No sighters will be allowed.
 - (b) Scoring as in Normal Practice.
 - (c) Gross total of team to count
 - (d) Prizes -

1st - £6	and CO's Cup
2nd - £3	
3rd - £1	
8. COMMUNICATIONS.
Sig Officer will detail two(2) Signallers to move to Range with two(2) D5 Telephones. These personnel will report to Tpt lines at 0815 L/9 and move with Butt Party.
9. Practice will be conducted by Lieut N.J.SIEMON and he will ensure that thorough cleaning of range is carried out before moving off. OC Butt Party will be responsible for cleanliness of Butts Area and will ensure that all targets are properly patched out - he will take necessary paste and patching material.
10. Lieut N.J. SIEMON and OC Butt Party will report to A/Adjt at 1700 L/8.

.....Lieut
A/Adjt. 9 Aust Inf Bn

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JCM/EMP (9/11)

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

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

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

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

2. OFFRS OF 7 AUST INF BDE

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

9 Bn	25 Bn	61 Bn (in MORESBY area)
C.O. Lieut.-Col G.R.MATTHEWS	(Lieut.-Col E.S.MILES DSO)	Lieut.-Col H.J.WILES DSO.
Adj't Capt G.A.COCHRANE	Adm Comd Maj R. WEPPNER Capt E.G. WHITE	Lieut J.J.S.HOBBS

3. DRESS FOR 11 NOV

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

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

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No		Copy No	
1	- 7 9 Aust Inf Bn	24	Sig Sec
8	- 14 25 Aust Inf Bn	25	241 LAD
	15 61 Aust Inf Bn	26 - 28	3 Aust Div (2 for P.A.to G.O.C. in C.)
	16 11 Aust Fd Amb		
	17 Comd	29	Comd Corps Area, DONADABU
18	- 19 B.M.	30	24 Aust Fd Coy
	20 S.C.	31	B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
	21 L.O's	32	1 A.R.D.
	22 Staff	33 - 34	War Diary
	23 Def Pl	35 - 36	File
		37 - 40	Spare.

9 Aust Inf Bn
Australia.
12 Nov 43.

Subject: AIR RAID WARNING SIGNALS.

MEMO ALL COYS.

1. In order to prevent confusion arising from the use of different Air Raid Warning Signals by the various Allied Forces in NEW GUINEA, a conference was held at which Allied Naval, Land and Air forces were represented.
2. The following Air Raid Warning Signals were decided upon:
 - (a) AIR RAID YELLOW.
 Indicating that there are unidentified A/C in the vicinity.
 Yellow Flag.
 A succession of 'Y' 's on a lamp.
 These signals will be displayed or made by the station Commander in accordance with instructions in force in his arm or service.
 - (b) AIR RAID WHITE.
 Cancels a YELLOW warning.
 White flag.
 A succession of "WT" 's on a lamp.
 - (c) AIR RAID GREEN.
 Indicating all clear.
 Green Flag.
 Green Light.
 Long sustained blast on whistle or siren.
 - (d) AIR RAID RED.
 Indicating that hostile A/C are in the immediate vicinity and that an air raid is imminent.
 Red Flag.
 Red Light
 Succession of "R" 's on a lamp.
 Succession of short blasts on a whistle or siren
 OR
 A wailing siren i.e., one rising and falling in pitch.
 - (e) PARATROOP ATTACK.
 A series of long and short blasts on a whistle or siren.
3. These signals will come into effect as from 15 Nov 43.
4. To prevent confusion with normal anti-aircraft, artillery activities the following signals should NOT be used.
 - (a) Firing shots in the air.
 - (b) Firing rockets.
 - (c) Firing verey lights.

In small areas where the signals laid down above would NOT meet the case, the local commander may use his discretion as to the warning system to be employed.

David [Signature]
M/Adt. 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

66 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120 B. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

DETAIL	A.I.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.	17	1	1	1	1					22
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
EX127007	Lieut	HEAD R.W.	H.C.D.D.	24-10-43	From General Reinfor'ms (INF)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 11 43/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	YES		
T/Maj	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	2ic	YES		
T/Maj	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC HQ Coy.	YES		
T/Capt	QX40871	BERCH	A.T.	OC A Coy	YES		
T/Capt	QX46955	SMITH	C.J.K.	OC C Coy	YES		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	G.M.	YES		
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	YES		
T/Capt	QX40832	HENDERSON	D.G.	2ic A Coy	YES		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	2ic C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adj	YES		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2ic B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	NX116813	GAUL	A.J.F.	OC D Coy	YES		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	2ic D Coy	YES		
Lieut	QX33609	PICKERING	L.A.		NO	"X" List - attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	NO	"X" List - Patient in CH)2/9 A.S.H.	
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.		NO-42	"X" List - Attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX40825	WOOD	H.D.		NO	"X" List - Attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX53197	SANEKY	P.T.	9 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40831	HARROND	E.M.	2 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX55210	VERDA	E.C.	11 Pl	NO	"X" List - Attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	H.M.	5 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	8 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	QX50118	PLATZ	S.J.G.	12 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.H.	1 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	I.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX49467	COX	L.A.	19 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX127097	MEAD	R.W.	10 Pl	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl.	VX114018	GANLY D.A.	A.A.Ch. Dep.		Chaplain

13 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

G. Matthews
Signature of Commander Lt-Col
CO 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 hrs. Sunday 11/11/1943. 9 Aust Inf (Am) WEII ASCS OFFERS 22 OR.V23 + OFFRS 1 OR.V35 ATT BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				TOTAL	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>R.S.M. posting provides for W.O.1. Posting at present vacant Sgt. clerk at Records Office provides for "B" Class soldier - posting is filled by an "a" class S/Sgt. Only general duty personnel are required as reinforcements, as unit personnel are filling postings.</p>									
<p>Attached Personnel</p>									
<p>A.A.C.C. W.E. provides for 1 W.O.11, 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls and 12 T.G.cook posted strength is 1 W.O.11, 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls and 18 T.G.cooks</p>									
20	20	11	750	1	1	10	1	1	1
<p>Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2</p>									
<p>Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Col's units notified in Part F of instructions for completion of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Part. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.S. Forces to W.E. Forces.</p>									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.			
Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong
1	7 Aust Inf Bde	1	R.N.O's Ord. Sch.				

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13 / 11 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25	2	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	•	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. duties	86	64	8
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt.	•	1	•
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				H.S.M.	1	-	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	•
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.Ms	5	5	•
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt.	1	1	•
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO's Ord.	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	2	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	25	29	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	•	Post Ord.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1(NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitters	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	-
												Blacksmith	1	1	-
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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

13 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORGES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL. G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 Aust Inf Bn

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Serial No. 23/43
13 Nov 43.118 DUTIES.

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt	Duty Coy.
14 Nov 43	Lieut R.H. HOLMES	Cpl FRIEMAN W.N.	HQ
15 Nov	Lieut M.R. TAYLOR	Cpl BERTINI L.F.	A
16 Nov	Lieut R.W. MEAD	Cpl CROWLEY R.F.	B
17 Nov	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	Cpl ROCKWOOD W.A.	C
18 Nov	Lieut L.A. COX	L/Sgt STANTON E.J.	D
19 Nov	Lieut S.M. ENGLAND	Sgt PETERSEN L.G.	HQ
20 Nov	Lieut H.J.E. NICHOLLS	Sgt IRWIN A.C.	A

119 BRIGADE GUARD.

Beginning at Retreat 18 Nov Bns will furnish a gd at Bde HQ. Orders for Bde gd and duty roster will be issued. Tour of duty will be from Retreat to Retreat. 25 Bn will mount gd 18 Nov and 9 Bn 19 Nov. Gd will be composed of one subaltern, one sgt, two cpls, 16 ptes plus one waiting rank (all provided from one pl.) During tour of duty gd will be rationed by Bde HQ.

120. OFFRS DRIVING VEHs.

An offr driving under instrn or to maintain his efficiency as a dr will have a Work Ticket signed by his C.O. and suitably endorsed, he will be accompanied by the authorized dr of the vehicle and will NOT carry passengers.

121 CHURCH PARADES.

Sunday - 14 Nov 43. -

C of E 0715 9 Bn YMCA, 0830 D Coy 9 Bn, 0930 25 Bn

R.C. Holy Mass 0845 7 Bde, 0930 25 Bn, 1030 1 AARD.

Confessions Sat. 1800 Chaplains tent 25 Bn, 1900 7 Bde.

UPD Service 0930 25 Bn.

122 NOTICE.

Lost by GX41724 Pte A.V. MANN near 9 Bn swimming pool, a wallet containing personal valuables. Finder please return to this BEQ.

123 COURT MARTIAL

Nature of Court
Place of Trial
MEMBER Tried
Charges

District Court Martial

Victoria Barracks, Brisbane

Q17181 Pte DEEKS, Colin, 9 Aust Inf Bn

(1) WOAS, absent without leave from 15 Mar 43 until 1700 hrs on 14 Apr 43 (A.A. SECT 15(1)), being a period of 30 days.

(2) WOAS, absent without leave from 24 Apr 43 until 2000 hrs on 12 Jul 43 (A.A. Sec 15(1)), being a period of 79 days. Total A.W.L. period 109 d

Finding
Sentence

Guilty of both charges.

Six months' detention. Forfeits pay and allowances follows: - 109 days A.W.L.; period under close arr 14 days; 184 days' detention - Total 307 days.

Date of Sentence

4 Aug 43.

Confirmation

By Comd, Qld L of C Area.

Date of Confirmation

9 Aug 43.

Promulgation

9 Aug 43, at Victoria Barracks, Brisbane.

NATURE OF COURT

Place of Trial
Member Tried
Charge

District Court Martial

Victoria Barracks, Brisbane

GX38015 Pte DUREAN, H.C. 9 Aust Inf Bn

WOAS, absent without leave from 2359 hrs on 15 F until 1130 hrs on 18 May 43 (A.A. Sect 15(1)), being a period of 92 days.

Finding
Sentence

Guilty.

100 days' detention. Forfeits pay and allowances follows: - 92 days A.W.L. from date of arrest 18 F to D.C.M. 16 Jun 43, 29 days; 100 days' detention total 221 days.

Date of Sentence.

16 Jun 43

Confirmation

By Comd, Qld L of C Area

Date of Confirmation

22 Jun 43.

Date and place of promulgation

23 Jun 43, at Victoria Barracks, Brisbane

124.DELIVERY OF SECOND CLASS MAIL MATTER.

1. The reports have been investigated and the following information is promulgated for all concerned.

- (a) With the exception of some mail destroyed by enemy action, all mail posted prior to 15 SEP 43 has now been delivered.
- (b) Mail posted subsequent to 15 Sep 43 has NOT yet arrived, but is expected at an early date.
- (c) Delays in delivery are due to lack of shipping space and water transport but this position is improving.

.....Lieut
A/Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

9 Aust Inf Bn.

From 0001 Hrs 13 Nov 4
To 2359 Hrs 19 Nov 4

Training

For Monday & Tuesday of this week, all coys adhered to the Training syllabus as laid down. The morning periods were spent with the usual inspection & coy drill along with bayonet training & grenade throwing. On Monday 15 Nov, A coy route march was carried out for a period of three hours covering the area to LOWER LEVELS & return.

A three hour night exercise was carried out on Tuesday 16 Nov, the Coys erecting bivouac shelters by night.

Coy Routine Duty.

Saturday 13 Nov & Wednesday 17 Nov, was devoted by all Coys to a systematic cleaning of Coy lines. Each Coy was under command of their respective Coy Comds who on completion tended report to the Adjt on the cleanliness and hygienic conditions throughout.

Lectures.

At 1915 hrs on Monday 15 Nov the 2 i/c Maj W.G. FRY tended a lecture to the C.O. and his offrs in the Offrs Mess. Maj Fry was one of a Brigade pa who has just returned from a forward operational area viewing the conditions actual battle procedure with forward divisions and brigades. Maj FRY also lectured the coy personnel in HQ Coy Mess Hut on 16 and 17 Nov covering topics and practical experiences which was much appreciated by the troops.

Completion of Mess Huts.

During the week end the individual coy mess huts were completed and ready for occupation. Each Coy now have an iron roof building built on a standard pattern and the troops are now able to mess in comparative comfort.

Coy Dinner and Smoke Concert.

At 1800 hrs 13 Nov personnel of A Coy organised a dinner and smoke concert commemorating both the opening of the new mess hut and the winning of the DONADABU Cup. The C.O. (Lt-Col MATTHEWS) was among the invited guests and the evening voted a huge success.

Address by C.O.

On Saturday 13 Nov the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) addressed a party of personnel on leave draft prior to their departure on 14 Nov. The draft numbering 79 personnel were selected for home leave on the mainland after serving 12 months continuous service in NEW GUINEA.

Acting Adjt.

Owing to the absence of the Adjt (Capt G.A. COCHRANE) who left on a leave draft, the position left vacant has been filled by Lieut D.S. DIND formerly of 18 Pl D Coy who will be A/Adjt protem.

Church Parade.

The usual weekly church parade were held on Sunday 14 Nov. C of E parade was held in D Coy area and the service conducted by the Chaplain Padre D.A. GANLY. The O.P.D. Services were held in 25 En area and the R.C. Mass at BDE.

Film Screening.

On Sunday evening 14 Nov the Brig Educational Service conducted a film screening to all personnel in the HQ Coy Mess Hut.

Movement of Forward Detail.

Acting under Adm instns, the bn was notified of its transfer to a new En area in JUNE VALLEY (Map Ref 876402 Port Moresby Sheet 1" to 1 mile).

At 0730 hrs 17 Nov the forward details comprising of the Padre, RQMS, Canteen and detailed coy personnel left DONADABU enroute to the new area to act as advanced details and unloading parties.

Movement of Bn.

At 1115 hrs 18 Nov the bn personnel comprising of the forward detail loaded their respective vehicles and awaited the departure of the convoy.

The forward details namely A, B, C HQ coys were to leave on 18 Nov and the forward and rear details of D and HQ Coy on 19 Nov. The convoy of 18 Nov was

Movement of Bn (Contd)

under the command of Maj W.G. FRY and comprised of some 55 vehicles which accomplished the journey without incident.

C.O. at DONADABU.

The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) remained at DONADABU for the express purpose of handing over our vacated area. The area after thorough cleaning was a credit to the departing Bn, with all bunks, tents, and mess huts in excellent condition for the hand over to the incoming bn.

Arrival of Bn at New Area.

At 1400hrs 18 Nov, the bn arrived in the new area and BnQ was immediately established at Map Ref 876402. The coys were directed to their respective lines and began settling in. Sigs, BnQ, Int Sec and Adjnt were active after their arrival and before night fall were settled in their new areas.

Personnel Marched out.

At 0830 hrs 19 Nov Sgt R.A. McLUCKIE of the Int Sec, left the bn, enroute to the mainland, where he will attend an O.C.T.U. at WOODSIDE, S.A.

Intelligence Duties.

Since the arrival of the bn in the new area the int sec have made use of available time sketching the area recently taken over. When completed, copies will be available to Brigade.

Visit of Mobile Baths.

At 1600 hrs 19 Nov a Mobile hot water bath unit visited the bn area. This service was greatly appreciated by all personnel as the water facilities at the moment are inadequate for such a large body of troops. This service will visit the area weekly.

Arrival of Forward and Rear Details.

At 1500 hrs 18 Nov the forward and rear details of D and HQ Coy arrived in the bn area from D/DONADABU. The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) also made the trip and immediately on arrival made a survey of the new area.

Brigade Guard.

Beginning at Retreat 9 Bn furnished a guard at Brig HQ. on 19 Nov. Sweep Tour of duties is from Retreat to Retreat and the guard composed of 1 subaltern, 1 sgt, 2 cpls and 16 ptes plus 1 waiting man.

Pioneer Duties.

The Pioneer pl has been extensively engaged in the Bn area, carrying out much needed hygienic reformations. The area was found to be unhygienic and necessitates much improvement.

G.R. Matthews
.....Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

Carroll Lewis
.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

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FROM 7 lde

Originator's Number

Q 469

Date

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and	LAD	and	inf	lens	40
only	will	move	pending	further	45
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will	be	exchanged	as	follows	55
⊙	H.Q.	7	lde	to	60
16Q	15	lde	and	sig	65
sec	and	266	LAD	⊙	70
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to	58/59	bn	876402	⊙	125
25	bn	to	57/60	bn	130

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with	all	unit	egpt	and	65
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9 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.PERIOD 15 - 20 Nov 43.DAY 1.0830 - 0930
0930 - 1030
1030 - 1200Inspection and Coy Drill
Bayonet Training.
Grenade Throwing.

P.M.

Route March by Coys (3 hrs duration)

DAY 20630 - 0930
0930 - 1015
1015 - 1115
1115 - 1200Inspection and Coy Drill
Bayonet Training
Rapid Indication and Recognition of
Targets.
Grenade Throwing.P.M.
Evening:-Organised Sport.
Erection of Bivouac Shelters by Night
(3 hours duration)DAY 3.0830 - 0930
0930 - 1030
1030 - 1130
1130 - 1200Inspection and Coy Drill
Rapid Indication and Recognition of
Targets.
Quick timing of O.M.C. (ATH(A ust) No 25)
Grenade Throwing.

P.M.

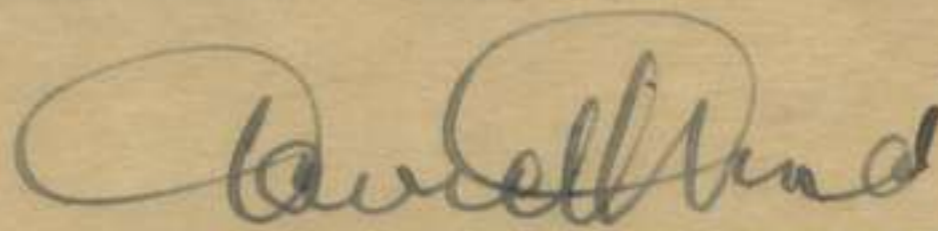
Route March by Coys (3 hrs duration)

Balance of six day period will be applied in cleaning present area,
moving and settling into new area as per 7 Aust Inf Ede Trg Instrn No. 33.

TIMES OF CONVOY 18 Nov 43.

1120 - Move across BARDIA BRIDGE.
1126 Stop LOW LEVELS BRIDGE.
1130 Move On
1203 Reach top Control Post
1205 Enter Pass
1414 Reach Rouna
1228 Pass Kings Hollow
1237 Cleared HELLFIRE PASS
1239 Vehicles halted and closed up to enable tps to rest
1255 Move On
1256 Convoy halted by broken down 3 ton truck on road -
leading vehicle of convoy towed it to roadside.
1259. Move resumed.
1307 Passed 2/9 A.G.H.
1312 Passed Provost Post
1320 Passed 11 Mile B.S.D.
1337 Passed new strip JACKSONS DROME
1340 WARDS DROME Control Post.
1400 Arrived New Area.

Only minor casualties en route were (a) 2 Tk/A portees had to stop at ROUNA for water but rejoined convoy at halt beyond HELLFIRE PASS. (b) 1 Unit vehicle (30 cwt) had radiator trouble and had to fall to rear of convoy, reaching area just behind last vehicle.



.....Lieut.
Adjut 9 Aust Inf Bn.
(Riding in Second Vehicle)

TOTAL VEHICLES - 55 (All types)
M1H 10 MPH 15 VTM 35 all fairly carefully maintained.

9 AUST INF BN - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

MOVE DONADABU to MORESBY - 18 - 19 Nov 43.

1. 9 Bn will move to new area (Ref PORT MORESBY 876402 by Unit tpt and AASC vehicles allotted as per attached movement table on 18 - 19 Nov 43.

2. CONVOY CONTROL

(a) Comds of Coy gps will be responsible to see that ALL vehicles allotted are fully loaded and ready to move at times set out below.

BHQ, A, B, C, HQ (Fwd Details)	1125L/18
D (Fwd Details)	1155 L/19
HQ (Rear Details), D (Rear Details)	1225 L/19

(b) Each Gp Cmd will ascertain last vehicle of ~~preceding~~ preceding group to ensure smooth movement from area.

(c) Gp Comds will be responsible to maintain full discipline on the move. Shirts will be kept on and personnel will NOT stand up in trucks.

3. GUIDES.

(a) Guides will be sent by Coys as under to BUNA BRIDGE to report to T.O. at times stated.

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Time.</u>
BHQ	2	0945L/18
A	2	0945L/18
HQ	2	0945L/18
B	1	0945L/18
C	1	0945L/18
HQ	2	1015L/19
D	1	1015L/19

(b) T.O. will ascertain route of Convoy from Bde T.O., advise Adjut and Gp Comds and co-ordinate Provost Control

4. ADVANCE PARTY.

(a) Four(4) Unit vehicles will proceed to MORESBY at 0730 L/17 and have been allotted as follows.

Padre	1 - 3 ton truck
RQMS	2 - 3 Ton Trucks
Canteen	1 - 15 cwt.

(b) Each Coy and BHQ will detail two(2) responsible personnel to report to RQMS at 0645L/17 with all their gear prepared to act as an unloading party and Coy guides in new area.

(c) These vehicles will report to allotted points for loading at 1800L/16.

(d) RQMS will arrange early meal for whole party at BHQ kitchen.

(e) Padre and Batman will travel in Padre's Van with this party and 3 ton truck allotted to Padre will report back to tpt lines on completion of unloading.

(f) QM will arrange with 58/59 Bn for party as under to be rationed with that Unit till arrival of 9 Bn tps.

RQMS and Clerk	2
'I' Sec	2
Coy personnel	10
Padre and Batman	2
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	16.

5. STORES TO MOVE.

(a) Coys will move with W.E.F., all Ordnance Accomodation Stores (Cooking gear, forms, tables)

(b) All tentage, engineer accomodation, stores and fixtures will be left in present sites and handed over.

(c) All Amm W.E. and Trg (other than that held on the man) will be returned to BHQ by 1800L/16 to be handed over to 24 Bn. Physical check to be made of all amm and unserviceable amm returned by RQMS to AAOD.

(d) All beds will be left on tent sites.

(e) Boxes and other suitable loose material will be collected in Coy dumps for handing over or destruction at the option of the incoming unit

(f) Tents must all be rolled neatly, front and rear on hand over.

6. TENTAGE.

QM will make arrangements for issue to Coys of additional tentage required in new area.

7 RATIONS AND MESS ING.

(a) QM will arrange for rations to be carried by all Coys as required.

(b) All tps (including AASC Dvrs) will be supplied with cut lunches for day of actual move. QMS will arrange supply of these lunches for dvrs of vehicles allotted.

(c) A, B, C and BHQ kitchens will be moved on Thurs/18 Nov. D and HQ Coys will in addition to supplying meal for own tps arrange for tea to be served to all tps moving on 18 Nov before time of move. Advance Party will supply tea to all tps on arrival at new area.

(d) HQ and D kitchens will move on Fri 19 Nov. QM will arrange for tea to be available for all tps moving on arrival at new area.

(e) Forward details of HQ Coy will be rationed by BHQ in new area until arrival of HQ kitchen.

(f) D Coy will be responsible for rationing of C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn from midday meal 18 Nov till his arrival in new area.

8. Tk/A Pl.

One portee from each of 25 Bn and 61 Bn will report to OG Tk/ A Pl on 18 Nov 43 in time to enable loading of guns and personnel. Four (4) portees will move under Comd Lieut R.H. HOLMES as Gp 6 in Phase I of movement table.

9. SIG/S.

(a) Main body will move 18 Nov 43 but sufficient will be left in DONADABU to maintain L/T up to 15 Bde and out to C.O.'s Tent, HQ and D Coy until move of second convoy (Gp 2) on 19 Nov 43.

(b) L/T will be established on 18 Nov 43 in new area to BHQ, A, B, and C Coys.

(c) ALL Cable will be rolled in and taken to new area by completion of move.

10. LAY OUT NEW AREA.

Coy Comds are referred to sketch supplied by I Sec and will ensure that additional tents are erected on outskirts of present areas within arcs of present boundaries.

11. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP AREAS.

(a) The C.O. has directed that Coy Comds accept personal responsibility that Coy areas and tents are vacated in a clean and tidy condition.

(b) Progressive cleaning must be effected from now until date of move, particular attention being paid to old cookhouse and mess sites.

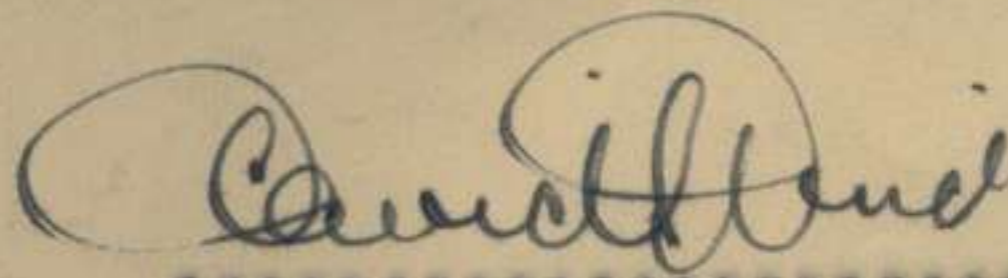
(c) Pro forma certificates (to be supplied) will be completed by Coy Comds and submitted to BHQ before Coys move out.

12. PROGRESS REPORTS.

Coy Comds will ensure that immediate advice is furnished to BHQ of completion of each stage of move.

13. BDE REAR PARTY.

BE(L), S C and T.O. plus 7 ORs will be rationed with 9 Bn until completion of move and D Coy will assume responsibility for the meals from 1100L/18.



.....Lieut.
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

Issued at DONADABU
1400 L/14

PHASE 1

SECRET

9 AUST INF BN - MOVEMENT TABLE - DONADABU to PORT MORESBY.

13 Nov 43.

Serial	No of Vehicles	Time of Reporting	Place of Reporting	Details of Loading	Start Point	Time Past S.P.	Group and O.C. Group.
1	1 (Van 1 Ton)	1000	2 1/2's Tent	Personal Gear	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
2.	2	1030	BHQ Park	Personnel from BHQ and 6 Pl.	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
3.	1	1000	HAP-'I'Sec	HAP & I Sec Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
4.	1	1000	BHQ	Orderly Room	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	GROUP 1
5.	1	1000	Offrs Mess	Mess & Offrs Gear	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
6	1	1000	BHQ Kitchen	Kitchen	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	Maj FRY
7.	3	1000	RQMS	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
8.	2 (Unit Vehicles)	0730	RQMS	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
9.	1 (Unit Vehicle)	0730	Tpt Lines	P.O.L.	BARDIA BRIDGE	1130	
10.	7	1030	B Coy	Personnel	BARDIA BRIDGE	1132	Group 2
11.	2	1030	B Coy	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1132	Capt. KELLY
12.	7	1030	C Coy	Personnel	BARDIA BRIDGE	1134	Group 3.
13.	2	1030	C Coy	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1134	Capt. SMITH.
14.	3	1030	HQ Coy	Personnel	BARDIA BRIDGE	1136	Group 4.
15.	2	1000	HQ Coy	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1136	Lieut WELAND.
16.	6	1030	A Coy	Personnel	BARDIA BRIDGE	1137	Group 5
17.	1	1000	A Coy	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1137	
18.	1	1030	A Coy	Stores	BARDIA BRIDGE	1137	Capt BRECK.

M.I.H. 10

M.P.H. 15

V.T.H. 35 (50 yds betwe n vehicles)

David Bruce

.....Lieut.
Adj't 9 Aust Inf Bn

9 AUST INF BN - MOVEMENT TABLE - DONADABU to PORT MORESBY.

19 Nov.

PHASE II							
Serial	No of Vehicles.	Time of Reporting	Place of Reporting	Details of Loading	Start Point	Time Past S.P.	Group and O.C. Group.
Serial 1	5	1000	D Coy	Personnel	MATTHEWS and FIELD Roads.	1200	Group 1 Capt GAUL
2.	4	1030	HQ Coy/	Personnel	MATTHEWS and FIELD Roads.	1220 1230	Group 2.
3.	3	1030	HQ Coy	Stores	MATTHEWS and FIELD Roads	1230	
4.	1	1030	D Coy	Personnel	MATTHEWS and FIELD Roads	1231	
5.	2	1030	D Coy	Stores	MATTHEWS and FIELD Roads	1231	Lieut HAMMOND.

M.I.H. 10

M.P.H. 15

V.T.M. 35(50 yards between vehicles)

David [Signature]

..... Lieut
Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 11 /1943 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 12c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	YES		
T/Maj	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	21c	YES		
T/Maj	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC HQ Coy.	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
T/capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A Coy.	YES		
T/capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	OC C Coy.	YES		
T/capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	Q.M.	YES		
T/capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy.	YES		
T/capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.O.	21c A Coy.	YES		
T/capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	21c C Coy.	YES		
T/capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adj.	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
T/capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	21c B Coy.	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
T/capt	NX116813	GAUL	A.J.F.	OC D Coy.	YES		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	21c D Coy.	YES		
Lieut	QX33609	PICKERING	L.A.		NO	"X" List - attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	NO	"X" List - Patient in 2/9 A.C.H. 42 Camp Hosp.	
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.		NO	"X" List - Attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX40825	WOOD	H.D.		NO	"X" List - Attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX55210	WERDA	E.C.	11 Pl	NO	"X" List - Attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 Pl	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	8 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	QX50118	PLATZ	S.J.G.	12 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX49467	COX	L.A.	18 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX127097	MEAD	R.W.	10 Pl	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/capt	NX117597	WINDVEYER J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. cl A	WX114019	GANLY D.A.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain

20 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

Matthews
Signature of Commander
Lt-col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/ 11 /1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangefinders	4	4
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddlery makers		
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevadores		
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	5
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	27	26	Tailors	2	2
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters		1	Textile Refters		
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			C.O.M.S.	5	4
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners			Gen. duties	660	644
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics								16
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
Fitters			Driver-Operator								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors					
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1			
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	11	10	2 (NR) (SEE BACK)		
Grinder, Precision			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply			Mess Sgt.		1
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Carrier Cpl		1
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	10	8	Coach Trimmers			R.S.M.	1	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors			R.Q.M.S.	1	1
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			C.S.M.	5	5
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Hyg. Sgt.	1	1
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			R.M.O's Ord.	2	2
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics		8	Chirp.	1	1
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			Pay Clerks	2	2
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			Cooks	23	29
Photewriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	Post Ord.	1	1
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers			Armourers	2	1
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates			Gun Fitters	1	1
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers			Shoemaker	1	1
									Blacksmith	1	1
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD	16	14	CARRIED FORWARD	56	60	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	773	767
					2			5			24

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

20 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

G. Matthews Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 11 / 1942.

Group I	Group II (cont.)	Group III (cont.)	Group I	Group II (cont.)	Group III (cont.)	Group I	Group II (cont.)	Group III (cont.)
Attached Personnel								
A.A.C.C. W.E. provides for 1 W.O.11., 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls & 12 T.G. cooks.								
Posted strength is 1 W.O.11., 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls & 18 T.G. cooks.								
Sgt. clerk at Records Office provides for "B" class soldier - posting is filled by "A" class S/Sgt.								
R.S.M. posting provides for W.O.L. Posting at present vacant								
Only general duty personnel are required as reinforcements, as unit personnel are filling postings.								
Carried Forward								

NOTE: (a) If any other than private is involved the details are full.
 (b) Authorized leader or assistant not included in list will be added as required in notes provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A. and/or A.W.S. concerned the details are given as per...
 (d) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on column of "Remarks" should be made...
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on left of table, the words "Remarks" should be used.

Signature of Commanding Officer
 Date of Report

Date of Report

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn

From: 0001hrs 30 Nov 43
To 2359 hrs 26 Nov 43

TRAINING:

On Monday and Tuesday 22 and 23 Nov, all coys including adm personnel carried out practice plane loading at WARD'S DROME. For the remainder of the week, coys carried out trg as per syllabus.

ROUTE MARCHES.

During the mornings and afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all coys were engaged on route marches of progressive distances. On Friday 26 Nov an all day Bn route march was carried out. All personnel except those on essential duties took part in the march, and the distance covered was approx 12 miles. 40 personnel fell out on the march mainly owing to foot trouble

LECTURES:

A series of educational talks was given by the Bde Education Officer to coys during the week. Subjects were BURMA, GERMANY, PLASTICS, WOOL INDUSTRY and NEWS REVIEW.

VISITS.

At 1045 hrs on Friday 26 Nov Brigadier J. FIELD accompanied by the Brigade Major, Maj. J.C. MAHONEY visited the Bn area.

NIGHT EXERCISES.

From Tuesday 23 Nov to Friday 26 Nov each coy carried out night compass marches on two occasions on courses previously plotted. Coys were divided into pls leaving the start line at quarter hourly intervals, and making R.V. with respective pls of other coys.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'s SCHOOL

Capt A.J.P. GAUL assisted by the R.S.M. conducted a junior NCO's school of one week's duration commencing on Monday 22 Nov.

BDE GUARD.

On Sunday Tuesday and Thursday of this week 9 Bn furnished a guard to Bde HQ the tour of duty being from retreat to retreat.

OPFR. ATTACHED BDE.

From Monday 22 Nov Capt J.L. KELLY was attached to Bde on special duties for a period of two weeks.

MOBILE BATH UNIT.

~~From Monday 22 Nov~~ On Tuesday 23 Nov the Mobile Bath Unit visited the area from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs.

RECCE.

On Thursday 25 Nov Lieut D.S.DIND made a recce of the area over which the Bn route march took place on Friday.

RECREATION.

On Wednesday afternoon, 24 Nov the Bn hockey team won the final of the competition defeating the 2/1 M.A.C.

CHURCH PARADES.

On Sunday 21 Nov R.C. and C of E personnel attended their respective services in the Bn area. The O.P.D. parade was cancelled owing to the illness of the Padre.

INTERCOMM

Communication between Bde and Bn - L/T and D/R
Communication between Bn and Coys - L/T and Runner

G. Matthews
.....Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

David Brown
.....Lieut
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL G.R.MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 Aust Inf Bn

Serial No 24/43
20 Nov 43.

125 DUTIES

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt and Cpl.	Guard Sgt and Cpl	Duty Coy
21	Lieut A.D.THOMPSON	Sgt BECK A.H. Cpl BUCKLEY F.W.	Sgt AIRD A.J. Cpl BERTWISTLE B.H.	B
22	Lieut L.H.ZIMMER	Sgt BRITTAN G.W. Cpl BERTINI L.	Sgt BUSBY J.C. Cpl BRIGANZ P.	D
23	Lieut R.T.SANKEY	Spl CHAPMAN L.L. Cpl CROWLEY R.F.	Cpl CLEGHORN L. Cpl COX E.V.	C
24	Lieut R.H.HOLMES	Cpl ECKERSLEY R.H. Cpl FREEMAN W.M.	Cpl CRONK E.R. Cpl EVANS M.C.	A
25	Lieut M.R.TAYLOR	Sgt HALDANE D.H. Cpl GRAHAM C.	Sgt GRIFFIN T.F. Cpl JONES J.P.	D
26	Lieut R.W.MEAD	L/Sgt JORDAN F.C. Cpl LAMONT F.J.	Sgt IRWIN A.C. Cpl McCLINTOCK R.H.	B
27	Lieut S.J.G.PLATZ	Sgt MUIR D.B. Cpl NOLAN J.T.	L/Sgt MITCHELL A.M. Cpl PARTON R.	HQ

126 BDE DUTIES.

Date	Field Officer	Guard Comd.	Duty Co
21	Capt J.L. KELLY	Lieut E.W.MEAD	B
23	Capt C.J.K. SMITH	Lieut S.M.ENGLAND	C
25	Capt A.J.F. GAUL	Lieut L.A.COX	D
27	Capt D.G.HENDERSON	Lieut A.D.THOMPSON	HQ

127. CHURCH SERVICES.

C of E	0900 hrs	Padre's Chapel
O.P.D.	0900 hrs	Y.M.C.A. Hut
R.C.	0900 hrs	HQ Coy Mess

These parades will be voluntary, Dress Long trousers, gaiters, drill order, felt hats.

128. GAMBLING.

Gambling is forbidden at all times. Disciplinary action will be taken against promoters of "two-up" and participants in this and other games of chance.

129 TIMETABLE.

Reveille	0700
Breakfast	0745
First Trg period	0830 - 1200
Midday Meal	1230
Second Trg Period	1400 - 1630
Evening Meal	1800 1730
Retreat	1830
Last Post	2215
Lights Out	2230

Anti-malarial regulations must be fully observed. Shorts (if permitted as dress for the day) may NOT be worn before 0730 hrs. Evening meal must NOT be served to men who are NOT correctly dressed in boots, socks, gaiters, long trousers and long-sleeved shirts.

130. REMITTANCES FOR MEMBERS.

(a) The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).

(b) These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army Channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience

A Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn

EMPLANING TABLE (Weight Sheet)

Plane Load No. 1

Time took off.....
Time landed.....

Emplaned in No.....

Ser. No.	Army No.	Rank	Name & Initials	Posting	Total Weight man & eqpt.	Total.
1.	QX53197	Lieut	SANKEY, P.T.	Pl.Comd	218	218
2.						
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4.						
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10.						
11.						
12.						
13.						
14.						
15.						
16.						
TOTAL:						3507 lbs.

Amn, Sups, Stores, Wqpt, (not carried on man)

Ser No.	Description	Weight	Total.
17.	Amn, .303 Chr 1 Case	76	76
18.	Amn. .303 Ctn 2 Cases	168	168
19.	Amn. .55 A.P. 1 Case	55	55
20.	Genade No. 36 4 Sec 1 Case	24	24
21.	Biscuits 1 Case	80	80
22.	Beef - 4 Cases	192	192
23.	Sig Stores (Case No. 13)	80	80
24.	1 Bale Blankets	226	226
25.	1 Bale Rope	72	72
26.	1 Case Boots	65	65
27.	1 Case Eqpt. (Case No. 51	66	66
28.	4 Cases Chlorine	120	120
29.	2 Cases Containers Insulator	192	192
30.	Bren Tripod 1.	30	30
31.	Tk/A Rifle 1	36	36
TOTAL			1492 lbs.
GRAND TOTAL			4999 lb

NOTE. Total weight of plane must not exceed 5000 lbs.
Serial numbers must run consecutively through per and stores.

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EMPLANING TABLE (weight sheet)

Plane Load No. 2

Time took off.....

Emplaned in No.....

Time landed.....

Ser No.	Army No.	Rank	Name & Initials	Posting	Total Weight man & Eqpt.	Total.
1	QX40871	Capt	BEECH A.T.	O.C.	218	218
2	QX56558	Sgt	STRUTHERS, C.V.	Pl Sgt.	218	218
3	NX153541	L/Cpl	KINNINMONT W.J.	Sec Comd	218	218
4	NX163190	Pte	SWEENEY N.E.	R'man.	218	218
5	N250308	Pte	BOND F.	Bren Gun	237	237
6	N250481	Pte	MELVAINE A.E.	R'man.	218	218
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						

TOTAL : 3507 lbs.

Amn, Sups, Stores, Eqpt (not carried on man)

Ser. No.	Description	Weight	Total.
17	Amn .303 Chr 1 Case	76	76
18.	Amn. 303 Ctn 3 Cases	252	252
19.	Greenades No. 36 4 Sec 1 Case	24	24
20	Bombs 2" Mor Smoke - 2 Carriers	30	30
21.	Biscuits 1 Case	80	80
22.	Beef - 3 Cases	144	144
23.	Hydra Burner - 1	65	65
24.	Sig Stores Case No. 6 1 Case	35	35
25.	Sig Stores Case No. 5 1 Case	190	190
26.	Gas Stores - (Chlorine) 6 Cases	180	180
27.	Gas Stores - (Clothing) 1 Case	79	79
28.	Gas Stores -(Ointment) 1 Case	75	75
29.	Contain rs Insulator 2 Cases	192	192
30.	2" Mor in Case	22	22
TOTAL			1494 lbs

GRAND TOTAL: 5001 lbs.

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 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
 ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
 LT-COL G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
 9 AUST IN BN

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 22 Nov 43

136. DRESS.

1. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA
- 2(a) In the MOR ESEBY Base Sub-Area (excluding the L of C from TERAPO to SUNSHINE) between 0630 hours and 1800 hrs the following will be worn:-
 Slacks and shirt or safari jacket, boots and socks with:-
 (1) Anklets Web; or
 (2) gaiters SD; or
 (3) Puttees short.
 provided that -
 (A) personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out in lieu of slacks.
 (B) at the option of Officers only, shoes may be worn.
 (C) members of organised working parties may, when specifically permitted by their CO's to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare. (No general permission however will be given by CO's to dispense with articles of uniform. Definite orders must be given by CO's on each occasion)
 (b) During the abovementioned hours only, sleeves may be worn rolled up or shortened.
3. In the area mentioned in Para 2, between 1800 hrs and 0630 hrs, and in all other areas at all times, the following will be worn:-
 (a) Slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.
 (b) Boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.
4. A member issued with American Gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters S.D.
5. During periods in which daylight saving time is in operation, para 1 and 2 shall be read as if for "0630 hrs" there were substituted "0730 hrs."
6. (1) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web;
 (ii) WOs Class II may wear belts, eaist, brown, leather or belts web;
 q (iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.
7. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that Officers and drivers MF, at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps Officers pattern or SD respectively
8. Safari Jackets may be worn only by those ranks who:
 (a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF; or
 (b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.
9. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the hañ band.
10. In the area mentioned in para 3 above, the practice of personnel engaging in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over that portion of the body.
11. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.
12. Coys will be responsible for ensuring personnel are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will

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12. - be taken in respect of breaches of this order.

137. Y.M.C.A. HUT.

(a) Wireless in YMCA Hut will NOT be used during Parade Hours - 0830-121330 - 1600 daily except Sunday.

(b) No Troops are allowed to be in YMCA Hut during Parade hours EXCEPT personnel on NO DUTIES.

138. LIGHT DUTY PERSONNEL.

Coy's will ensure that personnel on LIGHT DUTIES are given full time tasks in Coy lines and are not allowed to lie about in tents. If the Orderly Officer requires manpower he may call upon Coy Light Duty personnel.

139. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL - MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

A District Court-Martial convened by Adm Comd 3 AUST DIV was held in the Field on 15 NOV '43 for the trial of

Q17004 Pte Patrick James FARRY, 9 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

FIRST CHARGE. WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE, in that he, was-held when AA Sec 15 (1) on active service at ROLLINGSTONE absented himself without leave from 0530 hrs on 2 AUG 42 until 1700 hrs on 20 APR 43.

SECOND CHARGE. WOAS LOSING BY NEGLIGENCE HIS ARMS, EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND REGIMENTAL NECESSARIES, in that he in the field on or about 20 APR 43 was deficient of the following:-

	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
Caps, F.S. (1)	3. 3.	Holdall (1)	5
Hats, Working (1)	3. 0	Braces, (1)	1.11
Drawers, Cotton (3)	5. 6	Bags, Ration (1)	6
Badges, Collar, C/W (3)	6	Brushes, Shaving (1)	8
Capes, Waterproof, (1)	1. 0. 0	do Hair (1)	1. 6
Trousers, S.D. (1)	13. 6	do. Tooth (1)	8
Trousers, W.D. (2)	13. 0	Comb (1)	4
Jacket, S. B. (1)	1. 3. 0	Razor, Safety (1)	1. 1
Hosetops, Pr (2)	3. 6	Jersey, (1)	7. 6
Jumper, W.D. (2)	13. 6	Fork, F.S. (1)	3
Shirts, K.D. (2)	13. 0	Spoon F.S. (1)	3
Shirts, K.D. (3)	1. 6. 3	Dressing, Field (1)	1. 7
Puttees, Short Pr (1)	4. 0	Rifle A73202 (1)	14.14. 0
Socks, Woollen prs (2)	3.10	Bayonet (1)	19. 0
Towels, Hand (2)	4. 6	Scabbard, Bayonet (1)	6. 0
Boots, A.B. Pr (1)	14. 6	Bottle, Oil (1)	1. 0.
Laces, Leather Prs (1)	3	Pullthrough (1)	6
Bags, Kit, Univ (1)	6. 6	Belts, Waist (1)	5. 8
Greatcoat (1)	2. 1. 0	Braces, Left (1)	2. 6
Gaiters S.D. (1)	2. 0	Braces, Right (1)	2. 4
Discs, Identity, Sets (1)	3	Bottles, Water (1)	2.11
Frog, Bayonet (1)	1. 4	Carriers, W/Bottle (1)	3. 1
Pack (1)	10. 8	Haversack (1)	11. 2
Sling, Rifle (1)	1. 6	Pouches, Basic (2)	15. 0
Helmet, Steel (1)	10. 14	Straps, Supp (2)	2. 0
Tins, Mess (1)	1. 5	Straps, Sh Left (1)	2. 5
Blanket, G.S. (1)	16. 3	Straps, Sh Right (1)	2. 5
Respirator (1)	1. 0. 7	Groundsheet (1)	8. 0
Singlets Cotton (2)	2. 8		
	<u>14. 4. 7</u>		<u>19.14. 8</u>

GROSS TOTAL. - £33.19. 3

FINDING: NOT guilty of the second charge but is guilty of the first charge with the exception that the absence terminated at 1540 hrs on the 22 March 1943.

SENTENCE. To undergo Detention for one year.

The accused was NIL days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 19 NOV '43.

and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 22 Nov 1943.

David ...
Adjutant 2 Battalion.

Monday 22 Nov.-

N.C.O.'s. COURSE

0930-1000 Fall in, Inspection, Object of Course.
1000-1100 Drill w/o Arms.
1100-1130 Words of Command.
1130-1200 Drill w/o Arms.
1400-1500 Drill w/o Arms.
1500-1530 Discipline and Leadership Lec.
1530-1600 Intercommunication Drill
1600-1630 Smartening Drill.

Tuesday 23 Nov.-

0830-0900³ Fall-in, Inspection, Drill.
0930-1030 Guards and Sentries.
1030-1130 Drill w/o Arms.
1130-1200 The Pl and its weapons.
1400-1500 Sequence of Instruction and Demo.
1500-1600 Lecturettes by N.C.O.'s.
1600-1630 Strengthening Exercises (Rifle).

Wednesday 24 Nov.-

0830-0930 Fall-in, Inspection, Drill.
0930-1000 Man Management.
1000-1100 Drill w/o Arms. M.I.
1100-1200 Guards and Sentries.
1400-1500 Drill w/Arms S.I.
1500-1600 Quiz. (Military and Non-military Subjects)
Competition by Coys.
1600-1630 Smartening and Quickening Exercises.

Thursday 25 Nov.-

0830-0930 Fall-in, Inspection, Drill.
0930-1000 How to inspect and what to look for.
1000-1100 Drill M.T.
1100-1130 Rapid Indication and Recognition of Targets.
1130-1200 Intercommunication Drill.
1400-1500 Rifle - firing instrn.
1500-1530 Drill S.I.
1530-1600 Questionaire.
1600-1630 Smartening and Quickening exercises.

Friday 26 Nov.-

0830-0930 Fall-in, Inspection, Drill.
0930-1030 Rifle firing instrn.
1030-1100 Map Reading.
1100-1200 Drill M.T.
1400-1500 Lec - Military Law.
1500-1530 Drill S.I.
1530-1600 Questions and answers.
1600-1630 Smartening and Quickening Exercises.


NO
IN BENTLEY STREET OFFICE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

TELEPHONE

Saturday 27 Nov.-

0830-0930	Fall-in, Inspection, Drill.
0930-1000	Guardes and Sentries.
1000-1030	Pl and Coy Drill.
1030-1115	Bn Weapons.
1115-1200	Inspection and address by C.O.
1400-6130	Rapid Map Reading. (Judging posn on map-visualising ground by map etc.


 Capt.
 C.O. D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn

Syllabus of try for N.C.O. School. Held JUNE
 VALLEY 22-27 Nov 43.

- Course designed to:-
- 1 Improve standard of bearing, Drill and Turnout
 - 2 Increase military knowledge by Junior N.C.O.
 - 3 By 1st & increase confidence in ability & comd.

NO
 IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

TELEPHONE

Coy	Monday 22 Nov	Tuesday 23 Nov	Wednesday 24 Nov	Thursday 25 Nov	Friday 26 Nov	Saturday 27 Nov
A.	AM 0800-1000 Plane Load Loading 1115-1215 Educ Lect	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1000 Route March 1000-1100 3" Mortar 1100-1200 MMG Trg	0830-0900 Insp & Drill 0900-1100 Route March 1100-1200 Rapid Indic ation and Recognition of Targets	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 Route March		0830-0900 Inspe ad Drill 0900-1000 Drill wit and without arms 1000-1100 Pl Comds discussion. Beach landings. 1100-1200 Grenade Throwing
A	PM 1400-1500 3" Mortar 1500-1600 MMG Trg	1330-1415 Bayonet Trg. 1415-1500 Grenade Throwing 1500-1600 Rapid Indic and Recog of Targets	1330-1430 3" Mortar 1430-1530 MMG Trg 1530-1600 Pl Comds discussion (Night attack over open country)	1330-1500 Bayonet Trg 1500-1600 Discssion on weeks night trg.		1330-1630 Organised sports.
A	<u>Night Training.</u>	1845-2145 Compass March				1845-2145 Compass March
B	AM 0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1000 March to WARDS Drome. 1000-1200 Practice Loading	0830-1000 Inspection and Drill 1000-1100 Bayonet Trg 1100-1200 Grenade Throwing	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 MMG Trg (10 and 11 Pls) 3" Mortar Trg (12 Pl and Coy HQ's)	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 Route March		0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 (MMG Trg 12 Pl. Mortar Trg 12 Pl and 10 Pl 0900-1000 Bayonet Tr 1000-1100 Grenade Throwing 1100-1200 Indication (11 Pl and Coy HQ)
B	PM 1400-1500 Educ Lect 1500-1600 Drill	1330-1400 Pl Drill 1400-1500 Rapid Indic ation and Recognition of Targets 1500-1600 Route March	1330-1440 Pl Drill 1400-1600 Route Marches	1330-1600 Organised Sport		1330-1420 Bayonet Tr 1420-1510 Grenade Throwing 1510-1600 Indication (10 pl and 12 Pl) 1330-1600 MMG Trg Mortar Trg (11 Pl and Coy HQ)
B	<u>Night Training.</u>		1845-2145 Compass March	1845-2145 Compass March		

Coy	Monday 22 Nov	Tuesday 23 Nov	Wednesday 24 Nov	Thursday 25 Nov	Friday 26 Nov	Saturday 27 Nov
AM C	0830-0945 Inspection & Drill 0945-1045 Educ Lect 1045-1200 March to WARDS DROME	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1000 Route March 1000-1100 Indication and Recognition of Targets 1100-1200 Grenade Throwing	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1000 MMG Trg 1000-1100 Bayonet Trg. 1100-1200 3" Mortar	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 Route March	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 Route March	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1000 3" Mortar Trg 1100-1200 MMG Trg. 1000-1100 Grenade Throwing.
PM C	1200-1400 Plane Loading 1400-1500 Lunch 1500-1600 March to Camp	1330-1430 MMG Trg 1430-1530 Smartening Drill 1530-1600 3" Mortar Trg.	1330-1530 Route March	1330-1600 Organised Sport	1330-1445 Bayonet Trg. 1445-1600 Indication & Recog of Targets	1330-1445 Bayonet Trg. 1445-1600 Indication & Recog of Targets
Night Training. C				1845-2145 Compass March	6 Hours duration Lynch in the Field.	1845-2145 Compass March.
AM D	0830-0930 Coy Pde 0930-1030 MMG Trg 1030-1130 3" Mortar Trg 1130-1200 Grenade Throwing	0830-0930 Coy Pde 0930-1030 Route March 1030-1130 Rapid Indication and Recog Targets 1130-1200 Grenade Throwing	0830-0930 Coy Pde 0930-1030 Bayonet Trg 1030-1100 Grenade Throwing 1100-1200 Indication & Recognition of Targets	0830-0930 Coy Pde 0930-1230 Route March	0830-0930 Coy Pde 0930-1000 Bayonet Trg. 1000-1100 MMG Trg 1100-1200 3" Mortar Trg.	0830-0930 Coy Pde 0930-1000 Bayonet Trg. 1000-1100 MMG Trg 1100-1200 3" Mortar Trg.
PM D	1300-1430 March to WARDS DROME 1400-1600 Plane Loading	1330-1445 Drill 1600-1600 Educ Lect	1330-1530 Route March 1530-1600 Lecturette	1330-1430 MMG Trg 1430-1530 3" Mortar 1530-1600 Drill	1330-1600 Tabloid Sports.	1330-1600 Tabloid Sports.
Night Training. D		1845-2145 Compass March	1845-2145 Compass March			
HQ Sig Pl	1445-1545 Educ Lect Also day checking all cable	0830-1200 Plane Loading 1200-1300 Return to camp	0830-0900 Insp & Drill 0900-0945 Grenade Throwing 0945-1030 Bayonet Trg 1030-1200 Bren Instn	0830-0900 Inspection 0900-0945 Bayonet Trg. 0945-1030 Indic & Recog of Targets 1030-1200 Bren Instn	0830-0900 Inspection 0900-0945 Bayonet Trg. 0945-1030 Indic & Recog of Targets 1030-1200 Bren Instn	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1030 Bren Instn 1030-1200 Indic and Recog of Targets
Sig Pl PM	Checking ALL Cable	1430-1500 Grenade Throwing 1500-1600 Route March	1330-1530 R/oute March	1530-1630 Route March	1330-1415 Bayonet Trg. 1445 - 16 00 Bren Instn	1330-1415 Bayonet Trg. 1445 - 16 00 Bren Instn

Coy	Monday 22 Nov	Tuesday 23 Nov	Wednesday 24 Nov	Thursday 25 Nov	Friday 26 Nov	Saturday 27 Nov.
MMB Pl AM	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-0945 E.G.D. 1030-1115 Grenade Throwing 0945-1030 Bren Instn 1115-1200 Indication & Recog of Targets	0800-1250 Plane Loading	0830-1930 Inspection and Drill 0900-0945 Bren Instn 0945-1030 Quick aim ing 1030-1115 Grenade throwing 1115-1200 Indication & Recog of Targets	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 Route March		0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-0945 Indication and Recog of Targ 0945-1030 Quick aim ing 1030-1200 Bren I A and Stoppages
MMB Pl PM	1330-1430 Educ Lect 1430-1515 Bayonet Trg. 1515-1600 Bren Instn	1200-1300 Return to Camp 1430-1500 Bren Instn 1500-1600 Route March	1330-1530 Route March	1330-1415 Bren I A. 1415-1515 Bayonet Trg 1515-1600 Grenade Throw ing		1330-1430 Bayonet Trg 1430-1600 Maintenance of Stores
Mortar Pl AM	0830-0930 Inspection and Drill 0930-1015 Maintenance o/n Mortars 1015-1115 Mortar less 23,24 1115-1200 Grenade throwing	0830-1200 Practice Plane loading	0830-0930 Inspection and Drill 0930-1015 Bren Sight setting and aiming 1015-1115 Bayonet Trg. 1115-1200 Grenade Throwing	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1200 Route March		0830-0900 Inspection 0900-1000 Bren stripping and clean in 1000-1100 Bayonet Trg. 1100-1200 Rapid indic & recog of targets.
Mortar Pl PM		1330-1430 Educ Lect 1430-1530 Route March 1530-1615 Bren Mag filling & loading & unloading.	1400-1615 Route March	1400-1515 Bren holding and firing 1515-1615 Bayonet Trg.		1400-1500 Bren I A and Stoppages 1500-1600 Rapid Indic & Recog of Targets
W/A Pl AM	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1015 Bayonet Trg 1015-1130 Bren Instn 1130-1200 Grenade Throwing	0800-1200 Plane Loading	0830-0900 Inspect and Drill 0900-1030 Gun Drill 1030-1130 Bren Stripping 1130-1200 Grenade Throw ing	0830-0900 Inspection & Drill 0900-1200 Route March		0830-0900 Inspectio and Drill 0900-1030 Indic ation & Recog of Targets 1030-1200 Bren Stoppages.

En Route March - 6 hours duration - Lunch in the field

Coy	Monday 22 Nov	Tuesday 23 Nov	Wednesday 24 Nov	Thursday 25 Nov	Friday 26 Nov	Saturday 27 Nov
Tk/A Pl PM	1330-1430 Bren Instn 1430-1600 Daily maintenance	1400-1500 Educ Lect 1500-1600 Route March	1330-1530 Route March	1330-1430 Bren I A 1430-1515 Grenade throwing 1515-1600 Elementary Stripping.		1330-1600 Weekly maintenance of Guns
Pnr Pl AM	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-0945 Bren Instn 0945-1030 Grenade throwing 1030-1115 Indication and Rec of Targets 1115-1200 Bayonet Trg	0800-1200 Plane Loading	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-1000 Bren Instn 1000-1030 Grenade throwing 1030-1115 Close order drill 1115-1200 Bren Instn	0900-1200 Route March	In Route March in the field duration	0830-0900 Inspection and Drill 0900-0945 Indication and Recog of Targets 0945-1030 Bren Instn 1030-1115 Grenade Throwing. 1115-1200 Engineerin lecture.
Pnr Pl PM	1330-1430 Educ Lect. 1430-1515 Bayonet Trg 1515-1600 Indication and Recog of Targets	1400-1500 Close order Drill 1500-1600 Route March	1330-1530 Route March	1330-1415 Bren Instn 1415-1515 Bayonet Trg 1515-1600 Grenade throwing		1330-1415 Bren Instn 1415-1600 Checking Stores.
Light training.		1845-2145 Compass March (Tk/A, MMG, - one party) (Mortars, Pnr Sigs- one party)		1845-2145 Compass March (Ops as for 23 Nov)		

- Notes: (1) Routes for night trg compass marches will be communicated to coys by 1830 hrs on night concerned. Coys will move prepared for any opposition encountered.
- (2) Details of MMG, Mortar and Bren instruction as set out in Coy syllabus will be adhered to.
- (3) Instructions re all day Route March will follow. Coys to be ready to move at 0830 hrs on that day.

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ITINERARY.

- 7 Oct - MORESBY to DOBODURA by air.
Visit to 1 Aust Corps.
- 8 Oct - Inspection of BUNA area.
Embarked LCT 1400 hrs, travelling during night.
- 9 Oct - 0800-1500 hrs have to in inlet south of BADEN BAY.
2300 hrs arrived G BEACH (BUREP RIVER)
- 10 Oct - Visit to HQ. 9 Aust Div.
Departed 1300 hrs LCV, arrived FINSCHHAFEN HBR 2300 hrs.
Arrival delayed by bombing of barge convoy.
- 11 Oct - Departed 0800 hrs LCV, arrived LAUNCH JETTY 1100 hrs,
20 Bde HQ 1300 hrs, B Ech 2/17 Bn 1700 hrs.
- 12 Oct. 1500 hrs reached 2/17 Bn H.Q. 100 yds east of JIVEVANENG
village. Visit to A and B Coys holding 'PIMPLE' 500 yds
west of JIVEVANENG.
13. 2/17 Bn HQ. A and B Coys.
- 14 Oct 2/17 Bn do do.
- 15 Oct do C and D Coys (relieving A and B Coys at PIMPLE)
- 16 Oct 2/17 Bn HQ 'under attack all day)
- 17 Oct 1100 hrs left 2/17 Bn for 20 Bde H.Q.
- 18 Oct 20 Bde HQ and beachhead LAUNCH JETTY.
- 19 Oct do.
- 20 Oct Left at 1000 hrs for H.Q. 9 Aust Div.
- 21 Oct 9 Aust Div H.Q. (LANGEMAK BAY)
- 22 Oct Left for 24 Bde H.Q. arrived 1200 hrs.
- 23 Oct 24 Bde HQ and 28 Bn HQ and coys.
- 24 Oct 32 Bn HQ and all coys.
- 25 Oct 1500 hrs, left for 9 Aust Div H Q.
- 26 Oct 9 Aust Div H.Q. and beachhead MAPE RIVER.
- 27 Oct 0900 hrs left for LAE - arrived 2400 hrs.
- 28 Oct inspection LAE - MALAHANG areas.
- 29 Oct Left by air for DOBODURA.
- 30 Oct DOBODURA to MORESBY by air.

NOTE: Lieut Schindler to B Ech 2/15 Bn 11 Oct, remaining
until 26 Oct.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

68 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 11/1943 . . . 9 Aust. Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/1202 . OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
1	1	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	9	Majors					
3	3	-	16	Captains	A.A.H.C.	1	-	-	-
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	4	-	28			1	-	-	-

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	29	-	-							
	E. (1)										
	E. (2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX49467	Lieut	COX L.A.	25 Aust Inf Bn	14/9/43	General Reinforcements (IMP) (See serial 64 of 30/10/43)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	YES		
T/Maj	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	2 ic	YES		
T/Maj	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC HQ Coy.	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
T/Capt	QX40871	BRECH	A.T.	OC A Coy.	YES		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	OC C Coy.	YES		
T/Capt	QX4082	TOON	A.C.	O.M.	YES		
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	O.C.	NO	Detached for duty to 7 Aust Inf Bde	22.11.43
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2ic A Coy.	YES		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	2ic C Coy.	YES		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adj.	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2ic B Coy.	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
T/Capt	NX116813	GAUL	A.J.F.	OC D Coy.	YES		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	2ic D Coy.	YES		
Lieut	QX33609	PICKERING	L.A.		NO	"X" List attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	NO	"X" List patient 2/9 A.C.H.	
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.		NO	42 Camp. Hosp.	
Lieut	QX40825	WOOD	H.D.		NO	"X" List attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	QX53197	BANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX55210	WERDER	E.C.	11 Pl	NO	"X" List attending O.C.T.U. Woodside SA	
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.H.	5 Pl	NO	LEAVE	14.11.43
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	8 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	QX50113	PLATZ	S.J.G.	12 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	I.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX49467	COX	L.A.	19 Pl	YES		
Lieut	NX127097	MEAD	R.W.	10 Pl	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. 4	VX114018	GANLY D.A.	A.A.Ch. Dep.		Chaplain

27 Nov 43
Date of Despatch
Truth—7/43.

G. Matthews
Signature of Commander Lt. Col.
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard	16	15	1	Hammermen	56	62	3
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.T.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Sivettiers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	4	5	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters	27	27	-	Textile Reftters	2	2	-
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Gen. Duties	60	48	13
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	102	(NR)	(SEE BACK)			
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanic, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	3	-				
Pharmacist				Massseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	15	1	CARRIED FORWARD	56	62	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	77	77	19

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

27 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col
Signature of Commander

R.S.M. posting provides for W.O. I. Posting at present W.O. II
 Sgt. Clerk at Records Office provides for "B" class
 soldier - posting is filled by "A" class S/Sgt.
 Only general duty personnel are required as reinforcements,
 as unit personnel are filling postings.

Attached personnel.

A.A.C.O. W.E. provides for 1 W.O.II., 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls & 12 T.G. cooks
 Posted Strength is 1 W.O.II., 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls & 17 T.G. Cooks

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN

Serial No. 26/43
28 Nov 43.

140 DUTIES.

Date	Orderly Officer	Duty Coy	Orderly Sgt	Orderly Cpl
28.	Lieut S.M. ENGLAND	C	Sgt Peterson L.G.	L/Cpl Baker E.E.
29.	Lieut H.J.E. NICHOLLS	D	Sgt Reinke D.O.S.	L/Cpl Ferguson V.L.
30.	Lieut N.J. SIEMON	HQ	Sgt Tipler C.	Cpl Scott A.E.
1	Lieut A.D. THOMPSON	A	Sgt Struthers C.	L/Cpl Robinson R.
2	Lieut L.H. ZIMMER	HQ	Sgt Stackpoole J.D.	Cpl Anderson A.R.
3	Lieut R.T. SANKEY	B	Sgt Beck A.H.	L/Cpl Brown E.W.

141 BDE DUTIES 28 Nov - 4 Dec.

Date	Field Officer	Guard Comd	Duty Coy.
1.	Capt A.J. BONNEY	Lieut M.R. TAYLOR	A

142. LEAVE.

On nights when no trg is laid down units may grant leave up to 50% of unit strength.

Leave roster will be kept by all coys.

Personnel granted leave will be inspected before leaving area and a high standard of dress insisted upon.

143. DRESS.

The GOC in C N.G.F. has directed attention to the present most unsatisfactory standard of dress prevailing in PORT MORESBY area.

2. Brig, Adm Comd 3 Aust Div had directed that all CO's and OC's will forthwith give their personal attention to this matter of dress within their respective units. Coy Comds will ensure that R/O 25/43 of 22 Nov 43 Para 136 is read to ALL troops.

3. It is the duty of all officers to ensure that a good standard of dress is maintained in their unit and the co-operation of all officers is requested to ensure an immediate improvement.

4. Attention is drawn to the fact that shirts may only be removed during participation in working parties and with the express approval of the CO in each instance. In this respect any working party which is not immediately in charge of an officer and who have been given permission to remove their shirts etc, must be given such approval in writing when their duties take them outside their own unit area.

5. Bde Comd will require personal explanations by OC and CO concerned in the event of future breaches of these instns.

144. DRESS AND EQPT: GDS AND DUTIES.

One purpose of the mounting of Bde Gds and duties is to allow Bde Comd to see general standard of drill and turnout in the Bde.

Therefore no attempt will be made to supply special clothing or eqpt for Gds.

Web eqpt must NOT be bleached white or blanched, but should be cleaned by washing in soap and water.

Coys will pay particular attention to cleanliness and fitting of eqpt.

145. BN FIRE PICQUET.

(a) As from Retreat 28 Nov 43 Coy Fire Picquets as prescribed by Camp

145. BN FIRE PICQUET.

Standing Orders Para 24 - 27 are cancelled.

(b) At Guard Inspection Parade, daily from 28 Nov 43. Duty Coy will supply a Bn fire picquet of 1 NCO and 10 ORs, who will parade with new Guard for inspection, handing over of duties and fire drill on Bn parade ground. Tour of duty will be from Retreat to Retreat. Detailed orders will be issued.


.....Lieut.
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

PART 4 RIFLE COYS.

MONDAY
29 Nov 43.

A Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
0900-1000 Drill
1000-1100 Grenade Throwing
1100-1200 Bayonet Trg.

1400-1430 Bath Parade
1430-1630 Map Reading

B Coy

0830-0900 Inspection and Drill
0900-1030)MMG Trg and eq
1030-1200)Mortar Trg.
(Organised for successive trg of Pls
and Coy H.Q.)
1400-1445 Grenade Throwing
1445-1515 Bath Parade
1515-1630 Map Reading and Compass Instr

C Coy

0830-0930 Inspection and Drill
0930-1030 MMG Trg
1030-1115 Bayonet Trg
1115-1200 3" Mortar Trg.

1415-1445 Bath Parade
1530-1630 Guards and Sentries

D Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
0900-0930 Bayonet Trg.
0930-1000 Drill
1000-1100 MMG Trg
1100-1200 Mortar Trg.

1430 - 1500 Bath Parade
1500-1630 Map Reading.

TUESDAY 30 Nov 43.

A Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
0900-1000 Drill
1000-1100 Indication & Recognition
of Targets
1100-1200 Guards and Sentries
1400-2300 - A and B Coys in Night
HQ Coy tps

B Coy

0830-1000 Inspection and Drill
1000-1100 Map Reading and Compass Instr
1100-1200 Guards and Sentries

Exercise with daylight recce and practice
attached.

C Coy

0830-0930 Inspection and Drill
0930-1030 Bren Instr
1030-1115 3" Mortar Trg
1115-1200 Map Reading

1400-1500 Guards and Sentires
1500-1600 MMG Instr
1600-1630 Grenade Throwing

D Coy

0830-0900 Inspection and Drill
0900-0930 Bayonet Training.
0930-1000 Drill
1100-1200 3" Mortar.Trg.
1000-1100 MMG Instrn
1400-1430 Drill
1430-1500 Grenade Throwing.
1500-1530 Lecturette
1530-1630 Guards and Sentries.

WEDNESDAY 1 Dec 43.

A Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
0900-1000 Drill
1000-1100 Guards and sentries
1100-1200 Grenade Throwing

1400-1500 Bayonet Trg.
15 00-1630 Map Reading

B Coy

0830-1000 Inspection and Drill
1000-1100 Bayonet Training.
1100-1200 Guards and Sentries

1400-1500 Pl Drill
1500-1530 Lecturette
1530-1630 Map Reading & Compass Instr

C Coy

0830-0930 Inspection and Drill
0930-1030 Guards and Sentries
1030-1115 Bren Stripping
1115-1200 3" Mortar Instrn

1400-2300 C and D Coys in Night
HQ Coy tps

D Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
0900-0930 Bayonet Trg.
0930-1000 Drill
1000-1100 Map Reading
1100-1130 Lecture-Guards and Sentries
1130-1200 Demo - Guards and Sentries

Exercise with daylight recce and practice
attached.

THURSDAY 2 Dec 43.

A Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
 0900-1000 M/G Instrn
 1000-1100 3" Mortar Instrn
 1100-1200 Guards and Sentries

B Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
 0900-1000 Bayonet Trg.
 1000-1100 Grenade Throwing Ts. OBT.
 1100-1200 Guards and Sentries.

C Coy

0830-0930 Inspection and Drill
 0930-1030 M/G Trg
 1030-1115 Bayonet Trg.
 1115-1200 Map Reading

D Coy

0830-0900 Inspection
 0900-0930 Bayonet Trg.
 0930-1000 Drill
 1000-1030 Grenade Throwing
 1030-1100 Drill
 1100-1200 Guards and Sentries.

PM. 1400-2300 Bn Exercise Night attack with daylight recce and practice.

FRIDAY 3 Dec 43.

A Coy

AM.- Inter Coy Sports A v B

PM -
 1400-1500 Education Lecture
 1500-1630 "Make and Mend"

B Coy

Inter Coy Sports A v B

1400-1500 "Make and Mend"
 1500-1600 Education Lecture.

C Coy

AM
 0900-1000 Education Lecture
 1000-1100 "Make and Mend"

D Coy

0830-1030 "Make and Mend"
 1030-1130 Education Lecture

PM.
 Inter Coy Sports C v D Coy

Inter Coy Sports C v D Coy

SATURDAY 4 Dec. 43

Move to relieve 25 Bn

PART II

HQ COY

SIGS	MORTARS	MMGs	TK/A
MONDAY 29 Nov.			
0830-0930 Inspection and Drill	0830-0930 Inspection and Drill	0830-0930 Inspection and Drill	0830-0930 Inspect & Drill:
0930-1015 Morse Receiving	Mortar Lessons 23,24,25.	MMG Mechanism SAT Vol 1	GUN
1015-1100 Map Reading	Grenade Throwing	Pam 7 Part I	DRILL
1100-1130 Elementary	Beaton Zones Lecture.	Lessons 1 - 6	Map READING.
1130-1200 Electricity		Fire Control Less 101-103	
		Stoppages Lees 21-26	
1330-1430 Education Lecture	Education Lecture	Map Reading	DRILL
1430-1500 Bath Parade	Bath Parade	Bath Parade	Bath parade
1500-1545 Morse	Map		
1545-1630 Practice	Reading	Education Lecture	Education Lecture
TUESDAY 30 Nov.			
0830-0930 Inspection and Drill	Inspection and drill	Inspection and Drill	Inspection and Drill
0930-1015 Morse Practice	Guards and Sentries	Quick Aiming	Stripping
1015-1100 Map Reading	Mortar Less 26	E.G.D. Less 45-56	Gun
1100-1130 Introduction to	Grenade Throwing	Fire control squads	for
1130-1200 Wireless	Phone Drill	Pam 7 Sec 13.	Manhandling.
1400-1445 A & B Coy	A & B Coy Exercise	A & B Coy Exercise	Guards and Sentries
1445-1530 Exercise	Blice Pl - Mortar	Blice Pl	Map Reading
1530-1630 Blice Pl on maintenance	Ranging	Mortar Insta	Daily maintenance
		Guards and Sentries	on guns.
WEDNESDAY 1 Dec			
0830-0930 Inspection and Drill	Inspection and Drill	Inspection and Drill	Inspection and Drill
0930-1015 Morse Practice	Map Reading	Map Reading	Drill
1015-1100 Map	Grenade Throwing	Guards and Sentries	2" Mortar Insta
1100-1130	Mortar Less 50	Fire Control Less 104-5	Gun
1130-1200 Reading	Bayonet TRG	Grenade Throwing	Drill
1400-1445 C and D Coy	C and D Coy Exercise	C and D Coy Exercise	Guards and Sentries
1445-1530 Exercise	Blice Pl Mortar	Blice Pl E.G.D.	Lecture - Lighting eqpt
1530-1630 Blice Pl Checking of Cable	Ranging		Daily maintenance on Gu

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1. Sec

9 Aust Inf Bn
Australia.
4 Nov 43

Subject: UNIT TIME-TABLE.

MEMO ALL COYS.

1. Commencing Friday 5 Nov times will be as follows:-

Reveille	0700 hrs
Sick Par.	0750 hrs
Breakfast	0745 hrs
Let Trg Parade	0830 hrs
Change Work	1200 hrs
Lunch	1230 hrs
Afternoon Parade	1330 hrs
Dismiss	1600 hrs
Evening Meal	1730 hrs
Last Post	2200 hrs
Nights Out.	2315

2. All pers such as cooks, obliged to rise before 0700 hrs will comply strictly with malarial regulations governing dress.

3. Advice has been received from 7 Aust Inf Bde that shorts may be worn at 0700 hrs except when otherwise ordered.

David Bruce Lewis
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for Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn

SIGS	MORTARS	MMFs	TK/A
THURSDAY 2 Dec			
0830-0900	P1 Inspection and Drill	P1 Inspection and Drill	P1 Inspection and Drill
0900-1200	Organised Sport	Organised Sport	Organised Sport
1400-2300	Bn Exercise	Bn Exercise	Bn Exercise
FRIDAY 3 Dec.			
0830-0930	Inspection and Drill	Inspection and Drill	Inspection and Drill
0930-1015	Maintenance	Mortar Less 23,24.	Map Reading
1015-1100	ALL Sig	Map Reading	Guards and Sentires.
1100-1200	Stores	Guards and Sentires	Gun Drill
1400-1445	and	Maintenance	Maintenance
1445-1530	equipment	of	of
1530-1630		Stores	stores

SATURDAY. 4 Dec 43. Move to relieve 25 Bn (Whole Coy)

NOTE: Pioneer Pl occupied whole week on general constructional work in Camp Area.

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Unit.....9 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time.—From.....0001 Hrs 1 DecTo.....2359 Hrs 1 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Map Ref 876402 Moresby 1"	1 Dec 43		All Coys continued throughout the morning with training according to their respective syllabuses.	<i>D</i>
			In the afternoon a an full dress rehearsal of the coming move was held and all coys were inspected by the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) Object of the practice was to ensure uniformity of dress and equipment throughout the Bn.	<i>D</i>
			Acting under instructions from Bde, a leave draft of 28 personnel was ordered to stand by in readiness for movement on Saturday 4 Dec.	<i>D</i>
			Strength: 27 Offrs 810 ORs.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
			<i>Donald Reid Smith</i> 1.0. 9 Bn	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 000 hrs 2 Dec To 2359 Hrs 2 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Map Ref 876402 Moresby 1"	- 2 Dec		<p>All personnel were engaged this morning in General "Make and mend" and in repairing equipment. The afternoon was devoted to organised sport.</p> <p>Advice was received from Bde that as from 1800 hrs the Bn was relieved of Bde Guard and Fd Offr's duties.</p>	
			Strength: 27 Offrs 810 ORs.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot.	
			<i>Quelland</i>	
			<i>9 Bn</i>	
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Unit..... 9 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From..... 0001 hrs 3 Dec To 2359 Hrs 3 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Ref Map 876402 Port Moresby 1"	3 Dec		<p>All Coys were engaged throughout the day in thoroughly cleaning up the area, because of the possibility of a sudden move.</p> <p>Bde advised the unit to-day of the cancellation of the Bn fortnightly working parties due to commence on Monday.</p> <p>Throughout the day A, B, C and D Coys respectively attended lectures on the "Lend Lease System" by WOII E.A.FRANCIS of the A.E.S.</p>	
			Strength: 270ffrs 813 ORs.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot.	
			<i>Quellend Lee</i> 9 Bn I.O.	

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Unit..... 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From..... 0001hrs 5 Dec To..... 2359 Hrs 5 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Map Ref 876402 Fort Moresby	1 st 5 Dec 43		<p>Combined C of E and O.P. & D. Church Services were conducted this morning at 0900 hrs in the Bn area. Mass for R.C.'s was also celebrated in conjunction with 25 Bn at 1000 hrs.</p> <p>The remainder of the day was allotted to make and mend.</p> <p>At 2055 hrs and air raid red alert was sounded. No enemy action resulted, however, and the all clear was sounded at 2130 hrs</p>	D
			Strength: 270ffrs 824 ORs.	
			Weather: Fine during day with rain at night.	
			<i>Quillman</i>	
			<i>I.D. 9/12</i>	

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Unit..... 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001hrs 6 Dec 43 To 2359 Hrs 6 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-MapRef 876402 Port Moresby 1"	6 Dec		<p>All Coys continued with Trg according to their respective syllabuses.</p> <p>As a result of a conference of Coy Comds held yesterday blanket, mosquito net and groundsheet has se been standardised ^{packing as} By the use of this method which applies equally well to both types of groundsheet and tropical cape, a neat roll is established, with the ends enveloped to prevent the roll from falling apart and this can easily be tied neatly on to the pack.</p> <p>To-day all Coys carried out a careful instruction of personnel in this method of packing to ensure uniformity in the event of a move. The results obtained were most satisfactory.</p> <p>During the afternoon the personnel of HQ Coy attended a lecture by the QM (Capt A.G. TOON) on General organisation of Ordnance.</p> <p>At night personnel attended film screenings in the area being caught towards the end of the show in a heavy downpour.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strength: 27 Offrs 323 ORs Weather: Fine during day with rain at night.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">David Andrew I.O. 9 Bn.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 8 Dec To 2359 8 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Map Ref 876402 Port Moresby 1"	8 Dec		<p>All coys continued with training according to their respective syllabuses with C and D Coys engaged in range practices.</p> <p>At 1400 hrs Adjt called a conference of all Orderly Room Cpls, I Sec Cpls and certain other selected personnel to organise a Staff for preparation of AAB83's for posted strength of Bn pursuant to GRO A 739/43. Considerable time was spent in instructions to all to ensure smooth working and understanding by all, of their respective tasks. The method used was a "bull ring" system whereby each man had a particular responsibility.</p> <p>The Staff selected had its first practice at 1600 when books were prepared for a Leave Draft due to move on the morning of 9 Dec and functioned very well.</p> <p>During the afternoon personnel of A and B Coys attended lecture by QM (Capt A.C.TOON) on General Organisation of Ordnance.</p> <p>Int Sec personnel carried out strict security check of all Coy areas.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>
			Strength: 27 Offrs 324 ORs.	
			Weather: Light Showers AM, Fine PM.	
			<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">David Ford Lewis</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">1.0. 9 Dec</p>	

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Unit 1st Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 9 Dec To 2359 Hrs 9 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Ref Map 876402 Port Moresby 1"	9 Dec		<p>At 0845 hrs a leave draft, consisting of 28 personnel under the comd of WOII BATSON left the area enroute to NGDD where they will await movement to the mainland. Before movement an AAB83 was issued to every member of the draft.</p> <p>The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) addressed the draft prior to leaving the area. He again stressed the necessity for discipline and General neatness while on board ship and also after reaching their destination, stating that it was the duty of every man to do his utmost to uphold the meritorious record of the Bn</p> <p>At 0830 hrs the Service Book Staff began the unavoidable unenviable task of preparing AAB 83's for all Bn personnel. D Coy was dealt with first and the whole of its personnel were dealt with in the days work. The staff which included Lieuts SANKEY, ZIMMER, HOLMES and MEAD to supply officers signatures and check entries, worked very well and the RMO who had to sign every book on completion found his job quite a comprehensive one.</p> <p>The Bn route march, which was laid down for the morning was cancelled. In lieu of the march coy Comds under the direction of QM held a strict kit inspection to facilitate completion of AAB 83's and record present issues and shortages. Results of this inspection will be posted in AAB 83 when permission is given by higher authority.</p> <p>The remainder of the Bn (with the exception of 1 Pl of HQ Coy which was engaged in range practice) carried on with 'Irg as per syllabus.</p>	
			Strength: 27 Offrs 822 URs	
			Weather: Light Showers AM, Fine PM.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 10 Dec To 2359 Hrs 10 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Ref Map 876402 Port Moresby	10 Dec		<p>All Coys continued with training as per syllabus with personnel of HQ Coy engaged in range practice.</p> <p>The Bn Service Book Staff carried on its work, dealing to-day with HQ Coy. By reason of additional effort and smooth working, 200 books were prepared, thus putting the party well ahead of schedule.</p> <p>During the afternoon a Bn cricket team played a team from 61 AUST INF BN, resulting in a win for the 61 BN.</p>	
			Strength: 27 Offrs 829 Ors.	
			Weather: Light rain AM Fine PM.	
			<p><i>David Woodhouse</i> I.O. 9 R.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 12 Dec To 2359 Hrs 12 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY - port Moresby-Ref Map 876402	12 Dec 43		<p>A combined C of E and OPD Church Service was conducted in the Bn area at 0900 hrs. Mass for RC&S was celebrated at 0730 hrs.</p> <p>The RMO (Capt J.P.WINDEYER) was marched out to-day to 2/1 AGH. He was replaced by (Capt A.BEARBLOCK) who was formerly attached to ANGAU.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strength: 27 Offrs 828 ORs Weather: Heavy Showers AM-Fine and Hot PM.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p>1.0.</p>
JUNE VALLEY Port MORESBY Ref Map 876802	13 Dec 43		<p style="text-align: center;">From 0001 hrs 13 Dec to 2359 hrs 13 Dec 43</p> <p>In the morning, all Coys took part in a 3 hr route march. The service book staff continued with their respective tasks on the AAB 83's and completed books for all personnel of B Coy. They are now well ahead of schedule.</p> <p>For the remainder of the day all Coys were engaged in make and mend.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Bn was visited by the Mobile Bath Unit.</p> <p>At night personnel of the Bn attended a film screening in the area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strength: 27 Offrs 834 ORs Weather: Fine and Hot</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p>1.0.</p>

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 14 Dec To 2359 Hrs 14 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Ref Map 876402	14 Dec		<p>All Coys continued with Training according to syllabus.</p> <p>The personnel who volunteered for the Provost Corps left the area at 0845 hrs and proceeded to BDE. They were inspected by a Provost Offr who expressed his appreciation at the response to the call for volunteers, stating that the men selected would be advised of the results in the near future. The Provost authorities congratulated the Unit on the punctuality and standard of turn out of the volunteers.</p> <p>At 1400 hrs and 1515 hrs respectively A and D Coys attended lectures by WOII. FRANCIS on problems covering the Federal Govt in connection with Post War reconstruction.</p> <p>The Bn Service book staff to-day completed its big task by finishing books for C Coy, thus having completed 860 books since commencing operations. The books will now be dealt with in accordance with Adm Instruction No. 4 which is attached. The personal issue section of these books was not dealt with under ^{pending} instructions from higher authority pursuant to GRO 739/43.</p> <p>The personnel responsible for this creditable performance were:- Lieuts SANKEY, ZIMMER, MEAD and HOLMES. Sgt BIRKBECK and Cpl HIGGINS - "I" Sect. Cpl WERNER - HQ Coy; Cpl CARROLL - A Coy; Cpl NAUMAN - B Coy; Cpl McKILLOP - C Coy; Cpl STEVENS - D Coy; Pte SUMMERS - RAP,</p>	
			Strength: 270ffrs 834 ORs	
			Weather: Fine and Hot.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 15 Dec 43 To 2359 Hrs 15 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port M Moresby Ref Map 876402	15 Dec		<p>All Coys contined with trg according to syllabus. At 1400 and 1515 hrs B and C Coys respectively attended lectures by WOII E.A. FRANCIS on Problems concerning the Federal Govt in Post War Reconstruction.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength: 27 Offrs 836 ORs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Fine and Hot</p>	
JUNE VALLEY - Port Moresby Ref Map 876402	16 Dec 43		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>From 0001 hrs 15 Dec 43 to 2359 hrs 15 Dec 43</u></p> <p>At 0900 hrs A Coy with 1 Pl HQ Coy left for KILA BEACH. The personnel marched down and spent the afternoon cleaning up the beach area. They biv. in the area overnight and returned to the Bn Area the following afternoon by Unit Tpt.</p> <p>At 1400 hrs personnel of HQ Coy attended lecture by WOII E.A. FRANCIS on the "Lend Lease System".</p> <p>The detached D Coy working party at 2/1 AFH was relieved from further duty by 8 Aust Army Tps Coy and returned to Unit lines at 1800 hrs.</p> <p>The party was formerly to be relieved on the 11 Dec and the C.O. (Lieut Col G.R. MATTHEWS) has requested action through MBSA to retain obtain in an explanation for lateness of relief.</p> <p>The remainder of the Unit contined with trg according to syllabus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Hot with showers morning and evening Strength: 27 Offs 836 ORs</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 27 Dec 43 to 2359 Hrs 17 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY- Port Moresby area-Map Ref 876402	17 Dec 43		<p>At 0900 hrs C Coy with one and half pls ^{of} HQ Coy marched out to relieve A Coy at KILA BEACH.</p> <p>The remainder of the Bn continued with trg as per/syllabus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength: 27 Offs 837 Ors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Fine and Hot</p>	
JUNE VALLY-Port Moresby area-Map Ref 876402	18 Dec 43		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>From 0001 hrs 18 Dec 43 to 2359 hrs 18 Dec 43</u></p> <p>At 0900 hrs B Coy plus 1 Pl HQ Coy marched out to relieve C Coy at KILA BEACH.</p> <p>The remainder of the Bn continued with trg according to syllabus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength: 27 Offs 838 Ors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Fine and Hot</p>	
JUNE VALLEY Port Moresby area-Map Ref 876402	19 Dec 43		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>From 0001 hrs 19 Dec 43 to 2359 Hrs 19 Dec 43</u></p> <p>At 0730 hrs a C of E Communion Service was conducted in the Chapel by Padre GANLY</p> <p>The OPD service was at 0945 while Mas for RC's was conducted at 0730. The remainder of the day was spent as a day of rest. At 0900 hrs D Coy Plus 1 Pl HQ Coy marched out to relieve B Coy at KILA BEACH.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength: 27 Offrs 838 ORS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Fine and Hot.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 20 Dec 43 to 2359 hrs 20 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Area Map Reference 876402	20 Dec 43		At 0900 hrs A Coy plus 1 Pl HQ Coy marched out to relieve D Coy at KILA BEACH. Two Int personnel were attached to A Coy and will make a Fd Sketch of the area while stationed at the beach.	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">D</div>
			The remainder of the Bn continued with Trg according to syllabus In the afternoon the Bn was visited by the Mobile Bath Unit. At night personnel attended a film screening in the area.	
			Strength <i>27 Officers and 842 O.R.'s</i>	
			Weather: Fine and Hot.	
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Area Map Ref 876402	21 Dec 43		From 0001 hrs 21 Dec 43 to 2359 Hrs 21 Dec 43 All Coys continued with trg according to their respective syllabuses with A Coy and 1 Pl HQ Coy at KILA BEACH.	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">D</div>
			At 1400 hrs HQ Coy attended a lecture by the RMO (Capt A BEARBLOCK) on tropical Diseases. At 1400 hrs and 1515 hrs respectively B and HQ Coys attended a lecture by WOII E.A. FRANCIS) on Federal Union".	
			Strength: <i>27 Officers and 841 O.R.'s</i>	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 22 Dec 43 To 2359 Hrs 22 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Map Ref 876402	22 Dec 43		<p>B Coy plus one pl of HQ Coy left this morning to relieve A Coy and its attached HQ Coy pl at KILA BEACH, where it will remain until Friday.</p> <p>Remaining pers carried on with trg according to syllabus During the afternoon, D and C Coys received an AES lecture on "Federal Union" by WOII E.A. FRANCIS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Weather: Fine and Hot Strength: <i>27 Officers and 841 O.R's</i></p>	
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Map Ref 876402	23 Dec 43		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>From 0001 hrs 23 Dec to 2359 hrs 23 Dec 43</u></p> <p>Coys contined to-day with trg according to syllabus. During the afternoon A and HQ Coys were lectured on "Federal Union" by WOII E.A.FRANCIS of the A.E.S.</p> <p>C Coy at KILA BEACH carried on with the task of improving the beach and surrounding areas. Up to date much refuse has been moved and systematic cleaning up has been effected. Also dressing sheds for ladies and gentlemen have been erected and numerous rustic seats set up to accommodate picnic parties Personnel of all Coys have worked with a will in such pleasant surroundings and the results speak volumes for their efforts. Further work is still to be done and when this is finished KILA BEACH will be as near to a first class tourist resort as can be expected in NEW GUINEA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Weather: Fine and Hot Strength: <i>27 Offn and 829 O.R's</i></p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs... 25 Dec To 2359 Hrs... 25 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<p>JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Map Ref 8764 02</p>	<p>25 Dec 43</p>		<p>To-Day the unit celebrated its second Christmas in NEW GUINEA. It was ushered in at midnight when C of E, R.C. and OPD pers attended midnight services in MORESBY.</p> <p>Throughout the day the gala spirit was in evidence. At 0915 hrs a Bn parade was held at which the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) wished all pers a Happy Christmas. After the parade a Church Service for OPD and C of E was conducted by Padre D.A. GANLY.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs the unit was visited by Brig J. FIELD, who had just returned from fwd areas, to exchange Xmas Greetings with the C.O. and Offrs.</p> <p>The traditional Christmas dinner of soup, turkey and ham and plum pudding served by Offrs and sgts to the men in gaily decorated mess huts.</p> <p>Considerably ingenuity was expended in the decoration of these huts, particularly by B Coy which won the competition. Their mess hut and kitchen were triumphs of "interior decoration" masses of poincianas showing in sharp contrast with cleverly shaped palm fronds and strings of coloured paper. "Pin up" girls peeped coyly from every corner, lending a piquant touch to the impromptu banquet hall. D Coy also put up a fine showing, features of their decorative art being in neatly laid out tables and aptly worded place cards for every man.</p> <p>Due to heavy rain which began at 1730, a Bn concert arranged by Padre D.A. GANLY was postponed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weather: Cloudy and overcast rain at night.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength: 21 Offrs and 711 ORs.</p>	<p></p>

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Unit..... **9 Aust Inf Bn**

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Date and Time.—From **0001 hrs 26 Dec** To **2359 Hrs 26 Dec 43**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Area Map Ref 26 Dec 43 876402			<p>Church Services for C of E and RCs were conducted in the 1 Bn area at 0730 hrs.</p> <p>At 0800 hrs, C Coy plus one pl of HQ coy left for KIIA BEACH, where they will be stationed for 3 days engaged in cleaning up the area. Personnel who desired to attend church services left at 0900 hrs under the Comd of Capt J.K. SMITH.</p> <p>Pursuant to GRO 808 the QM called together this morning all CQMS and orderly room cpls and arranged for the due completion by coys of the personal issued section of the AAB 83's. Upon completion the books will be issued to pers later in the week.</p> <p>Otherwise the day was spent as a day of rest.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J</p>
			<p>Weather: Fine during day with hy rain at night.</p> <p>Strength: 21 Offrs 711 ORs</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>David Wood Lewis</i></p>

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 27 Dec To 2359 hrs 27 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Area Map Ref 876402	27 Dec 43		Coys continued to-day with trg according to their respective syllabuses. At night personnel attended film screening in the area.	
			Strength: 21 Offrs and 715 ORs.	
			Weather: Fine during day with light rain at night	
			0001 hrs 28 Dec 43 to 2359 hrs 28 Dec 43	
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresy Area Map Ref 876402	28 Dec 43		Personnel continued to-day with routine trg. At 1400 and 1515 hrs respectively A and B Coys attended the AES lect on "Will Russia Fight Japan"	
			D Coy marched out during the morning to relieve C Coy at KILA BEACH.	
			Strength: 21 Offrs 715 ORs	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 29 Dec To 2359 Hrs 29 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY Port Moresby Area. Map Ref 876402	29 Dec 43		<p>All coys continued with trg according to their respective syllabuses.</p> <p>During the afternoon C and HQ Coy personnel attended AES lect on "Will Russia Fight Japan".</p> <p>At 1400 hrs the Bn was visited by the Mobile Bath Unit.</p> <p>A and HQ Coy today began issue of AAB 83's A Coy completed issue to all tps in camp but HQ Coy due to larger numbers had been allotted a period on Friday to complete issues.</p>	
			Strength: 21 Offrs 718 ORs	
			Weather: Fine and Hot.	
JUNE VALLEY Port Moresby area Map Ref 876402	30 Dec 43		0001 hrs 30 Dec to 2359 Hrs 30 Dec 43	
			<p>Coys continued today with trg according to syllabus. D Coy stay at KILA BEACH has been extended to Friday to enable pers to attend an 11 Aust Div Concert Party presentation which will be held there to-night.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs Cpl J.G. Higgins of the Int Sect lectured A Coy on "PW and Captured documents" and the general layout of functions of Int in higher formations.</p> <p>Transport was provided at 1900 hrs to enable pers to attend the KILA BEACH concert. The C.O. and some Offrs attended and reports indicate the the presentation was well up to the standard previously maintained by the 11 Aust Div Concert Party.</p> <p>B and C Coys to-day completed issue of AAB 83's to all personnel in camp.</p>	

Strength: 21 Offrs 716 ORs
Weather: Fine and Hot

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 31 Dec 43 to 2359 Hrs 31 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<p>JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby area. Map Ref 876402</p>	<p>31 Dec 43</p>		<p>A, B and C Coys spent to-day as a Rest Day, as they are set down to work on New Year's Day and Sunday. D Coy returned from Kila Beach this morning, and proceeded with the issue of AAB 83's to all pers. HQ Coy, which was duty coy., also spent the blce of the day in distributing AAB 83's to all tps.</p> <p>At 2000 hrs pers, including the C.O and Offrss., attended a unit concernt, arranged and compered by Padre D.A.Ganly. Pers from every Coy participated in the show, contributing an excellent series of musical items, song and dance numbers, quizzes and comedy sketches.</p> <p>Highlight of the concert, however, occurred near the finish when the C.O. (Dt-Col G.R. Matthews), after wishing the audience all the best for the New year, joined in with the orchestra and gave several solo items on the clarinet, revealing himself as quite an accomplished player.</p> <p>Most pers waited up to see the Old Year out and the New Year in, occupying their time with cards, community singing, reminiscences.</p> <p>As midnight struck, hundreds of lusty voices gave raucous welcome to 1944, deafening accompaniments being provided by the liberal use of tin cans, petrol drums, mess tables and so on. Caught up with the spirit of the moment well over 50 revellers gathered toghether as if in answer to some pre-arranged signal and launched a full scale attack on the Officers lines.</p> <p>Within a matter of a few minutes they had achieved their objective, the twin rows of flattened tents bearing mute testimony to their thoroughness. Subsequent retaliations included many water-bucket sorties by vengeful officers, attacks and counter attacks extending the battle far into the morning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strength: 21 Offrs 717 ORs Weather: Fine and Hot</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Year ending 1944	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Map Ref 876402			<p>A brief survey of 1943 shows that the greater part of the year was occupied with intensive trg in the DONADABU area.</p> <p>At Milne Bay in January, the 15th Aust Inf Bn relieved the unit from the fwd def posns which it had laboriously carved out of the jungle and swamp which clothes the shores of GABA GABUNA BAY. Decimated by malaria, coastal fevers and other tropical ailments, the unit remained in the reserve area engaged on working parties until early in March when they left PORT MORESBY. By the end of the month they had moved into DONADABU. Then the rest camp for Brigades moving back from the front.</p> <p>For the first month, little was done in the way of trg, pers. making every use of the splendid natural facilities for swimming and general sport. With the arrival of reinforcements and the re-issue of weapons which had been handed in at the Bay, the unit then settled down to a period of intensive and systematic trg, which progressed from the "A B C" of rifle drill to full scale "Live" arty and M.M.G. co-operation exercises.</p> <p>At the same time the Brigade as a whole commended to exploit the recreational potentialities of the trg area. The Unit played a major part in this work.</p> <p>Roads were improved beyond all recognition, several splendid suspension bridges were built across the swirling waters of the LALOKI RIVER, cricket and football ovals were constructed, diving boards, platforms and footbaths were built around the main swimming pool, and a "Hollywood Bowl", not unlike the legendary Grecian amphitheatres, was erected for use by the Motion Picture Units and Concert Parties which regularly visited the area.</p> <p>Another feature of this period was the splendid mapping and survey work done by the Int Sec pers, which resulted in an exceptionally fine track and topographical map of the entire DONADABU and surrounding areas.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Year ending 1943	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<p>JUNE VALLEY-Port Moresby Map Ref 876402</p>			<p>Early in June the Bn was selected for operational work on the BENA BENA Plateau, then being menaced by a Jap drive up the RAMU VALLEY. It was imperative that this heavily populated plateau with its numerous landing strips be denied to the enemy, while its possession meant for us bases from which we could later threaten Jap coastal bases from SALAMAUA to WEWAK.</p> <p>Within 12 hours of receiving the order to move, the Bn moved out of DONADABU and proceeded to a biv area close to WARD'S DROME, where they were placed under immediate notice for movement by air. Contrary to all expectations, days of waiting passed into a week, when the men were greeted with the "bombshell" announcement that the move had been cancelled and that they would be returned to the camp at DONADABU.</p> <p>Back in camp once again, they settled down to a further period of intensive advanced trg wit which continued until the end of the first week in October, when with the exception of a small rear party, the unit moved down to the Moresby area where they were engaged for a month in supplying working parties.</p> <p>They then returned to DONADABU, but shortly afterwards on 17 Nov., moved out again and took up their present location in JUNE VALLEY. Working parties were once again the order of the day, until 29 Nov., when came the welcome news that the Brigade was returning to the mainland for a richly earned break.</p> <p>The adv party left under comd of the 2 I/C (Maj W.G.FRY) on 30 Nov. Since then the Bn has been waiting on movement orders, spending much of its time in improvement work on KILA Beach.</p> <p>During the year the Bn had several changes in comd. due to the transfer of the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) to Adm. Comd of 14 Aust Inf Bde on 31 Dec 42. Lt-Col MATTHEWS remained in charge of this Bde through the entire GONA action. Upon his</p>	

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn

From 0001 hrs 27 Nov
to 2359 Hrs 3 Dec

MOVEMENT.

On Tuesday, an advance party of 5 Offrs and 142 ~~esse~~ ORs under Comd of Maj W.G. FRY left the bn for an unknown destination.

On Tuesday three working parties totalling 3 Offrs and 98 ORs were despatched to 2/1 A.G.H., QUARRY HILL, and 50 - 50 area.

TRAINING.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Coys carried out Trg as per syllabus.

MAKE AND MEND.

On Thursday and Friday all personnel were engaged in cleaning up coy areas and in general "make and mend".

BDE GUARD.

On Saturday, Monday and Wednesday the Bn furnished a Bde Guard to Bde HQ., the tour of duty being from Retreat to Retreat. As from Retreat 2 Dec Bde Guard and Field Officer Duties were discontinued.

MOBILE BATH UNIT.

At 1400 hrs on Monday the Mobile Bath Unit visited the Bn area.

R.T.U's

On Saturday 28 "X" list personnel marched in from N.G.D.D. having returned from the mainland.

LECTURES.

On Monday afternoon HQ Coy attended an A.E.S. lecture on "The Meaning Democracy", and on Friday, A, B, C and D Coys attended lectures on "The Lox Lease Systems".

RECREATION.

On Monday personnel attended a film screening in the bn area and on Tuesday night attended a presentation by 11 Div Concert Party. Thursday afternoon was devoted to organised sport.

CHURCH PARADES.

On Sunday C of E, R.C. and O.P.D. services were held in the Bn area.

INTERCOMM.

Comm between Bde and Bn - L/T and D/R
Comm between Bn and Coys - L/T and Runner.

M. Matthews

.....Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

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.....Lieut
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				XXXXXXXX 16 17 -				56 61 3			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24	3	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfu. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Rollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CGMS	5	6	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen Duties			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics									660	689	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Mess Sgt		1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	19	NR	Carrier Cpl		1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				R.S.N.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	10	11		Clerks, Technical				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				C.S.N.	5	4	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conerators							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg Sgt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RNO's Ord	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	
Pharmacists				Massours				Driver Tpin. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	2	
Photographers, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	27	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Post Ord	1	1	
P plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1NR
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitters	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemakers	1	1	
												Blacksmith	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	56	61	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	813	5

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

RE 3 Dec, 43

Date of Despatch

C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn. Commander

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

R.S.M. Posting provides for W.O.1. Posting at present - W.O.11.

Sgt. Clerk at Records Office provides for 'B' class soldier. Posting is filled by 'A' class S/Sgt.

Attached personnel

A.A.G.C. W.E. Provides for 1 W.O.11, 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls and 12 TC Cooks Posted strength is 1 W.O.11, 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls and 16 TC Cooks

Grade	Present Strength	Reinforcements	Total	Remarks
Warrant Officer Class 1	1	0	1	
Warrant Officer Class 2	0	0	0	
Warrant Officer Class 3	0	0	0	
Warrant Officer Class 4	0	0	0	
Warrant Officer Class 5	0	0	0	
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Warrant Officer Class 98	0	0	0	
Warrant Officer Class 99	0	0	0	
Warrant Officer Class 100	0	0	0	

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn

From 0001 Hrs 4 Dec, To 2359 hrs 10 Dec.

MOVEMENT.

0845 hrs on Thursday a leave draft consisting of 23 personnel under the comd of WOII BATSON left the Bn area proceeding to NDD for onward movement.

TRAINING.

During the week ending 10 Dec all coys carried out trg as per syllabus

MAKE AND MEND.

At every opportunity all coys were engaged in Make and mend and cleaning of area.

RIFLE SHOOT.

During the week all coys carried out range practices on two 100 yd Ranges constructed by adjacent to the Camp area by the Unit Pioneer Pl.

SECURITY CHECK.

On Saturday and Wednesday I Sec personnel carried out a strict security check of the Bn area.

LECTURES.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all Coys attended lectures by the QM (Capt A.C. TOON) on the General Organization of Ord and other interesting matters.

MOBILE BATH UNIT.

On Monday the Bn was visited by the Mobile Bath Unit.

AIR-RAID ALERT.

On Sunday at 2055 hrs , air raid Red alert was sounded, no enemy action resulted, the all clear sounding at 2130 hrs

RECREATION.

On Monday night personnel attended a film screening in the area.

CHURCH PARADES.

On Sunday combined C of E, OPD and R.C. church services were conducted in the Bn area.

INTER-COMM.

Comm between Bde and Bn L/T and D/R
Comm between Bn and Coys L/T and Runners.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 Aust Inf Bn

Serial No. 27/43
4 Dec 43.

146 DUTIES.

Date	ORDERLY OFFICER.	Duty Coy	ORDERLY SGT.
Dec.			
4	Lieut S.J.G. PLATZ	A	Cpl DARLING J.
5	Lieut N.J. SIEMON	B	L/Sgt JORDON F.C.
6	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	C	Cpl ROCKWOOD W.A.
7	Lieut R.W. MEAD	D	Cpl AIRD A.J.
8	Lieut A.D. THOMPSON	HQ	Cpl KIESELBACH J.C.
9	Lieut R.H. HOLMES	A	

147 REGIMENTAL TRUST A/C

Balance 1 Nov 43		679:19:11
Canteen Sales	1214: 0: 7	
Refund---Drum-Vellums		
Re-claimed trophies	2:10: 0	
Profit. A.D.C.S.	70: 2: 7	

1287: 2: 2

1967: 2: 1

Less.

Canteen Purchases	1175: 8:10
Extra Rations	229:10: 6
Cotton & Needles	18: 6
Adv to Bde Amenities	200: 0: 0
Bn. Sports Trophies	39: 0: 0

1644:17:10

Balance at 30 Nov 43

£322: 4: 3

David Lewis
.....Lieut
Adj't 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 9 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 730 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
1	1		1	*					
2	2		2	*					
3	3		7	Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
			7	Captains	A.A.H.C.	1			
			16	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6	6		26			1			

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	A.I.P.	O.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	27	-	-	-							
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX40362	T/Capt	HENDERSON, D.G.	1 Aust. Water Tpt. Co.	1/12/45	Transferred out

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON 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 Posting	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS, G.R.	C.O.	YES	
T/Major	VX177038	FRY, W.G.	21/c	NO	Det-Adv. Party
T/Major	OX40322	PERCIVAL, G.M.	O.C. HQ Coy	NO	Leave
T/Capt	OX40371	BIRCH, A.T.	O.C. A Coy	YES	
T/Capt	OX46995	SMITH, C.J.K.	O.C. C Coy	YES	
T/Capt	OX40320	TOON, A.C.	W.M.	YES	
T/Capt	OX40323	KELLY, J.L.	O.C. B Coy	NO	School-Canberra
T/Capt	OX40324	ROONEY, A.J.	21/c C "	YES	
T/Capt	OX36589	COCHRANE, G.A.	Adj't	NO	Leave
T/Capt	OX40336	RADFORD, D.P.	21/c B Coy	NO	Leave
T/Capt	NX116813	GAUL, A.J.F.	O.C. D Coy	YES	
Lieut	OX45108	STEMON, H.J.	Adm Comd A	YES	
Lieut	OX33609	FICKERING, L.A.		NO	O.C. T.H. - Woodside
Lieut	OX40369	LEVER, K.W.	14 Pl	NO	Leave
Lieut	OX40332	HOLMES, R.H.	4 Pl	YES	
Lieut	OX36425	PEACHEY, J.W.	13 Pl	NO	Patient-2/9 AGH
Lieut	OX40334	ROBERTS, F.B.		NO	" 47 AGH
Lieut	OX40325	WOOD, H.D.		NO	OCTU - Woodside
Lieut	OX53197	SANKEY, P.T.	9 Pl	YES	
Lieut	OX40333	SWAN, H.P.J.	3 Pl	NO	Leave
Lieut	OX40331	HAMMOND, F.H.	Adm Comd HQ	YES	
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER, L.H.	16 Pl	YES	
Lieut	OX55210	BURDA, E.C.	11 Pl	NO	OCTU - Woodside
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY, W.W.	5 Pl	NO	Leave
Lieut	OX43132	BAYLOR, H.B.	3 Pl	NO	Det-Adv. Party
Lieut	OX37916	THOMPSON, A.D.	T.O.	YES	
Lieut	OX50112	BLAZE, S.J.C.	Adm Comd B	YES	
Lieut	OX43385	WILKINSON, S.W.	1 Pl	NO	Det-Adv. Party
Lieut	NX104272	DIND, B.S.	I.O.	YES	
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS, H.J.P.	7 Pl	NO	Det-Adv. Party
Lieut	OX43467	COX, L.A.	13 Pl	NO	Det-Adv. Party
Lieut	NX127097	HEAD, R.W.	10 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
T/Capt	NX117597	WINDYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chaplain IV Class	VX114018	GANLEY, D.A.	A.A.Ch. Dept		Chaplain

9 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit)

C.O.

(Signature of Commander)

Lt-Col

4 Dec, 45

(Date of Despatch)

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

TRAINING SYLLABUS - 6 TO 11 NOV, 45.

1. RIFLE COYS

MONDAY **A.M. ALL COYS** Practice Rolling of Blanket, Groundsheet &
6 Nov. Mosquito Net to standard design.
Practice rolling of Gas Capes
Respirator Drill.

P.M. RIFLE COYS-

1400-1500 - Bath Parades - Balance day - Map Reading.

TUESDAY A and B Coys - Rifle Range (all day)
7 Nov C and D Coys - A.M. See Maps and Exercise
P.M. Q.M.'s Lecture.

WEDNESDAY A and B Coys - A.M. See Maps and Exercise
8 Nov P.M. Q.M.'s Lecture.

THURSDAY A.M. All Coys - En Route March (3 Hours)
9 Nov P.M. All Coys - Tree Climbing
Personal Camouflage

FRIDAY A.M. A and C Coys - Inter-Coy Sports
10 Nov B and D Coys - Map Reading; Finding Peas on Map
P.M. A and C Coys - Map Reading; Finding peas on map
B and D Coys - Inter-Coy Sports

SATURDAY Reserved.
11 Nov

2. HQ COY

1 Pl. - Sig Trg all the week especially horse except -
(a) Route March - A.M. THURSDAY 9 Nov.
(b) Rifle Range - FRIDAY

2 Pl. - MRE's Rangefinding Course Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
except for time on Range - Balance week as for Rifle Co

3 Pl. - MORTARS - Trg new personnel - Balance platoon on range
procedures except for Range and Route March.

4 Pl. - Gun Drill and general trg except for Route March and
Rifle Range.

5 & 6 Pls. - Normal duties all the week.

WHOLE COY -

Monday - A.M. - As for Rifle Coys
P.M. - 1400 Bath Parade
1500 Lecture by Q.M.

Thursday - All Day - As for Rifle Coys

Friday - All Day - Rifle Range

Saturday - A.M. Organised Sports
P.M. Reserved.

5 Dec, 45

David Duns

.....Lieu
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN

Serial No. 28/43
9 Dec 43.

148 DUTIES.

Date	ORDERLY OFFICER	Duty Coy	ORDERLY SGT.
Dec.			
10	Lieut R.T. SANKEY	C	Sgt LAMBERT C.H.
11	Lieut L.H. ZIMMER	B	L/Sgt RAY T.F.
12	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	D	Cpl STANTON E.J.
13	Lieut R.W. MEAD	HQ	Cpl McDONAGH R.L.N.
14	Lieut S.J.G. PLATZ	A	Sgt BUSBY J.C.
15	Lieut W.J. SIEMON	B	Cpl PORTER R.
16	Lieut A.D. THOMPSON	D	Cpl KENT L.E.
17	Lieut L.H. ZIMMER	HQ	Cpl EVANS M.C.
18	Lieut R.H. HOLMES	C	Sgt THOMAS W.

149 LOSS, DAMAGE, DEFACEMENT AAB 83.

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.....Lieut.
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

-INTELLIGENCE REPORT-

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9 AUST INF BN

From 0001 hrs 11 Dec
To 2359 hrs 17 Dec

TRAINING: -

Throughout the week all rifle coys and the specialist pls of HQ Coy continued with trg according to their respective syllabuses.

WORKING PARTIES: -

The detached D Coy working party at 2/1 AGH was relieved during the week, returning to unit lines at 1800 hrs on 16 Dec. This completes the relief of all unit working parties.

ROUTE MARCHES: -

On Thursday, A Coy with one Pl of HQ Coy marched to KILA BEACH, where they made an overnight bivouac. They were relieved on Friday by C Coy with one pl of HQ Coy., who will also biv. overnight. While at the beach, the Coys, will be engaged in cleaning up the beach area.

LECTURES: -

On Tuesday A and D Coys, and on Wednesday B & C Coys were lectured on problems of post war reconstruction by WOII R.A. FRANCIS of the AEB. On Thursday, WO FRANCIS lectured HQ Coy on the "Lend-Lease" system.

RECREATION: -

Personnel attended film screenings in the area at 1900 hrs on Monday. Organised sports were carried out during the week by all coys.

MOBILE BATH UNIT: -

The Mobile Bath Unit visited the area at 1400 hrs on Monday.

MARCHED OUT: -

On Sunday, the RMB (Capt J.S. WINDEYER) was marched out to 2/1 A.C.H., being replaced by Capt A. BEARBLOCK.

CHURCH PARADES: -

Church Services for C of E, O.P.D. and R.C.'s were conducted in the Bn area on Sunday.

INTER COMM: -

Intercomm remains unchanged from our last reports.

G. Matthews

.....Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

Quillman

.....Lieut
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 12 / 194 3 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 12c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 754 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1 2 3	1 2 3		1 2 7 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.N.C.	1			
6	6		26			1			

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	AIF 'A' 27	'B'	'A'	'B'							
E.(1)											
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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	YES		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	21/c	NO	Det- Advance Party	
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.H.	0CHQ	NO	Leave	
T/Capt	QX40871	BRECH	A.T.	0C A	YES		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	0C C	YES		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.G.	Q.M.	YES		
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	0C B	NO	School - Canberra	
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	21/c			
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	C Coy	YES		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	Adjt	NO	Leave	
T/Capt				21/c	NO	Leave	
T/Capt				B Coy			
Lieut	NX116813	GAUL	A.J.F.	0C D	YES		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	Adm	YES		
Lieut				Comd			
Lieut	QX33609	PICKERING	L.A.		NO	O.C.P.U.-Woodside	
Lieut	QX40369	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	NO	LEAVE	
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	NO	Patient -2/9 AGH	
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.		NO	" 47 AGH	
Lieut	QX40825	WOOD	H.D.		NO	OCTU - Woodside	
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	Adm			
Lieut				ComdHQ	YES		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX55210	WERDA	E.C.	11 Pl	NO	OCTU - WOODSIDE	
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 Pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	8 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	QX50119	PLATZ	S.J.G.	Adm			
Lieut				Comd B	YES		
Lieut	QX43305	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	I.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	QX49467	COX	L.A.	18 Pl	NO	Det - ADVANCE Party	
Lieut	NX127097	MEAD	R.W.	10 Pl	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
/Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER J.S.	AAMC		R.H.O.
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY, D.A.	AA Ch Dept		CHAPLAIN

11.12.43

Date of Despatch

C.O.

[Signature]

LT-Col

Signature of Commander

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				XXXXXXXXXX 16 16 . XXXXXXXXX				56 61 3			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Eangetakers	4	4	.
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24	3	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagen Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	.	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman					5	6	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Mess Sgt	2	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Car. Cpl		1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		R.S.M.	1		1
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				C.S.M.	5	4	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg Sgt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO's Ord	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	8			Chirop.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hand's, I.C.				Cooks	23	28	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Host Ord	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1 NR
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fit.	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assta.				Gun Layers				Shoemakers	1	1	
												Blacksmith	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	16		CARRIED FORWARD	56	61	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	827	6

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

11 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Capt. Charles John GEARD -

This officer has been conspicuously successful in the command of his Company and has maintained an excellent standard of discipline, devotion to duty and esprit de corps.

Award Recommended : M.B.E.

TX 560 W.O.II. Thomas Jackson SHEPHERD -

This non-commissioned officer has given meritorious service to the Battalion and has at all times performed his duties in a manner which affords a valuable example to all non-commissioned officers. His work has been of the greatest value in maintaining a high standard of discipline.

Award Recommended : Meritorious Medal Order of the
British Empire.

SX 838 Sgt. Douglas Edmund MIELL -

This N.C.O. has, since the formation of the Battalion, been one of the outstanding personalities in welding together into an efficient fighting organization many of the recruit elements of the Unit.

By his exemplary conduct he has been an inspiration to the men, not only of his Company, but the whole Battalion in the duties and requirements of a soldier.

He is extremely reliable and has been acting as a Platoon Commander for some time, his work during the whole of his career as a soldier being of a very high order.

Award Recommended : Meritorious Medal Order of the
British Empire.

Capt. Robert Francis REIDY -

This officer has commanded "A" Coy since December, 1939, and has proved a singularly successful commander.

He is keen, efficient, resourceful and energetic, and has succeeded in training a most efficient company, largely due to his own personal example and cheerful leadership.

Award Recommended : M.B.E.

QX 1256 W.O.II. John MILLARD -

This W.O. served continuously for 11½ years in the Militia after reaching the age of 18 years, and was still serving when he enlisted in the A.I.F. on its formation.

One of the original instructors in the A.I.F., he has those qualities of resourcefulness, initiative, and a cheerful facing of difficulties necessary for a good N.C.O.

He has held the appointment of C.S.M. of "C" Coy 9 Bn since its inception. A good leader and a first-class instructor, he has the respect of his men and of his officers.

Award Recommended : Meritorious Medal Order of
the British Empire.

(f) QX32471 L/Cpl DAGAN L J :- L/Cpl DAGAN has proved himself in training and in action to be a first class soldier. As a pte, because of his exceptional ability with a rifle he was used as a sniper and has one certainty and two probables to his credit. His coolness and courage and determination to hunt and kill Japs was an inspiration to all. On the death of his Sec Comd he took over his duties and proved himself a capable leader. As a patrol leader, he brought back much valuable information and never failed to complete the task his patrol had been ordered to do.

(g) Q16879 Pte DAVIS H R :- Pte DAVIS has been technical storeman since Nov 42. During the whole period of his employment in this capacity, he has maintained a quiet and efficient control; and his management has been responsible for a smooth and highly efficient system of maintenance and distribution of stores within the unit.

His records are a model, and the system has been copied by more than one unit.

During the DOYABIE-SISIVIE engagement, he ably assisted in the making up of the "boy trains" necessary to take supplies to fwd tps, and his ability in this matter was most marked.

Pte DAVIS saw active service throughout the MILNE BAY campaign, and has been continuously with the unit throughout its over-seas service.

(h) QX40263 Sjt JONES L J :- This NCO is one the unit tailors. Throughout his period of service with the unit, Sjt JONES has displayed initiative and ability of a high standard. His activities have not been confined to tailoring alone, but include repair of equipment with the use of his sewing machine (particularly American gaiters), and other work of a constructive nature, such as making of berets for unusual fittings.

On the occasion of the issue of service dress to the unit on its return to Australia, Sjt JONES and his assistant, Cpl MCKENZIE, personally measured and fitted each man with his uniform. This feat which called for a large amount of remaking and rebuilding of ill-fitting clothing, was pushed through without pause until the 700 odd men had been accommodated.

Owing to the present poor selection of sizes in trousers, the unit tailors have to fit almost all men from garments with a 36" waist. This involves considerable remaking, but by keen application to his work, the output is kept at 8 pair per day.

Sjt JONES has at times performed the duties of Pl Sjt, and is a capable NCO in all respects.

He has served continuously with the unit since Dec 41.

In the recent campaign, at times when it is not possible to do tailoring, Sjt JONES has acted as NCO i/c of parties escorting native carriers.

(i) QX62244 Pte CASH E J K :- Pte CASH is one of the original members of the Mortar Pl having joined it in 1941, and has always been known to do his duties efficiently.

His det gave support fire in both the LITTLE GEORGE and ARTY RIDGE attacks. His det comd was forward at the OP and in his opinion, it was due to Pte CASH's efforts that the mortar functioned so efficiently. He was an inspiration to the det during the counter attack on LITTLE GEORGE.

(j) QX43217 Sjt McNAMARA W F :- Sjt McNAMARA has been with the unit since Sep 41, serving throughout as technical storeman and technical Sjt. His technical ability and tenacity of purpose has been responsible for the high standard of efficiency of the unit's technical stores. Not the least of his accomplishments is his ability to recover and reclaim the spare parts necessary for repairs.

In both of the recent actions he was continually up with the fwd coys checking on equipment and showing energy in the prevention of losses and the recovery of stores. His actions have enabled the technical stores of the unit to be kept at a high standard.

8/3/46

J. Matthews

Lt-col
Comd 9 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
LT-COL G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN

Serial No. 29/43
17 Dec 43

150 DUTIES. - The following schedule of duties is advised to cover the balance of current year and the festive season.

Date	ORDERLY OFFICER	Duty Coy	ORDERLY NCO.
19 Dec	Lieut S.J.G. PLATZ	B	
20	Lieut A.D. THOMPSON	D	
21	Lieut R.T. SANKEY	HQ	
22	Lieut N.J. SIEMON	A	
23	Lieut L.H. ZIMMER	C	
24	Lieut R.W. NEAD	D	
25	Lieut R.T. SANKEY	HQ	
26	Lieut R.H. HOLMES	A	
27	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	B	
28	Lieut S.J.G. PLATZ	C	
29	Lieut N.J. SIEMON	D	
30	Lieut R.W. NEAD	HQ	
31	Lieut A.D. THOMPSON	A	
1 Jan	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	B	
2	Lieut R.H. HOLMES	C	

Duty Coy will detail an Orderly NCO (who must be at least a Cpl) in each case and advise Orderly Officer and HQ by phone by 1700 hrs on day of mounting duty.

151 USE OF CENSORED COVERS

The Field Censorship Instruction No. 7 is published for general information:-

1. A censored cover is an envelope, a green envelope or a wrapping showing any censorship markings including all or any of the following- Unit Censor Stamp, "Opened by Censor" Label or "Passed by Censor" Stamp
2. Censored covers may only be used again for transmission through the post if the previous censorship markings are NOT discernible.
3. If a censored cover is or appears to be used by any member of the AMP in breach of this instruction
 - (a) the Unit Censor will forward the censored cover to the OC unit for action; or
 - (b) if the censored cover is not intercepted in the unit, any censorship authority signing it will arrange to forward the censored cover to the appropriate Formation or L of C area for action."

152 DRESS

1. Unit Routine Order 25/43 is cancelled.

2(a) The following dress will be worn:-

- (i) Slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirt or safari jacket will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.
- (ii) Boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short

PROVIDED THAT Permission may be given by Formation Comd between "sunrise" and "sunset" hours will be fixed and published in later Unit Routine Orders).

- i. members to wear sleeves rolled up;
- ii. members of authorised working parties, whilst actually engaged in strenuous work, to work with the upper portion of the body bare;

DRESS (CONF)

- 2(b) Members granted permission to work with upper portion of the body bare will wear shirts when proceeding to and returning from the actual place of work.
- 2(c) No general permission will be given by COs pursuant to the above provision. A specific direction must be given by COs on each occasion.
- 3. A member issued with American gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD
- 4.(a) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts or belts web.
(b) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web
(c) All other ranks may wear belts web
- 5. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that, at their option;
 - (a) officers and warrant officers may wear, in lieu, caps, officer pattern;
 - (b) drivers MT may wear, in lieu, caps SD
- 6. Safari jackets may be worn only by those other ranks who:
 - (a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF; or
 - (b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance
- 7. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the right hand side of, and in the centre of the hat band, unless ordered not to wear colour patches for security reasons.
- 8. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs, all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.
- 9. Coy Comds will be responsible for ensuring that members of their Coys are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith.
- 10. This order will take effect on and from 15 Dec 43.

153. WITHDRAWAL OF SHORTS.

- 1. Shorts will not be issued to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
- 2. Shorts now on issue will be withdrawn immediately from all personnel in NEW GUINEA. Shorts which are the personal property of individuals will be handed in to the Kit Store.
- 3. Coy Comds will ensure that para 2 of this order is fully complied with and will render to the respective this HQ not later than 23 Dec 43 a certificate to that effect.
- 4. Action will be taken by all concerned to ensure that shorts in the possession of personnel subsequently arriving in NEW GUINEA are withdrawn on such arrival.
- 5. Necessary issues will be made to enable each member to have in his possession three pairs of slacks.
- 6. The wearing of shorts will be treated as an offence on and from 15 Dec 43

154. STERILISING OUTFITS FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES.

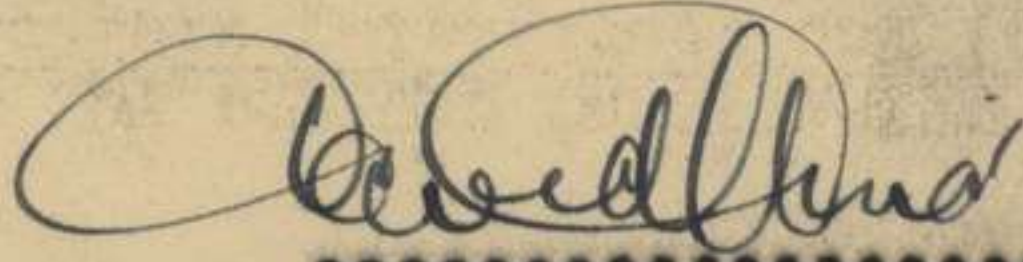
- 1.(a) The sterilising tablets in outfits for use with water bottles are subject to deterioration and loss of strength on prolonged storage. provision has been made for replacement of outfits by AASC on the elapse of six months from the date of manufacture or if they are found to be unserviceable.
- (b) Unit medical officers will inspect samples from each batch on issue to the unit and supervise a test for free chlorine with local water supply. This test will be repeated if any outfits remain unopened one month after issue. If outfits are found to be unserviceable they will, on the recommendation of the unit medical officer, be returned to AASC for replacement.
- (c) Tablets will be protected from deterioration by keeping the bottles tightly corked. One outfit will be used completely before the next is opened, in order to avoid deterioration by ~~repeated~~

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to air. For the same reason, no bottle of sterilising tablets will be kept for more than seven days after it has first been opened, as the efficiency of its contents cannot be guaranteed for a longer period after the first opening.

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

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



.....Lieut
Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn

From: 0001 hrs 18 Dec
To: 2359 hrs 24 Dec

TRAINING:

Throughout the week all coys continued with trg as laid down per syllabus.

WORK PARTIES.

The Pioneer Pl which had been stationed at KILA BEACH since Monday engaged in constructing bathing sheds is remaining at the Beach over Xmas.

A Coy plus one pl HQ Coy marched to KILA BEACH on Monday where they continued cleaning up the beach area until being relieved by B Coy plus one Pl HQ Coy on Wednesday. B Coy returned to the unit on Friday.

LECTURES:

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, AES lectures on "Federal Union" were given to all coys by WOII E.A.FRANCIS.

RECREATION:

On Monday at 1930 hrs, pers attended film screenings in the Bn area.

MOBILE BATH UNIT.

On Monday at 1400 hrs, the Mobile Bath Unit visited the Bn Area.

CHURCH PARADES.

On Sunday at 0730 hrs C of E Communion service was conducted by Padre D.A.GANLY. The O.P.D. service was at 0945 hrs while Mass for RC's was celebrated at 0730 hrs

INTER COMM: Inter comm. remains unchanged from last report.

J. Matthews
.....Lt-Col
Comd 9 Aust Inf Bn

David [Signature]
.....Lieut
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

71 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/12/1945 9 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 129 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 754 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
1	1		7	Captains	A.A.N.C.	1			
2	2		16	Lieutenants					
3	3			Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6	6		26			1			

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	A.I.P.	O.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	26		1								
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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				A Coy			
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Lieut	QX35425	FRACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	NO	Patient 2/9 A.C.H.	
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.		NO	Patient 47 A.C.H.	
Lieut	QX40825	POOD	H.D.		NO	O.C.T.U.- Woodside	
Lieut	QX33297	SAMEY	F.F.	9 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.W.	Adm			
				Comd	YES		
Lieut	8X183925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	YES		
Lieut	QX55210	WEDA	H.C.	11 Pl	NO	O.C.T.U.-Woodside	
Lieut	8X3083	VINEY	H.H.	5 Pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	H.R.	8 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut	QX50119	PLATZ	H.J.G.	Adm Comd			
				B Coy	YES		
Lieut	QX43305	ENGLAND	S.W.	1 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	8X104272	DIED	D.S.	I.O.	YES		
Lieut	VX13046	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	QX49467	COX	L.A.	18 Pl	NO	Det - Advance Party	
Lieut	8X127097	HEAD	R.W.	10 Pl	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	W461123	BEARBLOCK A.	A.A.H.C	12.12.43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY B.A.	A.A.		Chaplain
lv Class			Ch Dept		

18 Dec 43.

Date of Despatch

G. Matthews Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.
Signature of Commander

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operator, Keyboard	16	16	-	Hammermen	56	63	1
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Range-takers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	26	1	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Fitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				CGMS	5	6	-
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen Duties			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics									676	710	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Mess Sgt	-	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	Car Cpl	-	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taber				Clerks	11	11	-	R.S.M.	1	-	1
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				RQMS	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CSM	5	4	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg Sgt	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO's Ord	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Typ. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	2	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	23	-
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fit	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemakers	1	1	-
												Blacksmith	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	16	-	CARRIED FORWARD	56	63	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	838	4

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

18 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

C.O. 9 *Matthew* Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

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-9 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS 13 - 18 Dec 43-

Monday 13 Dec	Tuesday 14 Dec	Wednesday 15 Dec	Thursday 16 Dec	Friday 17 Dec	Saturday 18 Dec
A AM. Coy Route March (3 Hrs) PM 1400 Bath Pde 1430 "Make & Mend"	AM Sports v B Coy 1400 A.E.S. Lect. 1515 F.S.S. Lect	AM Duty Coy 1100 Lect by QM 1400 Lect by RMO Bice day Coy Comd Discretion	AM Route March to KILA BEACH (All day lunch in field)	AM. Range Practice All day on Camp Range (SIEMON'S SLOPES)	AM Map Reading in the Field PM Wake and Mend
B AM Coy Route March (3 hrs) PM 1400 Bath Pde 1430 Make & Mend"	AM Range Pract All Day on Camp Range (SIEMON'S SLOPES)	AM Sports v C Coy 1400 A.E.S. Lect 1515 F.S.S. Lect	AM Duty Coy 1100 Lect by Q.M. 1400 Lect by RMO Bice Day Coy Comds Discretion.	AM Route March to KILA BEACH (All day lunch in Field)	AM Map Reading in the Field PM Wake and Mend.
C AM Coy Route March (3 Hrs) PM 1400 Bath Pde 1430 Make & Mend	AM Route March to KILA BEACH (All day lunch in the Field)	AM Sports v B Coy 1400 F.S.S. Lect 1515 A.E.S. Lect	AM Map Reading in the Field. 1400 Lect by QM 1515 Lect by RMO	AM Map Reading in the Field. PM Coy Comds Discretion	AM Range Practice all day on Camp Range (GAULS GULLEY)
D AM Coy Route March (3 Hrs) PM 1400 Bath Pde 1430 Make & Mend	AM Sports v A Coy 1400 F.S.S. Lect 1515 A.E.S. Lect	AM Route March to KILA BEACH (All day lunch in the field)	AM Range Practice all day on Camp Range (GAULS GULLEY)	AM Duty Coy 1100 Lect by QM 1400 Lect by RMO Bice day Coy Comd Discretion	AM Map Reading in the Field PM Wake and Mend.
HQ AM Route March (3 Hrs) PM 1400 Bath Pde 1430 Make and Mend	AM Duty Coy 0930, 1100 F.S.S. Lects (ALL to attend) 1400 Lect by Q.M. Rest of day Specialists Training	AM MMJ, Pnr Pls Route March to KILA BEACH Tk/A, Mortar Pls Range Pract on GAULS GULLEY SIG Pl Specialists Training	AM Coy Sports 1400, 1515 A.E.S. Lects (ALL to attend) Range (ALL to attend) Pract on GAULS GULLEY Training	AM Tk/A Mortar Pls Route March to KILA BEACH MMJ Para Pls Range Pract on GAULS GULLEY Sig Pl Specialists Training	AM Duty Coy 1100 Lect by RMO, Bice morning specialists Trg. PM - Wake and Mend

NIGHT TRAINING ALL
COYS - PATROLS TO
BE DETAILED BY RHQ

Note: Salvation Army Unit
In area afternoon and
evening to supply music

[Handwritten Signature]

Adjt. 9th. Battalion

9 AUST INF Bn - TRAINING SYLLABUS

20-25 DECEMBER 43.

Goy	MONDAY 20 Dec	TUESDAY 21 Dec.	WEDNESDAY 22 Dec.	THURSDAY 23 Dec	FRIDAY 24 Dec	SATURDAY 25 Dec
A	Whole Coy on Working Party at KILA BEACH			Duty Coy Make and Mend 1400 AES Lecture	TOET on Rifle (All day)	XMAS DAY 0730- REVELLE 0830- BREAKFAST 0930- CHURCH PDE 1230- XMAS DINNER 1330- OFFICERS' MESS 1930- CONCERT
B	Duty Coy Make and Mend 1400 - Bath	AM-Tent Pitching Packing of Packs. 1400 AES Lecture	Whole Coy on Working Party at KILA BEACH			
C	AM - Make and Mend 1415 - Bath	TOET on Rifle (All day)	AM-Tent Pitching Packing of Packs 1515 - AES Lec- ture.	TOET on Bren (All day)	Duty Coy Make and Mend	
D	Working Party at KILA BEACH	Duty Coy Make and Mend	AM-TOET on Rifle 1400 AES Lecture	AM-Tent Pitching Packing of packs PM-Make and Mend	TOET on Bren (All day)	
HQ	AM-TOET on Rifle 1430 Bath	AM - TOET Rifle 1400-RMO's Lec- ture 1515-AES Lecture	Duty Coy Make and Mend	AM-TOET on Bren 1515 AES Lecture	AM-TOET on Bren PM-Make and Mend	

RECCE REPORT ON 30 AUST INF BDE TRG RANGE.

By: D.L. BIRKBECK, L/Sgt
J.G. HIGGINS, A/Cpl

Ref Map: PORT MORESBY 1"

Unit: 9 Aust Inf Bn
Date: 24 Dec 43
Time Taken: 1 hr
Visibility: Good
Weather: Fine

PART ONE.

1. Accurate Location	..	886374
2. Ranges which can be fired	..	100 yds, 200 yds, 300 yds
3. Targets	..	Available 4 double 3'6" x 3'6" 3 double 6' x 6'; 4 single 8' x 3' (MG)
4. No of mounds	..	Three Four
5. Time of marching to range	..	55 minutes
6. Quality of patching	..	Poor
7. Moveable and fixed targets	..	Moveable
8. Butt arrangements	..	L/T Comm
9. Name of Range keeper and his location	..	None

PART TWO.

- ACCURATE LOCATION: (1) Compass Resection fixed the location of the range at 886373. A track to the range turns off from the main road at a point opposite a 5 Aust Inf Div. Water Point at 893375. (Resection shows that the main road is considerably out of position)
- RANGES WHICH CAN BE FIRED. (2) Mounds are laid at 100, 200 and ^{300 & 400} 300 yds. Each mound can accommodate nine men. However, the 100 and 200 yds mounds are slightly overgrown, necessitating clearing before being used by the full number of men.
- (3) The grass could be cleared with the bayonet.
- TARGETS. (4) The following targets are stacked under a tarpaulin near the butts: 4 double targets (windmill type) each 3'6" x 3'6"; 3 double targets each 6' x 6'; 4 single targets each 8' x 3' (MMG Type)
- (5) All targets are weather beaten and in poor condition though by no means U/S.
- (6) Construction of the rifle targets is sisalkraft, while the mmg targets are made of hessian, New sisalkraft is required in all cases.
- QUALITY OF PATCHING (7) Patching generally was of poor standard.
- MOVEABLE OR FIXED TARGETS. (8) The targets of the windmill type are suspended from spikes in poles erected in the butts. While one half of the target is being engaged the other half can be repaired.
- BUTT ARRANGEMENTS (9) Line for use by D/5 sets is laid between butts and mounds.
- (10) Poles to accommodate 8 windmill type targets are erected, but two are without spikes to support the frames. There is room for the erection of another pole to enable the full use of 9 targets, (see (2))
- (11) Five (5) marking poles are available.
- (12) The unit will have to provide its own paste and paper for patching.
- (13) The butts, which are approx 8ft deep, are in a very dirty condition, being littered with paper, broken timber and other rubbish
- MARCHING TIME FROM CAMP TO RANGE. (14) The distance was covered comfortably this morning in 55 minutes.
- RANGE KEEPER. (15) There is no keeper located on this range. Inquiries for its use should be made to Moresby Base Sub Area.
- GENERAL REMARKS (16) A day's work by a Coy on this range could turn it into a first-class proposition.

-PART TWO - (Contd)

GENERAL REMARKS.

(17) Various subsidiary re-entrants offer splendid opportunities for SMG and pistol practices. The construction of life-size figures for targets would be all that is necessary to provide at least four good ranges for this type of training.

A. BeechL/Sgt

John J. HigginsA/Cpl

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn

From 0001 hrs 25 D.C.
To 2359 Hrs 31 Dec

TRAINING: T

Throughout the week, all coys continued with trg as laid down per syllabus.

WORK PARTIES:

The Pioneer pl continued with the erection of dressing sheds and a shelter hut at KILA BEACH. On Sunday, C Coy with on pl HQ Coy left for KILA BEACH to continue with cleaning up the area. They were relieved on Tuesday by D Coy who returned to unit lines on Friday.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

On Saturday, the unit celebrated its second Christmas in NEW GUINEA. A Bn parade was held at 0915 hrs., and the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) extended his Christmas greetings to the Bn.

VISITS:

At 1100 hrs on Christmas Day, Brig J FIELD visited the bn to exchange seasonal greetings with the C.O. and officers.

RECREATION:

On Monday at 1930 hrs, pers attended film screenings in the bn area, and on Thursday night, tpt was provided to take pers to KILA BEACH to witness a performance by the 11 Aust Div Concert Party. On Friday, NEW YEAR'S EVE, pers attended a unit concert arranged by Padre D.A. GANLY.

LECTURES:

During the week, all coys attended AES lectures, the subject being "Will Russia fight Japan".

MOBILE BATH UNIT:

On Wednesday at 1400 hrs, the Mobile Bath Unit visited the bn area.

CHURCH PARADES:

Tpt was provided on Christmas Eve to take C of E, R.C and O.P.D. pers to midnight church services in MORESBY, and on Christmas Day at 0930 hrs a bn church parade for C of E and OPD pers was conducted by Padre D.A. GANLY. The usual church parades were held on Sunday.

INTERCOMM:

Remains unchanged from our last report.

G. Matthews
.....Lt-Col
9 Aust Inf Bn

G. Matthews
.....I.O.
9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

72 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 1943 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 754 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	2	-	1	Majors					
-	4	-	5	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	6	-	13	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	12	-	20			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	20	-	1								21
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 25 / 12 / 1943.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.	
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O	YES			
T/Major	VX117032	FRY	W.G.	2 1/c	NO	Det - Advance Party		
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.H.	OC HQ	NO	Leave		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A	YES			
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	OC C	YES			
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	QM	YES			
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B	NO	School Canberra		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	2 1/c	YES			
				C Coy				
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	NO	Leave		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	21/e B	NO	Leave		
T/Capt	NX116813	GAUL	A.J.F.	OC D	YES			
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	H.J.	Adm Comd				
				A Coy	YES			
Lieut	QX33609	PICKERING	L.A.		NO	O.C.T.U. - Woodside		
Lieut	QX40369	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	NO	Leave		
Lieut	QX36425	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	YES			
Lieut	QX40834	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	NO	Patient 7 G.H. Redbank		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.D.		NO	Patient 47 A.C.H.		
Lieut	QX40825	WOOD	H.D.		NO	O.C.T.U. - Woodside		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	NO	Leave		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	YES			
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	H.M.	Adm Comd				
				HQ Coy	YES			
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	16 Pl	YES			
Lieut	QX55210	WERDA	E.C.	11 Pl	NO	OCTU - Woodside		
Lieut	SX3085	VINEY	W.W.	5 Pl	NO	Leave		
Lieut	QX43139	BAYLOR	H.R.	8 Pl	NO	Det Adv Party		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	YES			
Lieut	QX50119	PLATZ	S.J.G.	Adm Comd				
				B Coy	YES			
Lieut	QX43305	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	NO	Det - Adv Party		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	I.O.	YES			
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	NO	Det - Adv Party		
Lieut	QX49467	COX	L.A.	13 Pl	NO	Det - Adv Party		
Lieut	NX127097	MEAD	R.W.	10 Pl	YES			
		Attached allowed by W.E.						
Capt	W461123	BEARLOCK	A	RMG	YES			

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain IV Class	VX114018	GARLY D.A.	W.A. Ch Dept	22	Chaplain

25 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

G.O. *Matt Lewis*
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

25 12 3 9 Aust Inf Bn

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)

11 12c 2 321 755 1 34

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Recruits Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinforce. Required				
	1		4	W.Os. Class I.				(AACC) 1					
	2		4	W.Os. Class II.									
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Egts.									
		1	1										
	8		23	Staff Sergeants	5	1	12	9	(AEME) 1				
	2		62	Sergeants	5	1	1	7	(AACC) 1				
	67		581	Corporals	17	X 1	1	19	AACC 5 (AEME) 1				
				Troopers, Privates, etc.									
				Civilians counting as O.R.									
NR	80	1	676	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2	A A C C	A A P C	A A E M C	A A M W S C	35	5	4	NR	
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).				Detail		C.M.P.							
				AIF B.P.		Under 19 Years. 19 Years and over.		A.W.A.S. A.A.M.W.S.		CIVIL R.A.N. R.A.A.P.		** TOTAL	
				A 305		406						711	
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.				B(1)									
				B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	7 Aust Inf Bde			1	7 Aust Inf Bde		
1	Amenities				(AACC)		
	NGF						

9 Aust Inf Bn

25 12 3

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

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

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	1	1		Operating Room Assts.	17	15		G.P.O. Assistants	57	52	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Eangetakers	4	3	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	19	NR	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	NR								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masscutrs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	15		CARRIED FORWARD	57	52		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	711	

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

25 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Shuttlesworth
Lt-Col
Commander

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- 9 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS 27 Dec 43 - 1 Jan 44. -

Coy	Monday 27 Dec 43	Tuesday 28 Dec 43	Wednesday 29 Dec 43	Thursday 30 Dec 43	Friday 31 Dec 43	Saturday 1 Jan 44
A	Duty Coy Bice Personnel TOET on Rifle	TOET on Rifle 1400 AES Lect	TOET on Gas PM- Bath Pde	All day on Camp Rifle Range	Rest Day for NEW YEARS DAY 2000 Bn Concert	KILA BEACH
B	TOET on Rifle	TOET on Bren 1515 AES Lect	TOET on Gas PM Bath Pde	Duty Coy Bice Pers. completing TOET	Rest Day for NEW YEARS DAY 2000 Bn Concert	Mt PULLEN Range (Classification practice)
C	KILA BEACH	KILA BEACH	Duty Coy 1330 AES Lect PM Bath Pde	TOET on Gas	Rest Day in lieu of Sunday 2 Jan (on range) 2000 Bn Concert	NEW YEARS DAY Inter Coy Sports
D	TOET on Rifle 1330 AES Lect	KILA BEACH	KILA BEACH	KILA BEACH	All day Camp Rifle Range 2000 Bn Concert	NEW YEARS DAY Inter Coy Sports
HQ	TOET Special- ist Weapons 1445 AES Lect	TOET on Specialist Weapons	PM Bath Pde 1445 AES Lect	TOET on Gas	DUTY COY 2000 Bn Concert	NEW YEARS DAY Inter Coy Sports

David [Signature]
Lieut
 Adjt 9 Aust Inf Bn

27 Dec 43