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2/8 Infantry Battalion

October 1942

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Oct To 31 Oct 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AADELAIDE RIVER	1		WEATHER: warm, humid. Temp 1500 hrs 90 deg Tng Syllabus issued 27 Sep ref appx..... All coys engaged in camp construction all day. Capt RANSOM ceases to be detached, transferred to Directorate of Ordnance LHQ. RECCE: LIEUT COL WINNING & CAPT GRAHAM carry out recce of MC MINNIS' LAGOON area. LIET PAPE detached as instructor A/tk SCHOOL WINNELLE.	1
	2		WEATHER: warm, Temp 96. Coys working on camp construction. MAJ McDONALD, CAPT GRAHAM to McMINNS LAGOON to site alternate camp area.	
	3		WEATHER: warm, humid. Temp 92 Coys working on camp construction. Adm Instr 31/42 issued ref appx 2 CAPT MASSELL seconded for duty to 19 AITB.	2
	4		WEATHER: warm, Temp 89. Tng Syllabus issued ref appx..... Working Parties move out, ref appx 2. CHURCH PARADE in unit lines. NIGHT TNG commences ref appx 3. REF MAP BATCHELOR-ADELAIDE RIVER 1:63360. 2000 hrs Bn move from lines and march to RIVER CROSSING 187196 then on bearing 160 deg 1200 yards. Bn practiced changing formations, returned to camp 0345 hrs.	3
	5		WEATHER: warm, humid, Temp 93. NIGHT TNG as per syllabus, ref appx 3. REF MAP BATCHELOR-ADELAIDE RIVER 1:63360. 2000 hrs HQ Coy acting as enemy move out and take up posn at 157203. 2030 hrs Bn cross START LINE 134 204. 2130 hrs attack commences, C & D Coys contact and force enemy to withdraw. A & B Coys move up and consolidate captured feature. 2400 hrs A & B Coy move on bearing 55 deg 1000 yards trying to contact enemy. C & D Coys remain on FEATURE. 0045 hrs exercise concludes, Bn move back to camp after meal arriving 0330 hrs.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	6		WEATHER: humid, Temp 92 TRAINING as per syllabus ref appx 3 LIEUT WILSON r.t.u from JAP course WINNELLE.	
	7		WEATHER: fine warm. Temp, 94 TRAINING as per syllabus ref appx 3. LIEUTS ADAMS, FISHLOCK ceased to be detached to 3 BDE as LMG instructors.	
	8		WEATHER: humid, Temp 90 MOVEMENT ORDER & TABLE issued ref appx.....	4
	9		WARNING ORDER received 1955 hrs. 2/8 Bn embuss and pass BDE START Point 2220 hrs and follow route as laid down ref appx 4 and debuss at TRACK JUNCTION 6651 ref map PINE CREEK 4 M-1 inch. 6530 Bn advanced along DALY RIVER track. Bn embuss and arrive in own lines 0930 hrs. WEATHER: warm, Temp 87 deg. Sketch of Tng Area for W.F. 10 Oct Appx 5 Tng as per Syllabus Ref Appx 3. Lieut LAIDLAW r.t.u. from No. 1 MT Course.	
	10		WEATHER: fine, Temp 91. Bn resting in camp after completion of NIGHT TNG. B Coy working party ref appx 2, return to camp.	
	11		WEATHER: warm, Temp 92 Tng Syllabus issued ref appx..... BN CHURCH PARADE held in unit lines. A&D working parties ref appx 2 return to camp.	6
	12		WEATHER: fine, Temp 88, STORM late afternoon. 0800 C Coy working party, ref appx 2, march in. CAPT DUFFY detached NT FORCE SCHOOL as instructor. Movement Table issued appx 7 Bn standing by in preparation for FORCE EXERCISE. 2330 hrs Exercise CANCELLED owing to condition of roads after hy rain.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	13		WEATHER: morning, fine. Afternoon cloudy. Temp 89. Bn Tng in Coy lines and carrying on camp construction. LIEUT METCALFE r.t.u from 119 AGH.	
	14		WEATHER: fine. Weapon Tng Syllabus issued ref appx. Tng in coy lines, and camp construction.	8
	15		WEATHER: fine, warm. ABC&HQ COYS Pl Tng and camp construction. D Coy 1 offr, 28 o.rs erecting wire at SPORTS GROUND area. 1 offr 25 o.rs clearing RIFLE RANGE.	
	16		WEATHER: fine, warm. All coys working camp construction and RIFLE RANGE. LIEUT DOUGLAS r.t.u from 119 AGH.	
	17		WEATHER: warm, humid. Showers late afternoon. Sports Programme issued ref appx. Divided into Military & Sporting events. Both Divisions won by 2/8 AUST INF BN with a total aggregate of 521 pts; 23/21 Bn 248½ pts; 2/4 Bn third with 205½ pts. Bde HQ, 2/7 Fd Arb, 3 Sec 23 Fd Coy, 42 Fd Bty, 2/3 Coy AASC, were other competitors. GOC, NT FORCE, MAJ-GEN STEVENS was present.	9
	18		Tng Syllabus issued ref appx. LIEUT COL WINNING det 19 AUST INF BDE as BDE COMD. WEATHER: warm. BN CHURCH PARADE in unit lines. 0930 hrs, O Group CONFERENCE ref FORCE EXERCISE No 5, held at Offrs Mess. LIEUT ADAMS evacuated 119 AGH. Concert by 19 Bde Party attended by tps. ACF issue of comforts: Boot Polish, underwear, tobacco, writing paper, toilet soap.	10

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ADELAIDE RIVER	19		WEATHER: fine, warm Temp 95 deg N.T.FORCE EXERCISE No 5 Ref Maps DARWIN sheet 5 1/63360.	
		0830	BACHELOR-ADELAIDE RIVER 1/63360. Attached trace of Bn route ref appx 11	
		1300	<u>RECCE PARTY</u> to Bde. LIEUT FISHLOCK O.C Party. Movement TABLE as for Oct 12. O GROUP conference. Bn debuss and Defensive posn taken up at ref DARWIN 4 M-1 inch 735175 where Bn bivouac for night.	
	20		WEATHER: fine, warm. Temp 86 deg	
		0850	Bn moves to Bde Start Point, bearings 270 deg, 1600 yds, - 320	
		1200	deg, 1600 yds. Head of coln passes LAKE DEANE on NORTH side.	
		1410	SALT ARM 942776 (ref map B.ADELAIDE RIVER) reached. Bn moves	
		1700	S.E. along CREEK crossing at 956752 and reaches bivouac area 938721 where defensive posn is taken for night 20/21 Oct. CAPT SMITH marched out to 3 Reg Offr Course Joint Op Eng School	
	21		Lieuts Brimmage & Coombes join Bn from NTFARD.	
		0800	WEATHER: fine, warm. Temp 92 deg.	
		0830	O Group CONFERENCE. Bn moves EAST along track to 948718 thence on a bearing to 952668 EAST to railway line. Thence SOUTH along railway line. Bn halts at 969608 adopting defensive posn.	
		1930	O GROUP CONFERENCE. Bn resumes advance SOUTH along line.	
		2100-	Arrives at new location 968555 and bivouacs for night	
		2150		
	22		WEATHER: fine, warm Temp 90 deg.	
		0530	BREAKFAST. 0600 STAND TO ARMS 0715 O GROUP CONFERENCE	
		0745.	Bn resumes advance SOUTH along Railway line.	
		0818	ENEMY contacted at 970525	
		0847	Forward Coys trying to find flanks of enemy. B Coy moving	
		0856	SOUTH astride road. Enemy RIGHT flank pushed back.	
			Still pockets of resistance Enemy left flank. Enemy identified as 10 Militia Bn. Enemy attack 2/8 Bn strength one coy. A Coy	
		0940	make encircling move and attack beaten off. Exercise concludes.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER		1115	Bn commences march back to camp with halts for meals and refreshment 1300-1600 hrs, 1900-2030 hrs, 2235-2510 hrs.	
	23	0055	Bn arrives at camp. WEATHER: fine warm Temp 92	
			Coys Constructing RIFLE RANGE and completing Camp construction	
	24	0445	WEATHER: warm, humid, Temp 90.	
		0615	Four flights of ENEMY AIRCRAFT bombed area Ref Map B. Adelaide R. 1/63360, 127273. Eight bombs dropped; slight damage, four minor casualties. A/A did not engage.	
		0900	Coys firing RANGE practice on new RANGES, LOCATIONS and DIRECTIONS of FIRE Ref Map B. ADELAIDE R. 1/63360 109189-246deg. 107204-287deg. 115210-286deg.	
	25		WEATHER: warm, humid, Temp 90. PART 2 LIEUT WILSON marched out to NT FORCE SCHOOL special JAP COURSE	
		0830	Bn CHURCH PARADE in unit lines. Tng Syllabus issued ref appx	12
		1000	TT Inoculations. <u>AFTERNOON</u> camp environs. Maj McDonald on RECCE of START POINT area. LIEUT McDERMOTT r.t.u from NT FORCE SCHOOL No 8. Field Works Course for OFFICERS. CAPT GATELY r.t.u from NT FORCE SCHOOL (instructor). LIEUT ATKINSON r.t.u from NT FORCE SCHOOL No 8 Field Works Course for OFFICERS.	
	26		WEATHER: warm, humid, Temp 94.	
		0900-1700	Coys firing RANGE practice ref appx 12. LIEUT FISHLOCK accidentally wounded while directing BREN shoot.	
			<u>NIGHT TRAINING</u> as per syllabus ref appx 12	
	27		WEATHER: fine, warm, Temp 92	
		1430	Maj McDONALD and party RECCE for NIGHT EXERCISE.	
		1800	REF MAP B. ADELAIDE RIVER 1/63360 Bn moves from START POINT, 69 mile post to ADELAIDE RIVER CROSSING 185197 then on compass bearings 208deg, 2400 yds, 103deg 4500 yds, 126deg 1800 yds,	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	27	0920	67deg 1800 yds, 356deg 8900 yds to MOUNT BUNDY TRACK. Then to SKETCHING 125107, and back to unit lines. LIEUTS LYONS & BERRY TAKEN ON STRENGTH from NTFARD.	
	28		WEATHER: warm, humid, light showers, Temp 89 NIGHT TRAINING as per syllabus ref appx 12. SA CAPT WEBB att to unit from 17 Oct.	
	29		WEATHER: warm, humid, Temp 90. NIGHT TRAINING as per Syllabus ref appx 12. Lieut WILSON r.t.u from NT FORCE SCHOOL JAP COURSE PART 2.	
	30		WEATHER: warm, humid, heavy showers late afternoon, Temp 96 REF MAP B. ADELAIDE RIVER 1/63360. Ref NT FORCE Coy Comds Course, Lieut WILSON and five o.rs RECCE and SKETCHING area around point 170275. MAJ McDONALD and Coy Comds RECCE PELL FIELD AREA (125260).	
	31	ALL DAY	WEATHER: warm, humid, heavy showers late afternoon. Temp 95. Bn practice for DEMONSTRATION Nov 2 vicinity PELL FIELD. Lieut Coulston r.t.u from L of C. Lieut PAPE r.t.u from NT FORCE School Inf A/tk School (instructor) Capt SMITH promoted T/MAJOR from 6 Oct.	
			BROs for month of October	Appx 13
			Fd Returns " "	" 14
			RMO's Report to 31 Oct	" 15

W.D.

APPX 1

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 3 OCTOBER 42 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

SERIAL	UNIT	DATE	TIME	S.P.	ROUTE OR DIRECTION	AREA OF EXERCISE	TYPE OF TRNG.	REMARKS
1.	2/8Bn.	28. Sep 29 30	All Day			FORCE	EXERCISE	
2.	"	1. Oct. 2. 3.	All Day			WEAPON CAMP	TRAINING CONSTRUCTION.	

[Signature]
 Capt.
 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/10/42

APP. 2 W.D.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 31/42

1. The undermentioned working parties will move to areas as set out hereunder on 4 Oct 42.
2. Tour of duty will be for at least one week.
3. SECURITY : Full security measures will be carried out at all times in accordance with Bn Standing Orders.
4. ALL arms equipment & personal gear will be taken. Amn 50 rds per rifle 1000 rds per L.H.G.
5. Tentage and Cooking gear will be taken ONLY where stated.
6. RATIONS : ALL parties will carry unconsumed portion of rations for 4 Oct thereafter will be rationed direct in Areas where located.
7. Offr i/c Parties will report QM. 2000 hrs 3rd Oct.
8. Tpt will report Coy lines 0830 - Parties will move 0930.

SERIAL 1.

LARRAKIA :- 'A' Coy Lieut. KENNEDY OC. Party.
 " ATKINSON
 2 Sgts
 3 Cpls
 1 Cook
 1 Cooks offsider
 53 OR'S.

TOTAL 2 Offs & 60

SERIAL 2.

STRAUS FIELD :- 'C' Coy Lieut. PERRY OC. Party
 1 Sgt
 2 Spls
 1 Cook
 1 Cooks offsider
 27 OR'S

TOTAL 1 Off & 32

SERIAL 3

HUGHES FIELD :- 'D' Coy Lieut. TREPLOWAN OC. PARTY
 1 Sgt
 2 Cpls
 1 Cook
 1 Cooks offsides
 27 OR'S

TOTAL 1 Off & 32

- NOTES SERIAL:-
- 1 a) Cooking gear will be taken from 'A' Coy.
 2. a) Cooking gear " " " " 'C' Coy.
 b) Tentage " " " " " "
 3. a) Cooking gear will be taken from 'D' Coy.
 b) Tentage " " " " " "

W. G. Griffiths
 Capt.
Adjt 2/0 Aust Inf Bn

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Appx 3

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 10 OCTOBER 42 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Unit	Date	Time	S.P.	Route or Direction	Area of Exercise	Type of Training	Remarks
1.	2/8 Bn	4 Oct	2000 hours				NIGHT TRG.	Night march by Bn . Practising movement by night in various formations - square, diamond etc.,
2.	"	5 Oct	"				" "	Coy Exercise (a) Night attack. (b) consolidation by attacking Coy. (c) Coy acting as enemy with drawing to new position.
3.	"	6 Oct	1800 hours				" "	Coy Exercise - Outposts & patrols.
4.	"	7 Oct	1800 hours				" "	Coy Exercise - Recce & Fighting patrols.
5.	"	8 Oct	1800 hours		<i>— altered by Bde —</i>		" "	Coy Exercise - Coy in Perimeter defence.
6.	"	9 Oct	2000 hours				" "	Bn Exercise - Outflanking movement & resumption of advance.
7.	"	4/9 Oct					" "	Exercises in Night driving. (a) Movement of 'B' Echelon by night. (b) Crossing of river by transport by night.

J.H. Cripps Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

2/8 W.D.

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19 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER 1

Copy No. 2

8 Oct 42.

Ref Map: (a) PINE CREEK 1/4 mile = 1 inch
(b) BATCHELOR 1 mile = 1 inch

1. SP. Rd and track junc 122252 (ref map (b)).
2. Dispersal Pt. Track junc 6651 (ref map (a)).
3. Route. SP - STAPLETON thence via DALY RIVER track.
4. Speed and Density
(a) mih 5 (b) vtm 30

Speed and density will be strictly maintained throughout the move incl main NA rd.

5. TCPs to be established under arrangement one sec NT Force Pro Coy.
6. Lights. No headlights to be used. White spotlight on differential may be used when fitted.
7. B Ech. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn and 23/21 Aust Inf Bn 'B' Ech will follow their main unit convoy and will park on sports oval opposite Bde HQ.
2/4 Aust Inf Bn will follow in rear of main 'B' Ech convoy as it passes 2/4 Aust Inf Bn MT Park.

8. Order of Move See appx 'A' att.

9. Ann - Ball ann to be withdrawn from the main 50 rds per man
Issued by LO 1000 rds per LMG or MMG carried in Unit MT.

Signed at 19.5.42

Capt.
CO 19 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

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	Copy No	OUT	IN
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1		
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	2	A	D
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	3	B	B
41 Aust Fd Bty	4		
2/3 Aust Coy AASC	5-6-7	BHQ	BHQ
Commd	8		
BM	9	C	HQ
SC	10		
LO's	11-12-13	HQ	C
TO	14	D	A
War Diary	15-16		
File	17		
Spares	18-19		

APPX 4

APPX 'A'

SECRET

6 Oct 42.

APPENDIX IN CONJUNCTION WITH 19 APRIL INF
REAR MOVEMENT ORDER NO 1

Serial No	Unit	No of vehicles	Time Past		Dispersal Pt		REMARKS
			Head	Tail	Head	Tail	
1	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	58	2000	2016	2230	2216	
2	'A' Tp hl rd Coy	7	2020	2025) as the hd of each) unit convoy close) on the tail of) the preceding) convoy, at the) dispersal pt) guides will meet) convoy comd.
3	8th Bn Incl Bn hl Coy	18	2030	2030			
4	25/21 Aust Inf Bn	51	2045	2106			
5	'B' Tp hl rd Coy	7	2110	2115			
6	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	43	2220	2237			
7	'B' Ech	23	2212	2252			

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2220

ENLARGED FROM BATCHLOR-ADELAIDE R 1/63/360

TO DARWIN

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Eng area with l. 10/10/42
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TO SYDNEY

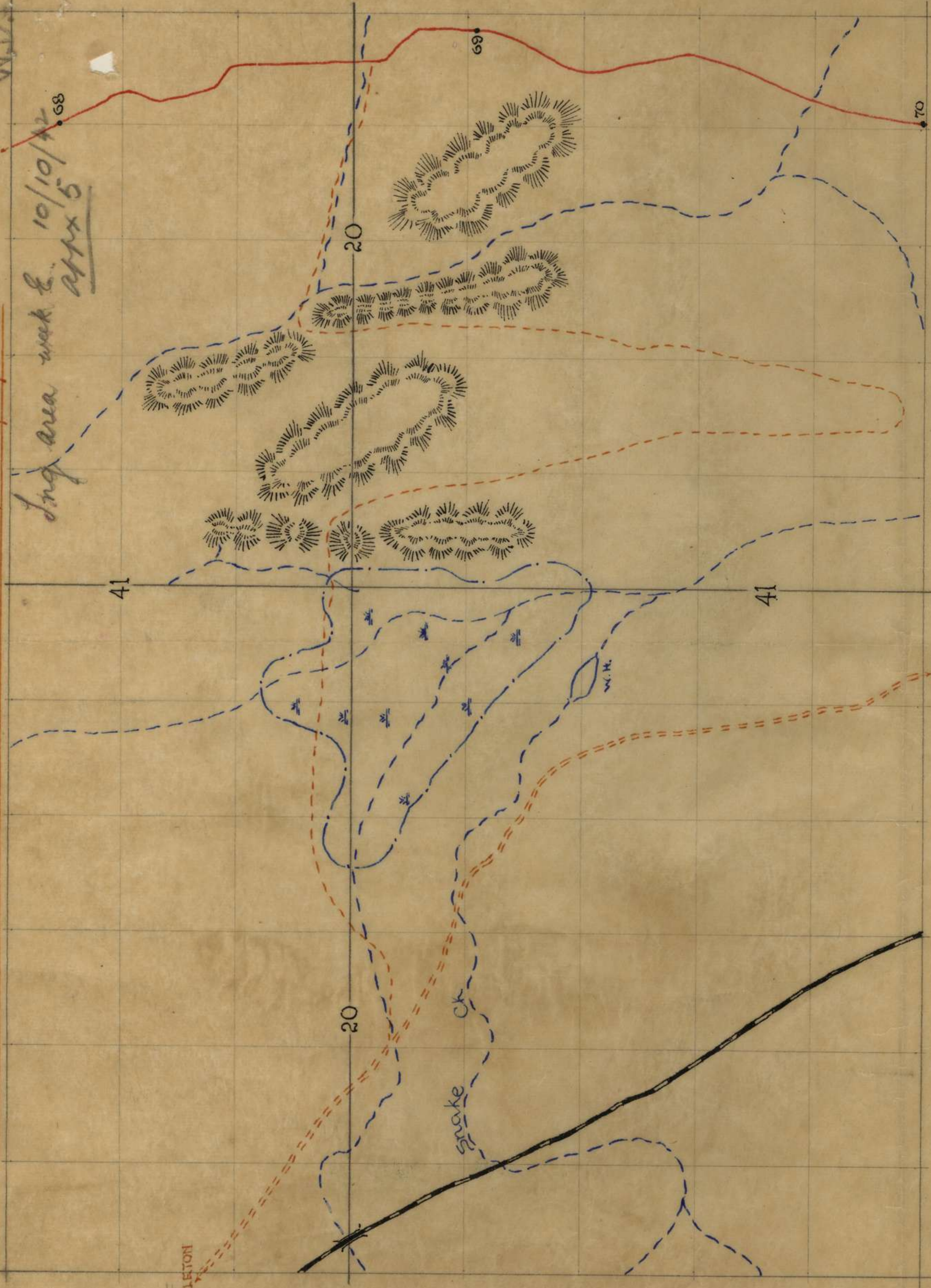
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TO ADELAIDE W. STN

SCALE 4 INS TO 1 MILE.

MILE

See foot Inf 87
Capt G. J. Wood, I. Sec.



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SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 17 OCTOBER 42 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Unit	Date	Time	S.P.	Route or Direction	Area of Exercise	Type of Trg	Remarks
1	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	12/15 Oct.	FORCE		EXERCISE			Postponed by FORCE HQ. Ref appx 10
2.	"	16.	VET	WEATHER	CONSTRUCTION			
3.	"	17.	BDE	SPORTS				

J. W. ...
 Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Capt

12/10/42

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Ref. Darwin & Environs
1" to 1 mile Sheet 5.

2/8 AUST INF BN

Ref app 10

MOVEMENT TABLE - FORCE EXERCISE 12/15 OCTOBER 42 MOVEMENT : 12 OCTOBER 42

Serial No.	Sub - Unit	No. of vehicles				S.P.	Time lead- ing veh past S.P.	ROUTE	Speed & Density		Embussing Area	Remarks
		2/8 Aust Inf Bn	No. 3 Coy AASC	Other Units	TOTAL				v.t.m.	m.l.h.		
1.	'G' Coy	1	4	2 (a)	7		2315	S.P. to Main	10	15	Coy Area (a) Incl. 1 A/Tk Gun	
2.	'D' Coy	1	5	1 (a)	7	in	2318	N.S. Rd to South Port Rd Sta. to TUMBLING WATERS		N.S. Rd 6 there after	" (b) Incl. ASC Comd Veh. (c) Bde Sigs (c) Incl. Mortars (5)	
3.	Bn H.Q.	4	1	2 (ab)	7		2321				"	
4.	H.Q. Coy	7 (o)	4	1 (c)	12		2324				"	
5.	'A' Coy	1	5	1 (a)	7		2329				"	
6.	'B' Coy	1	5	1 (a)	7		2332				"	
7.	HQ 'B' Echelon	11			11						"	
TOTALS		26	24	8	58							

- NOTES
1. HALTS - 10 mins to the EVEN HOUR.
 2. Lights will be used.
 3. Offrs & N.C.O's are again reminded of Force Instn re road discipline and the absolute necessity of keeping the convoy moving.

Distn 'B' Plus No 3 Coy AASC,
H Tp 41 Bty, Lieut Clarke

Time of signature 1915 hours.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf BN

[Signature]
Cap

WEAPON TRAINING

OCTOBER 42

APPX 8

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Serial	Day	Coy	Location of Ranges	Weapon	Practices to be fired
1.	D	'A'	Independant Coy Range	Rifle	<u>Rifle :-</u> 1. Application 200 yds 5 rds 2. Snap 200 yds 5 " 3. Application 300 yds 5 " 4. Fire with movement 300 yds <u>4</u> "
2.	D	'B'	" " "	Rifle	
3.	D	'C'	Range No 1	Rifle	
4.	D	'D'	Range No 2	Rifle	
5.	D	'HQ'	Gap Range	Rifle	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>19 rds</u>
6.	D	BnHQ	To be divided & allotted to Rifle Coy ranges.	Rifle	<u>L.M.G. :-</u> Part 1 1. Grouping 200 yds 5 rds (Repetition) 2. Grouping 200 yds 10 " (Auto.) Part 2. 2. Rapid Application 300 yds <u>10</u> rds (Repetition & Automatic) <u>TOTAL</u> <u>25 rds</u>
7.	D+1	All Coys Bn HQ.	As for serials 1 - 6	L.M.G.	

NOTES :-
 1. Coys will prepare own ranges, target frames etc.
 11. Coys will keep records of scores in all practices.

TOTAL PER GUN 300 rds.


 Major
 2 i/c 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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2/8 Aust Inf Bn,
16 Oct 1942.

..... 19 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING - PROGRAMME.

FIELD EVENTS:

Serial	Time hrs	EVENT	2/8 Bn representative	
1	1000	100 yards	Pte W.C. Howe	2 nd "HQ" Coy
4	1005	High Jump	Lieut M. Ferry	2 nd "B" Coy
5	1015	880 yards	Pte W.L. McCready	2 nd "A" Coy
6	1025	Relay Race	Pte W.C. Howe "HQ" Coy Pte J.H. Farrar "D" Coy Lieut J.S. Laidlaw "HQ" Coy Pte G. Blanks "C" Coy	2 nd
8	1030	Broad Jump	Pte G. Peck	1 st "HQ" Coy
9	1045	220 yards	Lieut J.S. Laidlaw	"HQ" Coy
10	1050	Throwing Discus	Capt L. Gray	2 nd Bn.H.Q.
12	1100	120 yards Hurdles	Lieut L.O. Rumley	"D" Coy
14	1105	Shot Putt	Capt H.McP. Austin	1 st "C" Coy
15	1115	440 yards	Cpl G. Trewin	"HQ" Coy
16	1120	Crosscut Saw	Pte Davies - Pte Merrit	"HQ" Coy
17	1120	3 Mile	L/Sgt Hall Pte G.W. Smith	Bn.H.Q. "A" Coy
18	1155	Tug o'War	Sgt P.V. Middleton Pte R.E. Phillips Pte E. Fryer Cpl Richardson Pte Giblet Cpl Tognolini Pte Collis Pte Miller	"A" Coy "A" Coy "A" Coy "C" Coy "B" Coy "D" Coy "D" Coy "D" Coy
20	1215	Throwing Cricket Ball	Cpl L. Spence	"A" Coy
21	1220	Wood Chop	Cpl Le Brun	"D" Coy
22	1230	Kicking Football	Pte W. Howe	1 st "HQ" Coy
23	1240	Hop Step & Jump	Pte G. Peck	1 st "HQ" Coy
24	1255	Tossing Caber	Sgt H. Moran	1 st "D" Coy
25	1255	Obstacle Race	Pte Blanks	1 st "C" Coy

2. MILITARY EVENTS

				Location
2	1000	Pl drill	11 Pl "B" Coy	SOUTH of Oval
3	1000	Bren gun	Cpl Tucker. Ptes Barber, Eastham.	1 st HQ Coy
7	1025	Grenade Throwing	W.O.II P. Cross Cpl H. Bateman	"C" Coy "HQ" Coy

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MILITARY EVENTS (Contd)

Serial	Time	EVENT	2/8 Bn representative	Location
11	1050	Signal Comp	Sgt Norris, Cpl Williams, Ptes Peder, Storer, L/Cpl Brown E., Pte Brown D.G., Pte Brown G.E., Pte Griffen, Pte Drummond, Pte Lett, Pte Hourigan, Pte Westbury	SOUTH Oval
13	1100	Embussing and Debussing.	Lieut Metcalf	"C" Coy
19	1200	Mortar Comp	3 Pl "HQ" Coy	
26	1300	Wire Crashing	Lieut Trethowan	"D" Coy
30	1530	Thomas Splint Comp	Ptes Grant, Foote, Wallace & Holland	Swimming Pool Area

3 SWIMMING EVENTS.

27	1500	50 yards Freestyle	Pte P. Smith	"D" Coy
28	1515	Plunge	Sgt Ballingall	"B" Coy
29	1530	50 yds Medley	Pte Carroll, Capt L. Gray, Pte J.P. Hocken	Bn.H.Q. "HQ" Coy
31	1600	100 yds Freestyle	L/Sgt Norris	"HQ" Coy
32	1615	50 yds Backstroke	Cpl Hanson	"B" Coy
33	1630	50 yds Breaststroke	Sgt A.S. Roberts	"HQ" Coy
34	1715	Water Polo	Sgt Norris, Cpl Hanson, Pte Studeman, ("A" Coy) Pte Carroll, Cpl Ryding ("HQ" Coy), Pte Smith	

- 2/8 Bn reps in field events will report to Lieut L.C. Cooper at assembly area at 0945 hrs. Coys will ensure that all competitors are informed of the abovementioned timings.
- DRESS. - for field events. Shorts (Comforts Fund Issue), Singlet.
- All competitors will report to assembly area 15 mins before each event and will be at the starting line 5 mins before each event.
- Logs for woodchop event will be drawn for. Competitors will fix their own logs in position and will do so in 15 mins before start of event.
- Battle order for all events will be less steel helmet and all gas equipment. Haversacks will be worn and water bottle on right side.
- ADCS have established a canteen on the sports ground, and soft drinks, biscuits, fruit etc, will be available to tps.
LOCATION. BATCHELOR-ADELAIDE R - 1 inch to 1 ml ref 140210. Track leaves MAIN ROAD EAST of "D" Coy 23/21 Aust Inf Bn
- Midday Meal - 1330 hrs at Sports Ground. Coy eating areas will be notified later.
Evening Meal - in camp normal time.

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Lieut.
2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 24 OCTOBER 42 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Unit	Date	Time	S.P.	Route or Direction	Area of Exercise	Type of Tng	Remarks
1	2/8 Bn	19/22 Oct		N.T.	FORCE EXERCISE	NO. 5		
2	"	23 Oct		CAMP	CONSTRUCTION	- ALL DAY		
3	"	24 Oct		BDE TACTICAL EXERCISE		66 Mile to STAPLETON	Cancelled	

J. H. Griffiths
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Capt.

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SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 31 OCTOBER 42 - 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Unit	Date	Time	S.P.	Route or Direction	Area of Exercise	Type of Tng	Remarks
1	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	26 Oct.	0900 hrs			1 mile WEST of Camp Area	Open Range practices L.M.G. All Day.	
2.	"	"	2000 hrs	Camp Area		3 miles WEST of Camp Area	Night Training.	Coy Exercises- Reece Fighting Patrols.
3.	"	27 Oct	1800 hrs	Camp Area		69 MI Post. Staple-ten track. Adelaide R. crossing. NE to Mt Bundy track. S 4 mls W 4 mls - Adelaide R crossing thence to unit lines.	Route March 25 Miles	Cross Country - Hardening.
4.	"	28 Oct	2000 hrs	"		WEST of Camp Area	Night Tng	Bn Exercise in Perimeter Defence - Infiltration Jap methods-Coy as enemy.
5.	"	29 Oct	1800 hrs	"		STAPLETON Reece net yet complete	Night Tng	Bn Exercise - Night March- 20 miles. Approach March - attack. Coy as Enemy withdrawal.
6.	"	30 Oct	2000 hrs	"	<i>Cancelled</i>	WEST of Camp Area	Night Tng	Coy Exercises - Attack-Consolidation. Withdrawal & counter attack.
7.	"	31 Oct	2000 hrs	"	<i>Cancelled</i>	"	Night Tng	Bn attack & consolidation. Coy as enemy withdrawal.

⚡ Note: Reece of this area not yet completed.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
Lieut. Col. R. E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1. 163/42 2nd October 42.

1. DUTIES :- The following duties will Mount at Retreat 2nd Oct 42.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. WHITESIDE A.M.W.
N.F.D.	" McDERMOTT R.J.
Duty Coy	"A" Coy
N.F.D.	"B" Coy

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL (To be read on parade by Coy Comd).

WX 15820 Pte KICKETT J. of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F. was tried by D.C.M. at ADELAIDE RIVER on 18 Sept 42.

PRESIDENT : Major A.J. GREVILLE H.C.N.T. Force.

CHARGE : When on active service "Absenting himself without leave" in that he at Freemantle W.A. did absent himself without leave from 2300 hrs on 20 Mar 42 until 1600 hrs on 27 June 42.

PLEA : GUILTY FINDING : GUILTY

SENTENCE : The Court sentence the accused WX 15820 Pte KICKETT J. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F. to undergo detention for a period of forty two (42) days. Dated 18th Day Sept 42.

CONFIRMATION : Confirmed by Major General J.E.S. STEVENS Comd N.T. Force on 30 Sept 42.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE :-

PICTURES :- Pictures will be held in 23/21 Bn lines tonight 2nd Oct 42. showing "The Rage of Paris"

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ROUTINE BY ORDERS

Ident. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part I. 164/42 3rd October 42.

1. DUTIES :- The following duties will Mount at Retreat 3rd Oct 42.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. McDERMOTT R.J.
N.F.D.	" COOPER L.C.
Duty Coy	"B" Coy
N.F.D.	"G" Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES :-

<u>Holy Communion</u> :	0830 hours	Chaplain WOOLF. ('A' Coy lines)
<u>Combined</u> :	1015 hours	Chaplain FRANCIS
	Coys march on 1005 hours. Markers to R.S.M.	
	1000 hours.	
<u>R.C.</u> :	0730 hours	Chaplain McDONALD.

Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE : CONCERT :- A concert by 19 Aust Inf Bde Concert Party will be held in 23/21 Bn Area 2030 hours 4 Oct 42.

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Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1. 165/42 4th October 42.

1. DUTIES :- The following duties will Mount at Retreat 4th Oct 42.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. DONCASTER H.
N.F.D.	" KENNEDY E.J.
Duty Coy	"C" Coy
N.F.D.	"D" Coy

Bn Guard For Period 5/9 Oct will Mount 1700 hrs.

2. ROUTINE :- 5/9 Oct

Reveille	1600 hrs.
Meal 1.	1830 "
" 2.	2300 "
" 3.	0500 "

SICK PARADE 1630 hrs.

3. SECURITY :- Coys will maintain normal security measures in Coy lines by night.

4. Between the hours of 0600 and 1600 troops must rest and NO noise whatever is to be made in the Camp Area.

R. E. Winning
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1. 166/42 6 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will mount at Retreat 6 Oct 42 -

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut BALFOUR E.
H.P.D.	Lieut McDERMOTT R.J.
Duty Coy	"HQ" Coy
H.P.D.	"A" Coy

(Lieut McDermott to mount 1300 hrs 7 Oct)

2. DISRICT COURT MARTIAL (To be read on parade by Coy Comdrs)

VX 52549 Pte R.J. SELLS of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. A.I.F. was tried by D.C.M. on 26 Sep 42, at DARWIN.

PRESIDENT. Major A.J. GREVILLE, H.Q. N.T. Force.

First Charge. When on Active Service

1. A.A. 18 (4) "Stealing Public Property" in that he at WINNELLIE on 23 Aug 42 stole forty-six Bottles (46) of beer the property of the Aust Defence Canteen Services.
2. Alternative to 1st Charge A.A. 40 When on Active Service "Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline" in that he at WINNELLIE on 23 Aug 42 was improperly in possession of forty-six (46) bottles of beer, the property of the Aust Defence Canteen Services.

Second Charge. When on Active Service "Willfully injuring Public property" in that he at WINNELLIE on 23 Aug 42 willfully damaged 140 lbs of sugar valued at \$2.12.6 public property.

PLEAS 1: NOT GUILTY. Alternative Charge - GUILTY
2: GUILTY

FINDING 1: GUILTY. Alternative Charge - NOT GUILTY
2: GUILTY.

SENTENCE The Court sentence the accused VX 52549 Pte SELLS R.J. of 2/3 Bn, A.I.F. to undergo detention for 137 days.

CONFIRMATION Confirmed by Major General J.E.S. STEVENS, Comd N.T. Force on 3 Oct 42.

J.H. Griffiths Capt.
Adit. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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BY
Lieut. Colonel R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1. 167/42 3 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will mount at Retreat 3 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut FISHLOCK G.F.N.
N.F.D.	" WRETHOWAN J.M.
Duty Coy	"B: Coy
N.F.D.	"C: Coy

2. PROHIBITED AREAS - MANTON DAM

Attention is drawn to para 5 of N.T. Force Adm Instrn No 14, of April 30, 1942, in which Manton Power House and Dam and its Environs were put out of bounds to all ranks. Coy Comds will ensure that this Order is in future strictly complied with.

3. INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIREARMS

Instances of indiscriminate shooting are frequently reported, particularly in the Fortress Area. In future, the indiscriminate use of firearms will be a serious offence, and disciplinary action will be taken against any offender.

4. DAMAGE TO TENTAGE

Provision of adequate tentage is a drain on Australia's resources. All care must therefore be taken to ensure that no tents are damaged or lost through negligence. More care must be taken in the erection of tents, and more thought given to the most suitable place for erection, having regard to prevailing winds and storms. Where bush timber is used for poles etc., care must be taken to ensure that rough timber does not tear the canvas. Unless the proportion of tentage rendered U/S is reduced within this command, it will be impossible to guarantee adequate cover for all units.

5. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT OF PERSONNEL ON TRANSFER

The undermentioned items of arms, clothing and equipment will not be taken by personnel transferring out of N.T. Force, but will be retained by personnel concerned in all inter-unit transfers including personnel passing through G.D.D. for re-allocation within N.T. Force.

Rifles, S.M.L.R. Capes, Waterproof, Nets Mosquito.
Binoculars, Prismatic (all types) Compasses, Liquid and
prismatic (all types)

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Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Capt

NOTICE : The Mobile Cinema will show at 23/21 Bn lines on Fridays commencing this week. New location re programme is Circuit 'Z'.

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Lieut. Colonel R.E. WINNING, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1

168/42

10 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will mount at Retreat 10 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. LAIDRAW	J.S.
N.F.D.	" WILSON	J.C.
Duty Coy	'D' Coy	
N.F.D.	H.Q. Coy	

2. CHURCH PARADES

Holy Communion : 0830 hours Chaplain WOOLF

Combined : 0900 hours " WOOLF
Coys march on 0850 hours
Markers to R.S.M. 0845 hours.

R.S.M. 0730 hours Chaplain McDONALD

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J.P. Griffiths
 Adjt. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Capt.

NOTICE :

The musical instruments being used by the 19 Aust Inf Bde Concert Party were donated by the 19 Aust Inf Bde Comforts Fund. A letter has been sent to the Comforts Fund expressing the appreciation of the members of the Bde.

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Lieut. Col. R.E. WENNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1. 169/42 11 October 42.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 11 October 42:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. WILSON J.C.
N.F.D.	" WILSON E.L.
Duty Coy	'HQ' Coy
N.F.D.	'A' Coy to Mount 16 October 42.

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL (to be read on Parade by Coy Sergeants)

VX 44308 Pte SHIELDS G.L. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn was tried by D.C.M. on 2 Oct 42 at ADELAIDE RIVER.

PRESIDENT : Major A.F. GREVILLE N.T. Force HQ.

CHARGE : AA Sec 41. "When on Active Service" in a place within his Majesty's Dominions other than the United Kingdom committing a civil offence, that is to say, Manslaughter.

in that he, at ADELAIDE RIVER N.T. on 15 July 42 unlawfully killed NO VX 13553 Pte JAMES WILLIAMS EDWARDS 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

VERDICT : NOT GUILTY.

FINDING : VX 44308 Pte SHIELDS G.L. of 2/8 Bn A.I.F. is NOT GUILTY of the charge.

3. MILITARY FORWARDING ORGANISATION : A Military Forwarding Organisation has been established in the N.T. for the transit of small consignments of stores, comforts, etc., in excess of the weight and size accepted for transmission by the Postal Service, and for the consignment of kits and effects of evacuated personnel.

Representatives of the M.F.O. (N.T.) Staff are located at :-

H.Q.	Movement Control, Daly Street, DARWIN.
Darwin.....	Bond Store, Darwin Railway Station.
Batchelor.....	A.F. Batchelor Field.
Adelaide River.....	R.T. Office.
Larrimah.....	M.C.O. Office.
Alice Springs.....	R.T.O. Office.
Mount Isa.....	M.C.O. Office.

Services and Units wishing to consign articles through the M.F.O. may lodge them at nearest M.F.O. Representative between the hours of 0900 and 1700 daily. Consignments must be greater than 11 lbs. in weight, but not more than 112 lbs.

[Signature] Capt.
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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BY

Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

170/42

13 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 13 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer
N.F.D.
Duty Coy
N.F.D.

Lieut. E.L. WATSON
" A.M.W. WHITESIDE
'A' Coy
'B' Coy

2. CHANGE OF NAME

The name of VY 12794 Pte EASTHAM T.J. of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn has been changed by Statutory Declaration to Anthony Walter Eastham.

~~3. OUTWARD PARCELS~~

The practice of sending parcels without the sender's No. and Name on the outside will cease forthwith. All parcels must have sender's No. & Name on before they are franked. In addition all parcels must be weighed before handing in to 'I' Office to ensure correct postage is affixed.

A.H. L... Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1. 171/42

14 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 14 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut	A.M.W. WHITESIDE
N.F.D.	"	J.M. TREHLOWAN
Duty Coy	'B' Coy	
N.F.D.	'C' Coy	

2. PRISMATIC COMPASSES - CARRYING OF

When being carried in the field, prismatic compasses will at all times be attached to the person by means of a lanyard or some such device. Carrying prismatic compasses unattached will be regarded as an offence.

3. BAND : Applications are called for instrumental players & drummers.

4. MISUSE OF GREEN ENVELOPES: Green envelopes which are being censored at base show that personnel are sending letters which include matter other than private and family affairs. Disciplinary action is being taken against all offenders in this matter. It should be noted that news which can be included in an ordinary letter cannot be sent in a green envelope. Only one green envelope per man can be sent every 10 days.

[Signature]
Adjts 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
Capt.

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Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

172/42

15 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 15 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. TRETOWAN	J.M.
N.F.D.	" METCALF	E.C.
Duty Coy	'C' Coy	
N.F.D.	'D' Coy	

2. REQUISITIONS FOR TRANSPORT

Requisitions for transport will be handed in to the Adjutant for approval by 1800 hours on the day prior to the transport being required. Details as to times and place of reporting will be clearly stated. G I's will be made available on application to the Transport Office. Only in very special circumstances will any vehs leave the tpt lines without the requisition.

J.H. Griffiths
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Capt.

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BY

Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1 172/42 16 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 16 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut METCALF B.C.
H.F.D.	" DONCASTER H.
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	'H.Q.' Coy

2. SICK PARADE

As from 17 October 42 times as under :

'A' Coy } 'G' " } BnHQ } HQ Coy }	0720 hours
'B' Coy } 'D' Coy }	0840 hours

3. PAYBOOKS

In a number of instances, paybooks have been ill treated to the extent that important data is missing. All ranks will take immediate action to ensure that :

- i. Blood Group is written clearly in ink.
- ii. Photographs are securely pasted in pay book.
- iii. Medical record sheets are securely pasted in pay book.

J.H. Griffith Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Lieut Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

174/42

18 October 42

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 18 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut E.A.W. DOUGLAS
N.F.D.	" E.C. COOPER (22 Oct)
Duty Coy	'A' Coy
N.F.D.	'B' " (to mount 23 Oct.)

2. A.A.GUN POSITIONS - OUT OF BOUNDS

Personnel will not interfere with or remove material from A.A. gun positions, or buildings, whether in use or not. Certain A.A. gun positions may not be occupied all the time or may be used as dummies, but have to be kept ready for immediate occupation.

3. SAP FROM NATIVE FIG TREES

All ranks are notified that the sap from the native fig tree has a severe irritating effect on the skin and eyes, and are warned against allowing any part of the body to come into contact with it.

4. SEASONAL LEAVE

Applications for seasonal leave will not in future be accepted by this H.Q. in view of the provisions of G.R.O.199 (4) (f) of July 17, 1942. This will not exclude applications for leave without pay to attend to a soldier's own farm or station property in circumstances of great personal hardship.

5. IRREGULAR USE OF CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS

Mail matter is being received by the Army Postal Service in this area bearing previously used stamps. No matter how faint the impression, postage stamps which are postmarked are no longer serviceable for postage purposes. The placing of such stamps on postal articles is illegal, and strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. Commanders of Coy will ensure that this order is brought under notice of all ranks.

9/11/42
Adjt 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Capt.

NOTICE : Bde Concert Party 2/3 Bn Lines, South off Officers Mess, tonight at 2030 hours.

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Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1. 175/42 23 October 42

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 23 October 42:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut	E.C. COOPER
N.F.D.	"	E.A.W. DOUGLAS
Duty Coy	'B' Coy	
N.F.D.	'C' Coy	

2. BDE GP SPORTS

The Bde Comd desires that his appreciation be conveyed to those who so ably organised the Sports Day which was a paramount success.

3. CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS

1. Owing to the shortage of potato supplies, and in order to prevent waste of protective foods in Army kitchens and by troops generally, every effort will be made to conserve this valuable food.
2. In this regard potatoes, as from October 15 1942 will not be peeled before cooking but will be scrubbed clean, bad portions, if any, cut out, and then cooked in their jackets.
3. A G.R.O. embodying the above and setting out further particulars in regard to the preparation of potatoes for cooking will be issued in the near future.

4. AIR TRAVEL - EXCESS BAGGAGE

1. Attention of all ranks is directed to N.T. Force Order 98 of August 4, 1942.
2. Many instances have occurred where these instructions have not been complied with, and the cost of excess baggage has been debited to the paybook of the member concerned.
3. Where application for excess baggage has been approved, Movement Control will advise unit concerned to that effect.
4. In such instances movement orders will be endorsed "Excess baggae - lbs, authorised by G.O.C. N.T. Force."


 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Capt.

NOTICE

Cinema for this week only showing SUNDAY NOT Friday at 23/21 Bn lines.

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Lieut. Col. R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1 176/42 24 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 24 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut B.A.W. DOUGLAS
N.F.D.	" G.F.N. FISHLOCK
Duty Coy	'G' Coy
N.F.D.	'D' Coy

2. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

Applicants applying for leave to visit sick next of kin must forward medical evidence with application.

3. CHURCH PARADES

Holy Communion	0730 hrs	Chaplain WOOLF
Combined	0830 hrs	" WOOLF
	Coys march on 0820 hrs.	Markers to R.S.M. 0815 hrs.
R.C.	0730 hrs	Chaplain McDONALD

4. SH OWERS - BLE

Showers have been allotted to this unit on 27 and 30 Oct 42. Times for Coys as shown in B.R.O. 147/42 of 25 August 42.

5. REMITTANCES OF CASH & UNDRAWN PAY

It is preferable to avoid extra handling of cash to remit undrawn pay from pay books. Any portion not exceeding 4/5 of the balance of undrawn pay can be remitted. If remitting to a Savings a/c, the a/c number must be specified.

6. A.C.F.

The following goods have been received from the A.C.F. :-
Boot Polish 623 tins, Tobacco 623 ozs, Papers 623,
Underpants 623 pks, P.K.'s 22 cartons, Soap Toilet 623,
Writing Paper 55 pads, envelopes 62 cartons.

J.H. Griffiths
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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BY

Lieut. Col R.E. WINNING, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
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Part 1 177/42 26 Oct. 42.

1. DUTIES : The following duties will mount at Retreat 26 Oct 42.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut W.B. ATKINSON
n.f.d.	" H. DONCASTER
Duty Coy	"HQ" Coy
n.f.d.	"A" Coy

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

VX 18925 Pte MCGILLIVRAY I.R., 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, was tried by D.C.M. at ALICE SPRINGS on 2 Oct 42.
 President: Major H.C. COMFORT, HQ 11 L of C Sub Area
Charge: 1. A.A. 8(2) Using insubordinate language to his superior (W.O.A.S.) officer
 2. A.A. 11. W.O.A.S. Stealing
Plea: 1st Charge Not Guilty
 2nd Charge Not Guilty
Finding: Guilty on both charges
Sentence: VX 18925 Pte MCGILLIVRAY I.R. to undergo detention for a period of 90 days dated 2 Oct 42.
Confirmed: Confirmed by Brigadier H.M. Inaudit, D.S.O. on 6 Oct 42.

[Signature] Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

"SOLDIERING ON" - The Australian Army's own Xmas Gift Book for 1942. An ideal Christmas gift for relatives and friends - deals with Australians' achievements in 1942, in Malaya, Middle East and SW Pacific Area.

Humorous features, verse, stories, drawings, photographs etc make this book's worthy successor to "Active Service".

Order Forms are available at Coy Offices.

FOUND. One Khaki Hat. picked up during the 19/22 Perce exercise. Owner claim at Bn Orderly Room.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Major H.H. McDONALD, Admin. Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1. 178/42 27 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 27 October 42 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. H. DONCASTER
N.F.D.	" G.W. BRIMAGE
Duty Coy	'A' Coy
N.F.D.	'B' Coy

2. COY ROLL BOOKS :

In future all roll books must be signed by an officer each day. (A.M.R. & O 1207 - 1233).
Coy Comds will ensure that this instruction is carried out as from 28 October 42.

3. FIELD HYGIENE (Extract from Bde R.O. 26 Oct 42)

The standard of hygiene while units are on manoeuvres is still poor.
Coy Comds must observe their responsibilities in this matter.

4. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES

- i. 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.
- ii. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para i hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.
- iii. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the Forces who, in many instances, 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.

J.H. Griffiths
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Capt.

NOTICES

FOUND: A wallet the property of SX 12036 90 Pte MARTIN H.W. and is held by HQ Comd NT Force, AASC. Owner may obtain same on application to the forementioned HQ.

RADIO: Units wishing to purchase wireless sets may do so through Entertainments NOONAMAH.

GARDENING: Coys may make application to Bn HQ for the purchase of seeds or gardening tools to enable Coys to encourage the hobby of gardening among Coy personnel.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Major H.H. McDONALD, Admin. Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

179/42

29 October 42

1. DUTIES; The following duties will Mount at Retreat 29 October 42;

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut G.A. COOMBES
N.F.D.	" R.J. McDERMOTT
Duty Coy	'C' Coy
N.F.D.	'D' Coy

2. COLOUR PATCHES

Extract from G.R.O.482 - 500 of 23 Oct 42 :-

491. Para 3. "Attached" personnel will wear the colour patch of the unit or corps to which they belong and will not wear that of the unit to which they are only attached.

Para 4. A member is not permitted to wear minatures of the colour patch of more than one unit.

Para 5. A member, who has not himself enlisted in the A.I.F., will neither wear the shoulder title "Australia" nor colour patches upon a battle grey background, even though the unit with which he is serving is classified as an A.I.F. unit.

G.H. Griffiths Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

BY

ORDERS

Lieut. Col. R. E. MOUNTAIN,

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

180/42

31 October 42

1. DUTIES : The following duties will mount at Retreat 31 October 42;

Bn Duty Officer
N.F.D.
Duty Coy
N.F.D.

Lieut LYONS J.S.
" BERRY H.G.
'HQ' Coy
'A' Coy

J.H. Griffiths
Cap t
Adj t 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/3 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	9		
Lieutenants ...	17		5
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	28		5

* 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.
Capt.	RAUSCH H.P.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	28.9.42.	Transferred to L.H.Q.
T/Capt	DWYER M.J.	"	28.9.42.	Seconded to 19 A.I.T.B.
Lieut	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	"	28.9.42.	" " " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appoint Corps. ments	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. col.	NX 44	WINTERS R.E.	C.O. 2/c	Yes	
Major	VX 43	Mc DONALD H.H.	C.O. 2/c		
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	O.C. 'A' Coy	"	
Capt.	SX 1451	BRAMAN D.	" 'B' Coy	"	
Capt.	VE 244	AUSTIN H. McP.	" 'C' Coy	"	
Capt.	VX 204	HASKELL H.J. McP.	2/c "	"	
Capt.	VX 6596	DUFFY S.C.	O.C. 'D' Coy	"	
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.E.S.	O.M.	"	
T/Capt.	VX 20309	SHEDDY L.J.	A/O.C. 'E' Coy	"	
Exceptn	VX 20309	SHEDDY L.J.	A/O.C. 'E' Coy	NO	DET XXXXXXXXXX
T/Capt.	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	Adjt.	Yes	
T/Capt.	VX 6568	GATLY J.C.	2 1/c 'A'	NO	DET FOR DUTY
Lieut.	VX 5470	RUMLEY L.O.	" 'D' Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut.	NX 3791	BALFOUR E.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 2569	SHEDDY L.J.	"	NO	DET FOR DUTY
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	2/c Carrier	NO	DET 3rd BDE
Lieut.	VX 39734	PAPE R.E.	Pl. Comd	NO	DET FOR DUTY
Lieut.	VX 27797	DOWNING W.B.	"	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut.	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	L.O.	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut.	VX 6469	Mc DEMOTT R.J.	Pl. Comd	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	"	"	
Lieut.	NX 6500	TREHOWNAN J.H.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 6548	PERRY M.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 35144	LAILAN J.S.	T.O.	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut.	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.H.	Pl. Comd	NO	DET 3rd BDE
Lieut.	VX 50424	WHITESIDE A.H.H.	"	yes	
Lieut.	VX 50378	DONGASTER H.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 43514	ATKINSON W.B.	"	"	

(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.		GRAY L.P.	2/7 Rd Amb	1.6.42	R.M.
Chaplain		McDONALD C.H.	A&A Ch D.	30.8.42	Chap

Huming
(Signature of Commander.)

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

2nd October 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Appoint- ments Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	HK 44	WIRNING R.E.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	2 1/c	"	
Capt.	VX 203	SIRTH J.A.H.	C.O. A Coy	"	
Capt.	HK 1451	GRAHAM D.	" 1st "	"	
Capt.	VX 244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" 1st "	"	
Capt.	VX 6596	DEFFEY S.C.	" 1st "	"	
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	Q.M.	"	
T/Capt.	VX 20309	SHERDY L.J.	A/OC 1st "	"	
T/Capt.	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	Adjt.	"	
T/Capt.	VX 6568	GATELY J.C.	2 1/c A "	No	Det. for duty
Lieut.	VX 5479	MURPHY L.O.	" 1st "	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	Pl. Comd	No	Det for duty
Lieut.	HK 8791	BALFOUR E.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	2 1/c carriers	No	Det for duty
Lieut.	VX 39724	PAPPE R.E.	Pl. Comd	No	" "
Lieut.	VX 27797	DOWNING W.B.	"	No	School
Lieut.	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	I.O.	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 6469	MEDDEMOTT R.J.	Pl. Comd	No	School
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	"	No	Det for duty
Lieut.	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	"	No	"
Lieut.	VX 6548	PERRE M.	"	No	"
Lieut.	VX 35144	LAYDLAW J.S.	T.O.	No	School
Lieut	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	Pl. Comd	Yes	
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 52878	DONCASTER H.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 43514	ATKINSON W.B.	"	No	School

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Cpt.		GRAY L.P.	2/7 Rd Amb	12.6.42	R.M.O.
Chaplain		McDONALD C.H.	A.A.Ch D.	30.8.42	Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

9 October 42

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

19 Aust Inf Bde

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

Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
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..... *			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	18		5
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	28		5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	METCALP E.C.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	13.10.48	Rejoined unit from Con Depot
Lieut.	DOUGLAS E.A.W.	" "	15.10.48	Rejoined unit from 119 AGH

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Appoint- ments	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	2 i/c	"	
Capt	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	O.C. 'A' Coy	"	
Capt	SX 1451	BRAHAM D.	" 'B' "	"	
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" 'C' "	"	
Capt	VX 6596	DIPPEY S.C.	" 'D' "	No	Det for duty
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	Q.M.	Yes	
T/Capt	VX 20309	SHEDDY L.J.	A/OC 'HQ' Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX 6569	CRIFFITH J.H.	Adjt	"	
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY J.C.	2 i/c 'A'	No	Det for Duty
Lieut	VX 5479	HUNLEY L.O.	" 'D' "	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	"	"	
Lieut	NX 8791	BALFOUR E.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	2 i/c Carriers	"	
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE R.E.	Pl. Comd	No	Det for duty
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING W.B.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	I.O.	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	Pl Comd	No	School
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6548	PERRY M.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW J.S.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52878	DONCASTER H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS E.A.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43514	ATKINSON W.B.	"	No	School

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		GRAY L.P.	2/7 Pd Amb	12.6.42	R.M.O.
Chaplain		McDONALD C.H.	A.A.Ch D	30.8.42	Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

16 October 42

(Date of Despatch.)

H.H. McDonald Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 16 October 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1 W.Os. Class I.	1		
6 W.Os. Class II.	5		1
5 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
31 Serjeants	35	4	
59 Corporals	68		1
733 Troopers, Privates, &c.	593		140
845 TOTALS	707	4	142

*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 Cpl (L/Sgt)	8 Aust Div Postal		
1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 Pte	A.A.M.C.		
1 Sgt, 1 Pte	A.A.O.C.		
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.		

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).

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	1	
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle	1		Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen	17		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers	2		Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		2	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	1	
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	4	
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	3		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		2	Hammermen	1		Riggers	2	
Clerks		4	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers	1	
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors	2	
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers	4	
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors	4		Joiners			Signallers		3
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters	1	
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	3		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths	2	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	2		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant	6		Moulders	2		Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)	1		Welders	1	
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	2				
						General Duty Personnel		120
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								142

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.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Lt. Col.

Date of Despatch 16 October 42

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	20		4
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	29		4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	BRIMAGE G.W.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	20.10.42	T.O.S. from N.T.P.A.R.D.
Lieut	COMBES G.A.	"	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	ADAMS J.S.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	18.10.42	Evac. to 119 A.G.H.
T/Capt	SHEEDY L.J.	"	22.10.42	"

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Appoint Corps ments	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	C.O.	No.	Det. for Duty
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	2 i/c	Yes	
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	O.C. 'A' Coy	No	School
Capt.	SX 1451	BRANHAM D.	" 'B' "	Yes	
Capt.	VX 244	AUSTIN H.McP.	" 'C' "	"	
Capt.	VX 6596	DIFFER S.C.	" 'D' "	No	Det for Duty
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	Q.M.	Yes	
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	Adj't.	"	
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY J.C.	2 i/c 'A'	No	Det for Duty
Lieut	VX 5479	RUMLEY L.O.	" 'D' "	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	Pl. Command	"	
Lieut	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	"	"	
Lieut	NX 8791	BALFOUR E.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE R.E.	"	No	Det for Duty
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING W.B.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	I.O.	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	Pl. Comd	No	School
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6300	TREHOWAN J.M.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6548	PERRY M.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW J.S.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.P.N.	Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52878	DONCASTER H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43514	ATKINSON W.B.	"	No	School
Lieut	TX 4637	BRINAGE G.W.	"	Yes	
Lieut	TX 4322	COMBES G.A.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		GRAY L.P.	2/7 Fd Amb	12.6.42	R.M.O.
Chaplain		McDONALD C.H.	A.A.ChD	30.8.42	Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

23 October 42

(Date of Despatch.)

J.H. Currie Capt per Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

19 Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 23 October 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1	W.Os. Class I.	1	
6	W.Os. Class II.	5	1
5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	
	Staff Serjeants		
31	Serjeants	33	2
69	Corporals	67	2
733	Troopers, Privates, &c.	593	140
845	TOTALS	704	143

*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 Cpl (L/Sgt)	6 Aust Div Postal		
1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 Pte	A.A.N.C.		
1 Sgt Cpl (L/Sgt)	A.A.P.C.		
2 Cpl 2 Ptes 1 Sgt.	A.A.O.C.		
1 Pte	H.Q. 19 Bde		

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.

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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			Panel Beaters	1	
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle	1		Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen	15		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers	2		Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		2	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	2	
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	3	
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	4		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		2	Hammermen			Riggers	2	
Clerks		4	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers	1	
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors	2	
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers	3	
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	3	
Concretors	4		Joiners			Signallers		3
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	1	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	2		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths	2	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	6		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant	4		Moulders	2		Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	2				
						Gen. Duty Personnel		121
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								143

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.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Lt. Col.

Date of Despatch 23 October 42

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	21		3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	30		3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	LYONS J.S.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	27.10.42	T.O.S. from N.T.F.A.R.D.
Lieut	BERRY H.G.	"	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	26.10.42	Evac to 119 A.G.H.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials		Appointments	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING	R.E.	C.O.	No	Det for Duty
Major	VX 49	McDONALD	H.H.	B 1/c	Yes	
Capt	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	O.C. 'A' Coy	No	School
Capt	SX 1451	GRAHAM	D.	" 'B' "	Yes	
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN	H.M.P.	" 'C' "	"	
Capt	VX 6596	DIFFY	S.C.	" 'D' "	No	Det for Duty
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	Q.M.	Yes	
T/capt	VX 6596	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adj't	"	
T/capt	VX 6568	GATELY	J.C.	2 1/c 'A' "	"	
Lieut	VX 5479	Rusley	L.O.	" 'D' "	"	
Lieut	VX 6513	METCALF	E.C.	Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 2569	KENNEDY	L.J.	"	"	
Lieut	NX 6791	BALFOUR	E.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE	R.E.	"	No	Det for Duty
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING	W.B.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	Pl. Comd	No	School
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER	L.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	E.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6300	TREHOWNAN	J.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6548	PERRY	M.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW	J.S.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITESIDE	A.H.W.	Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 52378	DONCASTER	H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52354	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43514	ATKINSON	W.B.	"	"	
Lieut	TX 4637	BRINAGE	G.W.	"	"	
Lieut	TX 4322	COMBES	G.A.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52436	LYONS	J.S.	"	"	
Lieut	SX 12814	BERRY	H.O.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		GRAY	L.P.	2/7 PG Amb	12.6.42 R.M.O.
Chaplain		McDONALD	G.H.	A.A.Ch D	30.8.42 Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

30 October 42

(Date of Despatch.)

J.H. [Signature]
Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

19 Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit) 30 October 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1 W.Os. Class I.	1		
6 W.Os. Class II.	5		1
5 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
31 Serjeants	33	2	
69 Corporals	69		
733 Troopers, Privates, &c.	585		148
TOTALS	698	.	149

*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 Cpl (L/Sgt)	6 Aust Div Postal		
1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 MPte	A.A.M.C.		
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	A.A.P.C.		
2 Cpl 3 Ptes 1 Sgt	A.A.C.C.		
1 Pte	H.Q. 19 Bde		

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).

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	1	
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle	1		Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen	15		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers	2		Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		2	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	2	
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	3	
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	4		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		2	Hammermen			Riggers	2	
Clerks		4	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers	1	
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors	2	
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers	3	
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	3	
Concretors	4		Joiners			Signallers		3
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	1	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists	2		Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths	2	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	6		Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant	4		Moulders	2		Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	2				
						Gen. Duty Personnel		127
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								149

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.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

Date of Despatch 30 October 42

Regt., Div., Area, etc. with which unit is serving.

Medical Report (Cont'd)

August: General health of men good.

September: 70 ft bore sunk in the lines - ~~quite~~ gives good supply of water. This water, as also that from Adelaide River, on testing with Horrocks Testing Outfit goes blue at the 5th cup. It is not chlorinated.

Showers : Set up in the Coys.

Salt : Whole Bn marched, without any transport, some 30 odd miles in 24 hours with only about a dozen falling out. Salt tablets were used in the water bottles for the first time and the men were impressed enough by the thirst quenching properties of salted water to visualise the necessity of salt.

October : The "Wet" commencing was heralded by a quite sudden onset of heat rashes "Prickly Heat".
There is a very poor supply of Salt Tablets.

Inoculations : Some 300 men of the Bn who did not have an adequate period of six to nine weeks between their first and second injections of Tetanus Toxoid were started on a new course and received their first injection. Those requiring maintenance dose were also done.

Hygiene : Garbage burners now placed one to each kitchen and garbage burnt in the camp instead of being all taken 3 miles away, burnt and buried.

Heat Prostration : During a Force Exercise, considerable numbers of men from all the units collapsed suddenly during the heat of the day. There were about 50 cases from this Bn. They were all quite prostrate, some retched and some had bad headaches. After a rest they were able to proceed. The causes were most likely :

- i. High humidity
- ii. Salt and water deficiency.

*Libby, O'Hara Capt
R. 170 1/8 Aust Inf Bn*

MEDICAL REPORT OF 2/8 AUST INF BN
SINCE ARRIVING IN N.T.

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JUNE 42 :

Battalion arrived in N.T.

Hygiene Camp Site: Site situated some 200 yards WEST of a large garbage dump which required a lot of work by this battalion to clean it up.

Flies: Very prevalent - aggravated by the constant Easterly wind blowing over the dump. Number decreased as more rigid hygiene was instituted especially with the change of shallow trench to deep latrines and the abolition of the garbage dump.

Latrines : Very difficult to dig deep enough due to stony nature of ground.

Diarrhoea: Soon after arrival a mild epidemic of diarrhoea occurred. Commenced with a number of the men on the journey overland from South, and the cases occurred at about 50 a week. The epidemic was over in 3 weeks. The attacks cleared up in 3 days, or if not, took at least a week- some required hospitalisation. This Bn was affected mildly compared with some of the other A.M.F. Bns in the area. At the end of 3 weeks the men were feeling generally tired due to change of climate, heat and the rough hilly country over which they trained. This tiredness disappeared as they became acclimatised.

Tinea: At end of month diarrhoea had become incidental to be replaced by quite a sudden onset of tinea infection- mainly the feet and crutch. Some 10 cases a week appeared of tinea of the crutch. This was finally controlled by hygiene, inspection, supervision and treatment of the whole Bn. Tinea Paint, Whitfield Ointment, Iodine, Silver Nitrate, were used locally and increased facilities were made available for water and washing of clothes.

Water: Supply adequate. Carted from Adelaide River 3 miles away- not chlorinated.

Hot Showers: Provided for men twice a week about 1 mile away.

Swimming Pool : A non flowing pool about 1 mile away- used quite extensively by the men.

Dust : Roads very dusty. No facilities provided for M.T. Drivers as Dust Masks or Eye Shields- like those used by U.S.A. personnel. Anti- gas eye shield quite a good eye shield. The dust causes a lot of sore throats, nasal troubles and conjunctivitis.

Recommendation June : The problem of dust masks and eye shields both for M.T. Drivers and personnel be investigated.

July : Towards end of the month, sores and boils appeared for the first time since arrival, i.e. about 2 months after arrival. This also occurred in another A.I.F. Bn here. Incidence of sores very small compared with other A.M.F. units in the N.T.

Medical Boarding: About 60 men were found to be unable to stand up to the hard physical infantry training the men were undergoing mainly due to age (most around 40 years) and feet disabilities. These men were re-classified. They were mainly re-inforcements sent from 19 I.T.B. prior to leaving the M.E.

Mosquitoes: Mild nuisance. Men used mosquito nets and kept under control by weekly oiling of chain of pools running through camp.