

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
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**Item number: 8/3/89**

**51 Infantry Battalion**  
**November - December 1942**

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 0600 1 Nov. 42. To 0600 3 Nov. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	1 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 offrs. 588 o/rs.  Due to heavy rain falling, no Bn. parade was held. However it cleared up by the afternoon and BN.H.Q. met H.Q. Coy in the Inter Coy cricket series and suffered heavily.	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;"> </div>
	2 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 offrs. 584 o/rs.	
		1000	Movement order No. 7 issued, copy attached  H.Q. Coy less 2 det. Mortars and 1 det. A/A moved to new area at map ref. 735452 GORDONVALE 1" to 1 Mile Emergency Edition, which is on the road to LITTLE MULGRAVE, 1 Tp Arty and part of Bty. H. Q. attached to this unit moved to new area near GORDONVALE map ref. 758496 GORDONVALE 1" to 1 Mile Emergency Edition.	
3 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 offrs. 586 o/rs.		

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 0600 3 Nov. 42 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	3 Nov. 42	1430	Major General E.J. Milford D.S.O. G.O.C. 5 AUST DIV., accompanied by Brig. J.W. Crawford D.S.O. Comd. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde visited unit.	
	4 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 586 O/rs.	
		1500	Intelligence Report forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde. copy att. M.G. Coy less 19 pl. disbanded and personnel dispersed throughout Bn. A/Tk. pl. formed within unit which will become No. 6. Pl.	Appx. No. 2.
	5 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 586 O/rs.  19 Pl. M.G. Coy disbanded today. A/A. detachment on aerodrome defence withdrawn.	
			At present all eyes on the M.O. Capt. W.D. Exton, who has taken to bicycling on his daily rounds to Coys. The M.O.	

# MESSAGE FORM

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TO

*11 Ausc Inf Bde*

FROM

*51 Ausc Inf Bn*

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

*Secret @ Intelligence Report N<sup>o</sup> 40 Para @ own tps  
A Coy no change B Coy unchanged C Coy no  
change D Coy no change M Coy disbanded  
1830K/4 HQ Coy new location map ref 735452  
GORDONVALE 1" to 1M Em. Ed @ A/TK pl formed 4 Nov  
known as N<sup>o</sup> 6 pl @ Para 2 topographical Rd  
in area in good condition*

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 0600 5 Nov. 42 To 0600 7 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	5 Nov. 42		has done some peddling especially as H.Q. Coy is 7½ miles from away from Bn. H. Q. One casualty keeping the M.O. occupied at D. Coy is the mascot a dingo pup which is suffering from a broken leg. However, under the M.O's care it is as well as can be expected!. As the lads will not break their legs the Doc. must get practice somewhere.	
	6 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 589 O/rs.  C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. carried out an aerial recce of unit <sup>operational</sup> defensive area.	Appx. 3
		1700	Situation Report forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.	Appx. 4.
	7 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 589 O/rs.  W. 3008 and W. 3009 att.  Weekly Sitrep of S.W. Pacific Area forwarded to Coys.	Appx. 5  Appx. 6

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Date and Time.—From 0600 8 Nov. 42 To 0800 10 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	8 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 589 O/rs.	
		0650	R. C. Church Parade conducted by Padre Hunter.	
		0830	Church Parade at H. Q. Coy Area conducted by Padre R.S. Campbell.	J
	9 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 589 O/rs.	
		1030	C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. departed for COOKTOWN by plane.	
			Patrols at present being sent out by Bn. to recce areas in Bn. defensive area. Patrol which left today to recce track to OOMBUNGI will also recce site for O.P. near OOMBUNGI.	J
	10 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 585 O/rs.	
		0800	No. 4 Pl. - Carriers sent out a patrol from	J

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Date and Time.—From 0800 10. Nov. 42. To 0600 14 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
CAIRNS AREA		0800	HAMBLEDON MILL to endeavour to reach MAREEBA ROAD, by travelling over ISLEY RANGE crossing FRESHWATER CREEK above the INTAKE. Patrol expected to reach KAMERUNGA CROSSING on BARRON RIVER on afternoon of 13 Nov. 42.	J		
		11 Nov. 42	0600		Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 587 O/rs.	J
		12 Nov. 42	0600		Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 587 O/rs.	
		1500	Intelligence report No. 41 forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.	Appx. 8		
		1630	C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.C. returned from COOKTOWN by civilian service plane	J		
	13 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 587 O/rs.	J		
		1500	Situation Report forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.		Appx 9	
		1800	Capt. English. R.A.N. entertained to Mess by Officers Mess			
	14 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 587 O/rs.	J		

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Date and Time.—From 0600 14 Nov. 42 To 1500 15 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	14 Nov. 42	1500	Routine Order No. 53 published copy attached	Appx. 10
		1500	W. 3 008 and W. 3009 submitted copies attached	Appx. 11 & 12
		1630	Weekly report of situation of forces in S.W. Pacific area sent to companies	Appx. 13
	15 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 587 O/rs.	
		0645	Padre Campbell conducted C. of E. Communion Service	
		0650	Padre Hunter conducted R.C. Church Parade	
		0830	Bn. Parade and address by C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. followed by Church Service conducted by Padre. Campbell	
		1500	The Edmonton Welfare Club, of which the Padre has been telling us so much, was officially opened. Amongst those present was C. O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. and the Mayor of CAIRNS Ald. W. A. Collins.	



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Date and Time.—From 0600 16 Nov. 42 To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	16 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 589 O/rs.	
		0800	Patrol left to clear site for O.P. at OOMBUNGHI.  Patrol consisted of N.C.O. and 3 Men.	/
	17 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 593 O/rs.	
		1500	Routine Order No 54 issued. copy attached	Appx. 14
			Orders were issued for an Exercise to be carried out on  18 Nov. 42. between C and D Coys. Copy attached	Appx. 15. /
	18 Nov. 42	0500	C. Coy attacked D. Coy's defensive positions in  QUINGILLI AREA. The attack was successful	
		0800	D. Coy attacked C. Coy, who had by this time had moved  back to their positions in the defence of CAIRNS AREA.  This attack was unsuccessful	
		1130	Tps assembled and address was given by C.O. Lt. Col.	
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Date and Time.—From 1130 18 Nov. 42 To 0600 22 Nov. 42.  
0600

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	18 Nov. 42	1130	G.H. Brock D.S.O. on the exercise.	
		1200	Sub units returned to Bivouac areas.	J
	19 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 593 O/rs.	
		0645	Leave Train for southern leave departed from CAIRNS	J
	20 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 592 O/rs.	
		1500	Intelligence Report No. 42 forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.	Appx 16.
			Situation Report forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.	Appx 17 J
	21 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 593 O/rs.	
		1200	Routine Order No 55 issued - copy attached	Appx 18
			Operational Order No 11 issued for move of Bn and att tps.	
			to TAYLOR POINT Area for training purposes.- copy attached	Appx 19
	22 Nov. 42	0600	W. 3008 and W. 3009 submitted - copies attached	Appx 20 & 21. J
			Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 594 O/rs.	

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Date and Time.—From 0600 22 Nov. 42 To 1600 23 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	22 Nov. 42	0645	Army Church Service conducted by Padre. R.S. Campbell	
			A and D Coys making preparatory arrangements for	
			change over of areas at conclusion of weeks training	
			exercise.	
	23 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 34 Offrs. 594 O/rs.	
		0830	D. Coy crossed start line for move to training area.	
		1030	All units reached bivouac area. Several carriers met with	
			engine trouble on move, causing delay in places. Heavy	
			tropical rain followed our arrival in new area but still	
			some tropps availed themselves of the salt water of the	
			South West Pacific Ocean.	
		1600	C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. called "O" Group together	
			explaining weeks exercises.	

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Date and Time.—From 0600 24 Nov. 42 To 1540 26 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAYLOR POINT AREA	24 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 35 Offrs. 594 O/rs.	
		1200	Tactical exercises carried out during morning with A. Coy Capt. H.C. Downs, as attacking force. C. Coy (Lieut A.A. Lewis) and D Coy (Maj. L.R. Tucker) defending force.	
		1600	"O" Group Conference.	D
	25 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 35 Offrs. 594 O/rs.	
		1200	Coys occupied defensive positions during morning.	D
	26 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 35 Offrs. 594 O/rs.	
		1200	Coys once again occupied their defensive positions.	
		1502	Instructions issued calling "O" group to conference	
		1507	Orders issued for Bn to go to Concentration Area	
				FRESHWATER VALLEY.
		1540	Head of Column moved out	D

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Date and Time.—From 1540 26 Nov. 42 To 27 Nov. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAYLOR POINT AREA	26 Nov. 42	1600	Naval Patrol launch "Ulalie" laid targets off PALM BEACH at 500 and 1500 yard ranges during afternoon.	
		2000	"O" Group conference.	
	27 Nov. 42	0200	MOCK BATTLE ref map TAYLOR POINT AREA attached <i>Copy of orders attached</i> Message received from Bde H/Q. that enemy forces were approaching DOUBLE ISLAND.	Appx 22 22A <i>J</i>
		0402	C.O. Lt. Col. Brock D.S.O. called "O" Gp together and issued orders for defence of PALM BEACH.	
		0518	All sub units were in position	
		0630	Bn G, all in position.	
		0640	Orders issued for Arty to open fire Part 1 Task	
		0647	Orders issued for Arty to open up on No2 Task	
		0650	Carriers and Bofors to engage outer seaward targets.	

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Date and Time.—From 27 Nov. 42 To 27 Nov 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<del>TAYLOR POINT</del>  AREA	27 Nov. 42		at 1500 yards	
		0657	Coys and Bofors to engage inner seaward targets at 500 yards	
		0740	with small arms fire. Bofors also to fire A/A. role.	
		0830	End of Exercise. Targets successfully engaged.	
			Q. Group conference. Position now is that enemy forces	
			are likely to cut off unit from <del>traverse</del> top of range behind	
			positions. Bn. to move by foot over range to engage enemy.	
			Vehicles to go round by KURANDA HIGHWAY. D. Coy. Bn. HQ. Arty	
			A/Tk. to move by left flank C. Coy & A. Coy to move by	
			right flank.	
		0930	Vehicles move off.	
		1000	Tp commenced to climb the range with Main Road as S. P.	
		1105	First tps. crossed top of range.	
		1300	All troops with exception of A Coy in bivouac area near	

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Date and Time.—From 1300 27 Nov. 42 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAYLOR POINT	27 Nov. 42		FORGAN SMITH LOOKOUT.	
AREA		1400	"O" Group conference. Orders issued for return to Bivouac areas. I.O. LIEUT. J.C. ROCHE left by carrier to recce for missing A. Coy.	
		1430	Bn. crossed Start Line on return to bivouac areas.	
		1630	Bn. reached areas. D. Coy (Maj. L.R. Tucker) occupied position previously occupied by A. Coy	
	28 Nov. 42	0600	<i>Log Diary and Messages att</i> Unit Strength 35 Offrs. 594 O/ s.	<i>Appdx 22b</i>
		0915	Situation report forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.	Appx. 23
			Intelligence Report No 43 forwarded to 11 Inf. Bde.	Appx 24
		1000	"O" Group conference. C. O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. informed coy. Comds. of training to be carried out - mainly jungle - during month of December 42.	

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1000 28 Nov. 42 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	28 Nov. 42	1200	W. 3008 and W. 3009 submitted copies attached	Appx. 25 & 26
		1500	Routine Order No. 56 issued - copy attached	Appx 27 <i>J</i>
	29 Nov. 42	0640	C of E. Communion Service conducted by Padre. R.S. Campbell	
		0830	Army Church Service conducted by Padre R.S. Campbell.	
		0900	En. Parade and address by C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O.	
		2030	"O" group conference.	<i>J</i>
	30 Nov. 42	0600	Unit Strength 35 Offrs. 594 O/rs.	
		0815	Troops commence jungle training.	
		1000	Capt S. Mellick 5 Aust Div HQ arrived at unit	<i>S.</i>
			<i>G. Brock Lt. Col.</i>	



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**MOST SECRET.**  
Copy No.....  
1 Nov 42.

51 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO 7

1. For operational requirements H.Q. Coy will move to new bivouac area.
2. H.Q. Coy will move by H.P. on 2 NOV 42 to Square 7390 (GORDONVALE SPECIAL 1" to 1 Mile).
3. S.T. 0800 hrs.  
S.P. H.Q. Coy 'out' Rd.
4. Route - H.Q. COY Rd - MCCORMBE ST - MULGRAVE RD - SQUARE 7390 GORDONVALE SPECIAL 1" to 1 Mile.
5. M.I.H. 15.  
V.T.M. 10.
6. Tpt. - H.Q. Coy Tpt plus 1/3-ton from each C, D, and E(MG) Coys. Vehicles from C, D, and E(MG) Coys to report to Q/C H.Q. Coy by 1600 hrs on 1 NOV 42 and remain until completion of move.  
  
- T.C.Ps. Junc. MCCORMBE ST and MULGRAVE RD 753487 GORDONVALE SPECIAL 1" to 1 Mile.
7. Q/C H.Q. Coy will be responsible for seeing that all sumps and latrines are filled in and marked "Fouled ground". Slit trenches must also be filled in.
8. Q/C H.Q. Coy will personally inspect present area and arrange for such repairs to property as are possible to be carried out by H.Q. Coy personnel, and submit particulars of damage, which ~~must~~ cannot be repaired by the Coy, to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs on 2 NOV 42.
9. Q/C H.Q. Coy will be responsible for seeing that the area is left in a clean and tidy condition and will obtain a certificate from the owner of the property that same has been left clean and tidy and has not suffered from the Coy's occupation.

METHOD OF ISSUE..... *AK*

TIME OF ISSUE..... *1230*

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adj. 51 Aust Inf Bn.

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| Copy No. | 1.  | H.Q. Coy.     |
|          | 2.  | C. Coy.       |
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|          | 4.  | E. Coy.       |
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Appdx No 3  
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REPORT ON AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE 6 NOV 42.

BY

LT-COL. C. E. BROCK, D.S.O.

Ref Maps - CAIRNS, GORDONVALE, 1" & 1 N. CAIRNS, ROSSMAN, 4 N to 1".

ROUTE.

From CAIRNS DRONE to BESSIE PT 783711, thence skirting the coast line to RUSSEL RIVER BEACH sq 9632 GORDONVALE 1" to 1 N, following the line of MULGRAVE RIVER to GORDONVALE sq 7548, thence line of highway to YATHE sq 7254, direct to COMBUNGI sq 8763 Cairns 1", north along MURRAY PRICH RA, following coast to PORT DOUGLAS, ROSSMAN strat sq 0903 to ROSSMAN, same sq. along light railway to 095033 to MURRAY CRICK 096030, thence east to coast line and returning to CAIRNS DRONE.

BRIGHT.

I flew at an altitude of 2000 feet except for periods of cloud interference when I came down to approximately 1500 feet.

LANDING BEACHES.

From BESSIE PT to CAPS CRAFTON sq 9075 CAIRNS 1" there are two beaches namely YARRABAH and B LARRA. These beaches are affected by tide and are not suitable for landing operations except at high tide even then only light draft vessels could use them.

TURTLE BAY Beach 930730 CAIRNS 1", very narrow beach with steep rugged hills behind deeper water but unsuitable for landing operations.

KING BEACH sq 9369 CAIRNS 1", and COMBUNGI BEACH sq 8962 CAIRNS 1", are excellent beaches with deep water approach and highly suitable for landing operations. The country immediately behind them is flat and swampy. Access to CAIRNS area from these beaches involves passing over the MURRAY PRICH RA where tracks are few and suitable for soldiers on foot only.

From the mouth of SPURT or SALWATER CR sq 8962 GORDONVALE 1", to 876530 is a good landing beach with a fair depth of water. The country behind the beach is flat and scrub covered for varying depths decreasing to nil at the last named point. From this beach area a track leads through a gap in the coastal range to FINE CRICK sq 7959 CAIRNS 1", connecting with the main road by a further track. The track from the beach to FINE CR cannot be used by vehicles.

Between the beaches named, and from 876530 GORDONVALE 1", to PALMER POINT <sup>96</sup> 7380 GORDONVALE 1", rugged thickly timbered hills reach right to the waters edge and could not be used for landing operations.

From PALMER POINT to approx 972295 GORDONVALE 1", the beach again is suitable for landing with low ~~water~~ lying but thickly timbered country behind the beach. This stretch includes the mouth of the RUSSEL and MULGRAVE Rivers which could also be used by light craft.

On the northern section of my recon the several beaches between CAIRNS and BUCHANS PT sq 0101 CAIRNS strat could be used for landing operations but in this area the beaches are fairly shallow and consequently transport vessels would be kept some distance further out.

Between BUCHANS PT and WHITE CLIFF PT sq 0008 CAIRNS strat, the beach is suitable for landing but the foothills of the BUCHANS RA reach very close to the shore leaving a narrow strip of coastal plain consequently it would be suitable for landing of raiding parties but not for the establishment of a base for troops landed.

From WHITE CLIFF PT to PORT DOUGLAS sq 0903 ROSSMAN

strat the only landing beach is that at PORT DOUGLAS. From this beach, roads and tracks lead inland to JULATHEN and MT. HOLLOYS sq 0802 BOSSMAN Strat, thus connecting with WARREBA.

This general survey of beaches shows that such beaches as face the North are gradually shelving beaches greatly affected by tide, but beaches facing the south and protected by hill features from the north have fairly deep water close in to the beach, and consequently are most suitable for landing operations. Thus the most suitable landing areas from a tidal point of view are:-

- (a) Mouth of RUSSELL RIVER.
- (b) From 375530 GONDOLVALS 1°, to including KING BEACH sq 9289 CAINES 1°.
- (c) PORT DOUGLAS Beach sq 0803 BOSSMAN Strat.

Each of these areas has a low lying hinterland although the area behind (b) is very thickly timbered, and access to roads is somewhat difficult.

#### INLAND OBSERVATIONS.

From RUSSELL RIVER mds to YATPIN, continuing on to CAINES, the main road and railway are most obvious from the air as also are the subsidiary road systems throughout that valley, and consequently are very exposed to aerial action. The cane tramway system however is well concealed from aerial observation in most places. Even at 2000 feet I found it difficult to pick out the lines of this system which are generally known to me, except where the trackline was also used as a roadway.

From YATPIN to COMBURNI the roadway as far as PINN CRK was quite obvious but the pack track leading from PINN CRK to COMBURNI could not be detected.

In the BOSSMAN area the several valleys leading inland are open and give good access to the open lower lying country west of the DIVIDING RANGE. Here again existing roads are most obvious most particularly the road traversing the BUMP sq 0803 BOSSMAN Strat is very exposed to aerial attack.

#### INLET - MT WELLSFIELD STRAT.

Aerial observation of this feature confirms that it is a ideal area to use as a fort. Sections of it are covered with thick tropical jungle, further sections are thinly timbered while some portions are quite bare. However generally the feature gives excellent cover from aerial observation for troops on the ground and it certainly stands out as a suitable base to deny enemy activity on the coastal plain should they succeed in landing.

#### OBSERVATION POINT.

For seaward observation south of CAINES it appears that the most suitable place for an O.P. alternate to the existing MT YARRABAN OP would be in the vicinity of map ref 375538 CAINES / 1°. This point is on the 1000 ft contour and appears to give good observation seaward and for approaches to beaches in this area and should not be

adversely affected by low cloud strata.

Furthermore existing tracks give reasonable access to the locality. This point ~~will~~ be reconnoitred in detail by a patrol moving out on 9 Nov 48.

The establishment of an OP at this point would also supplant the one already reconnoitred at GRAY PRESS.

*Brook*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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Secret Intrep to 6 Nov 42 unit locations A Coy B Coy  
C Coy D Coy unchanged M Coy disbanded  
HQ Coy less 2 dets Montans new location map ref 735452  
GORDONVALE 1" to 1m emergency edition OPs Yarraoan  
Mt Lumber Gungahler still being maintained ATP  
and part Bty HQ S Bty 2/3 Regt all unit at  
map ref 768571 GORDONVALE 1" to 1m Emer Ed.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

51. AUST. INF. BN. (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	7	1 +	3
Lieutenants	24	4	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 22	BROCK G.H.	Comd.	Yes.	
Lieut. (T/Maj)	Q38967	HARRIS W.H.	2 i/c	No.	Joint Overseas Operations Course, Ft. Steph-ens.
Lieut. (T/Maj)	QX34020	WRIGHT S.	O/C HQ Coy.	No.	1 Aust. Army School, Southport.
Capt.	SX10304	TUCKER L.R.	O/C D. Coy.	Yes	
Capt.	Q6220	PEEK A. DeL.	O/C B. Coy.	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	Q38968	DOWNS H.C.	O/C A. Coy.	"	
"	QX34011	GIRARD B.W.	Adjt.	"	
"	Q39032	SHANNON R.N.	O/C 4 Pl.	"	
"	QX34013	HARDGRAVE P.B.C.	O/C C. Coy.	"	
"	QX40799	HARPER H.V.		"	
Lieut.	Q39181	LEWIS A.A.	2 i/c C Coy.	"	
"	QX34014	KAHLER B.E.	O.M.	"	
"	QX33509	HOLDEN A.S.	2 i/c D Coy	"	
"	Q38910	TULLY J.J.P		No.	Att. 11 Inf. Bde.
"	QX34016	MARJASON F.J.C.	2 i/c A Coy	"	1 Aust. Army School, Southport.
"	QX34012	GILLMAN N.J.	2 i/c B Coy	Yes	
"	Q38803	WEBB C.B.	O/C 17 Pl.	"	
"	QX34018	PONT H.	O/C 18 Pl.	"	
"	Q38808	BAK C.J.	O/C 3 Pl.	"	
"	QX34007	CHAPLAIN D.F.	2 i/c 4 Pl.	"	
"	Q39025	RAWLINS A.A.C.	T.O.	"	
Lieut. (P)	QX34019	SMITH A.E.	O/C 8 Pl.	No	Leave
"	QX34021	WYLIE A.	O/C 11 Pl.	Yes	
"	QX34008	CONNORS J.P.	O/C 2 Pl.	"	
"	QX34015	KENNY J.P.	O/C 12 Pl.	"	
"	QX33508	WEBB F.G.	Adjt. Learner	"	
"	QX34017	MURPHY C.J.	O/C 14 Pl.	"	
"	Q39061	GREGORY W.C.	O/C 15 Pl.	"	
"	Q39351	HAYNE L.E.	O/C 9 Pl.	"	
"	QX34010	EVANS W.F.P.	O/C 13 Pl.	"	
"	Q39162	HYDE B.E.	Sig. Offr.	"	
"	QX34009	EVANS C.B.	O/C 10 Pl.	"	
"	Q39108	ROCHE J.C.	I. O.	"	
"	QX33510	COOK O.F.	O/C 19 Pl.	"	
"	QX34006	BUCHANAN H.K.	O/C 5 Pl.	No	1 Army M.T. School, Cabarlah.
OFFICERS WITH OTHER UNITS.					
Lieut. (T/Capt)	Q39055	HOOPER W.H.	51 BN	No	L.O. at 5 Aust. Div.
Lieut.	Q39175	NOBLE R.A.	"	"	L.O. at 11 Inf. Bde.
Lieut.	Q39349	BROWN D.M.	"	"	Seconded.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Q119432	EXTON W.D.	A.A.M.C.	15.11.41	R.M.O.
Chaplain	Q99066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.C.D.	26.4.42	Padre

51 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

7 Nov. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*Brook* Lt. Col.  
Comd. 51 Aust. Inf. Bde.

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

51 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit) 7 Nov. 19 42 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	30	4	10
Corporals	75	1	2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	472	15	276
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>589</b>	* <b>21</b>	* <b>290</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>Against W.E.</u>		<u>Att. Not. Against E.E.</u>	
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.	1 Q/R	A.A.O.C. Armourer
1 Sgt.	A.A.O.C. (Armourer)	2 Q/R	161 Ind. Bde. Ord. W/Shops
1 Sgt.	A.A. Postal Service	19 Q/R	19 Ed. Ambulance
1 Sgt.	A.A.M.C. (Hygiene)	8 Q/R	"K" Sec. Sigs.
		12 Q/R	16 Ed. Coy. R.A.E.
		3 Q/R	5 Aust. Div. Provost

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

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

4 Sgt. Cooks Surplus to W.E.  
1 Cpl Cook " "

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	-	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	5	8	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			TinSmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		21	Millwrights			Vulcanizers	1	
Driver Operators			Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3				
						Others		261
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	6	29		8	-		7	261

Notes— (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

Comd. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. *[Signature]* Lt. Col.  
 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 7 Nov. 42.

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

WEEKLY REPORT.

SITUATION OF FORCES - S.W. PACIFIC.

(Condensed from Sitrep Reports Received from Bde. Comd. Post)

1. ENEMY SHIPPING SIGHTINGS.

- (a) BUNAI FAISE: 31/10 37 Ships incl. 2 heavy cruisers, also unknown number of  
destroyers.  
1/11 69 Ships  
4/11 19 Ships
- (b) RABOUL Area: 31/10 6 Ships Keravea Bay.  
25 Ships Simpson Harbour.  
4/11 52 Ships this Area.
- (c) SOLOMONS - NEW HEBRIDES:  
29/10 Est. 20 Subs. operating this Area.
- (d) SALAMAU: 4/11 One Transport.
- (e) SOLOMONS Sea Convoy:  
4/11 One Merchant Vessel on fire.
- (f) S.W. PACIFIC: 26/10 4/1000 lb Bombs on 2nd Class Cruiser also hit on  
another cruiser.

2. LAND OPERATIONS.

- (a) OWEN STANLEY Area:  
29/10 Slow Adv. continuing.
- (b) KOKODA Area: 30/10 Our forces occupied ALOLA  
31/10 Adv. continuing Div. HQ at ALOLA  
4/11 Landing Ground now available  
One Inf. Bde. moving to GIVI Area, in anticipation move  
to WAIRUPE.
- (c) MUBO-LAE Area: Japs consolidating this Area extending to MARKHAM VALLEY  
to HE-CH'S PLANTATION. No Jap patrols past GAMBATSUNG.
- (d) GUADACANAL: 29/10 Patrol activities and mopping up by our forces.
- (e) BUNA Area: 31/10 Japs no further south than DOBOURA.
- (f) YODDA: 4/11 Enemy Tps. reported YODDA VALLEY.

3. ALLIED AIR OPERATIONS.

- (a) BUNAI-FAISE: 30/10 Shipping attacked with unobserved results.  
1/11 56/300 lb. Bombs. dropped. Two (2) Hits - Two (2) near  
misses causing monitor to explode.  
2/11 9 Catalinas attacked shipping. One hit on warship.  
Two near misses.
- (b) TULAGI: 30/10 2 Destroyers Sunk.
- (c) RABOUL: 1/11 Direct hit on u/i vessel. Bombs dropped among 5 ships
- (d) GONA: 2/11 B.25s straffed 3 loaded trucks.
- (e) TONOLEI Area: 2/11 12 B.17s attacked shipping. One possible hit destroyer  
with 500 lb bomb. One near miss with 1000 lb bomb.

(3).

4. OTHER INTELLIGENCE.

- (a) GOODENOUGH ISLAND IS.: 22/23/10 Our forces landed.  
24/25/10 Japs evacuated.
- (b) GUADALCANAL. Bombers att. Two enemy destroyers-Unsuccessful.  
Allied force shelled enemy posn. destroying arty.,  
boats and bldgs.
- (c) GASLATA. Runways appear unused.
- (d) NEW GEORGIA. Reported that Japs evacuated Vira Harbour and  
Wickham Anchorage.

5. CAIRNS AREA.

As from 0001 hrs. 2 Nov. 42, C.D.H. became known  
as 11 Aust. Inf. Bde. Comd. Post.

MOSQUITOES.

Do you know that:--

- (1) 5,000,000 people die every year from MALARIA.
- (2) There have been 1,000 cases in CAIRNS during the last few months.
- (3) During the Dengue Epidemic in TOWNSVILLE a bombing mission could not be carried out as most of the air crew had DENGUE.

From these facts you will realise how the mosquito by the disease it carries can weaken our Army. Diseases carried by the mosquitoes are--

- (1) MALARIA
- (2) DENGUE
- (3) YELLOW FEVER (YELLOW JACK)
- (4) FILARIASIS (FILARIA)

The chain of events in the above diseases is : MOSQUITO - INFECTED PERSON - INFECTED MOSQUITO - HEALTHY PERSON - SICK SOLDIER.

LIFE HISTORY OF THE MOSQUITO.

The adult lays its eggs in water. It must have water to breed but the smallest amount is sufficient. Even water lying in an empty jam tin. The eggs become larvae or wrigglers in a few days. The larvae becomes pupae in a couple of days and from this stage the ADULT mosquito emerges. The whole cycle may take one week and a single mosquito may lay several hundred eggs.

INFECTED PERSON - MOSQUITO - HEALTHY PERSON.

To control mosquito disease we can do this by attention to every link in the above chain.

- (1) INFECTED PERSON: He should sleep under a mosquito net and receive adequate treatment. This is the concern of M.Os in the Field Amb. and Hospital.
- (2) MOSQUITO:
  - (a) ADULT: These often hide in the dark corners of the tent during the day and by spraying the tent at dusk we will lessen the chance of being bitten. Fly-sprays are available at your Coys. WHY NOT USE THEM.
  - (b) LARVAE AND PUPAE. Are dealt with by (1) Draining Swamps.
    - (2) leave no water standing in tins etc.
    - (3) Gilling of swamps and tanks.
    - (4) Spraying of swamps with a powder--"Paris Green."

The larvae and pupae are dealt with by HYGIENE SEC.

(5).

HEALTHY SOLDIER.

(1) Cover the Body so that the mosquito cannot bite. This should be done at dusk—

- (a) Long Trousers.
- (b) Long Sleeves - don't cut the sleeves out of your next issue of shirts.
- (c) Puttees or Gaiters. A mosquito will bite through your socks.
- (d) A mosquito cream on your face and hands while on guard.
- (e) Quinine- you must realise that this drug will not prevent you from getting MALARIA. It will only suppress the attack for several weeks or months.
- (f) Use your MOSQUITO NET. Ask the SERGEANT-MAJOR TO TUCK YOU IN.

Adj. 51 Bn.

Cpt.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU.



Elephantiasis Of The Scrotum

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*A. J. Belch*  
*for*

Adjutant 51st. Battalion

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11 Aust Inf Bde

FROM

57 Aust Inf Bn

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In Reply to Number

Scout Intelligence Report  
unchanged OP. Yarrabah Quingili Mt. Lumley  
still maintained patrols covering Bn area investigating  
tracks Para 2 topographical roads in area  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

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

No. 53

14 Nov. 42

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy.

15/16	Nov. 42	HQ	Coy
16/17	" "	C	"
17/18	" "	D	"
18/19	" "	HQ	"
19/20	" "	A	"
20/21	" "	C	"
21/22	" "	D	"

Duty Officer. ( Bde = Comd. Post. )

19/20	Nov. 42	Lieut. L.E. Hayne	( Q 39351 )
21/22	" "	" C.B. Webb	( Q 38803 )

Guard. ( Bde Comd. Post ) 1 N.C.O. and 3 ORs.)

19/20	Nov. 42	A	Coy
21/22	" "	HQ	"

Town Picquet. ( 1 Offr. and 10 ORs. )

16/17	Nov. 42	A	Coy
20/21	" "	C	"
22/23	" "	D	"

2. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

1. There is an increasing tendency for civilians to interrogate members of the Allied armed forces when the latter are on leave, travelling on duty etc.

2. If not checked, this practice, although generally inspired by idle curiosity, may lead to the disclosure of much information of value to the enemy, and will facilitate the task of enemy spies.

3. All ranks will be instructed that, in addition to refusing to disclose information to civilians, they should endeavour to obtain the names and addresses of any questioners and report same to the appropriate officer of their Unit.

4. Security Service have undertaken to investigate immediately the bona fides of any inquisitive civilians whose names and addresses are supplied.

3. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES.

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.

2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para. 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

3. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the Forces, who, in many instances,

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I. CONT.

have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

4. APPEAL BY PRIME MINISTER.

It is necessary that Service personnel should set an example in spartan living and that all privileges that involve unnecessary use of facilities and commodities of which the public is being deprived should be strictly reviewed. It is desired not only that instructions be issued to this effect, but also that, from time to time, the Service personnel should be addressed upon their responsibility to the civilian community in relation to waste of materials and efforts.

5. MOSQUITO NETS.

1. All ranks MUST use their nets.
2. Coy Orderly Offrs will ensure that this order is carried out.

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut for  
 Capt.  
Adj. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES.

1. C of E Communion will be held at Band Practice Shelter Bn H.Q., at 0645 hrs 15 Nov. 42.

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WEEKLY REPORT

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SITUATION OF FORCES - S.W. PACIFIC.

( From Sitrep Report received from Bde Gp. )

1. LAND OPERATIONS.

(a) KOKODA. 4/11 Enemy attacked allied patrol east of OIVI.  
6/11 Inf. adv. continued against stiffer opposition.  
KOKODA drone temp. unsafe for use owing to rain.

(b) GUADALCANAL 3/11 350 Japs. killed 5 miles west of LUNGA. On  
night 3/4 enemy land force 7000x East of  
KOLI pt which is 10 miles east of LUNGA pt.  
Allied vessels shelled enemy posn at KOKUM BONA.

2. ALLIED AIR ATTACKS.

(a) BUNA - LAE - GASIMATA.

3 B25s attacked 1 destroyer 2 Congo ships.  
No hits observed.

3. ENEMY SHIPPING SIGHTINGS.

(a) BUIN - FAISI 6/11 16 ships.

(b) BUKA. 5/11 unknown number of ships.

(c) CHOISEFUL IS. 5/11 14 u/i vessels in Convoy NW this Island.

(d) RABAUL. 5/11 66 vessels.

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STINGING TREE (GYMPIE BUSH OR LAPORTEA GIGAS.)

DESCRIPTION.

Leaf is broad and flat and has a very fine covering of silicified and stinging hairs. At the base of the hair is a sac containing Formic Acid. The stinging sensation produced by contact is caused by the Formic Acid.

DISTRIBUTION.

Coastal belt of Queensland and east of the Dividing Range and mainly in the scrub area.

CLINICAL ASPECT.

Person is stung when exposed portion is brushed against leaves of the plant. There is an immediate sensation of pain which increases rapidly in intensity. The minute hairs can be seen sticking into the skin. The pain persists for a few hours and may recur for a few days.

TREATMENT.

(1) Endeavour to remove the hairs by -

- (a) Shaving the part with a razor or penknife.
- (b) Applying sticking plaster and ripping it off.

(2) Neutralise the formic acid :-

- (a) Ammonia Solution ( Bluebag )
- (b) Sodium Bicarbonate
- (c) Ashes
- (d) Iodine

N.B. The sap of conjevoi is reported to be a cure by local residents but it is likely to form a potent irritant with the formic acid and should not be used.

PROPHYLAXIS.

(1) Wearing long trousers and shirts with the sleeves rolled down.

(2) It is also advisable for personnel when in scrub to move with the rifle in front of them giving some protection to the face.

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MALARIA.

~~picking~~ Malaria precautions must not be relaxed. Ten days expires after mosquito's picking up of infection before it can be passed on and danger period then lasts from 7 to 21 days.

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

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(Adapted.)

Serial No. **13**

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference A.I.F. ....

**11/12/3 PROV.**

W.E. **34** X **853**

Date **14 Nov. 42**

Attached **1 x 10**

**51 Aust. Inf. Bn.**

Unit

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

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	<b>1</b>		
Majors	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>
Captains	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Lieutenants	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	
2nd Lieutenants	<b>1</b>		
Quartermasters			
Totals	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

◆ **M.G. Offr. Surplus to W.E.**

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 22	BRICK G.H.	COMD.	YES	
Lt. T. Maj.	Q 38967	HARRIS W.H.	2 1/2	No	Joint Overseas Operations Cree Pt Stephens.
"	Q 38868	WRIGHT S.	Lt. Col. HQ Coy	No	1st Aust. Sch. SPOR
Lt. T. Capt.	SK 10504	TUCKER L.R.	" D "	YES	
"	QX 6220	PEK A.E. Del.	" B "	"	
Lt. T. Capt.	Q 38968	DUNN H.C.	" A "	"	
"	QX154011	GIBARD R.W.	ADPT.	"	
"	Q 39032	SHANNON R.H.	Lt. Col. 4 Pl	"	
"	QX 34015	HARDRAVE P.B.C.	" C COY	"	
"	QX 40739	HARPER H.V.	"	"	
Lieut.	Q 39181	LEWIS A.S.	2 1/2 C Coy	"	
"	QX 34014	KAILER B.E.	C.M.	"	
"	QX 33509	HILDEY A.S.	2 1/2 D Coy	"	
"	Q 38910	TULLY J.J.	"	No.	Att. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde
"	QX 34016	MARJASON F.J.O.	2 1/2 A Coy	"	1 Aust. Coy Southport
"	QX 34012	GILLMAN H.J.	2 1/2 B "	Yes	
"	Q 38903	WEBB G.D.	Lt. Col. 17 Pl	"	
"	QX 34018	POWELL H.	" 18 Pl	"	
"	Q 38908	BANK C.J.	" 3 Pl	"	
"	QX 34007	CHAPLAIN D.P.	2 1/2 4 Pl	"	
"	Q 38986	ROLLINS A.A.C.	T.O.	"	
Lieut. (P)	QX 34019	SMITH A.E.	Lt. Col. 8 Pl	"	
"	QX 34021	WYLIE A.	" 11 Pl	"	
"	QX 34008	CANNERS J.P.	" 2 Pl	No	Ad Hqs & Com. Cree Southport
"	QX 34015	KENY J.P.	" 12 Pl	Yes	
"	QX 33508	WEBB F.G.	Adj. Lt. of	"	
"	QX 38017	MURPHY C.J.	Lt. Col. 14 Pl	"	
"	Q 39061	GREGORY V.C.	" 15 Pl	"	
"	Q 39351	HAYNE L.R.	" 6 Pl	"	
"	QX 34010	EVANS W.F.P.	" 13 Pl	"	
"	Q 39162	EVANS, CB	Sig. Off.	"	
"	QX 34009	RITCHIE J.C.	Lt. Col. 10 Pl	"	
"	QX 33510	COOK F.	Lt. Col. 19 Pl	"	
"	QX 34006	BUCHANAN H.K.	" 5 Pl	No	Let Army at Gibraltar
<b>OFFICERS WITH OTHER UNITS.</b>					
Lt. T. Capt	Q 39055	HOOVER W.H.	51 Bn	No	Lt. Col. 5 Aust. Div.
Lieut.	Q 39175	N BLE R.A.	"	"	" 1 Inf. Bde
"	Q 38849	BROWN D.H.	"	"	SENDER.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Capt.	Q 119432	MITCHELL N.D.	A.A.C.	15/11/41	R.M.C.	yes
Major	Q 99066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.C.D.	26/4/42	Chaplain	"

51 Aust. Inf. Bn  
(Unit.)

14 Nov. 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*Mark* Lt. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
51 Aust. Inf. Bn

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

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No. 15.  
**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

51. ant. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 14 Nov. 42 19 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	29	4	11
Corporals	74	1	5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	172	19	273
TOTALS	357	* 21	* 282

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.C.	1 1/2	A.A.C. Quartermaster
1 Sgt	A.A.C. Quartermaster	2 1/2	11 Inf Bde Ord. W/ship
1 Sgt	A.A. Postal Service	4 1/2	19 Pd. Sub.
1 Sgt	A.A.C. Hyg. Ins. etc.	3 1/2	H. Sec. Sign.
		12 1/2	16 Pz Coy R.A.R.
		5 1/2	5 Aust. Div. Bro. Coy.

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

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

51 Bn Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	5	8	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers	1	
Driver Operators		21	Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3		<b>Others</b>		<b>263</b>
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								
	6	29		8	-		7	263

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn

Lt.Col.

Unit.

Comd. 51 Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14 Nov. 42

11 Aust. Inf. Bde

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

Lt. COL. G.H. BROCK, D.S.O., COMD. 51 AUST. INF. BN.

NO. 54

17 Nov. 42.

1. MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR TFS ON LEAVE

1. It must be impressed on every soldier that it is necessary to inform the Military Authorities at once should he become sick whilst on leave. It must be made clear to him that this responsibility rests with him in order that he may not be regarded as being "absent without leave".

2. Instructions must be issued to all tps that if they become ill while on leave from camp they will-

(a) Report at once to the nearest Area Medical Offr or Military Hospital or

(b) Report at once to the nearest Public Hospital if an Area Medical Offr or Military Hospital be not available; or

(c) If unable to report at once at the Hospital personally, communicate with the DDMS of the Comd, who will, if practicable, make the necessary arrangements to send for and bring him to hospital; or

(d) If unable to attend or be taken to a Military Hospital (or Public Hospital where a Military Hospital is not available) provide any necessary medical attention at his own expense, and at once forward a certificate from the medical attendant to the DDMS comd.

3. All invalids must report to the nearest Military Hospital as soon as they are fit to travel.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF BENEFITS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. No member of the A.M.F is allowed to accept from any member or members of the general public any direct or indirect benefit, monetary or in kind, which is in any way attributable to past, present or future relations between the member in the course of his duties and the would-be donor or donors.

2. It should be realized that the acceptance of such a benefit, however small and unimportant, may easily have a sinister construction placed upon it.

3. Attention is directed to A.M.R. & O 316 (i) which reads:-

"Officers and soldiers, whether subject to the A.A. or subject to military law or not, will at all times avoid any act which might expose them to suspicion of being influenced, in the discharge of any military duty by other than purely public considerations. They will be scrupulously careful in their relations with persons supplying or intending to supply goods for military purposes, or performing or intending to perform paid services for the benefit of His Majesty's Military Forces, to avoid entering into any transaction which might occasion such suspicion".

3/. TENTS - CAMFLG. OF.

1. Considerable damage has been done to the camflg of tentage which has been caused by the crossing of guy ropes over the tent fly. This method will be discontinued and in the future guys from poles will be rigged out from the ends of the tent.

4. EVACUATED PERSONNEL:

1. In addition to the procedure already laid down in respect to the notification sent out from hospitals to Unit Post Orderlies on behalf of admittees, for the purpose of re-direction of mail matter, it is advisable that

evacuated personnel should also notify the Unit Postal Orderly concerned of their whereabouts and expected duration of stay, thus making doubly certain that mail matter directed to them receives reliable and expeditious re-direction. Personnel, whilst inmates of hospitals, who receive direct correspondence addressed to the institution, should also ensure that the name of the unit is added to the address in order to obviate delay in delivery if discharge has been effected prior to arrival of correspondence.

5. DRESS. Cloth Gaiters will NOT be worn except with trousers KD.

6. ANTI-MALARIA.

Anti-malarial precautions must not be relaxed by Units. All Coy Comdrs will ensure that personnel issued with trousers KD appear on the evening meal parade dressed in trousers KD and long sleeved shirts.

7. AMENITIES.

Barron Waters: Tps making use of the facilities at Barron Waters must comply with the regulations of the resort.

- (1) Bathing costumes will be worn.
- (2) Dressing and undressing will be carried out in the sheds provided for the purpose.
- (3) Rules of Hygiene will be observed by correct use of latrines.

American Red Cross have arranged FREE admission for all tps. Abuse of the privileges of this resort will result in disciplinary action being taken.

8. FIELD PUNISHMENT.

Q 130657 Pte KERR K.C. In the Field. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs 25 Oct. 42 to 0615 hrs 9 Nov. 42.  
AWARD: Fined £5. 28 days detention, by Lt. Col. BROCK. Informed of forfeiture of 15 days' pay and allowances.

Q 130635 Pte AITKIN R.M. In the Field. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs 25 Oct. 42 to 0615 hrs 9 Nov. 42.  
AWARD: Fined £5. 28 days detention by Lt. Col. BROCK. Informed of forfeiture of 15 days pay and allowances.

*[Signature]* Lieut for.  
Capt.  
Adj. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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" " 6	G.O.	" " 13	2/3 Regt. Arty.



51 AUST. INF. BN. EXERCISE.

18 NOV. 42.

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OBJECT: To exercise Two (2) Coy. Groups of the Bn. in attack and defence.

LESSONS:

- (a) Mobile Defence
- (b) The immediate Counter-attack
- (c) Speed in attack
- (d) Employment of Sections in Gps.
- (e) Encircling tactics.

NARRATIVE:

At 1700 hrs. on 17 Nov. 42, Z Squadron R.A.A.F. reported to 11 Bde. Comd. Post that a fleet of some twenty vessels including transports and destroyers and bearing a strong resemblance to Japanese vessels were steaming in a generally southerly direction some fifty miles out from CAIRNS.

At 1705 hrs. C.O. 51 Bn. was notified by Bde. Comd. of the presence of these vessels and ordered to adopt the precautionary stage.

At 1709 hrs. C.O. 51 Bn. issued warning order to O.Cs. D. Coy., C. Coy., and troops under command to prepare to move to defensive positions previously laid down.

At 1710 hrs. C.O. A Coy. was issued orders to implement the defence of CAIRNS AERODROME.

Subsequent reports from 11 Bde. indicated that a landing was imminent at MOURILYAN HARBOUR.

C.O. 51 Bn. issued orders to O.C. D. Coy at 2200 hrs. to move into defensive position astride the road and railway on a line MEERAWA-QUINGILLI-CANE TRAMWAY with one section of Carriers and one Mortar detachment under command and one troop Artillery and one section A/Tk Guns in support.

At 0200 hrs. on 18 Nov. 42 reports from V.D.C. INNISFAIL states that a Japanese Force of approx. 1 Regt. had landed in vicinity of MOURILYAN HARBOUR and despite a heroic resistance by two Coys. of V.D.C. the enemy had taken the town of INNISFAIL, and was now pushing forward in the direction of CAIRNS with an estimated strength of one battalion. The Adv. Gd. of this body was estimated at one Coy. which was moving forward by bicycle and M/T which had been captured at INNISFAIL. Three light tanks were also stated to be with the main body.

C.O. 51 Bn. issued further orders to O.C. D. Coy that he would deny to the enemy the COAST RD., RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SYSTEMS to prevent access to the TABLELAND via the GILLIES HIGHWAY.

(2).

EXERCISE:

The Exercise will be divided into two (2) phases, and will be carried out by two Coy. Gps. composed as follows--

D. COY. GP.- D. Coy.  
1 Sec. 101 A/Tk. Regt.  
1 Sec. Carriers  
1 Det. Mortars.

C. COY. GP.- C. Coy.  
1 Sec. 101 A/Tk. Regt. (for employment during  
second phase)  
1 Sec. Carriers  
1 Det. Mortars.

In each phase, a Tp. of 2/3 Pd. Regt. will be in support of the defending troops.

Reserve Tp. 101 A/Tk. Regt. will operate in support of each of the attacking forces.

C. Coy. Gp. will move to FISHERY FALLS AND be there by 0300 hrs. 18 Nov. 42.

D. Coy. Gp. will move and occupy defensive position QUINGILLI Area to be in position by 0300 hrs. 18 Nov. 42.

PHASE 1: C. Coy will represent the enemy force advancing from INNISFAIL and directed on CAINNS. Leading troops of C. Coy. to be at GORDONVALE (Sheet 845405) at 0500 hrs. 18 Nov. 42.

After completion of attack and by-passing of D. Coy., C. Coy. will continue the advance to BANNA.

PHASE 2: C. Coy. Gp. will take up defensive position vicinity BANNA as previously reconnoitred. D. Coy. will then assume the role as enemy and move up to attack C. Coy. posn.

DIRECTING STAFF: Lt. Col. G. H. BNOCK D.S.O. C.O. 51 Bn.  
Maj. VINCENT 2/3 Pd. Regt.  
Capt. P. MC LEARY 101 A/Tk. Regt.  
Capt. B. GIRARD Adj. 51 Bn.

UMPIRES:

(Attacking  
Force)

Capt. R. H. SHANNON  
Lieut. J. C. ROCHE  
Lieut. R. A. NOBLE.

(Defending  
Force)

Capt. H. C. DOWNS  
Capt. H. V. HARPER

ADMIN:

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE:

Personnel armed with L.M.G. will use rattle trench to indicate fire.

Rifle personnel will be issued with 5 rds. blank per man.

Anti-Tank fire - sounding of klaxon horns.

Arty. Fire- Explosions of small charges.

Commanders of each Coy. Gp. will submit certificates to B.H.Q. prior to commencement of exercise that no man under their command is carrying ball amm.

R.A.P. will be established at PYRAMID 764472.

B.H.Q. will be established at PYRAMID 764472.

The carriers operating with each attacking force will be used to represent light tanks.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

R.Ps. will establish two (2) T.C.Ps. from first light until conclusion of exercise and will request the drivers of traffic to proceed cautiously through the area covered by the exercise. One post will be established at PYRAMID and the other will move by bounds in rear of attacking troops.

Comm. from defending Coy. to B.H.Q. - by 108 Set and D.R.

At the conclusion of the exercise, all tps. taking part will assemble at a point to be notified in the vicinity of PYRAMID for discussion and director's comment.

**MESSAGE FORM**

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**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

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No. of Groups  
**GR.**

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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**TO**

11 Aust Inf Bde

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**FROM**

51 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

I 88

Date

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In Reply to Number

Scout  
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
 DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1030

SIGNED

SIGNED

*Roche*

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

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11 Aust Inf Bde

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**FROM**

57 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

I 89

Date

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In Reply to Number

Secret sites boy posts unchanged  
op Mt Yarraban Mt Lumley Quungu  
still being maintained. Proposed move  
of Mt Yarraban to Cambunghi map ref 871603  
Camps one inch. Bn will move next  
week to Bn area Saylor Pt area ref map Camps  
one inch carry out training

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**T.O.R.**

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. G.H. BROCK, D.S.O., COMD. 51 AUST. INF. BN.

NO. 55

21 Nov. 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy.

22/23	Nov. 42	H.Q. Coy.
23/24	" "	A "
24/25	" "	C "
25/26	" "	D "
26/27	" "	HQ "
27/28	" "	A "
28/29	" "	C "

Duty Officer. ( Bde Comd. Post. )

25/26	Nov. 42	Lieut. L.E. Hayne ( Q 39351 )
27/28	" "	" C.B. Webb ( Q 38803 )

Guard. ( Bde Comd. Post. 1 N.C.O. and 3 Ors. )

25/26	Nov. 42	C Coy.
27/28	" "	D "

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

26/27	Nov. 42	HQ Coy.
28/29	" "	A "
2/3	Dec. 42	C "

*L.H. Webb*  
Lieut for Capt.  
Adj. 51 Bn.

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES.

<u>Church of England</u>	Holy Communion
	D Coy 0645 hrs.
<u>Parade Service</u>	Bde H.Q. Gp. 0915 hrs.
<u>Roman Catholic.</u>	Mass C Coy. - 0645 hrs.

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51 AUST. INF. BN.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

Ref. Map.- GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile.  
CAIRNS 1" to 1 mile.

INFORMATION.

1. For the purpose of Bn. Gp. Tng., 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Gp. will move by M.T. from present biv. areas to new tng. area.

INTENTION.

2. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Gp. will move by M.T. on 2 3 Nov. 42 to Square 6186 (CAIRNS Sheet).

METHOD.

3. Order of March

D. COY. GP: D. Coy.  
1 Sec. Carriers.  
1 Det. Mortars  
1 Sec. A/Tk. Guns

Bn. H.Q: Bn. H.Q.  
1 Sec. Carriers.

C. COY.

H.Q. COY: H.Q. Coy (less Carrier Pl.)

TP. ARTY.

1 SEC. A/TK GUNS.

CARRIER PL.

A. COY: Will join the convoy at A. Coy.  
biv. Area.

4. ROUTE:

Main GORDONVALE-CAIRNS RD.,-- NORMAN ST.,-- NORMAN PK.,--  
SHERIDAN ST.,-- FRESHWATER RD.,-- STRATFORD CROSSING.  
693746 (CAIRNS Sheet).-- COOK HIGHWAY - 613863 (CAIRNS Sheet)

5. T.C.Ps: R.P. Sgt. will establish T.C.Ps. at NORMAN PK 735690  
(CAIRNS Sheet). STRATFORD Crossing 693747 (CAIRNS Sheet)  
656777 (CAIRNS Sheet)  
650778 (CAIRNS Sheet)  
613863 (CAIRNS Sheet)

6. M.I.H. 15.

7. V.T.M. 20.

8. S.T. 0630 hrs.

9. S.P. MAIN RD. YATEE RLY. XING.

ADMINISTRATION.

10. R.A.P. will move with H.Q. Coy.  
Each Coy. will carry - 1st Line Amn. and Tng. Amn.  
No. Amn. will be carried on the man.

11. DRESS. Battle Order- less Respirator plus Hats K.F.

ADM.

- 12. Q.M. will arrange delivery of supplies daily to new Area.
- 13. Each Coy. will detail 3 men to act as Guards for Coy. tents and gear.
- 14. Q. Store will remain in present location.  
Pay and Postal Tent will remain in present location.  
Mail will be delivered to and collected from new area at 0900 hrs. daily.  
Canteen will proceed with H.Q. Coy.  
Lieut. Kahler will be O.C. Camp.

INTER-COMM.

- 15. Bn. H.Q. will close at present location at <sup>0830</sup>~~0700~~ hrs. and open at 6186 (CAIRNS Sheet) at <sup>1030</sup>~~0700~~ hrs. 23 Nov. 42.
- 16. Comm. on the move by D/R.
- 17. Main Artery for Comm.: - GORDONVALE-CAIRNS RD. - FLORENCE ST. - NORMAN PK. - SHERIDAN ST. - FRESHWATER RD. - STRATFORD CROSSING 693746 (CAIRNS Sheet) COOK HIGHWAY - 613863 (CAIRNS Sheet)
- 18. 2 D/Rs. from H.Q. Coy. will report to C.O.'s car at <sup>0800</sup>~~0745~~ hrs. 23 Nov. 42.
- 19. 1 D/R to remain in Camp with Lieut. Kahler to maintain contact with Bn.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
for Capt.  
Adjt. 51 Bn.

- DISTRIBUTION. Copy No.
- 1. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
  - 2. C.O.
  - 3. 2 i/c
  - 4. Adjt.
  - 5. I.O.
  - 6. T.O.
  - 7. Q.M.
  - 8. A. Coy.
  - 9. C. Coy.
  - 10. D. Coy.
  - 11. H.Q. Coy.
  - 12. "B" Tp. A/Tk.
  - 13. 2/3 Fd. Arty.
  - 14. War Diary
  - 15. War Diary
  - 16. File.

ADMINISTRATION

R.A.P. will move with H.Q. Coy.  
Each Coy. will carry - lat line Ann. and T.C. Ann.  
No. Ann. will be carried on the man.



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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTR.

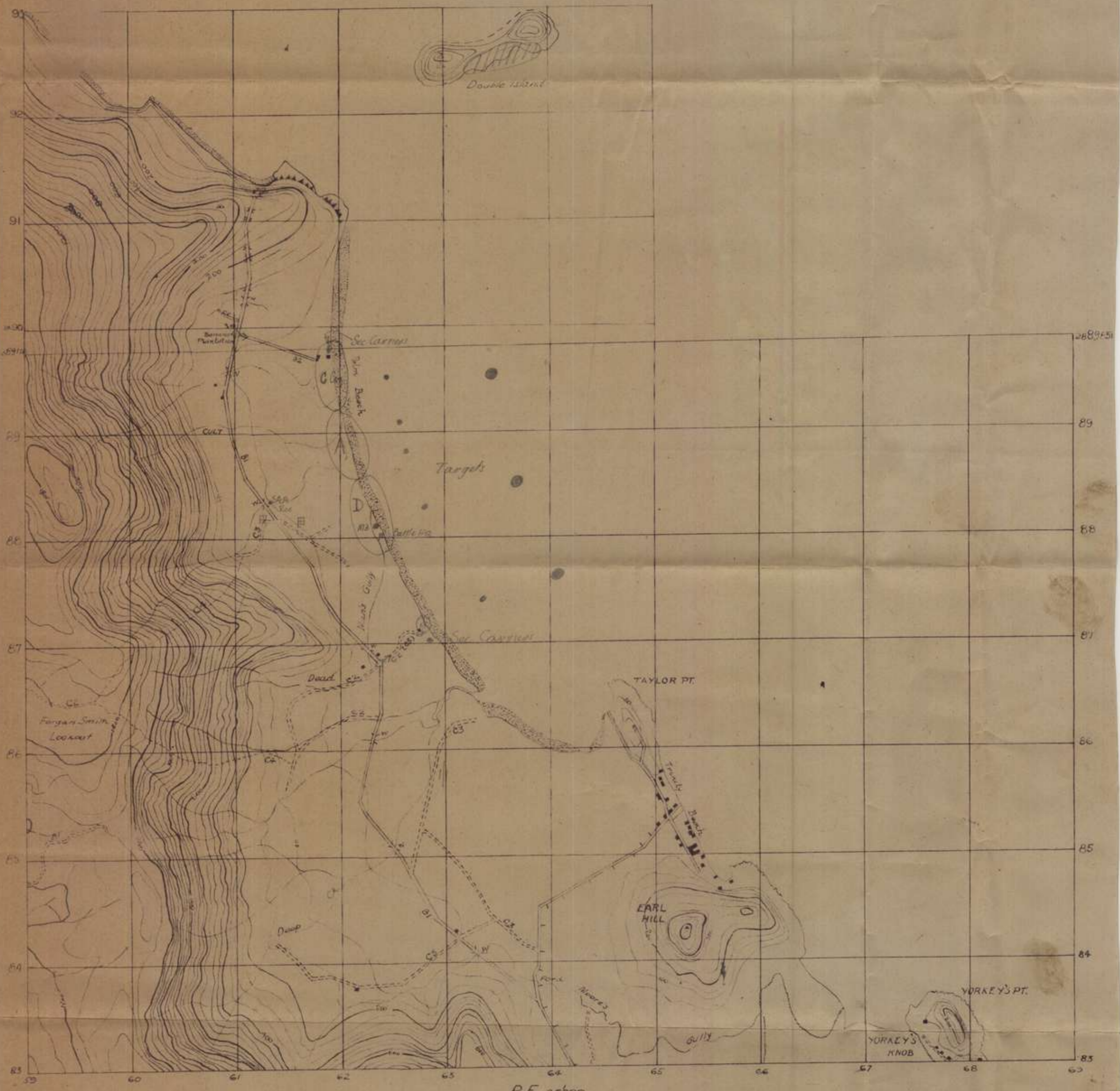
1. Breakfast on 23 Nov. 42 at 0700 hrs.
2. Lunch for 23 Nov. 42 will be cooked in present areas and taken in hot boxes to new training area.
3. "B" Echelon Tpt. under control Sgt. W. Brodby will move at 0930 hrs. 23 Nov. 42.
4. S.P. "B" Echelon- YATEE RLY XING.
5. W.E. will be carried by Coys.
6. No. tents will be taken.
7. D. Coy. will NOT return to present Area and will therefore arrange to fill in slit trenches and clean area as far as is possible prior to 23 Nov. 42.
8. D. Coy. will arrange for all tents and buildings in present area to be struck and stacked by the three (3) Camp Guards in readiness for picking up on 27 Nov. 42 on which date D. Coy will relieve A. Coy. at AERODROME. A. Coy will take over D. Coy's tents and buildings and D. Coy. will take over A. Coy's tents and buildings.
9. A. Coy. will move into E. Coy. old area on 27 Nov. 42.
10. Each Coy. will take 1-200 gallon tank on present move.
11. One Water Cart will accompany "B" Echelon. The second water Cart will remain in camp to provide water for Camp Guards, and for overhaul of the machine.
12. Two sigs. with 108 Set will report to En. HQ and each Coy. at 1800 hrs. 22 Nov. 42 and remain throughout the exercises.
13. Two stretcher bearers will report to each Coy. at 1800 hrs. 22 Nov. 42 and remain for the exercises.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
for Capt.  
Adj. 51 Bn.

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# TAYLOR POINT AREA

Ref Map *CNRNS 1' to 1 Mile.*

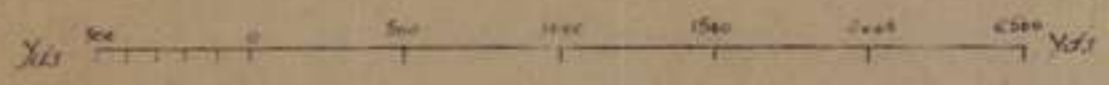


R.F. 25000

SCALE 253' to 1 Mile

Prepared by I Sec  
51 BA. 24 Nov 42

NOTE Hill features from E Grid 90  
to the North are NOT to be taken  
as authentic.



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W.E. Reference A.I.F. \_\_\_\_\_

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.M.F. 11/12/3 Prov.

W.E. 34 X 858

Date 21 Nov. 42

Attached 1 X 10.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

Allowed by W.E. \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	6	1+	4
Lieutenants	24	4	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	35	5	4

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

+ M.G. Offr. Surplus to W.E.

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

*Appendix 20  
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(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 22	BROCK G.H.	COMD.	YES	
Lt. T. Maj.	Q38967	HARRIS W.H.	2 i/c	No	Regt. Condrs. Course NARELLAN.
" " "	QX 34020	WRIGHT S.	O.C. H.Q. Coy	No	1st Aust. Sch. S'PORT
" " "	SX 10304	TUCKER L.R.	O.C. D "	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	QX 6220	PEEK A.E. DeL.	O.C. B "	"	
"	Q 38968	DOWNS H.C.	O.C. A "	"	
"	QX 34011	GIRARD B.W.	ADIT.	"	
"	Q 39032	SHANNON R.N.	O.C. 4 Pl	"	
"	QX 34013	HARDGRAVE P.B.C.	O.C. C Coy	"	
"	QX 40799	HARPER H.V.		"	
Lieut.	Q 39181	LEWIS A.A.	2 i/c C Coy	"	
"	QX 34014	KÄHLER B.E.	Q.M.	"	
"	QX 33509	HOLDEN A.S.	2 i/c D Coy	"	
Q 38910	Q 38910	TULLY J.P.		NO	Att. 11 Aust. Bde
"	QX 34016	MARJASON F.J.C.	" i/c A Coy	Yes	
"	QX 34012	GILLMAN N.J.	" " B "	"	
"	Q 38803	WEBB C.B.	O.C. 17 Pl	"	
"	QX 34018	PONT H.	" 18 Pl	"	
"	Q 38808	BAK C.J.	" 3 Pl	"	
"	QX 34007	CHAPLAIN D.F.	2 i/c 4 Pl	No	1 A.A. Sch. D&M Tracked CABARLAH
"	Q 39086	RAWLINS A.A.C.	T.O.	"	Sch of Mech SEYMOUR
Lieut. (P)	QX 34019	SMITH A.E.	O.C. 8 Pl	No	1 " " Sch. CABARLAH
"	QX 34021	WYLIE A.	O.C. 11 Pl	Yes	
"	QX 34008	CONNORS J.P.	" 2 Pl	No	50 Wks + Cam Cse - S'PORT
"	QX 34015	KENNY J.P.	" 12 Pl	YES.	
"	QX 33508	WEBB F.G.	Adj't learner	"	
"	QX 34017	MURPHY C.J.	O.C. 14 Pl	"	
"	Q 39061	GREGORY W.C.	" 15 Pl	"	
"	Q 39351	HAYNE L.E.	" 6 Pl	"	
"	QX 34010	EVANS W.F.P.	" 13 Pl	"	
"	Q 39162	HYDE B.E.	SIG OFFR	"	
"	QX 34009	EVANS C.B.	O.C. 10 Pl	"	
"	Q 39108	ROCHE J.C.	I.O.	"	
"	QX 33510	COOK O.F.	O.C. 19 Pl	"	
"	QX 34006	BUCHANAN H.K.	O.C. 5 Pl	No	1st Aust. Army Mt CBBerlah

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Capt.	Q 119432	EXTON W.D.	A.A.M.C.	15/11/41	R.M.O.	Yes
Padre	Q 69066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.C.D.	26/4/42	Chaplain	"

51 Aust. Inf. Bn

(Unit.)

21 Nov. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*Brock* Lt. Col.

Comd. 51 Bn

(Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bde

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

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No. 15.  
W.E. II/12/3.  
34 & 858  
Att. 1 & 10.

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

21 Nov. 42

19..... (Date).

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

## Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	30	4	10
Corporals	74	32	2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	497	15	271
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>* 20</b>	<b>* 285</b>

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

## Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>Att. against W.E.</u>		<u>Att. not against W.E.</u>	
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.	1 o/r	A.A.C.C. Armoury
1 Sgt.	A.A.C.C. Armoury	2 o/r	11 Inf. Bde Ord./shop
1 Sgt.	A.A. Post-1 Service	4 o/r	19 Pd. Amb.
1 Sgt.	A.A.N.C. Ryg. Ins.	3 o/r	K Sec. Sigs.
		12 o/r	16 Pd. Coy R-E
		3 o/r	5 Aust. Div. Pro Coy

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

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

4 Sgt. Cooks surplus to W.E.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	4	8	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers	.1	
Driver Operators		21	Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3				
						Others		256
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	29		8	-		7	256

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

*Mock* Lt/ Col. Comd.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 Nov. 42

11 Aust. Inf. Bde. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Appendix A  
War Diary  
Nov 93

26 - 27 Nov. 42.

Please quote this Number when replying

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REF. MAPS.

CAIRNS ; 1" to 1 M.  
CAIRNS STRAIT.  
MOSMAN & STRAIT.

OBJECT: To exercise the Bn Gp as a mobile striking force against attempted enemy landing.

OPENING SITUATION :  
During night 25/26 Nov. 42 51 Aust. Inf. Bn Gp was bivouaced in square 6186 having been exercising in that area.  
1450 hrs 26 Nov. 42 air recce report enemy naval force steaming south along coastline and estimated 8 hrs sailing time away from CAIRNS.

Sequence of Events.  
1500 hrs Bde issues message "Make necessary precautions".  
1510hrs C.O. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn issues orders for move of Bn Gp to concentrate in area squares ~~6072~~ ~~6772~~ 6570 86670  
Toc/R at last light reports concentration of enemy shipping near LOW ISLANDS square 0004 (MOSSMAN STRAIT.) steaming slowly SOUTH.

NARRATIVE. During the night our air force engage enemy task force, damaging several ships.  
0400 hrs Air Force reports Task Force halted near DOUBLE ISLAND. All ships damaged. Several ships on fire whilst others are piled up on reef. Numerous small craft moving from damaged ships near OYSTER REEF sq. 0202 (CAIRNS STRAIT.) towards beach.  
Bde Comd. appreciates that landing threat will be -

Sequence of Events. limited to PALM BEACH.  
0402 Bde Comd. orders 51 Bn Gp to intercept and annihilate enemy approaching PALM BEACH.

0405 C.O. issues orders as follows -  
Bn Gp. will move to PALM BEACH and occupy previously reconnoitred positions with three coys fwd. -

D on right square 6288  
A in centre " 6289 86288  
C on left between ~~Coy and BUCHAN PT.~~ sq 6289

D & C Coys responsible for outer flank protection.

Carriers. One sec. protecting Right flank at 628871.  
One sec. protecting left flank at BUCHAN PT.

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Carriers (cont.)

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Address

One Sec. local protection of Arty. at 63385.

Mortars.

63882

3 Dets. at 61898 under Bn control.

Arty.

Tp. Arty in support from posn in sq. 6285.

A/tk.

One Sec. RD. JUNG. 623868.  
One Sec. BUCHAN PT.

Both secs. mobile for flank protection and also covering  
rearward approaches.

A/A.

One Sec. Bn H.Q.  
One Sec. B. Ech. res.

S.P.

REDLYNCH rly crossing.

S.T.

0420 hrs.

ROUTE.

KAMERUNG<sup>A</sup> Crossing - COOK HIGHWAY.

ORDER OF MARCH.

One Sec. carriers.

One Sec. A/tk.

C Coy.

A Coy.

Bn H.Q. and one sec. A.A. Pl., *Pror Pl and Sig Det*

3 mortar dets.

D Coy.

One Sec. carriers.

One Sec. A/tk.

Tp. Arty.

R.A.P.

S.A.A. res.

One Sec. carriers.

V.T.M.

35.

M.I.H.

15.

R.A.P.

~~BANNA PT. 610900.~~ 613881

S.A.A. res.

~~at 609993.~~ 613884

B Ech.

remains present location.

Bn H.Q.

615882

RD. JUNG. 610900 approx.

INTER - COM.

by 108 set. - and runner.



Australian Military Forces—Northern Command

0420 hrs

Head of Column passes S.P.

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0530 hrs

Tps debussed and moving to areas.

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NARRATIVE.

Tec R. at first light reports number of small craft in COVE on South side of DOUBLE ISLAND.

Own force observe barges approaching shore at first light.

0630 hrs. - C.O. orders arty to engage craft in COVE.

0635 hrs - 7th Guns Mortars and M.M.Gs engage craft at

1500X - 2000X.

0640 hrs - engage craft nearing shore 500x - 600x.

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LOG DIARY.

SECRET.

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LOC BN H.Q. 619865. Cairns. 1". to. 1 Mile

DATE ... 27. Nov. 42. ....

## EXERCISE.

Serial No.	IN.		From Whom	OUT		To Whom	TEXT.	Action taken.
	T.O.O.	T.O.R.		T.O.O.	T.H.I.			
1	2220/26	0125	11 Inf Bde				PRACTICE ONLY. DAIN'TREE O.P. report at 2200 enemy naval force moving slowly past. direction LOW ISLAND.	C.O. Advised.
2	0518	0520	2 Sec. Carriers.				In position 0515 hrs.	"
3	0520	0525	3 Sec. Carriers				3 Sec. of 4 Pl in position 0520 Hrs.	"
4	0543	0546	No. 1 Pose				We are now in position	"
5	0630	0635	O.C. Bofors				Are in position awaiting fire signal	"
6				0640		Arty	Part 1 Task Fire.	
7				0647		Arty	Part 2 Task Fire	
8				0650		M.M.Gs Bofors	Outer seaward targets fire.	
9				0657		A.C.D. Bofors	Inner seaward targets fire. Bofors small arms weapons & A/A/ gp.	
10	0658	0700	D. Coy				Target successfully engaged.	"
11				0710		Bofors	Hold A/A. fire on account of lack of observation. standby with guns should observation improve.	
12				0715		Bofors	Maj. Collie to prepare to fire on outer seaward target. Await order.	
13				0720		Bofors	Outer seaward targets fire	
14		0720	Bofors				Have ceased fire as all ammn. used.	"

51. INF. BN.

LOG DIARY

SECRET

LOC. BN H.Q. 619865, CAIRNS. 1<sup>st</sup>, to 1 Mile

DATE ... 27 Nov. 42 ...

Serial No.	T.O.C.	T.O.P.	From Whom	T.O.C.	T.H.I.	To Whom	Action taken
15	0713	0715	A. Coy				Close range enemy barges annihilated CO. Advised.
16	0735	0740	A. Coy				Expenditure of amm. S.A.A..303 fifle 200 bandoliers 500 Total 700. Immediate replacement required "
17				0745		A.C.D. Coys	Coys will breakfast present areas.
18	0750		A.C.D. Coys.				Ack to message re breakfast
19				0750		A.C.D. Coys	O.Cs. report BN H.Q. for orders 0830 Hrs. Ack.
20	0755		A.C.D. Coys				Ack to message re orders.
21	1340		5 Bty				Ref. returns re No of ranks on exercise. 27 all ranks left all reported in "
22				1240		A.C.D. Coys	O.Cs. to report C.O. 1400 Hrs and have with them report on No of their tps who have reached this area and number missing.

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. *57*

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups <b>GR.</b>	OFFICE DATE STAMP <i>26.XI.42</i> SIGNALS
	OUT		

TO

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

*51 Bn*

FROM	<i>11 Aust Inf. Bde.</i>	Originator's Number	<i>0271</i>	Date	<i>26</i>	In Reply to Number	
<i>FOR</i>	<i>PRACTICE</i>	<i>ONLY</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>slain tree</i>	<i>O.P.</i>	<i>force</i>	
<i>report</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>2200</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>naval</i>	<i>Low</i>		
<i>moving</i>	<i>slowly</i>	<i>passed</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>direction</i>			
<i>ISLAND.</i>							

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

*R.A. Noble  
Lieut.*

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

*2220*

T.H.I.

*2235*

T.O.R.

*0125*

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER
				<i>D/R</i>							

11/11/41  
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0645 after part 5  
0647  
0650 M.M.G. + before award  
not full  
0657 Camp lines at 11/11/41

11/11/41  
11/11/41  
11/11/41

# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
 OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

*Sale O.C. Carriers*

FROM

*Deser No. 2 Section*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

*In position 0515 hr*

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER.**

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
 DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

*0520*

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

**TO**

*4 Plat. Carriers*

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**FROM**

*No 3 Section*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>3</i>	<i>section</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>4 Plat</i>	<i>Carriers</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>position</i>					

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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*0523*

# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL  
AND  
INSTRUC-  
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE/STAMP

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TO

*S.O.*

FROM

*No. 1. Pass.*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>the</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>position</i>

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
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TIME OF ORIGIN

*0546*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

*0546*



# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN
OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO *C.O.*

FROM *O. G. Bofors*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>are</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>pos</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>ready</i>	<i>fire</i>
<i>awaiting</i>	<i>signal</i>				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

*0635*

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL  
AND  
INSTRUC-  
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

*Antis*

FROM

*RC*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>Port</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Desk</i>	<i>file</i>		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

*0640*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL  
AND  
INSTRUC-  
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

*Andy*

FROM

*BC*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>Port</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>dash</i>	<i>five</i>		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

*0657*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

**CALL  
 AND  
 INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

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TO

*North Borneo*

FROM

*Brunei*

Originator's Number

Date

*27*

In Reply to Number

<i>Order</i>	<i>drawn</i>	<i>target</i>	<i>area</i>		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
 DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

*0650*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.  
 OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

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**TO**

*Acc Coy & Bofors*

**FROM**

*B. 110*

Originator's Number

Date

*27*

In Reply to Number

<i>Inner</i>	<i>seaward</i>	<i>targets</i>	<i>fire</i>	<i>weapons</i>	
	<i>Bofors</i>	<i>small</i>	<i>arms</i>		
	<i>and</i>	<i>air</i>	<i>gr fire</i>		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
 DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

*0657*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL  
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TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

*b. O.*

FROM

*D. Boy*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

*Targets successfully engaged*

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

*0700*

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INSTRUCTIONS  
AND  
CALL

IN  
OUT

*Bofors*

FROM

~~Small arms weapons  
& anti gp fire~~

0705 Hoca a/a fire

MESSAGE FORM

*Bofors*

a/a fire stopped on  
account of lack of  
observation may collect  
stand by with guns  
should visibility improve

0710

*Bofors*

May collect to prepare  
to fire on remaining  
outer seaward target  
await order to fire

0715

GR.

No. of Groups

OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Serial No.

Date

Receptor's Number

L.O.R.  
T.H.J.

5745

*Bofors* outer seaward target line  
0735

# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN  
  
OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

*B.O.*

FROM

*Maj Collier*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

*Have ceased fire on account of  
having used all available ammo*

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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*0720*



# MESSAGE FORM

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**CALL  
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INSTRUC-  
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

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**GR.**

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

*B.O.*

FROM

*A. boy.*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>to lose</i>	<i>radio</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>barges</i>	<i>annihilated</i>

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

*0715*

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# MESSAGE FORM

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**GR.**

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

*C.O.*

FROM

*A. Gray*

Originator's Number

*F.M.I.*

Date

*27*

In Reply to Number

<i>Expenditure of</i>	<i>ammunition</i>	<i>S.A.A.</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>ball</i>
<i>cartons</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>(bandoliers 500)</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>700</i>	<i>Immediate replacement</i>		<i>required</i>	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

*0735*

**T.H.I.**

*0740*

**T.O.R.**

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# MESSAGE FORM

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IN

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**GR.**

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**TO** *A.C.D. Coy*

**FROM** *Bm HQ*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

*27*

<i>loop</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>breakfast present</i>	<i>areas</i>	<i>ack</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>ack</i>	<i>0755</i>		
<i>C</i>	<i>ack</i>	<i>0755</i>		
<i>D</i>	<i>ack</i>	<i>0755</i>		

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TIME OF ORIGIN

*0745*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

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**TO**

*A.C.D. Coop. Arty Comd, ~~Arty Comd~~ of Holroy*

**FROM**

*Bm HQ*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

*27*

<i>pls</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>Bm HQ</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>orders</i>	<i>0830 hrs</i>
<i>ack</i>					
	<i>A &amp; ack 0750</i>				
	<i>C / 0750</i>				
	<i>D / 0750</i>				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

*0850*

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO

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*CO. 51 Aust Inf Bn*

FROM

*BC. 5 Fa Bty*

Originator's Number

*V124*

Date

*27*

In Reply to Number

<i>Ref. of left.</i>	<i>returns Exercise all</i>	<i>re @ reported</i>	<i>No 27 in</i>	<i>of all</i>	<i>Troops ranks</i>

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*[Signature]*  
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN  
*1340*

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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**MESSAGE FORM**

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**GR.**

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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**TO** A-C-D HQ Coys Arty Comd H/Tk Comd

**FROM**

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

I/10

27

<del>Report</del>					
OCs	to	report	to	1000	had
and	have	with	them	Report	on
number	of	their	up	who	have
reached	this	area	and	number	missing
ack					

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
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TIME OF ORIGIN

1245

SIGNED

*J. Rocky*

SIGNED

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

IN SYSTEM TIME	READER	SENDER	OUT SYSTEM TIME	READER	SENDER	OUT SYSTEM TIME	READER	SENDER

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T.O.R.

T.H.I.

BY FAX MESSAGE:  
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BEFORE IN CAPHER.  
INTO ENEMY HANDS. THIS MESSAGE MUST  
NEVER BE REPRODUCED OR  
DISSEMINATED.

ORIGINATOR'S INDICATIONS

TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM

TO

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Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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MESSAGE FORM

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# MESSAGE FORM

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*Appdx 17/0 23*

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TO *11 Aust Inf Bde*

FROM *51 Aust Inf Bn*

Originator's Number  
*I 1121.*

Date  
*28*

In Reply to Number

<i>Secret</i>	<i>ditrup</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>A Coy</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Gordonvale</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>inch</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>720540</i>
<i>6 Coy</i>	<i>unchanged</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>D Coy</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>Location 702744</i>
<i> Cairns sheet</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>Ops</i>	<i>Dombungin</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>McLumley</i>
<i>being maintained</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>B 7th Apts</i>	<i>no change</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>5 Bty 13 Regt</i>
<i>Arty</i>	<i>no change</i>				

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*J. Roche Lieut.*  
SIGNED

*0915*

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.



# MESSAGE FORM

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No. of Groups  
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Appdx No 2A

War Diary Nov 42

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TO 11 Aust INF BDE

FROM 51 Bn

Originator's Number

I 116

Date

28

In Reply to Number

Secret

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

No 43

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D/R  
Baronachie

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

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

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(Adapted.)

Serial No. 15

A.I.F.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/12/3 Prov.

W.E. 34 X 858

Date 28 Nov. 42.

Attached

Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10.

51 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit

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

1		2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1		
Majors	3	3		
Captains	9	6	1	4
Lieutenants	20	25	5	
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters	1	1		
Totals	34	36	6	4

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
OX40798	ROODAKOFF A.	51 Aust. Inf. Bn.	23.11.42	On Strength from X List. Marched in from Staff Offrs. Course, Ashgrove, Brisbane.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

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War Diary  
Nov 42*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 22	BROCK G.H.	Comd.	Yes	
Lieut. (T/Maj)	Q38967	HARRIS W.H.	2 i/c	No.	Regt. Comds. Course, Narellan.
Lieut. (T/Maj)	QX34020	WRIGHT S.	O/C HQ Coy.	"	1st Aust. Sch. SOUTHPORT
Capt. (T/Maj)	SX10304	TUCKER L.R.	O/C D. Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	QX 6220	PEEK A.E. DeL.	O/C B. Coy.	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	Q38969	DOWNS H.C.	O/C A. Coy	"	
"	QX34011	GIRARD B.W.	Adjnt.	"	
"	Q 39032	SHANNON R.N.	O/C 4 Pl.	"	
"	QX34013	HARDGRAVE P.B.C.	O/C C. Coy.	No.	Joint Overseas Op. Sch. Pt. Stephens.
"	QX40799	HARPER H.V.		Yes.	
Lieut.	Q 39181	LEWIS A.A.	2 i/c C Coy	"	
"	QX34014	KAHLER B.E.	Q.M.	"	
"	QX33509	HOLDEN A.S.	2 i/c D Coy	"	
"	Q 38910	TULLY J.J.P.		No.	Att. 11 Inf. Bde.
"	QX34016	MARJASON F.J.C.	2 i/c A Coy	Yes	
"	QX34012	GILLMAN N.J.	2 i/c B Coy	"	
"	QX40798	ROODAKOFF A.	O/C 16 Pl.	"	
"	Q38803	WEBB C.B.	O/C 17 Pl.	"	
"	QX34018	PONT H.	O/C 18 Pl.	"	
"	Q 38808	BAK C.J.	O/C 3 Pl.	"	
"	QX34007	CHAPLAIN D.F.	2 i/c 4 Pl.	No.	D & M Tracked Course CABARLAH
"	Q 39036	RAWLINS A.A.C.	T.O.	"	Sch. of Mech. SEYMOUR
"	QX34019	SMITH A.E.	O/C 8 Pl.	"	Carrier Course CABARLAH
"	QX34021	WYLIE A.	O/C 11 Pl.	Yes	
"	QX34008	CONNORS J.P.	O/C 2 Pl.	No.	Ed. Wks. Camflg. Course SOUTHPORT.
"	QX34015	KENNY J.P.	O/C 12 Pl.	Yes	
"	QX33508	WEBB F.G.	O/C 9 Pl.	"	(Adjnt. Learner)
"	QX34017	MURPHY C.J.	O/C 14 Pl.	"	
"	Q 39061	GREGORY W.C.	O/C 15 Pl.	"	
"	Q39351	HAYNE L.E.	O/C 6 Pl.	"	
"	QX34019	EVANS W.E.B.	O/C 13 Pl.	"	
"	Q 39162	HYDE B.E.	Sig. Offr.	"	
"	QX34009	EVANS C.B.	O/C 10 Pl.	"	
"	Q 39108	ROCHE J.C.	L.O.	"	
"	QX33510	COOK G.F.	O/C 19 Pl.	"	
"	QX34006	BUCHANAN H.K.	O/C 5 Pl.	No.	A/Tk. Arty School, PUCKAPUNYAL.
<b>OFFICERS WITH OTHER UNITS.</b>					
Lieut. (T/Capt)	Q39055	HOOPER W.H.	51 Bn.	No.	L.O. 5 Aust. Div.
Lieut.	Q39175	NOBLE R.A.	"	"	L.O. 11 Inf. Bde.
Lieut.	Q39349	BROWN D.M.	"	"	Seconded.

(ii) **OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Capt.	Q110432	EXTON W.D.	A.A.M.C.	15/11/41	R.M.O.	Yes.
Padre.	Q99066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A1A101D1	26/4/42	Chaplain	"
Capt.	Q142559	FERRY V.	Dental	30/10/42		
Capt.	VX 6636	TWEEDDALE K.	Dental	12/11/42		

51 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

28 Nov. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*Brock* Lt. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)

11 AUST. INF. BDE.

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

W.E. 11/12/3 Prov.  
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Att. 1 & 10

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit) 28 Nov 42. 19 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	30	4 +	10
Corporals	74		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	479	15	269
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>	* <b>20</b>	* <b>281</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<b>Att against W.E.</b>		<b>Att Not against W.E.</b>	
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.	1 O/R	A.A.O.C. (Armourer)
1 Sgt	A.A.O.C. (Armourer)	2 O/Rs	11 Inf Bde Ord W/Shop
1 Sgt	A.A. Postal Service	4 O/Rs	19 Fd Ambulance
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C. (Hygiene Inspector)	3 O/Rs	K Sec Sigs.
		12 O/Rs	16 Fd Coy., R.A.E.
		3 O/Rs	5 Aust Div Prov. Coy.
		8 O/Rs	2/1 Aust Dental Unit.

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

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

+ 4 Sgt Cooks surplus to W.E.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	4	8	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		21	Millwrights			Vulcanizers	1	
Driver Operators		7	Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3				
						Others		245
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	36		8	-		7	245

Notes— (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

Comd. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Lt. Col.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 Nov 42.

51 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

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

NO. 58.

28 Nov. 42.

1. DUTIES.

<u>Duty Coy.</u>	29/30 Nov. 42.	D. Coy.
	30/1 Dec. 42.	HQ. "
	1/2 " "	" "
	2/3 " "	C. "
	3/4 " "	D. "
	4/5 " "	HQ. "
	5/6 " "	" "

Guard. (Bde. Comd. Posts - 1 N.C.O. & 3 O.Rs.)

	1/2 Dec. 42.	A. Coy.
	3/4 " "	HQ. "
	7/8 " "	C. "

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

	28/29 Nov. 42.	A. Coy.
	29/30 " "	HQ. "
	2/3 Dec. 42	C. "
	4/5 " "	D. "

*J. H. [Signature]*

Lieut.  
for Capt.

Adj. 51 Bn.

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES 29 NOV. 42.

- Church of England. Holy Communion - Bn. H.Q. (Band shelter) 0645 hrs.
- Parade Service Bn. H.Q. Area 0830 hrs.
- Roman Catholic. Mass - C. Coy. Area. - 0645 hrs.

2. BATTALION PARADE.

Bn. Parade at Bn. H.Q. Area at 0900 hrs. 29 Nov. 42.

DRESS: Shorts, Shirts, Leggings, Boots and Hat K.P. No Arms or Equipment to be carried on this parade.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1.	A. Coy.	Copy No. 8.	Adj.
2.	B. " "	9.	"B" Tp. A/Tk.
3.	C. " "	10.	2/5 Regt. Arty.
4.	D. " "	11.	War Diary
5.	HQ. "	12.	" "
6.	C.O.	13.	File.
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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	1 Dec. 42	0600	<p>Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 455 O/rs.</p> <p>1000 G.O.C. Maj. General E.J. Milford D.S.O. accompanied by Maj. J. A. Krause B.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde. visited unit.</p> <p>1030 G.D.C. Maj. General E.J. Milford D.S.O. C.O. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Lt. Col G.H. Brock D.S.O. Maj. J. A. Krause and I.O. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Lt. J.C. Roche departed to visit A. Coy on manouevres.</p> <p>1100 Arrived A. Coy Area. ( Capt. H. C. Downs) Demonstrations of tree climbing by members of A. Coy. Party also sampled water from water vines. Maj. Krause and Capt. Mellick. who w<sup>as</sup> with A. Coy had the misfortune to come into contact with stinging tree much to their sorrow particularly Capt. Mellick whose sting will remind him for many a day of his clash with stinging tree. Ginger Palm cured Maj. Krause's sting, but an application of the same as well as wild banana did little to ease the sting sustained by Capt. Mellick.</p>	

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec. 42.

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	1 Dec. 42	1200	Maj. General E.J. Milford D.S.O. and B.M. returned to CAIRNS.	
	2 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 466 O/rs.	
	3 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 447 O/rs.	
			Padre R. S. Campbell departed by M.V. Merinda to visit B. Coy. Gp. at COOKTOWN.	
		1500	Intelligence report No. 44 forwarded to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.	Appx. 1.
	4 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs/ 448 O/rs.	
	5 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 456 O/rs.	
			W. 3008 and W. 3009 attached	Appx. 2&3.
		1500	Weekly Routine Order No. 57 issued	Appx. 4
			H. Q. Coy ( Capt. R.N. Shannon) moved from existing area at RIVERSTONE near Mulgrave River to YATEE AREA . D. Coy now have one pl always ready to move at a moment's notice in connection with the defence of the CAIRNS AERODROME near which they are bivouaced.	



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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 5 Dec. 42.

To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	5 Dec 42		C. Coy have one pl, 1 sec carriers and one det. mortars ready to move to engage enemy should they land in Bn. area, while remainder of unit gp. is being assembled.	
			Situation Report forwarded to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.	Appx. No. 5.
			Change of location of O.P. from Mt. Yarrabah to Ombunghi now completed and communication established.	
			O.P. at Quingilli has now been withdrawn..	D
	6 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 453 O/rs.  R. C. Church Parade at Edmonton.	
		1500	Very heavy rain fell during afternoon causing much inconvenience particularly in Bn. H. Q. Area/	D
	7 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 26 Offrs. 450 O/rs.	
		0730	Coys embarked on their second week of Jungle training which gradually is becoming more strenuous. Tps. are fast becoming adepts in this work	D

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Unit.....51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 7 Dec. 42. To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	7 Dec 42		and the only complaint so far is the "stinging tree" which is causing much discomfort.	
			Reports are being received from Lt. C. B. Webb of this unit at present att 29 Aust. Inf. Bde. of the jungle training being taught that Bde. by the jungle training team.	
	8 Dec.42	0600	Unit strength 27 Offrs. 453 O/rs.	
			Heavy rain again fell during the night but in less density than Sunday afternoon last.	
	9 Dec 42.	0600	Unit strength 27 Offrs. 465 O/rs.	
		1005	Weekly Situation report forces. S.W. Pacific area	Appx. No. 6.
			Weekly Intelligence Report No 45 submitted to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.	Appx. No. 7.
		2000	Jungle Training Team - Col. Thomas Maj. Peck and Sgt. Clemens arrived	
			Lecture given to Officers of unit on Milne Bay operations by Maj. Peck.	
	10 Dec.42	0600	Unit Strength 29 Offrs. 475 O/rs.	

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Unit 51 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 10 Dec. 42. To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CATRINA REA	10 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 29 Offrs. 475 O/rs.	
			Lectures by Maj Peek to Offrs and by Sgt. Clemens to O/rs. at Elmonton.	
		1530	Warning Order received from 11 Aust. Inf. Bde. of proposed move of Bn to new biv. area. D. Coy at Aerodrome to remain in present location.	
		2000	Lecture delivered by Sgt. Clemens to Offrs on Owen Stanley operations.	
	11 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 27 Offrs. 474 O/rs.	
		0830	C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.I* and Adj. Capt. B.W. Girard and I.O. Lieut. J. C. Roche left on recce. of new biv area.	
		1030	Sub unit Comds. R.V. at Trinity Beach Turnoff to meet C.O. and were shown new areas.	
	12 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 27 Offrs. 470 O/rs.	
		0800	Maj. L.R. Tucker O.C. D. Coy departed for course.	
			Lieut. E. J. Marjason 2 i/c A. Coy in comd D. Coy during Maj. Tucker's absence.	
			W. 3008 and W. 3009 attached	Appx. 8 and 9

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 12 Dec. 42

To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAIRNS AREA	12 Dec. 42	0830	Adv. gd. of each sub unit left for new biv. area.	
	13 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 26 Offrs. 460 O/rs.	
		0800	R. C. Church Parade held at Elmonton	
		0830	Bn Parade and address by C.O. Lt. Col. G. H. Brock D.S.O..	
		0845	Army Chutch Service conducted by Padre R. S. Campbell.	
		0930	Operation Order No 13 and Administrative Instruction No. 13 issued	Appx. 10 and 11
	14 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 26 Offrs. 460 O/rs.	
TAYLOR POINT. AREA..		0800	A. Coy leading Bn. convoy crossed Start Point at Yatee crossing.	
		1030	Unit gp. in position new area TAYLOR point area.	
			The hottest day in years was experienced today. Quite a considerable amount of sweat was lost by tps. erecting tents etc.	
	15 Dec. 42	0600	Unit strength 28 Offrs. 459 O/rs.	
		1200	11 Aust. Inf. Bde. advised of new location of Bn.	Appx. No 12.
		1300	Capt. B. W. Girard took over cmd D. Coy from Lieut. E. J. Marjason who	

departed this morning on a course to 1st Aust. Army School

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Unit ..... 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. .... Date and Time.—From 16 Dec 42. .... To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAYLOR POINT AREA	16 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 29 Offrs. 456 O/rs.	
			Routine Order No. 59 issued copy attached	Appx. No. 13 <i>J</i>
	17 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 29 Offrs. 452 O/rs.	
			Unit engaged on making roads in new area due to heavy rain at present	
			falling earth roads have become very boggy necessitating gravel and	
			stone having to be carted from Kamerunga crossing on Barron River.	
			A stretch of road 4 miles on the Cairns side of the Bive area was	
			inundated to a depth of 18 inches for a length of 200 yards. Many were	
			the remarks passed by two working parties when arriving at this point	
			at 1500 hrs today to see Padre Campbell thrashing his way through the	
			water on foot after his struck hand become stranded in the middle.	
			The water was receding and had practically gone down to road level by	
			2000 hrs.	<i>J</i>

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

Date and Time.—From 18 Dec. 42. To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
TAYLOR POINT AREA	18 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 27 Offrs. 443 O/rs.  Unit still engaged on road construction. Heavy rain still falling.		
	19 Dec. 42	0600	Unit strength 25 Offrs. 442 O/rs.		
		0900	Situation Report forwarded to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde. Also Intelligence report.  W. 3008 and W. 3009 attached.	Appx No 14 & 15  Appx. No 16 & 17	
	20 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 439 O/rs.  C. of E. Communion Service held by Padre R. S. Campbell.  Tp. is area availing themselves of bathing facilities at Trinity Beach  2 miles away		
		1700	"O" Gp. conference. C.O. Lt. Co. G.H. Brock D.S.O. informed coy Comds.  of proposed move of unit back to biv areas in Yatee area.  D. Coy. Capt. B.W. Girard in comd commenced to move from side of  Aerodrome to new biv area at Edge Hill.  Lieut. V. Harris arrived in unit.		

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Unit..... 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. .... Date and Time.—From Unit 21 Dec. 42. To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAYLOR POINT AREA	21 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 25 Offrs. 438 O/rs.	
		0900	Sub units commenced to move to biv areas at Yatee	d
YATEE AREA	22 Dec 42	0600	Unit Strength 26 Offrs. 438 O/rs.	
		1000	Bn. Gp in biv posns. Yatee Area.	d
	23 Dec. 43	0600	Unit Strength 26 Offrs. 444 O/rs.	
		0900	D. Coy now in new biv. area at Edge Hill	d
	24 Dec. 42	0600	Unit Strength 27 Offrs. 453 O/rs.	
		1400	Lieut. N. Harris reported to D. Coy to take over comd that Coy.	d
	25 Dec 42	0830	Bn Parade and address by C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. followed byb	
			Church Parade conducted by Padre R. S. Campbell.	
			Christmas Day in Camp and tps catered for very well out of Regt. Funds.	
			Fowl, beer, pork haam and watermelons all helped to make Xmas dinner	
			one to be remembered.	
		20000	Intelligence Report forwarded to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.	d

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 26 Dec 42 To 28 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATTEE AREA	26 Dec 42	0800	Weekly Routine Orders No. 60 issued	Appdx 19
			W 3008 and W 3009 attached	" 20 and 21
	27 Dec 42	0800	R. C. Church service at Elmonton	
		1630	Officers in this unit entertained officers from other units serving in this area, to an afternoon in the Bear Garden.	
			Amongst those present were Mr. J.J.P. Tully Chairman Mulgrave shire Council	
			Naval and Airforce Officers and several prominent citizens of Cairns.	
	28 Dec 42	0600	Unit Strength 37 Officers 594 O/ranks	
		0700	Fostering party departed for Ravenshoe under Lieut. N. Harris D. Coy	
		2040	Reinforcements from this unit for 29 Aust. Inf. Bde embussed in M.T.	
		2045	Convoy moved to Elmonton Rly. Stn. for entrainment to Townsville	
		2130 <del>Spec</del>	special train departed. Maj. S. Wright O. C. H. Q. Coy, in charge	
			of conducting party. No. of reinforcements sent to 29 Bde 261	



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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN

Date and Time.—From 2230 hrs 28 Dec 42 1900 hrs 31 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATTEE AREA	28 Dec 42	2230	S.S. "Islander" with B. Coy Gp from COOKTOWN reached Cairns	J
	29 Dec 42	0645	Reinforcements from B. Coy for 29 Bde arrived at Cairns	
			Rly. Stn. for entrainment to Townsville	
		0750	Train departed.	
			Remainder of B. Coy Gp. disembarked and moved to Bivouac area near Yattee	
	30 Dec 42	0600	Unit Strength 32 Officers 342 O/rs	
	31 Dec 42	1900	Conducting party under Maj. S. Wright returned from Townsville	J
			<i>Brook</i> Lt. Col. Comd 51 Aust Inf Bn.	

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A.M.F. 11/12/3 P.F.V.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. 34 X 103

Date 5 Dec. 42

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	<u>1</u>		
Majors	<u>3</u>		
Captains	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Lieutenants	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	<u>1</u>		
Totals	<u>34</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

+ H.C. offr. surplus to W.E.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut. Col.	VI 22	BROCK G.H.	C.M.A.	YES	
Lieut. Col.	QX 33857	HARRIS H.D.	2 1/2	NO	Regt. Condrs. Course
	QX 34030	FRIGHT S.	C.O. HQ Coy	NO	Woolham.
Capt. (S.Maj)	QX 10314	TUCKER L.H.	" " "	YES	1st Aust. Inf. B'PT.
Capt.	QX 6320	REE A.H. Del.	" " "	"	
Lieut. T. Capt	QX 33838	DONNS H.C.	" " "	"	
	QX 34011	GIRARD S.H.	ADJ.	NO	LEAVE
	Q 39082	SHANNON H.H.	C.O. 4 Pl	YES	
	QX 34015	HARGREAVE H.D.G.	C.O. 6 Coy	NO	Joint Overseas p. Sch.
	QX 40798	HARPER H.T.	" " "	YES	1st Aust. Inf. B'PT.
Lieut.	QX 33840	LEWIS S.H.	2 1/2 6 Coy	"	
	QX 34014	KUHLER S.H.	" " "	"	
	QX 33509	MILLEN A.G.	2 1/2 3 Coy	"	
	Q 39010	SULLY S.O.	" " "	NO	Att. 11 Inf. Bde.
	QX 34016	MARJON H.H.	2 1/2 4 Coy	YES	
	QX 34012	GILMAN H.J.	2 1/2 3 Coy	"	
	QX 40798	RADCLIFF A.	C.O. 16 Pl	"	
	Q 34005	WEBB C.H.	C.O. 17 Pl	NO	L.S. duty
	QX 34018	LOVE S.	C.O. 18 Pl	YES	
	Q 38002	BAK C.H.	C.O. 5 Pl	YES	
	QX 34007	CHALMERS H.T.	2 1/2 4 Pl	NO	Inf Tracked Course
	Q 39086	BALLING H.D.G.	H.O.	"	Sch. of Tech. Seymour.
	QX 34019	SMITH H.H.	C.O. 8 Pl.	"	Carrier Ops. Course
	QX 34021	WYLIE S.	C.O. 11 Pl.	"	LEAVE
	QX 34008	CANNORS S.H.	C.O. 2 Pl.	NO	Inf. Trk Config. Course
	QX 34015	KENNY J.H.	C.O. 12 Pl.	YES	SOUTHERN.
	QX 33508	WEBB P.C.	C.O. 9 Pl.	YES	1st. 10 Inf.
	QX 34017	MURPHY C.H.	C.O. 14 Pl.	"	
	Q 39081	CRONEY H.C.	C.O. 15 Pl.	"	
	QX 33842	HAYNE H.H.	C.O. 6 Pl.	"	
	QX 34010	EVANS H.H.	C.O. 13 Pl.	"	
	QX 33843	HIDE S.H.	HQ Coy	"	
	QX 34009	EVANS S.H.	C.O. 10 Pl	"	
	Q 39103	ROBE S.H.	L.O.	"	
	QX 33510	COOK S.H.	C.O. 19 Pl.	"	
	QX 34006	BUCHANAN S.H.	C.O. 5 Pl.	NO	1st Arty Sch.
Lieut. T. Capt.	Q 39055	HUGHES H.H.	SI. Sq	NO	1st Arty Sch.
Lieut.	Q 39173	HUBLE S.H.	" " "	"	1st. 11 Inf. Bde.
	QX 33841	BROWN S.H.	" " "	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Capt.	Q 119432	RYAN H.D.	A.A.C.	15/11/41	R.M.C.	yes
Major	Q 69083	CAMPBELL H.D.	A.A.C.D.	26/4/42	Chy. 2012	"
Capt.	Q 142559	FREY V.	GENERAL	20/10/42	"	"
	VX 6336	TRENDALE K.	"	12/11/42	"	"

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

5 Dec. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

W.E. 11/12/3 Prov.  
36 & 858  
-St. 1 & 10.

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 5 Dec. 2. 19     (Date).

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

## Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	24	2	6
Corporals	73	25	5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	481	15	267
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>* 30</b>	<b>* 276</b>

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

## Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
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## Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

+ 4 Sgt Cooks surplus to W.E.

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

Detail Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	1	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	4	8	Leather Stitches			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		21	Millwrights			Vulcanizers	1	
Driver Operators		7	Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3		Others		240
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	36		8	-		7	240

Notes— (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

51<sup>st</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

*Brook* Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commander.

11<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde.

Date of Despatch

5 Dec. 42.

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

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Dec 42

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY.

Lt. - COL. G.H. BROCK, D.S.O., COMD, 51 AUST. INF. BN.

No. 57

5 Dec. 42

1. DUTIES.

<u>Duty Coy.</u>		<u>5/6 Dec. 42.</u>	<u>A Coy.</u>
		6/7 "	C "
		7/8 "	D "
		8/9 "	HQ "
		9/10 "	" "
		10/11 "	C "
		11/12 "	D "

Duty Offr. 5 Dec. 42 Lieut. F.J.C. Marjason ( QX 54016 ).  
14 " " Lieut. C.B. Webb ( Q 38803 ).

Guard. ( Bde Comd. Post. - 1. N.C.O. & 3 O.Rs. ).

		7/8 Dec. 42	C Coy.
		9/10 " "	D "
		13/13 " "	A "
		15/16 " "	HQ "

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

		8/9 Dec. 42	A Coy
		10/11 " "	HQ "
		14/15 " "	C "

2. PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS - GORDONVALE-CAIRNS RD.

1. In view of the considerably increased traffic on GORDONVALE-CAIRNS RD all drivers will be instructed that the utmost care must be taken for prevention of accidents.

3. PAYBOOKS. ( ref. ADMS. ).

1. Attention is drawn to the importance of personnel retaining possession of their paybooks.

4. CAPTURED NAVAL WEAPONS - DISPOSAL OF.

1. The Department of the Navy has requested that when possible all enemy naval weapons recovered be handed intact to the nearest Naval Offr.-in-Charge for examination by naval weapon experts. In the event of recovery of such weapons by personnel of First Aust. Army the request of the Department of the Navy must be complied with. Attempts will NOT be made to strip weapons for examination before delivery to naval experts.

F.G. WEBB.

Lieut. for Capt.  
Adj. 51 Bn.

NOTICES.

1. C-USENAY HOTEL. This Hotel is out of bounds to all Allied troops until further notice.

2. CHURCH SERVICE. R.C. Service for Bn H.Q., A and C Coy personnel will be held at Edmonton at 0830 hrs each Sunday. Tpt will be provided.

3. Atk approximately 1130 hrs on 13 Nov. 42 a boy, N.G. Webb, was knocked down by a motor vehicle in Stanley Street, WOOLONGABEE, in front of P.O., and thrown in the path of and further injured by a tram.  
Any person who witnessed such accident or has any info whatsoever relative to the accident or the identity of the vehicle involved will immediately

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I. (CONT.) 2.

5 Dec. 42.

submit full details thereof in writing to his C.O. for urgent transmission to HQ First Aust. Army.

4. A full Leave Pass Book, No. 98., was lost from D Sec. 79 Aust. Dental Unit between 1700 hrs Sat. 7 Nov. 42 and 1700 hrs Wed. 11 Nov. 42. Any soldier into whose possession the above has come, is required to forward same to D Sec. 79 Aust. Dental Unit.

DISTRIBUTION.

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" 4	D "
" 5	HQ "
" 6	C.O.
" 7	2 i/c
" 8	-djt.
" 9	B Tp. -/tk.
" 10	2/3 Regt. arty.
" 11	War Diary
" 12	" "
" 13	File.



**MESSAGE FORM**

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

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**GR.**

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**TO**

11 Aust Inf Bde.

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**FROM**

51 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

I 123

Date

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In Reply to Number

Secret sitrep A Coy 6 Coy 8 Coy unchanged  
HQ Coy less 1 sec Carriers 3 dets Mortars new  
location Londonvale one inch to one mile 722592.0  
One det Mortars one sec Carriers now att 6 Coy  
Arty and afk unchanged. O.P. Mt Lumley  
and Dombunghi being maintained. O.P. Quingille  
closed 22 Nov 42.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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SIGNED

J. Roche Lt

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

Condensed from Sitreps received from Bde Comd. Post - week-ending 6 Dec. 42.

1. LAND OPERATIONS.

- (a) Bunda Area. 25/11 Enemy Mortars and Snipers active. Fresh tps activity noticeable. Attack by our tps GONA area held up by MG fire.  
26/11 Allied tps continue to attack. No change in situation. Japs. reported to be leaving the mouth of KUHUSI RIVER for GONA.  
28/11 Slight Allied advance east of BUNA but held up by MG fire near CAPE END-ER-DERE.  
Our Arty concentrated on BUNA Mission. A patrol in vic. of GONA - SANANANDA track brought in 150 Rabaul natives in the morning.  
29/11 By 0200 hrs, our tps had secured footing S.E. corner of GONA but were withdrawn. 3 Bns closing in around here.
- (b) Salamama 25/11 Japs occupied LABABIA ( a small island approx. 9 miles S. by E. of Salamama) using it as supply base for MUBO.  
27/11 Increased activity MUBO.  
29/11 Our bombing caused enemy to move majority of his men and most of his material LABABIA IS.
- (c) Guadacanal 26/11 Allied patrols mopping up.
- (d) Portuguese Timor. 200 Japs. and 200 natives attacked allied section at HAT-BULIKO. 200 Japs failed to surround allied tps at AIN-O.  
26/11 500 Japs unloading trucks and probable tractors at New LAGA Wharf ( 34 miles S.E. DILLI). Japs reported to be constructing new 'drome at FULLORO. 2000 tps (Jap.) disembarked DILLI on 24/11. We bombed effectively NOVA IUSA on 26/11 forcing enemy to retire to LEBOS ( 46 miles S.W. DILLI ).

2. ENEMY SHIPPING SIGHTINGS.

- (a) SYDNEY. 28/11 Indications of enemy sub. in West Channel.
- (b) BUNAI-FAISI 25/11 2 a/c Carriers, 1 Tpt, 2 Cargo ships, 1 small patrol vessel.  
29/11 2 Lt. cruisers, 10 destroyers, 8 cargo vessels, 1 large tanker.
- (c) SOLOMONS. 27/11 3 destroyers. 3 Tpts.
- (d) KAVIENG. 27/11 3 Large ships.

3. ALLIED AIR OPS.

- (a) BUNA- GONA AREA. 8/ B.26s, 13/A.20s, 6 B/17s, 12/P.40s straffed area successfully 27 and 28/11.  
29/11 6/B.17s attacked enemy destroyers with 500 lbs bombs. One destroyer set on fire. Another hit twice and appeared badly damaged. Possible hit on 3rd destroyer.  
30/11 7 Beaufighters dropped 500 lbs bombs on A/A posns, and runways.
- (b) LAE. 29/11 13/ B.25s attacked Drome.

4. ENEMY AIR OPS.

- (a) PORT MORESBY. Raid No. 90. 26/11. One u/i bomber dropped 12 bombs vicinity of JACKSON Field. No damage or casualties.
- (b) DARWIN. 26/11 Unknown number of enemy a/c bombed HUGHES Area
- (c) FALL RIVER. 29/11 Enemy a/c raided FALL RIVER. No damage or casualties.

SITUATION OF FORCES. (CONT.)

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5. ENEMY SIGHTINGS.

LAE. 29/11. 5/ up med. Bombers, 1 probable D/B, 38 fighters  
(incl. 25/ up and others probable up.)

6. OTHER INTELLIGENCE.

TIMOR.

Enemy working to open roads in many areas.

CAIRNS AREA.

(a) Finger Cherry.

Preliminary enquiries suggest that ill effects from Finger Cherry are due to fungus and NOT to the cherry itself. It is necessary to eat the cherry before ill effects occur.

(b) Tar Tree.

This tree grows freely in this area and an excellent example can be seen on the western side of the main road out of CAIRNS about 100 yds on the CAIRNS side of the EDGEHILL turnoff. In climbing this tree, the sap gets on the hands and exposed parts and gives a rash which incapacitates the patient for some days, also treading on the fruit lying on the ground causes an exudation of a latex like substance which has a very scalding effect on exposed skin.

7. SECURITY.

Information.

Recent checks disclose that guards rarely challenge the entry of anyone in uniform. Nobody should be allowed enter a Camp area until his identity has been established. FES and Provost Personnel carry a special pass and this will be checked to guard against impositions by persons posing as FES or Provost.

Censorship.

It has been revealed that tps are abusing the facility afforded them in the use of the green envelope. Operational moves have been mentioned therein by tps and sub unit Comds. should again draw tps attention to the correct use of this type of envelope.

Sgd. J.C. Roche. Licut.

I.O. 51 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1	C.O.	Copy No. 7	R.S.M.
" " 2	A Coy	" " 8	5 Bty 2/3 Arty Regt.
" " 3	B "	" " 9	B Tp. 2 Bty 101 A/tk.
" " 4	C "	" " 10	War Diary
" " 5	D "	" " 11	" "
" " 6	HQ "	" " 12	File.

# MESSAGE FORM

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TO *11 Aust Inf Bde.*

FROM *51 Aust Inf Bn.*

Originator's Number  
*1 131.*

Date  
*9*

In Reply to Number  
*Dec 42*

*Secret Intelligence Report No 45 Para 1(a), own  
Yd situations Moy. 6. Coy. Hq Coy. Bn. B 2p apk  
Yattu area Moy aerodrome Moy Mary Gp 5 Bty Arty  
1/3 Regt Gordonvale Ops Oomburghi and Mt Lumley  
being maintained 0 Coy engaged on jungle training  
during week 0 Para 2 Topographical main pds in  
area good country pds boggy in places 0 Para 3 6 climate Rain falling*

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SIGNED *K Roche Lt Col*

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

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

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Serial No. **17**

W.E. Reference A.I.F. **11/12/8 1107**

W.E. **34** A.M.F. **858**

W.E.  X

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date **12 Dec. 42.**

**51 Aust. Inf. Bn.**

Unit

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Majors	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	
Captains	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Lieutenants	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Totals	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



No. 17

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

Reference A.I.F. IV/2/3 Prov. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 12 Dec. 42. 19... (Date).  
A.M.F. \_\_\_\_\_

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

W.E. 34 858 X \_\_\_\_\_ Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail and W.E.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		
Staff Serjeants <u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Serjeants <u>56</u>	<u>55 33</u>	<u>4 *</u>	<u>8</u>
Corporals <u>76</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>733</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>263</u>
<b>TOTALS</b> <u>858</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>290</u>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
<u>1</u> SGT	<u>A.A.P.E.</u>	<u>1</u> o/r	<u>AAOC /snouf</u>
<u>1</u> Sgt	<u>A.A.Q.C (AIF)</u>	<u>3</u> o/rs	<u>11 Inf. Bde Ord. /shops</u>
<u>1</u> Sgt	<u>A.A. Post. Serv.</u>	<u>4</u> /rs	<u>19 Pd. Arb.</u>
<u>1</u> Sgt	<u>A.A.M.C. Hyg. Ins.</u>	<u>3</u> /rs	<u>K Sec. Sigs.</u>
		<u>11</u> /rs	<u>16 &amp; Coy RAB</u>
		<u>5</u> /rs	<u>5 Aust. Div. Co. Coy.</u>
		<u>8</u> /rs	<u>2/1 Aust. Dental Coy.</u>

+ 4 Sgt Cooks 1 Cpl Cook Surplus to W.E.

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

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

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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 92	BROCK G.H.	C.I.D.	YES	
Lt. T. Maj.	X 33837	HARRIS W.H.	S 1/0	NO	Legt. Conds. Course Bonnleige
"	QX 34020	BRIGGS B.	OC. HQ C.Y.	NO	1st Aust. Inf Bde
Capt. T. Maj.	X 10814	TURNER L.R.	C. Co. D Coy	Yes	
Capt.	QX 6220	DEEK A.E. Del.	C. Co. B "	"	
Lt. T. Capt.	QX 33838	DOHS H.C.	C. Co. Coy	"	
"	QX 34011	GIBARD B.W.	ADJ.	"	
"	Q 33052	SHANNON R.H.	C. Co. 4 Pl	"	
"	QX 34013	HARDRAVE R.B.C.	C. Co. C Coy	NO	Joint Courses Co. Sch. Fort Stephens.
"	QX 40790	HARRIS H.V.		"	Att. 11 Inf. Bde.
Lieut.	QX 33840	LEWIS G.A.	S 1/0 Coy	Yes	
"	QX 34014	KOHLER R.E.	Q.C.	"	
"	QX 33509	HO DIN A.B.	S 1/0 D Coy	"	
"	Q 33910	TULLY J.J.P.		NO	Att. 11 Inf. Bde.
"	QX 34016	MARSHALL F.J.C.	S 1/0 Coy	Yes	
"	QX 34012	GILMAN H.J.	S 1/0 B Coy	"	
"	QX 40798	RO DRONOFF A.	C. Co. 13 Pl	"	
"	Q 33803	WEBB C.B.	C. Co. 17 Pl	NO	Special Duty
"	QX 34016	BOYD H.	C. Co. 15 Pl	Yes	
"	Q 33802	B.K.	C. Co. 3 Pl	NO	Att. ARD Transport
"	QX 34007	CHILMAN D.B.	S 1/0 4 Pl	NO	Det. Trooped Cpls. Sch
"	Q 33098	RAILING A.A.C.	T.O.	NO	Sch. of Mech. Transport.
"	QX 34019	SMITH A.E.	C. Co. 8 Pl	NO	Carrier Regt. Gaborleh
"	QX 34021	WYLIE A.	C. Co. 11 Pl	NO	LEAVE
"	QX 34008	CONWAY J.P.	C. Co. 2 Pl	Yes	
"	QX 34017	MURPHY C.S.	C. Co. 14 Pl	"	
"	Q 33061	GRIGORY S.C.	C. Co. 15 Pl	"	
"	QX 33842	HAYES L.S.	C. Co. 6 Pl	"	
"	QX 34010	IVINS W.P.P.	C. Co. 13 Pl	"	
"	QX 33845	HYDE W.E.	SEC OPER	"	
"	QX 34009	EVANS C.B.	C. Co. 10 Pl	"	
"	Q 33108	ROGIE J.C.	I.O.	YES	
"	QX 33810	COOK G.P.	C. Co. 13 Pl	"	
"	Q 34006	SMITH H.K.	C. Co. 5 Pl	NO	1/4 City Sch.
"	QX 34015	KENNY J.P.	O.C. 12 Pl	Yes	
"	Q 33173	NOBLE R.A.		"	
"	QX 33508	WEBB F.G.	O.C. 9 Pl	Yes	Adj. learner.

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Capt.	Q 119432	EXTON W.D.	L.A.S.C.	15/11/42	R.N.O.	yes
Petro	Q 60036	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.C.C.	22/4/42	chaplain	"
Capt.	Q 142559	FINN V.	HEAL	22/10/42		
Capt.	VX 6636	TRENDALE L.	"	12/11/42		

51 Aust. Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

12 Dec. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*G. Brock* Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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



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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		6	26	B/F		19	26
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers		1	
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists		1		Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers		1	
Cooks		5	8	Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Whealers			
Draughtsmen				Miners		4		Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics			18	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			254
Electrical Fitters				Opticians							
Electricians				Painters		3					
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers		1		Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers							
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers		1					
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers		4					
C/F		6	26	C/F		19	26				
										TOTAL	
										Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.	
										21 280	
										Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.	

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

51 Aust. Inf. Bn Unit.

*[Signature]* Lt. Col  
Signature of Commander. Comd. 51Bn

Date of Despatch 12 Dec. 42.

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

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MOST SECRET

Copy No. 12

51. AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 15.

Map. REF. GORDONVALE 1" to 1 MILE.  
CAIRNS 1" to 1 MILE.

INFORMATION.

1. For intensive training, 51 Aust. Inf. Bn Gp, less D Coy, will move to new bivouac area.

INTENTION.

2. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn Gp less D Coy, will move by M.T. to area, Squares 6183, 6283 and 6383. - CAIRNS Sheet., on 14 Dec. 42.

METHOD.

3. Order of March :-

- A Coy.
- HQ Coy
- Bn H.Q.
- Dental Section
- "B" Tp A/Tk
- 5 Bty 2/3 Arty.
- C Coy.

4. ROUTE :-

GORDONVALE - CAIRNS RD - FLORENCE STREET - NORMAN PARK - SHERIDAN STREET - STURTFORD SAWMILL - COOK HIGHWAY.

- 5. S.T. 0800 hrs.
- 6. S.P. GORDONVALE - CAIRNS RD opposite YATEE RLY X ing.
- 7. M.L.H. 15.
- 8. V.T.M. 20.
- 9. T.C.Ps. EDMINTON - BRIDGE 707640 - RD JUNC. 699664 - RD JUNC. 730687 - NORMAN PARK - RD JUNC. 693746 - BRIDGE 693740 - RD JUNC. 650770 - 631842.

ADMIN.

- 10. R.A.P. will move in rear of C Coy.
- 11. S.T. "B" Echelon Tpt 1000 hrs.
- 12. S.P. GORDONVALE - CAIRNS RD opposite YATEE RLY X-ing.
- 13. O.C. "B" Echelon - Q.M. ( Lieut. B.E. Kahler ).
- 14. Tpt Officer will detail 1 x 30 cwt Truck to report to Bn H.Q. kitchen at 0900 hrs 13 Dec. 42 to carry kitchen gear and Officers' Mess.

INTER-COMM.

15. Bn H.Q. will close at present location at 0800 hrs 14 Dec. 42. and open at 626837 - CAIRNS Sheet - at 1030 hrs 14 Dec. 42.

16. Main Artery for Comm. - GORDONVALE - CAIRNS RD - FLORENCE STREET - NORMAN PARK - SHERIDAN STREET - STURTFORD - SAWMILL - COOK HIGHWAY.

17. Two (2) D.R.s will report to C.O.'s Car at 0730 hrs 14 Dec. 42.

Time of Issue.  
Method of Issue.

hrs.  
.....

DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 1 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
- " " 2 C.O.
- " " 3 2 i/c
- " " 4 Adjts.
- " " 5 A Coy
- " " 6 C "
- " " 7 D "
- " " 8 HQ "
- " " 9 5 Bty 2/3 Arty.
- " " 10 B Tp. A/tk.

- Copy No. 11 I.O. Supt. Adjts. 51 Bde.
- " " 12) War Diary
- " " 13) " "
- " " 14 Q.M.
- " " 15 File.

Appendix No. 11

MOST SECRET.

51 AUST. INF. BN.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 13.

will - Prior to move of 51 Aust. Inf. Bn Gp to new Bivouac Area, sub-Units

1. Have all slit trenches, latrines and sumps filled in and marked "fouled ground". NOTE. Slit trenches will not be filled in with rubbish, paper and tins.
2. Make an inspection of the property occupied to ensure all damage repairable, such as broken fences and gates, is repaired and report all damage which cannot or is not repaired, to Bn H.Q. by 1500 hrs, 14 Dec. 42.
3. All wire used to mark tracks will be recovered.
4. Sub-Units Comds. will furnish a certificate to Bn H.Q. by 1200 hrs 14 Dec. 42 that the area vacated has been left in a clean and tidy condition.  
NOTE. Tree forks used to hold beds will be withdrawn from the ground and stacked. Papers will be burnt.
5. Advance Party from each Sub-Unit will move to new area on 12 Dec. 42 to prepare for main body.  
Work to be performed by Advance Party in order of priority will be :-

- (a) Latrines - One for Officers. } Depth of at least 8 feet.  
                  One for O.Rs
- (b) Sumps.
- (c) Incinerators.
- (d) Erection of showers.
- (e) Trench one (1) foot deep will be dug around latrines and seepage pits for drainage of surface water.

Latrines and incinerators will be on leeward side of and on lower ground than tents and kitchens.

Kitchen will be on windward side and at least 30 yds from road.

[Signature] Capt.  
Adjt. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups

GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

11 Aust Inf Bde

Appdn No 12  
War Diary Dec 42

FROM

57 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

I 141

Date

15

In Reply to Number

Secret	Ref map	CHAIRNS	one	mch	new	location
57 Aust Inf Bn	Bn Hq	ref 629830	H Coy	ref 619839		
6 Coy	ref 640824	Hq Coy	ref 621828	B Coy	2 Coy	101 Coy
ref 625839	5 Coy	1/3 Artillery	Regt	ref 639825		0 Coy
B Coy remain as before			OPs Cambunghi and Mt Lumley still being maintained			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER.**

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

200

SIGNED

*K Roche Lieut*

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. G. H. BROCK D. S. O., CMD. 51 AUST. INF. BN  
No. 59 16 Dec. 42.

1. COURT MARTIAL.

1. A FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL was held at H.Q. MARY CP., on 18 Oct. 42 for the trial of Q 39022 Cpl LEE, Albert Edward,

The accused was convicted of the offence of Absenting himself without leave -

In that he at 0630 hrs on 26 Jul. 42 absented himself without leave from 51 Aust. Inf. Bn until 0645 hrs on 12 Aug. 42. A.A. 15 (I).

SENTENCE. - Q 39022 Cpl LEE, Edward Albert, 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. to be reduced to the rank of private from 26 Jul. 42.

The accused was Nil days in custody awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed but sentence varied to one that the accused be "Reduced to the ranks", on 11 Nov. 42, and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 27 Nov. 42.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut for Capt.  
Adj. 51 Bn.

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11 Aust Inf Bde

57 Aust Inf Bn

Home Intelligence Report I 147  
The new bivouaced Taylor to area with construction  
D Coy still at same site engaged on drainage work  
and road making. Para two topographical  
heavy rain during week causing flooding of Cook  
Highway 100 yds North side Kuranda during light traffic  
only held up @ 2 hrs. 3 Amate Moonlight light rain predominant

J. Roche Leunt

0845

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" Aunt of Pde  
57 Aunt of Br

Z 148

Secret ditup in 40 # Coy C Coy 34 2 Bly  
101 apt Regt 5 Bly 2/3 Artillery Regt new location  
Taylor & area 2 Coy still at Brome OPs  
Combinghi and Mt Lunkey still operating

(K) Rock Linn

0900

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

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W.E. Reference A.I.F. **FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

A.M.F. 11/12/3 Prov.

Date 19 Dec. 42.

W.E. 34 X 1858

Date

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10

51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1	
Majors	3	3	
Captains	9	6	3
Lieutenants	20	26	6
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	1	
Totals	34	37	3

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 22	BROOK G.H.	COO.	YES	
Lieut. T. Maj.	QX 33857	HARRIS W.H.	2 1/c	NO	Regt. Comdr. Course Beenleigh
"	QX 34020	WRIGHT S.	O.C. HQ COY	YES	
Capt. T. Maj.	SK 10514	TUCKER L.R.	O.C.D. "	NO	1 A.A. School S'PORT
Capt.	QX 6220	PEEK A.E. Del.	O.C. B Coy	Yes	
Lieut. A. Capt	QX 33858	DOWNS H.C.	O.C. A COY	"	
"	QX 34011	GIRARD R.W.	DJT	"	
"	Q 33052	SHANNON R.N.	O.C. 4 Pl	NO	Leave
"	QX 34015	HARDGRAVE F.B.C.	O.C. C COY	NO	Joint Overseas Op. Sgt
"	QX 40759	HARPER H.V.		NO	at 11 Inf. Bde.
Lieut	QX 33840	LEWIS A.A.	2 1/c D Coy	Yes	
"	QX 34014	KAWLER B.E.	O.N.	NO	Leave
"	QX 33809	HILDEN A.S.	2 1/c D Coy	Yes	
"	Q 38910	TULLY J.J.		NO	Att. 11 Inf. Bde.
"	QX 34016	MARJASON F.J.C.	2 1/c A Coy	No	Jungle Trn Crse Beenleigh
"	QX 34012	GILMAN H.J.	2 1/c B Coy	Yes	
"	QX 40798	ROODAKOFF A.	O.C. 16 Pl	"	
"	Q 38805	WEBB C.B.	O.C. 17 Pl	NO	Leave
"	X 34018	FOIT H.	O.C. 18 Pl	No	Jungle Trg Beenleigh
"	Q 38802	BAK C.J.	O.C. 5 Pl	No	Att. ABD Tambourine
"	QX 34007	CH PLAIN B.R.	2 1/c 4 Pl	No	D&M Tracked Cabarlah
"	Q 39036	RAWLINS A.A.C.	T.O.	NO	Sch. of Mech. Seymou
"	QX 34019	SMITH A.B.	O.C. 8 Pl	Yes	
"	QX 34021	WYLLIE A.	O.C. 11 Pl	No	Leave
"	QX 34018	CONNORS J.P.	O.C. 2 Pl	Yes	
"	Q 39175	NOBLE R.A.		"	
"	QX 34015	KENNY J.D.	O.C. 12 Pl	Yes	
"	QX 33508	WEBB F.G.	O.C. 9 Pl	Yes	Ajt. learner
"	QX 34018	MURPHY C.J.	O.C. 14 Pl	Yes	
"	Q 39061	GREGORY W.C.	O.C. 15 Pl	"	
"	QX 33842	MAYNE L.R.	O.C. 6 Pl	"	
"	QX 34010	EVANS W.P.P.	O.C. 15 Pl	Yes	
"	QX 33843	HOBBS B.E.	SIG OFFR	"	
"	QX 34009	EVANS C.B.	O.C. 10 Pl	"	
"	Q 39108	ROGIE J.G.	L.O.	"	
"	QX 33510	COOK C.H.	O.C. 19 Pl	"	
"	QX 34006	BUCHANAN H.K.	O.C. 5 Pl	No	/th arty ch.
Officers with other units.					
Lieut. T. Capt	Q 39055	HOPPER M.H.	51 Bn	No	UKA UNPL. L.O 5 Aust. Div.
Lieut.	QX 33841	BROWN D.M.	"	"	SEC'D D.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Capt.	Q 119432	EVON W.D.	A.A.N.C.	15/11/41	R.M.O.	yes
padre	Q 69066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.S.D.	28/4/42	Chaplain	"
Capt.	Q 142550	PERRY V.	"	30/10/42		
"	VX 6636	TREDDALE K.	"	18/11/42		

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

19 Dec. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*Brook* Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 19 Dec. 42. 19 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	32	4 +	8
Corporals	74	-	2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	469	15	279
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>* 20</b>	<b>* 289</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.	1 o/r	AAOC Armourer
1 Sgt.	AAOC Armourer	2 o/rs	11 Inf. Bde Ord. W/shops
1 Sgt	A.A. Postal Service	4 o/rs	19 Fd. Amb.
1 Sgt	AA.MC Hyg. Inspector	3 o/rs	K Sec Sigs.
		11 o/rs	16 Fd. Coy RAE
		3 o/rs	5 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy.
		8 o/rs	2/1 Aust. Dental Coy.
+ 4 Sgt COOKS surplus to W.E.			

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

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	4	11	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		19	Millwrights			Vulcanizers	1	
Driver Operators			Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3		Others		259
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	30		8	-		7	259

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

19 Dec. 42.

Date of Despatch

*Brook* Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commander.

11 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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Secret Intelligence Report No 47 Para one Bn  
 Spo how bivouaced YATEE area with exception  
 Dloy now located at map ref CAIRNS  
 Special 710719 tps preparing Bin areas and  
 additional Bin area for Bn at map  
 ref GORDONVALE special 706537 O Para Two  
 Topographical showery weather has made roads in  
 Bivouac areas greasy but to graveling heeded  
 O Para Three Climate showery and overcast  
 2000.

Anderson  
Sgt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Lt. COL. G. H. BROCK, D. S. O., COMD. 51 AUST. INF. BN.

No. 80

26 Dec. 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy.	27/28 Dec. 42	H.Q. COY.
	28/29 " "	A "
	29/30 " "	C "
	30/31 " "	D "
	31/1 Jan. 43	HQ "
	1/2 " "	A "
	2/3 " "	C "
	5/4 " "	D "

Duty Officer. ( Bde Comd. Post. )

26/27 Dec. 42 Lieut. A.E. Smith ( QX 34019 )

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

28/29 Dec. 42 A Coy.  
1/2 Jan. 43 HQ Coy.

2. TRAFFIC CONTROL - DAZZLING HEADLIGHTS ETC.

1. The provisions of MBI Q 134 are repeated for information of Coy's.
2. If a driver is dazzled by the lights of an approaching vehicle, his duty is to slow down to such a speed that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision. If the dazzle is such that he cannot see at all, he should stop at once. If he fails either to slow down or stop as the case may be, he is guilty of negligence. Similar provisions apply where the driver's limit of vision is curtailed by dust, fog, rain or any other agent.
3. Drivers of all vehicles will be instructed accordingly.

3. AIR MAIL - CAIRNS - BRISBANE SERVICE. ( Ref. Q 43/39/1 )

1. The CAIRNS-BRISBANE Air Mail Service has been temporarily suspended.
2. Personnel should use ordinary post until advice of the resumption of the air mail service is notified.

4. IDENTITY DISCS.

1. All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below :-

(a) The No. 1 disc ( green ) will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No. 2 disc ( red ) will hang below the No. 1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.

(b) The following particulars must be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under :-

Front Side. -

(i) Army Number (ii) Initials and name (iii) Index letter(s) of religion.

Reverse Side. Blood Group number ( as shown inside back cover of Pay Book ). The greatest care must be taken in stamping the group letter and figures on the discs, as an incorrect marking may lead to loss of a life which might otherwise have been saved.

(c) The index letters of the various religious denominations are :-

Church of England	C.E.	Congregational	C.
Presbyterian	P.	Roman Catholic	R.C.
Methodist	M.	Jewish	J.
Baptist	B.	Salvation Army	S.A.

2. Discs that have been stamped with incorrect details are to be destroyed under supervision and any necessary replacements requisitioned for.

3. All Coy's will institute a check to ensure that every serving member is in possession of identity discs which are correctly marked.

4. Neglect to wear discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

#### 5. FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN LEAVE, ETC.

1. Attention is directed to regulation 73A of the National Security (Gen.) Regulations, inserted by Statutory Rules 1942 No. 475. That regulation is as follows:-

73A --(1) A person shall not knowingly produce or present to any person any document containing any false statement or from which any material omission has been made, or knowingly make or connive at the making of any false statement, whether oral or in writing, or any omission, for the purpose of obtaining for any person or of assisting any person to obtain -

(a) exemption from service in or leave of absence from any part of the Defence Force.

(b) a transfer from one unit, service, department corps or arm of the Defence Force to another or from any place at which he is serving as a member of the Force to any other place.

(c) the transfer from any place of detention to any other place, or the release whether temporarily or permanently, of any person detained in pursuance of any instrument made or issued under any regulation made in pursuance of the Act, or any benefit or special treatment for any person so detained.

(2). In any prosecution for a contravention of sub-regulation(1) of this regulation, any document purporting to be signed by the accused person, or to be authorised by him -

(a) shall be admissible in evidence against him without proof that the signature therein is his signature or that the document was authorised by him; and

(b) shall be prima facie evidence that any statements contained therein were made, and that the document was produced or presented, by him or with his authority.

(3) In any proceedings under this regulation against any person, the onus shall be upon that person of satisfying the court that the statement or representation which is the subject matter of the prosecution was true".

#### 6. CLEANING OF WEB EQPT AND GAITERS.

1. The practice of bleaching articles of web eqpt and web gaiters, either by excessive washing with soap and soda or other means, is to cease immediately.

2. Items treated in this manner are not only unduly conspicuous in action but the treatment greatly deteriorates the material and reduces the life of the article.

3. When it is necessary to clean any item by washing, luke warm soapy water and light scrubbing should be used. However, such washing should be restricted to occasions when it is absolutely necessary.

#### 7. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE ETC.

1. A recent statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that -

(a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit to another or from one place to another; shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by AMR 215.

2. The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

#### 8. GREEN ENVELOPES - POSTAL CHARGES.

1. In order to correct any misunderstanding which may exist in regard to postal charges on green envelopes posted on the mainland of Australia or in Tasmania, the attention of all ranks will be drawn to the following instructions :-

(a) When the Green Envelope contains one letter only - the green envelope will be addressed to the person for whom the letter is intended and bear the

appropriate postage stamp. If it is intended that the letter be sent by air mail the appropriate additional postage will be affixed and the green envelope marked "By Air Mail".

(b) When the Green Envelope contains two or three letters - the following conditions must be observed:-

(i) Each letter enclosed in the green envelope must be placed in an addressed envelope which must bear the necessary postage stamps and be left unsealed. The green envelope will be addressed to the "Deputy Base Censor" and will not bear any postage stamps.

(ii) The words "By Air Mail" must be written on the green envelope if any of the letters enclosed therein are prepaid for transmission by air mail.

2. Letters, etc., not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in Papua and New Guinea for delivery within the Commonwealth are exempt from postage, except when air mail transmission on the mainland or in Tasmania, is desired, in which case the appropriate air mail fees are applicable.

9. MODIFICATION OF .38-IN. PISTOLS TO FIRE 9-M.M. PARABELLUM AMMUNITION.

1. Attempts to fire 9.-m.m. Parabellum S.A.A. in .38-IN. pistols will result in barrel failures after approximately 25-rounds. Therefore, 9-m.m. S.A.A. will not be fired from pistols of .38 in. calibre, nor will any modifications be made to these pistols in order to make them accept 9-m.m. ammunition.

2. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

*J.H. [Signature]*  
Lieut for Capt.  
Adj. 51 Aust. Inf.

NOTICE.

CHURCH.

C of E Holy Communion Service will be held at A/tk area at 0700 hrs, 27 Dec. 42.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1	A	Copy	Copy No. 8	ADJT.
" " 2	B	"	" " 9	War Diary
" " 3	C	"	" " 10	" "
" " 4	D	"	" " 11	2/3 Regt. Arty
" " 5	HQ	"	" " 12	B tp. A/tk.
" " 6	CO	"	" " 13	FILE.
" " 7	2 i/c			

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

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Serial No. 19

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit 26 Dec 42

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	9		6
Lieutenants	20	7	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	34	7	6

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	HARRIS R.L.J.	51 Aust. Inf. Bn.	21/12/42	on str. from 2/6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	HARRIS R.V.	51 Aust. Inf. Bn.	11/12/42	to 11 Aust. Inf. Bn. ending 3 months.

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

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



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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 22	BROCK G.H.	COMD.	YES	
Lt. T. Maj.	OX 33837	HARRIS W.H.	2 1/8	NO	Regt. Comdr. Course
"	OX 34020	WILSON S.	C.C. 11 Coy	YES	Keenleigh
Capt. T. Maj.	SI 10314	TROTT L.H.	C.C. 3 Coy	NO	1 A.A. Coy Comdr S'PT
Capt.	X 6830	FRANK J.H.	C.C. 3	YES	
Lieut. T. Capt.	OX 33830	D. HNS H.C.	C.C. 1	"	
"	OX 34011	GRAND E.H.	ADJ.	"	
"	OX 33030	SEYMOUR H.H.	C.C. 4 PI	NO	Leave.
"	OX 34013	HUGHES W.H.	C.C. 5 Coy	NO	Jt Verscoms O. Sch.
Lieut.	OX 33043	LEWIS A.A.	2 1/8 C Coy	YES	Port Stephens.
"	OX 34014	HARRIS H.H.	"	NO	Leave.
"	OX 33700	HARRIS H.H.	2 1/8 B Coy	YES	
"	VI 5300	HARRIS H.H.J.	"	"	
"	OX 33000	TRAY J.S.	"	NO	Leave.
"	OX 34010	HARRIS H.H.	2 1/8 A Coy	NO	Jungle Trg. Keenleigh
"	OX 34012	GRAND H.H.	2 1/8 B Coy	NO	Adms Crse S'PT
"	OX 40700	HARRIS H.H.	C.C. 16 PI	YES	
"	V 8000	WESS C.B.	C.C. 17 PI	NO	att. 11 Inf. Bde Comd
"	OX 34017	FRANK H.	C.C. 16 PI	NO	Leave.
"	33002	BAL C.J.	C.C. 3 PI	NO	Jungle Trg. Keenleigh
"	OX 34007	CAMPBELL D.F.	2 1/8 4 PI	YES	Att. AD Tabourine.
"	V 33000	HARRIS A.A.C.	S.O.	NO	Sch of Tech. SYDNEY.
"	OX 34010	SMITH A.H.	C.C. 8 PI	YES	
"	OX 34021	WILLIAMS A.	C.C. 11 PI	"	
"	OX 34008	CAMPBELL J.H.	C.C. 3 PI	"	
"	OX 33010	KIRBY J.H.	C 12 PI	"	
"	OX 33008	WESS F.G.	Adj't learner	"	
"	OX 33018	MURPHY C.J.	C.C. 14 PI	"	
"	V 34001	GRAND W.C.	C.C. 15 PI	NO	Assault Crse Redbank
"	OX 33043	HARRIS L.H.	C.C. 8 PI	YES	
"	OX 34010	SWAN W.P.	C.C. 13 PI	"	
"	V 33170	HARRIS H.A.	"	"	
"	OX 33023	HARRIS H.H.	SIG OPER	"	
"	OX 34000	SWAN C.B.	C.C. 7 PI	NO	Assault Crse Redbank
"	V 33108	HARRIS J.C.	I. O.	YES	
"	OX 33510	COOK C.F.	C.C. 12 PI	"	
"	OX 34006	HARRIS H.H.	C.C. 5 PI	NO	Leave.
Officers with other units.					
Lieut T Capt	OX 40700	HARRIS H.V.	51 Bn	NO	11 Inf. Bde.
Lieut.	OX 33035	HARRIS H.H.	"	"	5 Inf. Div.
Lieut.	OX 33041	HARRIS H.H.	"	"	"

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Q 119432	HATCH W.D.	A.A.H.C.	15/11/41	yes
Capt.	Q 63066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.C.D.	20/4/42	Chaplain No.

11 Inf. Bde. (Unit.) Brook Lt. Col. (Signature of Commander.)

20 Dec. 42. (Date of Despatch.) 11 Inf. Bde. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



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## FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 26 Dec. 42. 19 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <span style="float: right;">1</span>	1		
W.Os. Class II. <span style="float: right;">7</span>	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <span style="float: right;">5</span>	5		
Staff Serjeants <span style="float: right;">-</span>	1	1	
Serjeants <span style="float: right;">36</span>	38	4 +	7
Corporals <span style="float: right;">76</span>	75	1 +	2
Troopers, Privates, &c. <span style="float: right;">733</span>	472	15	276
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>*21</b>	<b>* 285</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 SGT	A.A.P.C	1 o/r	A.E.M.E. Armourer.
1 "	A.E.M.E. Armourer	2 o/rs	11 Inf. Bde. Ord. W/shops
1 "	A.A. Postal Services	4 o/rs	19 RI. Amb.
1 "	A.A.M.C. Hyg. Insp.	3 o/rs	K. Sec. 5 Aust. Div. Sigs.
		11 o/rs	16 RI. Coy RAE
		3 o/rs	5 Aust. Div. Pro Coy.
		8 o/rs	2/1 Aust. Dental Coy.

+ 4 Sgt Cooks ; 1 Cpl Cook Surplus to W.E.

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

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

51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

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

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Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators <i>B/F</i>	6	30	Panel Beaters <i>B/F</i>	14	30
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners <i>1</i>			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	5	11	Leather Stickers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists <i>1</i>	1		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		19	Millwrights			Vulcanizers	1	
Driver Operators			Miners	4		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	3				
						Other duties		255
<i>C.F.</i>				<i>C.F.</i>				
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	6	30		14	30	Total	21	285

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

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

51 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
 Unit.

*[Signature]*  
 Lt.-Col.  
 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 Dec. 42.

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

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding reinforcements required)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments)
W.O. Class I	1		
W.O. Class II	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants	5		
Staff Sergeants	1		
Sergeants	58		
Corporals	78		
Troopers, Privates, &c	472		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>594</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong
1 SGT	A.A.C.	1 SGT	A.A.C. ARMY
"	"	2 SGTs	M. Inf. Bde. (Ind. Wagon)
"	"	4 SGTs	10 M. Bn.
"	"	3 SGTs	1. Sec. 2. Adv. Div. Sign.
"	"	11 SGTs	10 M. Coy Bn.
		3 SGTs	5 Adv. Div. Exp. Coy.
		3 SGTs	3/1 Adv. Dental Coy.

+ 4 SGTs Coxs ; 1 SGT Coxs surplus to W.L.

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

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

