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**May - June 1943**



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**WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**  
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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 43 To 31 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER. (69 Mile)	1 May		Weather. Fine.	
			Working Parties. 1 Offr, 6 ORs Timber Party. 6 ORs Bde Amn dump. 1 Offr, 18 ORs STAPLETON. 17 ORs 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
			Training. A Coy training in lines.	
			B Coy. Sec trg. area 110202 ref .....	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R 1 in
			C Coy. Individual trg in lines.	" "
			D Coy. Trg EAST of lines 124198 ref.....	" "
			HQ Coy. Trg in lines. 3 Offrs 12 NCOs from HQ Coy on recce of MT BUNDY area for Bn Exercise.....	Appx 2.
			C0 and 2 i/c on recce of MT MINZA area for Bn exercises....	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R.
			Appx. Adm Instr No 19.	
			Movement. Major C SIMPSON returned to unit on termination of his appointment as APM NT Force.	
	2 May.		Weather. Fine.	
			Working Parties. 1 Offr. 18 ORs STAPLETON. 6 ORs Bde Amn Dump.	
			Training. Bn Church Pde 0900 hrs. Remainder of day free in lines.	
			Air Raid Red 1030 hrs - All clear 1045 hrs	
			Sport. Table tennis 2/8 Bn v 23/21 Bn. Won by 2/8 Bn 11 games to 9	
			Cricket. Unit team v 41 Bty. Won by unit team the 2/8 Aust Inf Bn scoring 118 runs and 41 Bty 37 runs	
			Movement. Lieut. H Doncaster R T U ex 119 AGH. Major C.J. HUTCHINGS of 8 Aust Inf Bn attached to this Bn for a period of 2 months.	



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69 Mile.	2 May	cont	Recce. CO, Maj HUTCHINGS, Lieut McDERMOTT, Maj SIMPSON on recce of MT BUNDY area for bn exercise. .... Appx. Trg Syllabus 3 - 8 May. ....	Appx 2. Appx 4.
	3 May		Weather. Fine. W/Parties. 1 offr. 17 ORs STAPLETON. 6 ORs Bde Amn dump. 5 ORs Bde Rec Hut. Training. Bn Parade 0900 hrs. A Coy. Weapon trg morning. Afternoon individual trg. Night- Sec patrol competition area 118212 136212, 136185, 119185 ref..... B Coy. Individual trg exercise all day. area 165205 ref " " C Coy. Weapon trg coy lines all day. D Coy. Morning. Assault course area 4. Afternoon Fd firing area 100201. 110201, 110200, 100200 ref... " " HQ Coy. Specialist trg in lines all day. Hot showers of Mobile Bath Unit available for this unit.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R. 1 in " " " " " "
	4 May.		Weather. Fine. Working Parties. 1 offr, 18 ORs STAPLETON, 6 ORs Bde Rec Hut Training. Bn exercise as per..... Sport. Basket Ball. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Result 2/8 Bn. 56 points 2/6 Cav. 34.	Appx 2.
	5 May.		Weather. Fine. W/Parties. As for 4 May. Training. A Coy. Fd Firing area 100200, 110200, 100 210, 110210, ref..... B Coy. Pl trg area 124205 ref C Coy. Pl in attack exercise area 2.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE RIVER 1 in. (Appx 1) BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R 1 in



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69 Mile.	5 May (Cont)		D Coy. Weapon trg in lines. HQ Coy. Spec Trg. TK A Pl firing practice at 103 TK A Regt range.	
			SPORT. Interior economy in afternoon for all coys. Rugby. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn team v 2/6 Aust Cav played on 2/4 Aust Inf Bn ground. Result. 2/6 Aust Cav 13 points, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Nil. Rifle Shoot. Elimination contest held today to select Bn rifle team. Aust Rules. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 23/21 Aust Inf Bn. Result. 2/8 Bn 48 points, 23/21 Bn 47 points. Deck tennis. 2/8 Bn v 3 coy AASC. Result - Won by 3 coy AASC. Basket Ball. B Coy, 2/8 Bn v B Coy 23/21 Bn. Won by 23/21 Bn. Table Tennis. 2/8 Bn v 3 coy AASC. Won by 2/8 Bn 16 games to 4.	
			MOVEMENT. Lieut F.G. CHAFFE returned to unit from Map Reading school WINNELLIE.	
	6 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. 1 offr 16 ORS STAPLETON. 6 ORS Bde. TRAINING. A Coy. Morning. See trg area 152209. Afternoon Pl in attack area 146193 ref ..... B coy. Coy exercise 0900 hrs May 6 to 1600 hrs May 7 S.P. 121196 route out along STAPLETON TRACK to STAPLETON STA thence to RV 032254; return route RV to 070237 then to 083238 and on bg 133 <sup>o</sup> to unit lines.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R 1 in All refs BATCHELOR ADELAIDE river.



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69 Mile	6 May	Cont	C Coy. Morning Assault course area 110200, 110190 ref. Afternoon Fd Firing. Area 100210, 110210, 110200, 100200.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R APPX 1
			D Coy. 2 day coy exercise area. 180210, 220210, 180190, 220190 ref.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R lin
			HQ Coy. Spec Trg in lines. SCHOOLS. Chaplin C.H. McDONALD leaves to attend No 2 Chaplins Course NT Force school.	
			Mortar Pl shoot. area 080280, 105280, 105250, 080250	2 "
			SPORT. Rifle shoot. 2/8 Bn v 2/7 Fd Amb. Scores. 2/8 Bn 478 points. 2/7 Fd Amb. 264 Pts. (Possible 600) Table tennis. 2/8 Bn v 2 coy AASC. Won by 2/8 Bn 16 games to 4.	
			APPX Trg syllabus 10-15 May.	Appx 5.
	7 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. 1 offr 15 ORS STAPLETON 6 ORS Bde. TRAINING. A Coy. At 0915 hrs proceeding on exercise to 065235 and returning 1600 hrs 8 May. B Coy. As shown in 6 May. C Coy. At 0900 hrs moving EAST to ADELAIDE RIVER crossing thence by MT BUNDY rd to 250240 for two day exercise, returning 1645 hrs 8 May. D Coy. As shown in 6 May. HQ Coy. Spec trg in lines. Carr Pl on pl exercise area 090250 ref.	) ) BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R ) i in.
			MOVEMENT. Lieut R PAPE evacuated to 119 AGH Capt. L.O. RUMLEY returns to unit from 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ.	" "
			APPX. TEWT instn..... Range practices.....	Appx 6



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69 Mile.	8 May.		WEATHER. Fine.	
			W/Parties. As for 7 May.	
			TRAINING. A Coy. As for 7 May.	
			B Coy. Morning Sec trg and assault course area 110200 to 110190 . Afternoon fd firing area; 110200, 100200, 110210, 100210 ref.....	Ref <del>BATCHELOR ADELAIDE</del> R 1 in.
			C Coy. As for 7 May.	
			D Coy. Pl in attack trg.in morning. Afternoon sec trg area 130192.	
			HQ Coy. Carr Pl fd firing area 060235, 095268, 072222, 097257. Remainder of coy spec trg.	" "
	9 May.		WEATHER. Fine.	
		W/PARTIES. 1 offr, 15 ORs STAPLETON.		
		CHURCH PARADE 0900. Remainder of day free.		
		SPORT. Cricket. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ. Result. Won by 2/8 Bn by one innings and 94 runs.		
		Basket Ball. A Coy 2/8 Bn v 23/21 BN. Won by A Coy 40 points to 29		
			SOCCAR. 2/8 Bn v 41 Fd Bty. Result draw.	
			MOVEMENT. Lieut. H.A. DONCASTER leaves to attend No 10 Camouflage Course WINNELLIE.	
			APPX. D/S NOTES for TEWT.....	Appx 8.
	10 May.		WEATHER. Fine.	
		W/PARTIES. 1 offr, 15 ORs STAPLETON.		
		TRAINING. A Coy. Rifle and TSMG practice Area D all day.		
		B Coy. Morning. TOETs coy lines. Afternoon - Sec and Pl trg area 2. Night exercise area 3.		
			C Coy Morning Weapon trg. Afternoon Sec trg area 2.	



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69 Mile.	10 May	cont.	D Coy. Morning weapon trg in lines. Afternoon Area D HQ Coy. Specialist trg in lines all day. Bn Int Sec and Signal exercise held during the day. Exercise was to give practice in recording infm and keeping a situation map, messages being sent and originated at 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ. TEWT. TEWT for Coy Comds held by CO Area BURRELLS CK.....	Appx 6 and 8
	11 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. 1 Offr, 15 ORs STAPLETON. 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut. 4 ORs wood party EAST OF camp. TRAINING. A Coy. Morning Sec trg. Afternoon Pl in attack area 133198 ref..... B Coy. Bren and Rifle Practices all day Range 1 area D C Coy. Coy in attack and defence all day area 142200 D Coy Range practices all day. Range 4 area D HQ Coy. Range practices all day. Range #3 area D AIR RAID warning red 1155 hrs, all clear 1223. MOVEMENT. Capt L.P. GRAY evacuated to 119 AGH.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE RIVER L in red " "
	12 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. 7 ORs Bde. 1 Offr, 16 ORs STAPLETON. TRAINING. A Coy. Morning Weapon trg coy lines. B Coy. Morning Pl in attack. Area 1 and 100210, 110210, 110200, 100200. ref..... C Coy. Morning Pl in attack. area 182201..... D Coy. Morning Pl in attack. area 095192..... HQ Coy. Specialist trg coy lines. Interior economy for all coys in afternoon.	" " " " " "



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69 Mile.	13 May		WEATHER Fine.	
			W/PARTIES. 7 ORs Bde. 1 Offr, 17 ORs STAPLETON.	
			TRAINING. A Coy. Individual trg area 125205 ref.....	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R <u>11a</u>
			B Coy. Pl in attack. area 1 and 110210, 100210, 110200, 100200. ref.....	" "
			C Coy. Sec Trg in coy lines.	
			D Coy. Sec trg area 126190 ref.....	" "
			HQ Coy. Spec. trg coy area.	
			All Coys on Bn exercise 13/14 May commencing 1400 hrs 13 May and returning approx 1645 hrs 14 May .....	Appx. 9 and 11.
			APPX. Adm Instn No 20 (Labour for works) .....	Appx 10
			14 May.	
		W/PARTIES. 1 Offr. 17 ORs STAPLETON.		
		TRAINING. Bn on exercise (Night Attack) as shown 1 <sup>3</sup> May.		
	15 May.		WEATHER. Fine.	
		W/PARTIES. 1 Offr 17 ORs STAPLETON. 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut. 10 ORs 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Park.		
		TRAINING. A Coy. Exercise area 168166. ref.....	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R <u>21</u>	
		B Coy Morning Coy Attack. Afternoon coy in defence area 136216 ref .....	" " 1 in	
		C Coy. Range Practices. 1 and 2 ranges. Area D.		
		D Coy. Coy in attack and defence EAST of lines area 126188.		
		HQ Coy Spec trg in morning. Range practice No 3 range afternoon. Grenade for 26 of Coy also in afternoon		
		Results of inter Coy shoots.....	BRO 64/63	



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69 Mile.	17 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 Offrs, 158 ORs NOONAMAH.                      1 Offr, 36 ORs Adv Force HQ.                      1 Offr, 30 ORs Bde Mobile Bath Unit.                      1 Offr, 16 ORs STAPLETON.                      11 ORs Canteens ADELAIDE R.                      10 ORs Ord Fd Park., 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut, 6 ORs Bde Ann dump</p> <p>TRAINING. HQ Coy. Spec trg in coy lines.                      Remainder A,B,C, and D coys camp duties</p>	
	18 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 Offrs, 158 ORs NOONAMAH.                      1 Offr, 36 ORs Adv Force HQ                      1 Offr. 30 ORs Bde Mobile Bath unit.                      1 Offr, 17 ORs STAPLETON, 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut.                      6 ORs Bde Ann Dump, 11 ORs Canteens Adelaide R.                      18 ORs Bamboo cutting Adelaide R.                      10 ORs Ord Fd Park.</p> <p>TRAINING. HQ Coy Spec trg in coy lines.                      Remainder coys camp duties.</p> <p>PATROL of roads HUGHES FIELD-HUMPTY DOO, 42 MILE - HUMPTY DOO                      and 65 MILE - STAPLETON carried out by Int Sec.</p>	
	19 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 Offrs, 157 ORs NOONAMAH. 1 Offr, 36 ORs Adv Force HQ                      1 Offr 18 ORs STAPLETON. 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut.                      11 ORs Canteens ADELAIDE R, 20 ORs Bamboo cutting                      ADELAIDE R. 6 ORs Bde Ann Dump. 10 ORs Ord Fd Park                      1 Offr, 30 ORs Bde Mobile Bath unit.</p> <p>TRAINING. HQ Coy. Spec Trg unit lines.</p>	



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69 Mile.	19 May cont.		Remainder of personnel in coys, camp duties. AIR RAID warning red at 1125 hrs, all clear 1140 hrs. SPORT. Soccer. 2/8 Bn v 2/4 Bn. Won by 2/8 Bn 3 goals to 1 Aust Rules Football. 2/8 Bn v 3 Coy AASC. Won by 2/8 Bn 11 goals 11 pts to 10 goals 9 pts.	
	20 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. 3 offrs, 156 ORs NOONAMAH. 1 offr, 16 ORs STAPLETON. 1 offr, 36 ORs Adv Force HQ. 7 ORs BdeRec Hut. 10 ORs Ord Fd Park. 6 ORs Bde Amn Dump 11 ORs Canteens Adelaide R. 20 ORs Bamboo cutting Adelaide River. TRAINING. HQ Coy. Spec Trg Unit lines. Remainder of Bn camp duties. CO, 2i/c and all offrs of Bn excepting those on working parties attend arty shoot by 41 Fd Bty held along 51 mile MARRAKAI CROSSING road. Shot designed to exercise 41 Fd Bty in neutralizing targets encountered by inf and to practice inf coy comds in calling for arty support.	
			APPX. Trg Syllabus (24-29 May).....	Appx 14.



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69 Mile.	21 May		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 offr, 157 ORs NOONAMAH. 1 offr, 36 ORs Adv FORCE HQ. 1 offr, 16 ORs STAPLETON. 6 ORs Bde Amm Dump 11 ORs Canteens Adelaide River. 10 ORs Ord Fd Park. 13 ORs Bde Mobile Bath. 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut. 20 ORs Bamboo Cutting Adelaide River.</p> <p>Remainder of bn- duties in lines.</p> <p>SPORT. Table tennis 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Won by 2/6 Aust Cav. 15 games to 5 Deck tennis.- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Won by 2/6 Aust Cav.</p> <p>CO and 2i/c on recce of area for TEWT. Area of recce 112250 ref.....</p>	
	22 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine. Nights becoming very cool and arrangements being made for an extra blanket to be issued to <del>men</del> all personnel of the bn.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 offr, 154 ORs NOONAMAH. 1 offr, 34 ORs Adv Force HQ. 1 offr, 16 ORs STAPLETON. 11 ORs Canteens ADELAIDE RIVER. 20 ORs Bamboo cutting Adelaide R. 10 ORs Ord Fd Park. 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut. 12 ORs Bde Mobile bath.</p> <p>Remainder to bn, maintenance duties in Bn area</p> <p>SPORT. Soccer. 2/8 Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Won by 2/8 Bn 1 goal to nil</p>	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE Rl 1 in
	23 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 offr. 154 ORs NOONAMAH. 1 offr, 16 ORs STAPLETON 1 offr, 34 ORs ADV. FORCE HQ, 11 ORs Canteens ADELAIDE RIVER</p> <p>Bn Church Pde 0900 hrs, remainder to day free in lines.</p>	



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69 Mile.	23 May cont.		<p>SPORT. Cricket. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 3 coy AASC. Won by 2/8 Bn by an innings and 90 runs.</p> <p>Capt. L.P. GRAY returned to the unit from 121 AGH.</p> <p>Lieut. G.N. BRIMAGE det to No 11 Camouflage Course NTF School WINNELLIE.</p> <p>MAJOR SMITH, CAPT RUMLEY, LIEUT COOPER and 9 ORs leave Bn lines at 0500 hrs to be transported by plane from BATCHELOR AERODROME to ADELAIDE. This party forms an advance party for this battalion in connection with the relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde from NT Force.</p>	
	24 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 3 offrs, 154 ORs NOONAMAH, 1 offr 34 ORs ADV NT FORCE, 10 ORs ORD FD PARK. 2 ORs Bde HQ.</p> <p>TRAINING. Bn maintenance duties in lines.</p> <p>Under direction of CO and 2i/c a TEWT for Coy Comds and 2i/cs was held along Stapleton track area 111250 ref BATCHELOR ADELAIDE RIV. 1 in.</p> <p>Subject of TEWT "Encounter Attack".</p> <p>The Working Party of 1 offr and 34 ORs returned from Adv. Force HQ also 1 offr and 48 ORs returning from NOONAMAH.</p> <p>Working Party of 1 offr and 18 ORs returned from STAPLETON.</p>	
	25 May.		<p>WEATHER. FINE.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 2 offrs, 95 ORs NOONAMAH. 11 ORs BERRY SPRINGS. 10 ORs Ord Fd Park. 6 ORs Bde Rec Hut. 6 ORs Wood Cutting.</p> <p>TRAINING. C Coy Range Practices on Ranges 1 and 2 Area D</p> <p>D Coy Range Practices. on Range 4 Area D.</p> <p>HQ Coy Spec trg in coy area.</p> <p>Working Party from Ord Fd Park returned in afternoon.</p>	



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69 Mile.	26 May		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 2 Offrs, 95 ORs NOONAMAH. 11 ORs BERRY SPRINGS. 6 ORs Bde Rec Hut.</p> <p>TRAINING. C Coy Morning Sec Trg. Afternoon. Make and mend. D Coy. Sec Trg. Ref Map BATCHELOR 124191 HQ Coy Specialist trg in coy area.</p> <p>SPORT. Football match between 2/8 Aust Inf Bde and 19 Aust Inf Bde forfeited by Bde.</p> <p>Rifle Shoot 2/8 Bn v 2/4 Bn. results. 2/8 Bn won by 19 points.</p> <p>Individual scores. Rifle. 492 pts to 473 pts. Bren 154 pts to 112 pts Vickers. 188 pts to 200 pts.</p>	
	27 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 2 Offrs 95 ORs NOONAMAH. 10 ORs BERRY SPRINGS. 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut.</p> <p>TRAINING. C Coy. Weapon trg in coy area. Grenade and M2" practice No 3 Range. D Coy. Trg in coy area. HQ Coy. Firing Bren practice No 2 Range.</p> <p>CAPT COULSTON, LIEUT MORAN and 2 SJTS detached for umpiring duties of 23 Aust Inf Bde exercise - Area NE of DARWIN Duration of exercise <del>May</del> 27/29 May.</p>	
	28 May.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 2 Offrs 95 ORs NOONAMAH 10 ORs BERRY SPRINGS 7 ORs Bde Rec Hut.</p> <p>TRAINING. B Coy. Maintenance.</p> <p>C Coy Morning. Trg in coy lines. Afternoon exercise - coy in attack. area 133175 .....</p>	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE RIV.



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69 Mile.	28 May 43.	cont.	TRAINING. <del>D Coy. Trg in coy lines.</del> HQ Coy Specialist trg in coy lines.	
	29 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. As for 28 May. TRAINING. B Coy Maintenance duties in coy lines. C Coy Weapon trg and sports in coy lines. D Coy. Morning exercise "Coy in attack" Afternoon "coy in defence" area vicinity 140190 .....ref HQ Coy Specialist trg in coy lines.	BATCHELOR MAP 1 in.
			SPORT. Bn Sports meeting held on football ground at 1400 hrs.	
	30 May.		WEATHER. Fine W/PARTIES. 2 Offrs 95 ORS NOONAMAH. 10 ORS BERRY SPRINGS. Church pde 0900 hrs remainder of day free in lines.	
			MOVEMENT. Lieut. BRIMMAGE RTU from NO 11 Camouflage Course. C & D Coys embark on HMT DUNTROON at Port DARWIN at 2200 hrs. This move is in connection with the relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde from NT, C & D Coys being first to move from this Bn. CO and Adj. drive to DARWIN To watch embarkation of tps. Advance Party 12/50 Bn under comd Lieut. PEACE arrive at this unit.	
	31 May.		WEATHER. Fine. W/PARTIES. 2 Offrs. 95 ORS NOONAMAH. 10 ORS BERRY SPRINGS.	



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69 Mile.	31 May	cont.	<p>TRAINING. A Coy Individual trg coy lines.                      B Coy. " " " "                      HQ Coy Specialist trg coy lines.</p> <p>Movement. Working Party from NOONAMAH returned in afternoon</p> <p>TEWT for Offrs held STAPLETON track area 111250 under ..... Ref BATCHELOR 1 in.                      direction of 2 i/c. Subject "Encounter Battle".</p>	
			<p>..... <i>[Signature]</i> ..... Lt-Col.                      Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	



WAR DIARY

PL. 7D FIRING EXERCISE No. 1.

APPX 1

Ref Map HATCHER - ADLAIDE R.  
1" to 1 mile 104507

A. (1) A. Sec

(2) Tea Taking Part. All Pls of A, B, C, D Coys -  
as per Serials 5, 7, 14, 15 of Syllabus.

(3) Adm. (1) Dress. Battle order, helmets, steel.  
T.M.G. Gunners will carry rifles.

(11) Arm. Rifles - 10 rds per rifle.  
L.M.G. - 5 mags per gun.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - M.S. 4 rds per Mar.  
Smoke 2 rds per Mar.

- (4) Safety. (1) C.O. Coy will act as chief safety officer for his Coy.  
 (ii) One Pl comd will accompany each Sec in similar capacity.  
 (iii) Signals - Cease fire - One RED Veroy.  
 Point Sec cease fire - One GREEN Veroy.  
 (iv) Safety officers will ensure by inspection that safety catches are  
 applied before movement from any one position.  
 (v) Safety officer will order CHASE FIRE when any Sec is likely to  
 be endangered.  
 (vi) Safety angles as laid down will be rigidly adhered to and safety  
 officers will be responsible for stopping fire when limits are  
 reached.  
 (vii) On completion of each Pl practice Pl comd will check all arms of  
 his sub-unit and report to chief safety officer.  
 (viii) Chief safety officers will report to Capt BIFFAI for recon of area  
 at .....

(5) Targets 12" x 12" will be provided by 'B' Coy and placed by 'B' Coy.  
Targets to be sited tactically and where possible on lower slopes.

(6) Pistols - Sig and Lights. Each safety officer will carry.

B. (1) Obiect. To exercise Pls in movement with supporting fire, provided from own  
resources.

(11) Lessons to be Taught.

- (a) Selection of fire positions.
- (b) Fire discipline.
- (c) Verbal orders.

(N.B. Particular attention to sequence of both op. and fire orders, the  
MUST be in the picture.)

(Any Sec comd relying on "Enemy in front, etc.," is to be dealt with  
ruthlessly.)

OPENING SITUATION

A Japanese patrol has been reported some 5 1/2 miles Westward of 68 MILE POST moving  
EAST towards M.S. Rd and you have been ordered to move with your pl to locate and  
destroy them.

You received your instrs about 40 mins ago and you expect from consideration of  
time and space that you may clash Westward of BRAHAM'S RIDGE.

NARRATIVE 1

Your leading Sec has moved approx 150 yds through the DEFILE and is under fire  
from BRAHAM'S RIDGE. The Sec has endeavoured to work fwd but is now held up in the  
vicinity of the ANTHILLS by LMG and rifle fire. Approx 12-13 enemy have been seen.

Pl comd issues orders to remaining Secs to move with him via dead ground rear of  
SPUR, to attack enemy posn from LEFT.

Leading Sec to remain present posn to provide sp fire - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar to assist.



NARRATIVE "2"

On capture of BRAHAM'S RIDGE fugitives therefrom are seen to be retreating under covering fire from SHANDY and a small party of enemy is moving to the RIGHT apparently with intention of occupying VODKA on our flank.

Pl comd orders Secs on BRAHAM'S RIDGE to engage immediately enemy on SHANDY and to cover reserve sec's move to and occupation of VODKA.

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Time	Event	Action	Remarks
1.	ZERO	Mag. Leading Sec held up.	Pl comds recce & orders. (Narr. 1)	Pt. Sec engages enemy BRAHAM'S RIDGE. <u>Safety offr.</u> General direction of fire 225 deg. mag. Left limit - NOT left of 203 deg. mag. from ANTHILLS.
2.	Z + 15	Encircling Secs reach GRASSY.	Sp Sec cease fire. Remainder of Pl proceed to attack.	<u>Safety offr</u> s with encircling sec's fire 1 GREEN Veroy on reaching GRASSY. Tps will NOT proceed beyond this point until ALL fire has ceased and sig. has been acknowledged by 2 long whistle blasts from S. offr with sp. Sec. <u>Safety offr</u> with sp. Sec. will ensure all guns and rifles are unloaded and will then acknowledge with 2 long whistle blasts as above.
3.	Z + 15 Z + 25	Attack and mopping up. Enemy open fire from SHANDY.	Pl comd orders (Narr. 2)	Leading Secs engage enemy SHANDY - and cover move of Res. Sec. to VODKA. <u>Safety offr</u> s. General direction of fire 265 - 290 deg. Left limit - NOT left of 260 deg. mag. from centre BRAHAM'S RIDGE.
4.	Z + 25 Z + 35	Move of Res. Sec. to VODKA.	Covering fire by fwd sec's on BRAHAM'S RIDGE.	Engagement of enemy SHANDY area by Res. Sec. <u>Safety offr.</u> VODKA. Left limit arc of fire NOT left of 225 deg. from VODKA.
5.	Z + 45	Mopping up		<u>Safety offr</u> s. Inspect all weapons before leaving fire posns.

During Exercise attention will be paid to -

- Pl and Sec comd orders.
- Selection of fire posns.
- Formations and control.
- Fire discipline - particularly in Phase 1 to ensure max. effect in keeping enemy's heads down with limited expenditure of amm.
- Targets to be inspected by tps.



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2/8 AUST INF BN TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 11/43

BN EXERCISE 4 MAY 43.

1. The above will take place in MT BUNDY area and will follow the lines previously covered in Offrs' TEWT. imposed
2. Owing to the unavoidable restrictions/by hospital and tpa in that area and traffic en route the full scheme of the TEWT will not be implemented.

METHOD

3. (a) Move of marching personnel to ass. area. (Non-tactical).  
The Bn will Move via N.A. Rd to turn-off to HOSPITAL (vicinity GRAVEL HILL), and will be led by guide to ass. area.

	Bn H.Q.
Order of	B Coy
March -	D Coy
at 75 yds	A Coy
interval	C Coy

Start Point - entrance to D Coy lines.  
Start Time - 0900 hrs.

- (b) Tpt. (i) 'A' Ech. - Only will be used and in accordance with following scale:-

Coys	1 per Coy
Bn H.Q.	Sig. Office
	R.A.P.
	C.O.'s Car

Vehicles will be loaded with normal stores less live amm.

(ii) Movement.

Tpt, less C.O.'s car, grouped in order of Coys, as para 3(a) will move from unit lines under T.O. to harbour area vicinity GRAVEL HILL.

START TIME - 1100 hrs.

- (c) Carrs. O.C. 4 Pl will arrange movement of Carrs of both 3 and 4 Pls to area by 1100 hrs.
- (d) Tk A. O.C. 5 Pl - instrns as 3(a) above.  
T.O. will co-ordinate movement of all vehicles and Carrs with a view to minimising -
  - (a) Interference with marching personnel.
  - (b) Congestion on N.A. Rd.

ADM

4. Cutlunch will be carried by all ranks. Tea for midday meal will be hot-boxed and tptd in 'A' Ech vehicles.
5. Dress. - Battle order, helmets steel.
6. Weapons. - Normal.

N.B. The attention of all offrs is drawn to unit "Standing Orders for War", 30 Nov 41.

The maximum number of personnel are to be fielded by all Coys.

All ball amm is to be withdrawn and certificates signed by Coy Comds rendered to Bn H.Q. by 0845 hrs 4 May 43.

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APPX <sup>3</sup> WD

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2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 19.

TRADE                      TESTING

1. The undermentioned personnel will be Trade Tested on the days detailed. Coys will release these men from training on those days.

2. Rations for midday meal will be carried, except where otherwise notified.

3. T.O. will arrange transport for these personnel on dates notified. All personnel will report A/Adjt before leaving Bn H.Q. to obtain trade testing papers. All personnel will carry paybooks.

Butchers & Slaughtermen.  
Report Bn H.Q. carpark 06.00 hrs 3 May 43.

VX 6271 Pte LYGON H.W. (HQ)	VX 70034 Pte WALLER W.A. (C)
VX 53255 " MUIR D.C (C)	SX 13613 " KEEGAN R. (D)
VX 45116 " ELLIS N.H .L. (D)	VX 58060 " LACEY C.T. (HQ)
QX 11524 " BISHOP W.A. (HQ)	

Dr. Mech.  
Report car park 0845 hrs 3 May. NO rations req.

VX 52577 Pte ROBERTSON L. (HQ)	VX 45137 Pte SPURRELL I. (HQ)
VX 43454 Pte LOCK W.A. (HQ)	
VX 12469 " McEACHERN A. (HQ)	VX 28521 " ROWE T.L. (HQ)
VX 12430 " SIMMONS W.S. (HQ)	VX 62900 " PUTTICK D. (HQ)
VX 16630 " MCCARTH Y J.T. (HQ)	

Dr. Mech.  
Report car park 1345 hrs 3 May.

WX 13025 Pte FERNIHOUGH (HQ)	VX62823 BUCKLEY R.W. (D)
VX45148 DAVIDSON W.J. (HQ)	VX52969 REARDON A. (BHQ)
VX13316 DUCK H.W. (C)	VX14289 SAUNDERS H.D. (HQ)
VX40530 PECK G. (HQ)	VX4853 COOK V. (HQ)

Bakers.  
Report car park 0830 hrs 4 May

WX15950 FIELDER E. (B)	VX6506 HOLLAND D. (D)
VX13742 BLACKMAN W.P. (A)	VX62677 BOTTLE H. (HQ)

Fitters' Mate & Rigger. Report car park 0945 hrs 3 May.

VX43138 HOOPER N.V. (D)	VX6005 DEVLIN L.H. (HQ)
VX6491 STUBBINGS G.R. (C)	

Instrument Repairer.  
Report car park 0945 hrs 3 May.

VX12993 BRYSON I.K. (C)	
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Bricklayer.  
Report car park 0830 hrs 4 May.

VX13313 RUSSELL H. (HQ)	
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Dental Mechanic.  
Report carpark 0830 hrs 3 May No rations req.

VX27994 GRAHAM L.A.V.J. (HQ)	
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Saw Doctor & Sawyer. Report car park 0830 hrs 4 May.

VX12430 SIMMONS W.J. (HQ)	VX42730 CAMERON A.R. (HQ)
VX42728 FORMAINI J.F. (C)	

Engine Hand i/c  
Report car park 0830 hrs 4 May.

VX11942 STOPPS T.W. (HQ)	TX5543 CONNORS J.B. (B)
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Stoker.  
Report car park 0830 hrs 3 May

VX9003 JOHNSTON J.J. (B)	VX43504 LEERSEN C. (A)
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Miners.  
Report car park Time notified later.

VX5D482 SHEPARDSON N.A. (C)	VX41960 RILEY D.A. (BHQ)
VX4924 ANGEE C. (HQ)	WX10905 BUSSAU B.J. (B)
WX15169 MILLER G. (B)	VX52634 PLUCKHAHN H.R. (D)
WX15390 SALES W.B. (BHQ)	WX14930 BASSULA W.R. (B)
WX51226 MALONEY L.J. (C)	

Drainer.  
Report car park 0745 hrs 4 May.

VX63268 LENG E.H. (D)	
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*J. Lauchlan*  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt



Appx 4 W.D

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK 3 - 8 MAY 43 - 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	HQ COY
1.	3 May	0845-0900		B N P A R A D E			
2.	do	0900-1215	Weapon Trg	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	Individual Trg	
3.	do	1345-1645	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	Individual Trg	Pl Fd Firing	
4.	do	1900-2200	Sec Patrol Competition.	Sec Patrol Competition	Sec Patrol Competition	Sec Patrol Competition	
5.	4 May	0900-1645		B N E X E R C I S E			
6.							
7.	5 May	0900-1215	Pl Fd Firing	Pl Attack	Pl Attack	Weapon Trg	
8.	do	1345-1645	M A K E K I T I N S P E C T I O N A N D M E N D				
9.	6 May	0900-1215	Coy Adv Gd and Ambush	Coy Defence Exercise	Coy Adv Gd and Ambush	Coy Defence Exercise	
10.	do	1345-1645		Patrolling		Patrolling	
11.	do	1900-2200					
12.	7 May	0900-1215	Coy Defence Exercise and Ambush	Coy Adv Gd and Ambush	Coy Defence Exercise and Ambush	Coy Adv Gd and Ambush	
13.	do	1345-1645	Patrolling as Serial 11		Patrolling as serial 11		
14.	8 May	0900-1215	Pl Attack	Sec Trg 6	Pl Fd Firing	Pl Attack	
15.	do	1345-1645	Sec Trg 6	Pl Fd Firing	Sec Trg 6	Sec Trg 6	

TRAINING

SPECIALIST



NOTES: 1. Weapon Training.

To include T.O.E.T. of any personnel not yet passed.  
Further practice by 2<sup>n</sup> Mor numbers.  
Personnel normally armed with pistol - range practice.

2. Individual and Sec Trg 6.

Personal camouflage and concealment (resently trained snipers to be used as demonstrators).  
Reconnaissance M.T.P. 33 (17)  
Duties of sentries. M.T.P. 33 (20) I.M.T. iii  
Sec Comds - verbal orders. I.M.T. 65

3. Sec Patrol Competition (night). )

4. Coy Adv Gd and Ambush. )

5. Coy Defence and Patrolling )

Notes of Syllabus 26 Apr - 1 May apply.

6. Pl Fd Firing. -

Object. To practice Pls in use of sp. provided from own resources. Details will be fwd later.

7. HQ Coy. Syllabus required by 1200 hrs 2 May. (Coy route march as such to be discontinued -  
periods of hard P.T. and u/c. may be substituted.)

3 Pl.- Notes as per previous syllabus.

4 Pl.- Practice in mtd and dismtd action.

Carrier tactics in the advance.

(T.O. to advise availability of petrol.)

5 Pl.- Full calibre shoot if range available.

8. A.E.S. Lectures. Will in future be held on Mondays as under -

0900 hrs A B C Coys - C Coy area.

0940 hrs HQ D and En HQ - HQ Coy area.

9. Bath Night.- Mondays, commencing at 1630 hrs. Adjnt will advise Coys of order of bathing.

*J. Lardlaw* Lieut  
for Capt

Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



APPX 4a

(To be attached to Syllabus)

SNIPERS COURSE COMMENCING 3 MAY 45

AREAS OF TRAINING - Ref Map ADELAIDE RIVER 4" = 1 MI

DATE	DAY	PLACE
3/5/45	1	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess hut. P.M. 100 Yd Range
4	2	A.M. No 4 Range P.M. Ditto
5	3	A.M. Area 200 Yds S.E. of New Cricket pitch P.M. No 2 Range
6	4	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess Hut P.M. Ditto
7	5	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess Hut P.M. Ref 150167.
8	6	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess Hut P.M. First period ditto, remaining periods Map ref 128154
10	7	A.M. BHC, A, B, and C Coy areas P.M. Ditto
11	8	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess Hut Night. S.L. "The Gap" Time 2000 hrs til 2400 hrs
12	9	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess hut P.M. Area - "The Gap" and vicinity
13	10	A.M. Vicinity of No 1 range P.M. Ditto
14	11	A.M. STAPLETON TRACK Area Map Ref 097167 P.M. Ditto
15	12	A.M. STAPLETON TRACK Area Map Ref 097167 P.M. " " " " " 092172 Night. Compa ss March and Stalking Ex. Map ref 105174, 122178.
17	13	A.M. "A" Coy Sjt's Mess Hut P.M. Ditto
18	14	A.M. No 2 Range P.M. Ditto

  
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No.	0900-0940	0945-1025	1035-1115	1120-1200	1400-1440	1445-1525	1535-1615	1620-1700	2000-2400
1.	Opening add. and Adm.	Snipers rifle 1. (L)	Snipers rifle 2. (L)	Snipers rifle 3. (L)	ZEROING			OF	RIFLES
2.	RANGE				PRACTICE				
3.	J.D.	J.D.	Range cards	Telescopic sights. (L)	Range practices - Aiming off for movement and wind.				
4.	Bn Int system.	Messages-verbal	Messages-written.	Compass (L)	Bearings & conversions.	Conventional signs	Intersection & resection.	Recap.	
5.	Map Reading. (L)	scales, etc. Message writing		Compass (P)	MAP READING }- ADELAIDE RIVER AREA.				
6.	Contours & Form lines. (L)	Contours and form lines from sand tray (P)		Scales.	Reconnaissance reports (L).	RECCE (P)	REPORTS	Recap.	
7.	Road Traverse & Fd sketching. (L)	ROAD TRAVERSE - FIELD AND PANORAMA SKETCHING							
8.	Observation (Lecture)	Posts	Cross-country compass march.		FREE	AFTERNOON			Night Training. (Compass)
9.	Fieldcraft (L)	Camouflage (L)	Constructing personal camouflage equipment.		INDIVIDUAL	STALKS			
10.	Snipers hides & loopholes (L)	PRACTICAL	CAMOUFLAGE		Adopting observation posts	HANDLING RIFLES IN TREES, ETC.			
11.	PRACTICAL O.P. WORK - GENERAL OBSERVATION EXERCISES - STAPLETON TRACK AREA								
12.	SCOUT V SNIPER EXERCISE. STAPLETON TRACK AREA.				PRACTICAL MAP READING				Night Trainings
13.	SNIPERS WRITTEN EXAM.				REVISION OF COURSE AND EXAMINATION				
14.	FIELD				FIRING		CLOSING	ADDRESS	

*H. G. Gower* ..... Lieut



SYLLABUS - 10 - 15 MAY 43

2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	HQ COY
1	10 May	0900-1215	RANGE	Weapon Trg	Weapon Trg	Weapon Trg	
2	do	1345-1645	PRACTICE	Individual Trg	Individual Trg	Individual Trg	
3	do	1900-2200	Fighting Patrol Exercise.	Fighting Patrol Exercise.	Fighting Patrol Exercise.	Fighting Patrol Exercise.	
4	11 May	0900-1215	Coy Attack	RANGE	Coy Attack	RANGE	
5	do	1345-1645	Coy Defence	PRACTICE	Coy Defence	PRACTICE	
6	12 May	0900-1215	Weapon Trg	Pl Attack	Pl Attack	Pl Attack	
7	do	1345-1645	MAKE K I T	I N S P E C T I O N		M E N D	
8	13 May	0900-1215	Individual Trg	Sec Trg 7	Sec Trg 7	Sec Trg 7	
9	do	1400-		B N	E X E R C I S E		
10	14 May			"	" " " "		
11	do	1645		"	" " " "		
12	15 May	0900-1215	Pl Attack	Coy Attack	RANGE	Coy Attack	
13	do	1345-1645	Sec Trg 7	Coy Defence	PRACTICE	Coy Defence	



NOTES.-

1. Range Practices.  
Monthly Rifle practice - all pers. MUST complete.
2. Individual Trg.  
Recapitulation at Coy comd's discretion of ..  
Scouting.  
Observation trg.  
Cover and selection of fire positions.  
Verbal messages and reports.  
Concealment and camouflage.
3. Sec Trg 7.  
To include Sec stalk against opposing secs.  
Occupying fire positions selected by individuals,  
the whole to be repeated by secs in turn and  
criticised.
4. Weapon Trg.  
A thorough recapitulation on all PI weapons,  
with special ref. to 2" Mor and holding and  
aiming of L.M.G. which is NOT up to standard.  
T.S.M.G. - live shoot.  
Trained soldiers - muscle and quickening  
exercises.
5. Coy Attack.  
(a) Vide previous notes - greater care to be  
exercised in selection of posn in which  
Coy deploys for attack and lines of advance.  
AVOID at all costs crossing enemy's front in  
open.  
(b) Speed in reorganisation and IMMEDIATE con-  
solidation against counter-attack.
6. Coy Defence - to follow as sequence to 5.  
Perimeter defence, fd works, protection while engaged  
thereon.  
Coys to feed tactically while in posn.  
(Proportion of H.M.G's and Mors will be made avail-  
able for exercise.)
7. PI Attack.  
Two-sided exercise - PI v PI.  
(Previous notes apply.)
8. CAS. - Respirators to be worn for two periods of 30  
mins each, one of which will take place in  
6 above.
9. H.Q. Coy.  
Syllabus to Bn H.Q. 1200 hrs 9 May 43.  
3 and 4 pls will co-operate with rifle Coys in  
6 and 8 above.

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War Diary.

APPX. 6

2/8 Aust Inf Bn,  
In the field,  
7 May 43.

T. E. W. T.

1. OBJECT. Preparation and conduct of a night attack and consolidation.
2. REF MAPS - BATCHelor - ADELAIDE RIVER 1" to 1 mile.
3. LOCATION & ROUTE. H.A. RD - MT BUNDY TRACK to 225220.
4. DATE & TIME. 0900 hrs 10 May 43.
5. DIRECTING STAFF. C.O., 2 i/c, Adj. Lt.
6. OFFICERS to attend. Coy Comds, Coy 2 i/c's. O.C. 3 Pl, O.C. 4 Pl.
7. Points to be stressed.
  - (i) Preparation for night attack (Recess by day and night)
  - (ii) Conduct of attack (maintenance direction etc)
  - (iii) Protection of start line (patrols etc)
  - (iv) Consolidation against c/attack at first light.
8. ADM. (a) Tpt. T.O. will arrange tpt to report Bn Hq 0835 hrs 10 May 43  
(b) Rations - Midday meal to be carried (Coy arrangements)  
Facilities for making tea (Bn arrangements)

DISTR: C.O., 2 i/c, Adj. Lt.  
All Coy Comds.  
(2) War Diary, File

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



1. OPENING SITUATION.

Air reports at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ indicated that a Jap landing had been made on the ADELAIDE RIVER and later reports showed that position of this force approx one Bn was moving SOUTH along the RIVER with the apparent intention of gaining the dumps etc at ADELAIDE RIVER via MT BUNDY TRACK.

2/4 Bn had been ordered by Bde to move along MT BUNDY TRACK and intercept this JAP Bn.

2/8 Bn had been ordered to move by MT to secure the CREEK CROSSING at 223212.

By late afternoon 2/4 Bn had contacted Jap Bn which after some fighting had moved into foothills at approx 225220 where he was being held.

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NARRATIVE

Bde Comd decided to contain Jap Bn with 2/4 Bn and ordered 2/8 Bn to carry out a night attack against the Jap flank from the line of the CREEK.

The C.O. 2/8 Bn arrived at CREEK CROSSING where he was met by a representative from 2/4 Bn with information gained from patrols re enemy disposition. (pointed out on ground).

PROBLEM 1. As C.O. 2/8 Bn state personnel you would have brought with you.

5 mins.

PROBLEM 2. Still as C.O. 2/8 Bn (a) what information would you seek from 2/4 Rep and (b) arrangements you would make during remaining periods of daylight.

20 mins.

PROBLEM 3. Your appreciation of the situation and outline plan as C.O. 2/8 Bn.

45 mins.

PROBLEM 4. (a) As C.O. "A" Coy carry out your recce.  
(b) Enumerate the factors you have taken into consideration during your recce.  
(c) Who else do you consider should see the ground in daylight if possible.

30 mins.

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DISTR: C.O.  
2/c  
Adj. Lt.  
War Diary (2)  
File.

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7 May 43

RANGE PRACTICES MAY 43

It is absolutely essential that personnel fire the weapon which is on charge to them, and Coy Comds WILL ensure that Bren gunners in particular fire their own L.M.G's.

	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>No. ROUNDS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>H.P.S.</u>
1. <u>RIFLE</u>				
1. Application	200	6	1 sighter	25
2. Snap	200	5	1 shot each exposure 5 secs.	25
3. Hip Firing	30	5	Score - 3 for hit on man-size target.	15
2. <u>L.M.G.</u>				
1. Application	200	6	1 sighter	25
(Repetition)				
2. Grouping	200	10	In 2 or 3 bursts.	25
(Automatic)				
3. Hip Firing	30	10	As for Rifle 3 above	30
(Auto & Repetition)				

3. T.S.M.G.  
Regular T.S.M.G. gunners ONLY will fire this practice owing to amm supply available for training.

1. Application	30	5	Fired from shoulder. Man-sized target. Boring as for pistol	25
(Single rounds)				
2. Application	30	5	Fired from hip	25
(Single rounds)				

4. GRENADES, H.E. 36m. Allotment as follows:-

Bn H.Q.	36	H.Q. Coy	No. 2 Pl	10
'A' Coy	80		No. 4 Pl	55
'B' Coy	80		No. 5 Pl	25
'C' Coy	80		No. 6 Pl	20
'D' Coy	80	TOTAL		466

5. 2" MORTAR. Regular Mortar No. 1 ONLY will fire this practice.  
18 rds H.E. each Rifle Coy.  
9 rds Smoke " " "

6. E.Y. RIFLE. Grenades 63 Smoke. To be fired by 2" Mortar Nos. 1 and 2.  
15 each Rifle Coy.

7. PISTOL, .38 S & W.

All ranks with .38 Pistol on charge to them will fire 12 rds.

1. Grouping, Using sights	6 rds. 10 yds.	Improvised target as above. Fired by single action, either hand, deliberate aim, to test firer's ability to aim, hold, and press the trigger correctly. With pistol grouping rectangle on centre of mark, all shots should be within 16 x 12 in rectangle. No time limit.
2. Application	6 rds. 10 yds.	Improvised figure target. Fired by single action, either hand, returning to the "Ready" posn after each shot.

Scoring.- Each direct hit in 16 x 12 in rectangle - 5 points.  
Each direct hit in remainder of figure - 4 points.

8. ALDERSHOT GRENADES. 10 will be made available to each Rifle Coy on demand - to be used at Coy Comds' discretion.

9. SMOKE CANDLES. A limited number will be made available to Coy Comds on demand at least 12 hrs in advance.

OVER



NOTES.

1. All trg amn will be drawn from RSM at 1600 hrs on the day preceding the practice.
2. Unexpended amn WILL be returned to RSM by 0900 hrs on the day succeeding the practice and a certificate of amn expended will be rendered to reach Bn H.Q. NOT later than 0930 hrs.
3. Results of Range Practices will be submitted to reach Bn H.Q. NOT later than 1500 hrs on the day succeeding the practice.
4. ALL RANKS will fire ALL practices as laid down.

*J.H. Griffiths* Capt  
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APPX 8

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2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
9 May 43

T.F.W.T.--Bn DAWN ATTACK

D/S Notes

1. C.O.-Adjt-I.O. and I.Sgt (owing to assistance necessary to I.O.)  
5 mins.
2. (a) (1) 2/4 Bn Dispositions and intention.  
(ii) Enemy dispositions (a) Definitely located  
(b) Suspected  
(iii) Enemy activity  
(iv) Information gleaned from as to:--Topography, particularly that likely to be of assistance to ourselves.  
(v) Possibility of assistance from 2/4 Bn.  
(b) (i) Roster for recce of area by Coy Comds and Pl Comds.  
(ii) Recce and marking of routes Ass area to F.U.P.  
(iii) Recce and method of guiding F.U.P. to start line.  
(iv) Delineation of start line.  
(v) Arrangements for protective patrolling-front and flanks.  
20 mins.

PROBLEM 3. Appreciation of Lt-col X at \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs

OBJECT

1. To destroy Jap force as a means of <sup>safe</sup> guarding ADELAIDE RIVER dumps.

CONSIDERATIONS

2. Relative Strengths

Jap force originally estimated at 1 Bn has suffered some casualties in fighting with 2/4 Bn. Latter have also had some killed and wounded but fighting strength is not materially affected. My Bn is intact and has <sup>u/c</sup> one Tp arty. Therefore our combined forces are numerically superior to invaders.

3. The infm received from 2/4 Bn indicates that he has distributed his force fairly evenly over the dominating features with possibly ~~xxx~~ a greater preponderance in 2/4 Bn sector. Therefore an attack by me on his left should stand a reasonable chance of success.

4. Time and Space

I have .....hrs daylight left which should be sufficient to make full preps for an attack at dawn. At the same time the enemy will be better prepared in the posns he is at present occupying.

5. My tps are reasonably handy and therefore can be given maximum of rest.

6. Topography

The enemy are occupying the dominating ground in the area which provides <sup>him</sup> with both excellent observation and good fields of fire.

7. Of those in my sector MACK'S is definitely the key and possession of that should facilitate my task in capturing his other posns.

8. At the same time, the WORK though not apparently very strongly held protects his left flank and must therefore be dealt with at the same time as his other posns on MACK'S, if a frontal attack is to avoid enfilade.

9. ~~It is reasonably certain that the posn will be held in depth and therefore a fairly large reserve must be held and the initial~~



Topography (continued)

9. It is reasonably certain that the posn will be held in depth and therefore a fairly large reserve must be held and the initial attack limited to the capturing of such objectives as will afford observation of, and assist exploitation against, his rear defences.
10. The ground in this vicinity is suitable as an F.U.P., is not too far distant, the intervening ground contains no obstacles to ops on foot and direction should be easily maintained. The scattered trees should at night provide some measure of concealment. It is also easily reached from SAVOY, but the creek crossing will require careful marking. As no natural feature exists, S.L. must be taped.
11. The PIMPLE to some extent defilades this area from the WORM and will be a useful feature for occupation by a protective detachment.
12. Ground beyond the PIMPLE affords cover but owing to density of timber this is more than offset by increased difficulty of maintaining direction and recognising features.
13. Protection  
Will be required at S.L. forward and both flanks.
14. Cars  
Too noisy for use at night, doubtful if M.M.G's can do any satisfactory shooting from this area but will be required fwd early, therefore arrange for move from present area near to ZERO.
15. Mors  
May be able to get forward by truck, in which case would be of assistance to provide covering fire in event of upset of plans. Otherwise same case as M.M.G's.

COURSES OPEN

16. I can attack during night. If I do so and secure enemy F.D.Is. I must await daylight for exploitation as I have no infm as to his rear posns - this would leave me open to a C/A on strange ground or would enable enemy to elude me if he so desired. The moon also will not set before 2400 hrs approx.
17. If I attack just before dawn I obtain the cover of darkness and avoid the moon and would gain the advantage of daylight to enable full use of sp weapons in exploitation or against C/A. I shall therefore attack just before dawn.
18. I can attack the enemy's LEFT via the WORM and then proceed against MACK'S. If I adopt this course I shall encounter difficulty in my approach, in maintaining direction and control and in recognising the objective. I then will require to attack MACK'S with a weakened force and possibly with a doubtful Right flank.
19. I can concentrate on securing MACK'S from the front and then attack the WORM from there. My attack on MACK'S would be enfiladed from the WORM, and the disadvantages anent my flank in (18) would be attendant.
20. I can attack MACK'S and the WORM simultaneously from the front. This will cause the enemy to fight from his two strong points at once and so prevent his concentrating all his opposition on one spot at any one time. By doing so the maintenance of direction, recognition of objectives are facilitated. Good areas for F.U.P's and approaches are more suitable. I shall adopt this course.



21. Courses open to Enemy.

- (a) He can disengage from 2/4 Bn and endeavour to elude them by moving N.W. If he does I am in a handy position to attack him.
- (b) He can attack the 2/4 Bn, but in view of cires and gd he holds this is unlikely.
- (c) He can retain control of gd he now occupies and await further attack by our forces.

I consider he will adopt this latter course.

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OUTLINE PLAN

22. I shall attack in two Phases - 1st phase limited in objective, 2nd phase exploitation as may be possible after initial attack.

23. Phase 1. 2 Coys fwd

	Right Coy	Objective	WORM
	Left "	"	MACKS

24. Res Coys will remain clear of fight approx 300 yds in rear and to occupy position on PIGMY RIDGE while attack goes in to

- (a) assist in extrication if reqd.
- (b) protect left flank to some extent.
- (c) be readily available for exploitation.

25. Sp. - Attack will be SILENT.

Arty ) will be prepared for concentrations on  
Mortars if possible) objectives if required.

F.O.O. will move with left fwd coy.

26. Carrs. - To move to posn readily available for Phase 2.

27. Protection. -

F.U.P. S.L. Patrols fwd by fwd coys.  
" flank by all coys.

S.L. Standing patrol PIMPLE from Right Res Coy 1 Sec.  
Patrol 200 yds fwd of S.L. from Left Res Coy 1 Pl.  
Standing Patrol Left of S.L. " " " " 1 Sec.

Patrols to ~~xxxxxx~~ report to I.O. centre rear of fwd Coys  
At ZERO - 2.

28. S.L. - 800 yds NNW of MACKS - will be taped.

29. Route ASS AREA - S.L.

Formation - Square. Coys line of pl. cols at 10 yds intervals.  
Res Coys to follow fwd Coys do. at 75 yds interval.

Route - I.O. to recce and mark - sha ded light at Ck crossing.

Advance - NOT before 0430 hrs.

30. ZERO - NOT before 0530 hrs.

31. Phase 2. - exploitation - as decided on completion of Phase 1. Coy Comds Res Coys to report to C.O. on success signal northern slope of MACKS.

- 4. (i) study of gd over which attack is to pass.
- (ii) Obstacles.
- (iii) Objective, and recognisability and distance from S.L.
- (iv) Landmarks and bearings.
- (v) Dangerous areas of flanks.
- (vi) Gd suitable for occupation in event of attack going wrong.
- ~~(c)~~ (c) Pl comds and if time and country permit, Sec Comds.



2/8 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No.SECRET

Copy No. 8

Ref Map BATHURST - ADELAIDE RIVER  
1" to 1 mile.

Date 13 May 43.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy.
2. Own Troops.

INTENTIONS

3. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will capture MAUS and THE WORM.

METHOD

4. Orders to move from Assembly post to F.U.P. will be given at SAVOX.
5. Fwd Coys - Right.- 'C' Coy - objective MAUS from and inclusive COPSE to right.  
Left.- 'D' Coy - objective MAUS from and exclusive COPSE to inclusive MAUS KNOLL.
6. Reserve. - Right.- 'A' Coy less one Pl.  
Left.- 'B' Coy.

Reserve Coys will halt in vicinity PIGMY during attack by fwd Coys, probable role exploitation. Coy Comds will move fwd to Adv Bn H.Q. on success signal.

7. Formations. - Fwd Coys. Line of Pl cols, two secs up. Interval between sec files 2 yds, between secs 10 yds, between Pls 20 yds, between Coys 50 yds. Pls and Coys will maintain connecting files as necessary.

Reserve Coys. Similar to above and will follow fwd Coys at 100 yds distance. Reserve Coys will be responsible for provision of necessary connecting files.

8. F.U.P. This area (P.O.G.) will be taped.  
Guides. Two per Pl will report to Adjt at hrs at Bn H.Q. (SAVOX).

9. Direction. By the centre. Bearing degrees.  
I.C. will detail one navigator to move centrally between fwd Coys. Coy Comds will similarly detail one offr as check navigator for own Coy.

10. Protection. Right Flank. - 'A' Coy will provide fighting patrol of one Pl which will occupy PIMPLE by hrs. At 2 plus 6 this patrol will attack located enemy post on WORM.  
Left Flank. - 'C' Coy will provide standing patrol of section strength area eastern slopes this feature (p.o.g.) to be in posn by hrs.  
F.U.P. - 'C' Coy will provide three standing patrols of section strength, to be in posn 200 yds fwd of F.U.P. by 2 minus  
Patrols left and fwd will report back to I.C. 25 yds rear of centre of interval between fwd Coys at 2 minus 2.  
Route for withdrawal of these patrols via eastern end of F.U.P.



11. Support. - THE ATTACK WILL BE SILENT.

Arty. Will be prepared for concentrations of mins on objectives on CDF.

Carrs ) Will move from assembly area at Z plus 15 and  
Mortars ) report to OC HQ Coy at this feature (p.c.g.)  
Route via TRACK CROSSING.

12. Conduct of Troops. - There will be NO lights, NO smoking, NO talking. The assault will be carried out in silence, if enemy opens fire the advance WILL continue, if enemy patrols are encountered they will be dealt with in silence with the bayonet.

Rifles - magazines will be charged but rifles NOT loaded.  
Bayonets - will be muddied before leaving assembly area.  
Troops will NOT leave their posn in formation after departure from P.U.P.

m ADMINISTRATIVE

13. Arm S.A.A. - extra 50 rds per rifleman.  
Grenades - H.E. 36m - 2 per man.

14. Medical. - RAP will be located at CREEK CROSSING.  
Walking wounded will make their way to track this side of CREEK, NORTH of PIMPLE.

15. Tpt. - 'A' and 'B' Echelon will remain in present area.

INTERCOM

16. Bn H.Q. will move 50 yds centrally in rear of fwd Coys.  
Sig offr will establish terminal this feature and lay line in rear of attacking troops.

17. Wireless. - Silence until surprise is lost.

18. Posn of Subordinate Comds. Coy Comds will wear white band on either arm, Pl Comds on outer arm and ALL sub-unit comds will move on the INNER flank of respective comds.

19. Success Signal. Green - White.

20. C.D.F. Red - Red.

21. Zero hrs.

Questions.

Time of Signature.

*M. Linsain* Capt  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



ORDERS FOR MOVIE FROM A33 AREA

METHOD

1. Coys will be led by I.O. from present point in following order:-

- 'D' Coy
- 'G' Coy
- BN R.G.
- 'B' Coy
- 'A' Coy

2. Formation. Line of pl coils at 10 yds interval, 50 yds between Coys.

3. S.P. S.E. end of SAVOY (p.o.g.)

4. S.T. hrs.

ADMIN

5. Meals. C.M. will arrange hot meal to come fwd for consumption at hrs.

Capt

Adjt S/O Aust Inf Bn

DIST.

- C.O.
- S I/O
- Adjt
- I.O.
- Bde
- File
- W.S. (S)



TIME      TABLE

Serial	Time	Event	Remarks
1	0400	Hot Meal	
2	<del>0430</del> 0430	Guides report Adjt	Bn H.Q. SAVOY.
3	<del>0430</del> 0430	Right, F.U.P. and Left patrols leave Ass Area.	'I' man to guide.
4	<del>0440</del> 0440	Adj't's party leaves Ass Area.	
5	<del>0455</del> 0455	Patrols in posn.	
6	<del>0500</del> 0500	Taping of F.U.P. commences.	
7	<del>0510</del> 0510	Coys leave Ass Area.	
8	<del>0535</del> 0535	1st tps arr. F.U.P.	
9	<del>0548</del> 0548	Patrols report in.	
10	<del>0550</del> 0550	Fwd Coys leave F.U.P.	
11	<del>0552</del> 0552	Res Coys leave F.U.P.	Check on taped line for alignment.
12	<del>0556</del> 0556	Fighting patrol leaves PIMPLE.	
13	<del>0605</del> 0605	3 and 4 Pls ) Leave Ass 'A' Ech vehicles ) Area.	
14	<del>0610</del> 0610	Reach objective	Rate of adv - 100 yds in 2 mins.
15	<del>0620</del> 0620	1st LIGHT. Sunrise.	
	0650.	SUNRISE.	



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13 May 43

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 20  
LABOUR FOR WORKS

1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn is allotted the undermentioned duties on the dates shown.
2. NOONAMAH - 3 offrs, 157 OR's (inclusive of Adm staff).  
Tour of Duty - 17 May to 23 May 43 inclusive.  
To be relieved by 23/21 Aust Inf Bn on 24 May 43.
3. Composition of Noonamah Party.  
Lieut H.L. WATSON is appointed O.C. party and will be directly responsible for administration and discipline of the party.  
'A' Coy will provide 2 offrs ( Lieuts ATKINSON and DOUGLAS) 72 ORs.  
'B' Coy " " " 1 offr (Lieut WATSON) 85 ORs.
4. Tentage. No tentage will be required. Party will be billeted in huts at Winnellie Camp. O.C. party will report to HQ 14 L of C Sub-area for allocation of quarters.
5. Rations and Cooking Gear. Unconsumed portion of ration for 17 May will be taken. Cooks and cooking gear to be arranged by O.C. party with Coys concerned.
6. ADV H.Q. 1 offr, 30 ORs. (To include 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls) from 'C' Coy.  
Tour of Duty - 17 May - 23 May 43 inclusive. To be relieved by 23/21 Aust Inf Bn 24 May 43.
7. Tentage and Rations (Adv HQ). No tentage will be taken. Unconsumed portion of ration for 17 May 43 will be taken.
8. DUMP GUARDS, STAPLETON TRACK. 2 NCOs, 4 ORs from 'C' Coy.  
Tour of duty from 17 May-23 May 43 inclusive. To be relieved by 23/21 Aust Inf Bn on 24 May 43.
9. Tentage and Rations. Existing tentage to be taken over at Dumps.  
Unconsumed portion of ration for 17 May 43 to be taken.
10. CANTEENS, ADELAIDE RIVER. 1 NCO, 10 ORs from 'C' Coy.  
Tour of duty from 17 May - 23 May 43 inclusive. To be relieved by 23/21 Aust Inf Bn on 24 May 43.
11. Tentage and Rations. No tentage required. Unconsumed portion of ration for 17 May 43 to be taken.
12. ADV H.Q. 1 NCO, 5 ORs - to be supplied by 'C' Coy.  
Tour of duty from 17 May - 23 May 43 inclusive. To be relieved by 23/21 Aust Inf Bn on 24 May 43.
13. Tentage and Rations. Tentage to be taken. Unconsumed portion of ration for 17 May 43 to be taken.
14. TRANSPORT.  
Noonamah Party.- 10 x 3 ton M.T. to report to 2/8 Aust Inf Bn lines 0830 hrs 17 May 43. O.C. party to arrange for guides to meet vehicles at Bn H.Q. entrance for diversion to Coy areas. Party will move from Unit lines at 0900 hrs.  
Adv H.Q. Party.- 3 x 3 M.T. to report 2/8 Aust Inf Bn lines 0830 hrs 17 May 43. Guides to take vehicles to Coy lines. Party will move at 0850 hrs from Unit lines.  
Stapleton Track.- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn to provide 1 x 1 ton vehicle to report 'C' Coy lines at 0815 hrs and leave Unit lines at 0830 hrs 17 May 43 and return with present guard of 2 NCOs and 4 ORs to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
Canteens, Adelaide River.- 1 x 3 ton M.T. to report 2/8 Aust Inf Bn lines at 0830 hrs and leave Unit lines at 0900 hrs 17 May, and return present party to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines.  
Adv H.Q.- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn to provide 1 x 1 ton vehicle to report 'C' Coy lines at 0800 hrs and leave Unit lines at 0830 hrs 17 May 43 and return present party to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines.



- 15. RETURNS. - O's C. NOONAMAH, ADV H.Q., and CANTEEN parties will render daily parade states, arms and amm check to Bn H.Q. daily by arrangements made by him with DRLS.
- 16. ARMS and AMMUNITION. Personnel will carry normal arms and amm.
- 17. 'A' and 'B' ECHELON. Loaded per Tropical Scale, will move with NOONAMAH Party.
- 18. CONVOY PROTECTION. NOONAMAH ~~XXXX~~ convoy will mount two A.A. LMGs.
- 19. SECURITY. O's C. parties will be responsible for normal security measures of all arms, equipment, and Government property of their respective parties.

NOTE. - The undermentioned personnel will NOT be included on the working parties:-

Lieut COMBES	'C'	Pte	QUIGLEY	'C'
Sgt RIDDINGTON	HQ	"	DURAND	'A'
W.Oll CLOCHESY	HQ	"	QUINN	'C'
Cpl BANNAN	HQ	"	KENNEDAY F.	'A'
Pte BARKER	'A'	"	SCOTT W.G.	HQ
" HILL	'B'	"	TEGG	'D'
" ROBINSON	'B'	"	GRANT	'D'
" NEWTH	HQ	"	MILLER L.N.	'D'
" DRUMMOND	HQ	"	BRACHER	'C'
" ANDREWS	HQ	"	CHARLTON	HQ
" SCHMIDT	HQ	"	HOWE	HQ
" TAYLOR	HQ	"	SMITH P.A.	'D'
" ROWE	HQ			

DIST. List B

*J. Laidlaw* Lieut for. Capt  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



2/8 AUST INF BN.

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MOVEMENT TABLE " BN EXERCISE 13 / 14 MAY 43  
MOVEMENT 13 MAY

Serial No.	Sub Unit	No. of Vehicles				S.P.	Time lead- ing veh past S.P.	Route	Density speed		Time of arrival at Dispersal Area	REMARKS
		2/8 Bn.	2/3 COY AASC	Other Units	TOTAL				V.C.M.	M.P.H.		
1	D Coy	2(a)	4		6		1530	S.P. South			1620	(a) Includes Co. O's vehicle
2	1 Sec Tk/A Guns	2	-		2		1533	along N.A. Rd				
3	C Coy	1	4		5		1534	to ADELAIDE				
4	Bn HQ	3	3	2	8		1538	RIVER Hosp Rd	10	15		
5	B Coy	1	5		6		1541	to Mt BUNDY				
6	A Coy	1	4		5		1544	track to FD				
7	1 Sec Tk/A Guns	2	-		2		1545	BUTCHERY RD			1635	
8	Carriers and Mortars	16	-		16	HQ Coy Lead In	1500	to DISPERSAL AREA ADELAIDE RIVER CROSSING				
9	B Echelon	7	-		7	D Coy Lead In	1700	to ASS AREA ... As for Tp Carriers				
TOTAL		35	20	2	57							

- NOTES: 1. Coy "A" Ech vehicles will move at the head of Coy troops carriers.  
 2. Troops carrying vehs to carry 20 personnel.  
 3. An Offr or Senior N.C.O. will travel in each veh. Strict road discipline to be enforced.  
 4. Sub unit guides will report Bn Car Park at 1430 hrs 13 May 43.  
 5. Coys will embuss in their respective areas.

*J. L. ...* Capt.

Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



2/8 Aust Inf Bn

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - OFFICERS 17 - 22 MAY 43

Serial	Date	Time	Subject	D/S	Remarks
1	17 May	1345-1445	Discussion on Bn Exercise - 13/14 May.	C.O.	(i) Lessons. (ii) Faults to be corrected. (iii) Questions.
2	do	1445-1645	(a) Lecture - Report and Messages. (b) Practical " " " " (IE)	Adjnt	Object - Practice in writing msgs and use of abbvns References - M.T.P. 23; FSPB Pam 2 A.T.M. 5 - 20.
3	18 May	0900-1200	(a) Lecture - Orders (written and verbal) (b) Practical " " " " " " (IE)	C.O.	Object - Practice in writing OOB & issuing verbal orders, etc. FSPB pams 2, 6 (b); M.T.P. 23. Aide Memoire for offr; A.T.M. 8 appx 'B'
4	do	1345-1645	(a) Lecture - Setting of Exercise (Coy & Pl). (b) Practical " " " " " " (OE)	2 i/c	References: Trg Instns 1934. Object - Practice offr in selecting areas & setting up schemes.
5	19 May		A R T Y S H O O T	-	All offr to attend.
6	20 May		C O Y C O M D S D I S P O S A L	-	Recces for future exercise areas, etc.
7	21 May	0900-1645	T. E. W. T. (OE)	C.O. 2 i/c Adjnt	Encounter Attack.
8	22 May	0900-1200 1345-1645	(a) Completion of Serial 4 (b) (OE) (b) Solution to 4 (b) (OE)	C.O. 2 i/c Adjnt	Syndicates not completed schemes to do so by 1200 hrs.

NOTES: (i) Serials 4 (b) and 8 (b) - Syndicates will work as follows:-  
 (a) Coy Comds and 2 i/c Coys (Rifle) will prepare Coy exercise (2 sub-syndicates). H.Q. Coy offr will be attached.  
 (b) Pl Comds will form two syndicates and prepare Pl exercise.  
 (ii) Serial 7. Coy syndicates with H.Q. Coy offr attached.  
 (iii) (IE) denotes Indoor Exercise. (OE) denotes Outdoor Exercise.  
 (iv) Areas for preparation of exercises will be selected by D/S.  
 (v) Details of Serial 5 will be issued separately.

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Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

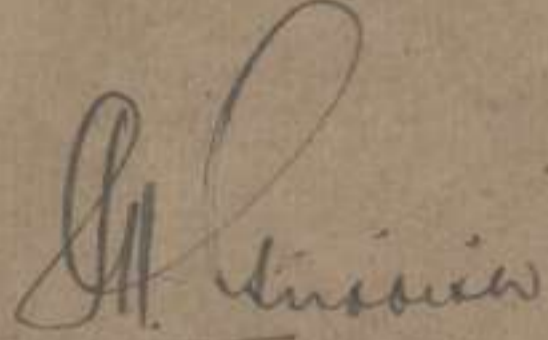


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SYLLABUS FOR WEEK - 17 - 23 MAY 43 - 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	'A'	'B'	'C'	COYS	'D'	COY
1.	N.T. FORCE AND BDE DUTIES				CAMP DUTIES AND MAINTENANCE.	
2.	H.Q. COY - SPECIALIST TRAINING as per attached Syllabus.					
3.	OFFRS - LECTURES and TESTS PROGRAMME will be forwarded.					

  
 Capt  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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SYLLABUS FOR WEEK - 24 - 29 MAY 43 -- 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	HQ COY
1	24 May	0830-1200	Weapon Trg	Individual Trg	RANGE	Weapon Trg	
2	do	1315-1600	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	PRACTICE	Individual Trg	
3	do	1900-2200	PATROL		EXERCISES		
4	25 May	0830-1200	Sec Trg	RANGE	Weapon Trg	RANGE	
5	do	1315-1600	Pl Trg	PRACTICE	Individual Trg	PRACTICE	
6	26 May	0830-1200	Coy Attack	Sec Trg	Sec Trg	Sec Trg	
7	do	1315-1600	MAKE KIT	AND INSPECTION	MEND		
8	27 May	0830	BN	EXERCISE			
9			"	" " "			
10	28 May	1200	"	" " "			
11		1315-1600	Coy Defence	Pl Trg	Pl Trg	Pl Trg	
12	29 May	0830-1200	RANGE	Coy Attack	Coy Attack	Coy Attack	
13	do	1315-1600	PRACTICE	Coy Defence	Coy Defence	Coy Defence	



NOTES:

1. Range Practicew.  
Vide instn 7 May 43.
2. Weapon Trg.  
Bayonet fighting.  
Tests of holding and aiming Rifle & LMG.  
Holding for firing from hip.  
Strengthening & quickening exercises.
3. Individual Trg.  
Recapitulation at Coy Comds' discretion.  
Indiv idual fieldcraft.  
Individual camouflage & concealment.  
Indication of targets, I.M.T. 31.
4. Sec Trg.  
Practice within Sec of principles of fire.  
Movement to enable advance against opposition,
5. Pl Trg.  
Attack incorporating further development of (4) above. Skeleton enemy to be employed.
6. Coy Attack.  
To be based on encircling method as outlined in M.T.P. 23 (Jungle Warfare).  
(Skeleton enemy).
7. Coy Defence.  
To incorporate Jap methods and use of Coy trained snipers.  
Vide M.T.P. 23 p. 33, para 5.
8. H.Q. Coy. Syllabus to Bn H.Q. 1200 hrs 23 May 43.  
If petrol situation permits 3 & 4 Pls will cooperate with Rifle Coys in 6 & 7 above.
9. Rifle Coys to notify Adjt of areas selected for 6 & 7 above by 1200 hrs 25 May.  
Adjt will advise Bde to avoid clashing with other units.
10. Coy Comds will ensure that M.T.P. 23 (Jungle Warfare) is circulated amongst all offr's and senior NCO's with a minimum of delay.
11. Personnel of Bn H.Q. and all Coys will be given two periods of smartening up drill daily - 10 mins at morning pde, 15 mins immediately prior to stand down.  
Particular attention will be paid to marching without arms and bearing.

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



2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
28 May 43

MEDICAL REPORT

April: General sick incidence very low. General condition and endurance much improved since end of "wet".

May: Apart from injuries due to sport, general health very good. Tinea and sores very low. Morale good.

 Capt  
R.M.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0000 hrs Saturday 14 5 /1943 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

(Serial No.)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 056 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1	2	1 3 9 22	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1 Capt		1					
	1	2	35										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		35									35
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX11107	Capt	GRAY L.P. (Att RMO)	XXXXXX119 AGH	10.5.43	XXXXXX119 AGH

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

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



2/8 REG INF BN

Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX 14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX 49	MCDONALD	H.H.	S i/o	"		
Major	VX 66	SIMPSON	C.L.	OC C	"		
T/MAJOR	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	OC A	"		
Capt	SX 1451	BRAHAM	D.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN	H. MCP.	-	NO	Det for Duty APM HT Force	7.3.43
Capt	VX 6596	DIPPEY	S.J.	OC D	YES		
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	OC HQ	NO	LHQ school	12.4.43
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adjt	YES		
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATNLY	J.C.	2i/CA	"		
T/Capt	VX 5479	HURLEY	L.O.	" B	"		
T/Capt	VX 6406	COLESTON	H.A.	" D	"		
T/Capt	EX 8791	BALFOUR	E.	Q.M.	"		
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.C.	OC 4pl	"		
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING	W.E.	-	NO	Det for Duty 19 Bde	19.4.43
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	"	LHQ school	29.4.43
Lieut	VX 722	MUDGE	R.O.C.	-	YES	Supernumerary.	
<del>Lieut</del>	<del>VX 6469</del>	<del>MCDERMOTT</del>	<del>R.J.</del>	<del>3pl</del>	<del>"</del>		
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER	L.C.	2i/4pl	"		
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	E.L.	13 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 8300	TREHOWNAN	J.E.	19 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 35144	LIDLAY	J.S.	T.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 52878	DONCASTER	H.	11 pl	NO	HT Force school	10.6.43
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	10 pl	YES		
Lieut	VX 43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	8 pl	"		
Lieut	EX 4322	BRIMAGE	G.W.	15 pl	"		
Lieut	EX 4637	COMBES	G.A.	15 pl	"		
Lieut	EX 12614	BERRY	H.C.	18 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 30486	LYONS	J.S.	9 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 38304	CHAPPE	P.C.	12 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTCHINSON	W.A.	-	"	Supernumerary	
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	H.B.	14 pl	"		
Lieut	EX 136160	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	17 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6550	NEWTON	W.H.	6 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 14571	GRAVENOR	K.	-	"	Supernumerary	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	OX 40920	MCDONALD C.M.	19 Bde	30.8.42	Chaplain
Major	VX 114113	HUTCHINSON C.J.	8 Bn	2.5.43	Attached 2/8 Bn for period of 2 months.

24 May 43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt.Col.







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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders		1		Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		3						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			3
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			1
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical	4	3	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	23	NR	Tailors	4	2	
Dispensers				Axemen		8		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		2		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			1
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters (Bench)		3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Miscell. 740 526 187			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	13					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply		1					856 666 100
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	3	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AANC	4	4	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC	1	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons		1		Driver Mechanics	27	24	NR	ARME	11	11	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	2	1	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Post.			
Photowriter				Miners		5		Equipment Repairers	1		NR	Corps	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		2		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates		1		See Back			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	-	9	-	CARRIED FORWARD	40	60	3	CARRIED FORWARD	100	124	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	875	685	190

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

14 May 43

Date of Despatch

Lt-col

Signature of Commander  
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



PART E. Detail of Present Strengths Required as shown in

Staff Sgts  
CQMS

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Grade	Position	Number	Remarks
Sgts	Tailor	1	No reinfnts required.
Sgts	Technical	1	" " "
Sgts	Non-tradesman	7	) Surplus are acting ranks, ) made to fill vacancies caused by detach of Sgt insts for period over one month.
Sgts	Intell	1	
Sgts	Operator, Signal	1	
Cpls	Technical	1	Performing duties of Tech Sgt. No reinfnts required.
Cpls	Non-tradesmen	1	Supernumerary.
Cpls	Tailor, group 11	1	Performing duties of Cpl tailor. (Cpl tailor performing duties of Sgt tailor)
Cpls	Mech M.T.	1	Performing duties fitter M.T. (Cp 1), pending transfer.
<b>ATT. ALLOWED BY W.E.</b>			
Cpls	Gp 111 Shoemaker	1	Held supernumerary.
Cpls	AAOC	1	" " "
Cpls	Armourers Cpl	1	" " "
Cpls	Fitters Cpl	2	No reos reqd.
Cpls	" " Cfn	1	Performing duties Cpl fitter.

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.M.W.R. personnel are detailed show details on back.  
 (d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on report by insertion of W.E. in col. "Remarks Required".  
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander  
Date of Dispatch



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/5/1943 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

/ (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 856 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.			Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1	2	1 3 9 22	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.							1				
	1	2	35									1				
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	35									35		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



2/8 ARMT INF BN Unit

(Serial No.)

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

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX 14947	HOWDEN	W.B.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX 49	MCDONALD	H.H.	2 1/c	"		
Major	VX 66	SIMPSON	G.L.	OC C	"		
T/Major	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	OC A	"		
Capt	SX 1451	BRANHAM	D.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN	H. MCP.	-	NO	Det for duty APM NT Force	7.3.43
Capt	VX 6596	DIFFY	S.C.	OC D	YES		
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	OC HQ	NO	LHQ School	12.4.43
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adjt	YES		
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY	J.C.	21/c	"		
T/Capt	VX 5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	"	"		
T/Capt	VX 6406	COULSTON	H.A.	"	"		
T/Capt	NX 8791	BALFOUR	K.	Q.M.	"		
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.C.	OC 4pl	"		
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING	W.B.	-	NO	Det for Duty 19 Bde	19.4.43
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	L.O.	"	LHQ School	28.4.43
Lieut	VX 722	MUDGE	R.O.C.	"	YES	supernumerary.	
Lieut	VX 6469	MCDERMOTT	R.J.	3 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6465	COOPER	L.C.	21/4pl	"		
Lieut	VX 9165	WATSON	K.L.	13 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	19 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 35144	LIDLAW	J.B.	T.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 52878	DONCASTER	H.	11 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	10 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	8 pl	"		
Lieut	TX 4322	BRIMAGE	G.W.	15 pl	"		
Lieut	TX 4637	COMBES	G.A.	16 pl	"		
Lieut	SX 12914	BERRY	H.G.	18 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 38456	LYONS	J.S.	9 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 38304	CHAPPE	F.C.	12 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTSON	W.A.	-	"		
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	H.B.	14 pl	"		
Lieut	NX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	17 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6530	NEWTON	W.H.	6 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 14571	GRAVENOR	K.	-	"	supernumerary	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	OX 40929	MCDONALD C.H.	AA Ch D 19 Bde	30.8.42	Chaplain
Major	VX114113	HUTCHINGS C.J.	8 Bn	2.5.43	Attached 2/8 Bn for period of 2 months.

21 May 43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander Lt-col



# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0600 hrs. Saturday 21 / 5 / 1943 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 856 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19<sup>Bn</sup> ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.				Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																											
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.				AAMC	5	1	-																												
-	-	-	7	W.Os. Class II.				AAOC	2	1	-																												
-	-	1	6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.				AEME	11	-	-																												
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants				AAPC	1	-	1	NR																											
2	6	6	40	Sergeants				AA Post																															
1	3	3	79	Corporals				Corps	1	-	-																												
182	229	40	541	Troopers, Privates, etc.																																			
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
182 *	232	50	674 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					20 *	2	1	*																											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	693		1							694
B(1)										
B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	19 Aust Inf Bde			2	S.A. L. of C. Records		
2	A.A. Amenities			2	PATU		
1	2/4 Bn			4	HQ NT Force		
				2	HQ R.A.E.		
				12	19 Aust Inf Bde		
				1	12 Aust Ord Pd Park		
				2	NT Force School		
				1	11a L of C Area HQ		
				1	Berry Springs (14 L of C Area)		

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

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



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

**Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21/ 5/1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers		4	
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders		1		Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		3	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical	4	3	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24	NR	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen		8		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		2		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	24	22	NR	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters (Bench)		3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman						1	1	Miscell	740532179		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker						12	13		856674182		
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator							1				
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	3								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons		1				27	24	NR	AAME	11	11
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1									
Photowriter				Miners		5				1	NR		AA Post.	2	1
Plumber				Moulders									Corps	1	1
Saw Doctors		2		Nurses, Trained							1		See Back		
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	-	9	-	CARRIED FORWARD	40	61	3	CARRIED FORWARD	108	126	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	875	674	181

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

21 May 43

Date of Despatch

Lt-col

Signature of Commander



SURPLUS      DEFICIENCY

Staff Sgts  
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NCO from 19 A.I.T.B.

GROUP II (cont.)				GROUP I (cont.)			
Details of Tradesmen	Amount	Details of Tradesmen	Amount	Details of Tradesmen	Amount	Details of Tradesmen	Amount
Tailor	1			No reinfnts required			
Technical	1			" " "			
Non-tradesmen	5			Surplus are acting ranks,			
Intell	1			made to fill vacancies caused			
				-d by detach of Sgt for			
				period of over one month.			
Technical	1			Performing duties of TechSgt			
Intelligence			1 NR	No reinfnts required.			
Non-tradesmen	2			Supernumerary.			
Tailor, group 11	1			Performing duties of Cpl			
				Tailor. (Cpl tailor performin			
				g duties of Sgt tailor.)			
Mech M.T.	1			Performing duties of fitter			
				M.T. (Gp 1), pending transfer			
ATT. ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Gp 111 Shoemaker	1			Held supernumerary.			
A.A.O.C.				" "			
Armourers Cpl	1						
A.E.M.E.							
Fitters Cpl	1			No reinfnts required.			
A.E.M.E.				Performing duties Cpl fitter.			
Fitters Cfn	1						
A.E.M.E.							
A.A.M.C. Cpl	1			Supernumerary.			

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

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Date of Despatch



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 5 / 1943 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

(Serial No.)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 35 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1      2      3      4				5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
	1	2	1 3 9 22	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.P.C.	1	-	-					
-		2	35			1	-	-					
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		36									36
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
					<u>Att. allowed by W.E.</u>
WX11107	Capt	GRAY L.P.	Rejoined unit	23.5.43	EX 119 AGH

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**  
**1000 hrs Friday**  
**At 0600 Hrs Saturday 28/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX49	MCDONALD	H.H.	21/c	"		
Major	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	OC D	"		
T/Major	VX203	SMITH	J.A.H.	OC A	NO	Leave	
Capt	SX1451	BRAHAM	D.	OC B	YES		
Capt	VX244	AUSTIN	H. MOP	=	NO	Det for duty AFM NT Force (Approval for second- ment not yet received)	7.3.43
Capt	VX6596	DIFFY	S.C.	OC D	YES		
Capt	VX9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	OC HQ	NO	LHQ School	12.4.43
T/Capt	VX6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adj	YES		
T/Capt	VX6568	GATLEY	J.C.	21/c	"		
T/Capt	VX5479	RIMLEY	L.O.	" B	NO	Leave	
T/Capt	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	" D	YES		
T/Capt	VX9791	BALFOUR	E.	Q.M.	"		
Lieut	VX6401	ADAMS	J.C.	OC 4pl	"		
Lieut	VX27797	DESSING	W.B.	-	NO	Det for duty 19 Bde	19.4.43
Lieut	VX7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	"	LHQ School	28.4.43
Lieut	VX728	MUDGE	R.O.G.	-	YES	Supernumerary;	
Lieut	VX6469	MEDERMOTT	R.J.	3 pl	"		
Lieut	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	21/c	NO	Leave	
Lieut	VX9105	WATSON	E.E.	13 pl	YES		
Lieut	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	19 pl	"		
Lieut	VX35144	LIDLAW	J.S.	T.O.	"		
Lieut	VX52878	DONCASTER	H.	11 pl	"		
Lieut	VX52854	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	10 pl	"		
Lieut	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	3 pl	"		
Lieut	VX4322	BRIMAGE	G.W.	15 pl	NO	NT Force School	23.5.43
Lieut	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	16 pl	YES		
Lieut	SX12814	BERRY	H.C.	18 pl	"		
Lieut	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	9 pl	"		
Lieut	VX38504	CHAPPE	P.C.	12 pl	"		
Lieut	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	-	"		
Lieut	VX4879	MORAN	H.B.	14 pl	"		
Lieut	VX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	17 pl	"		
Lieut	VX6530	NEWTON	W.H.	6 pl	"		
Lieut	VX14571	GRAVENOR	K.	-	"	Supernumerary.	
<u>Attached on W.E.</u>							
Capt	VX11107	GRAY	L.P.			Posting R.M.O.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	QX40920	MCDONALD C.H.	AA Ch D	30.8.42	Chaplain
Major	VX114113	HUTCHINGS C.J.	8 Bn	2.5.43	Attached 2/8 Bn for period of 2 months.

28.5.43

Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

Lt-col







PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28/ 5 /1943

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Artificers, Blacksmiths, etc., and a summary row at the bottom.

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

28 May 43 Date of Despatch

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
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Part 1

58/43

3 May 43

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat - 3 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut H.C. BERRY

N.F.D.

Lieut C.W. BRIMAGE

Duty Coy

'A' Coy

N.F.D.

'C' Coy

2. CLOTHES RATIONING COUPONS.

Members are advised that coupons held are only valid up to 14 June 43. They cannot be used after that date. A fresh issue of coupons will be made available early in June 43.

*J.H. Griffiths.*

Capt

A djt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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Part 1                      59/43                      5 May 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat on 5 May 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut C.A. COMBES
N.F.D.	Lieut A.W.J. TURNBULL
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
N.F.D.	D Coy

O.C. Picture Party Adelaide River - Lieut K. GRAVENOR

2. TATTO REPORTS. Tattoo reports will NOT be submitted in future until after TATTOO.

3. CHIN STRAPS. HELMETS STEEL. Chin Straps ~~will~~ on steel helmets will be worn in either one of the following positions -

1. Behind the head
2. Under the chin

Under NO circumstances will these chin straps be folded across the front or rear of the steel helmet.

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*J. Landlaw* for Capt.  
Lieut  
Adit. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



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Part 1                      60/43                      6 May 43

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 6 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut H .C. BERRY
N.F.D.	Lieut A.W.J. TURNBULL
Duty Coy	H.Q. Coy
N.F.D.	H.Q. Coy - to be relieved by 'D' Coy at 0800 hrs, 8 May 43.                      4

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL. (To be read on parade by Coy Comds.)  
VX 62878 Pte WILLIAMS V. was tried by D.C.M. in the Field on 29 Apr 43.  
President; Major A.J. GREVILLE.

CHARGE: W.O.A.S. A.A. 15 (1) Absenting himself without leave in that he absented himself without leave from 29 Jan 43 until 5 Apr 43.  
Plea: Not guilty.

Finding: Guilty, but the Court made a special finding that the period of absence was from 29 Jan 43 until 18 Mar 43 - a period of 48 days. This special finding is within the Court's power.

Sentence: By sentence dated 29 Apr 43 the accused was fined the sum of £15/-/- which is a valid sentence.

Forfeitures: The accused has been in custody 24 days awaiting trial.  
Confirmation: Confirmed in the Field.

Maj-Gen A.S. ALLEN  
Comd N.T. Force.

3. MARRIAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE A.M.F.

The marriage ceremony of a member of the A.M.F. will not be celebrated in any military camp, station or establishment.

4. SERVICE CHEVRONS.

Attention is directed to the provisions of para. 3 of G.R.O. A.45/1943 (Administrative Instrn No. 13) prescribing the periods of service which qualify for service chevrons.

In order to count as qualifying for a chevron additional to the first, each of the prescribed periods of 12 months must be completed in full, and this provision will be strictly observed.

5. A.E.M.F. PERSONNEL ATTACHED.

All tradesmen below N.C.O. rank in the A.E.M.F., including those transferred in accordance with para. 2 of G.R.O. O.290, will cease to be designated as "privates" and will become "Craftsmen" (abbreviation "Cfn"). Non-tradesmen will be "Privates" or "Drivers" according to the duties they perform.

6. CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE - DISCONTINUANCE OF USE OF TERM "ANTI-GAS".

The substitution in general use of the term "anti-gas" by the term "Gas" will be implemented forthwith and will alter existing Ordnance vocabulary. Examples of old and new terms are:-

<u>Old Term</u>	<u>New Term</u>
A/gas training	Gas training.
L.H.Q. Gas School, A/gas wing.	L.H.Q. Gas School, Gas wing.
Cape, A/gas.	Cape, gas.
Valise, A/gas.	Valise, gas.
Respirator, A/gas	Respirator, gas.

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Part 1                      61/43                      5 May 43

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 8 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut F.G. CHAFFE
N.F.D.	Lieut J.S. LYONS
Duty Coy	'B' Coy
N.F.D.	'C' Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES.

R.C. Mass	1030 hrs
Combined Service	0900 hrs
Markers to RSM	0850 hrs
Coys march on	0855 hrs
Holy Communion	0945 hrs (Rec Hut)

3. RETREAT.

Personnel are reminded that they WILL stand to attention when Retreat is being played.

4. CHANGE IN ROUTINE.

To enable ALL RANKS to participate in Sport and any other approved Recreational Activities, following times will apply as from and inclusive of Monday 10 May 43. -

REVEILLE	0630	RETREAT	1830
BREAKFAST	0730	1st POST	2215
PARADE	0830-1200	TATTOO	2245
MIDDAY MEAL	1215	LIGHTS OUT	2300
PARADE	1515-1600		

5. MESSAGES IN CONNECTION WITH OFFENSIVE IN TUNISIA.

From General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander, Allied Land Forces in S.W. Pacific Area, and Commander-in-Chief, A.M.F., to Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, Commander, 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Middle East.

"Congratulations to yourself, officers and men of your magnificent division on your further recent successes from all ranks of the Australian Army and myself."

From Lieutenant-General Freyberg to General Blamey.

"No message could give greater pleasure to NZ Div than yours. On behalf of all ranks I send our warmest thanks and best wishes to the Australian Army for continued success in the grim campaign in New Guinea."

6. PARADE GROUND.

The Bde parade ground, opposite 23/21 Aust Inf Bn, and immediate surrounding country is out of bounds to all vehicles.

7. SWIMMING POOL - STAPLETON CREEK.

The swimming pool on the West side of the STAPLETON CREEK Bridge near Bde HQ is for swimming and NOT washing of clothes.

8. BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4-GALL AND 44-GALL DRUMS.

Severe shortages of rubber used in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung spanner. Care will be taken not to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorised method of opening.

RIFLE MATCH - 2/8 Bn v 2/7 Fd Amb.

2/8 Bn	478 pts
2/7 Fd Amb	264 "

TABLE TENNIS - 2/8 Bn v 2/3 Coy AASC

2/8 Bn	13 games
2/3 Coy AASC	4 "

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Part 1

62/43

11 May 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 11 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut W.B. ATKINSON
N.F.D.	Lieut H.B. MORAN
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	'B' Coy

O.C. Picture Party ADELAIDE RIVER 12 May 43 - Lieut A.W.J. TURNBULL

2. CHANGE IN ROUTINE.

The following times will apply as from and inclusive of Retreat 11 May.

RETREAT	1830 hrs	TATTOO	2215 hrs
1st POST	2145 hrs	LIGHTS OUT	2230 hrs

3. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER.

1. The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost.

2. The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements. When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced.

- (i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking, and fast cornering.
- (ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear.
- (iii) Keep brakes equalised, wheels true, and watch for misalignment.
- (iv) Interchange tires at prescribed intervals to keep wear even.
- (v) Closely inspect tires daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts.
- (vi) Report defects immediately.

4. COMMENDATION.

The following case of exemplary conduct amongst personnel of 19 Aust Hy A.A. Bty during the air raid on Darwin on March 15, 1943, is brought under notice:-

NX 87100 Gnr G.C. TOPPLE was a member of a Bofors detachment at Stokes Hill and posted to observe the fall of mines in the harbour in accordance with an arrangement with the Navy.

About 1100 hrs a Spitfire was shot down over the harbour and Gnr Topple noted the bearings of both the pilot who had baled out, and the plane, these being passed to the N.C.O. i/c for transmission to the Navy through A.A. Ops Room. By this time bombs were bursting in the area and Gnr Topple was ordered to take cover. As he did so the nearest oil tank was hit and burst into flames, the concussion blowing Gnr Topple on to an inclined path down which he slid some 60 ft where he momentarily collapsed. He was assisted by Navy personnel near by but climbed back to his post and reported for duty.

Subsequently when the oil tank fire endangered the ammunition dump for the Bofors gun, Gnr Topple performed excellent work in moving it to safety.

The conduct of the detachment, and that of other detachments of this troop is highly commended.

5. DAMAGE TO SIGNAL LINES.

Damage to signal lines has been caused by indiscriminate felling of trees resulting in delays to signal communications.

Coy Comds will ensure that troops are informed that signal lines are of the utmost importance and that precautions must be taken to prevent further damage.

*J.S. Laird* Lieut for Capt  
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Part 1

63/43

14 May 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 14 May 43:

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

Lieut W.A. HUTSON  
Lieut R.S. McDERMOTT  
'C' Coy  
HQ Coy

2. CHURCH PARADE.

R.C. Mass  
Combined Service  
Markers to RSM  
Coys march on  
Holy Communion

0900 hrs  
0900 hrs  
0850 hrs  
0855 hrs  
0945 hrs (Rec Hut)

3. CAMP ROADS.

The road through HQ Coy area will be closed to all traffic. The road to be used is the old HQ Coy entrance and this will only be used by traffic to HQ Coy and NOT through traffic.

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Adj 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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Part 1

64/43

15 May 43

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat on 15 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R.J. McDERMOTT
N.F.D.	Lieut K. GRAVENOR
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
N.F.D.	'D' Coy

2. EQUIPMENT OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

1. Personnel evacuated to hospital will take the followings:-  
Respirator, steel helmet, messing gear, web equipment, ground sheet, blankets, all personal gear reasonably required (including changes of clothing), toilet necessities, A.A.F. F200, paybook.
2. If a soldier is admitted without the above articles the hospital will notify the soldier's unit. The unit will immediately make every endeavour to deliver the necessary clothing or eqpt to the hospital. Failure on the part of a unit to do so will be viewed most seriously.

3. PROHIBITED AREA - COCOANUT GROVE.

Owing to the wilful destruction of palms and coconuts by personnel visiting Coconut Grove (Ref Map Darwin, 2" to 1 mile - Square 8116), this area is placed out of bounds to all ranks.

4. UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF CRUSHED STONE.

Crushed or screened stone is not to be removed without authority from stock piles in the vicinity of the North-South Rd., the Mt Isa Rd., aerodromes or quarries. This material is being produced for specific works by civilian labour, and authority for issue to Army units will be made only to C.'s R.E., who will arrange through C.E., N.T. Force for financial authority to cover the issue. Disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel found removing this material without authority.

5. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION.

1. The breaking down of service or enemy amm in any way, other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existende or instructions issued from L.H.Q., is strictly forbidden.
2. The breaking down of any service or enemy amm by unauthorised persons is prohibited.
3. If information is required on the internal construction of any ~~th~~ type of service amm, reference can be made to inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to H.Q. of Corps or L. of C. Areas.
4. Enemy amm will normally be broken down or demolished by R.A.E. units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instructions from formation ets. H.Qs.

*J.S. Laidlaw* *deput* for Capt  
Adj 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES -

RESULTS OF INTER-COY RIFLE & BREN SHOOTS - 10 May 43

<u>RIFLE</u>			Rifle (contd)			
Teams of 4 Firers	Total	HPS 100 Average				
Offrs Team	335	83.5	'C' Coy Team	246	61.5	
HQ No. 1 Team	291	72.8	'A' Coy Team	184	46	
HQ No. 2 Team	273	68.3	-----			
HQ No. 3 Team	266	66.5	<u>BREN</u>		Teams of 2 Firers HPS 45	
'B' Coy Team	258	64.5	HQ No 1	84 42	'A' Coy	71 35.5
'D' Coy Team	256	64	'D' Coy	77 38.5	'B' Coy	70 35
Bn H.Q. Team	253	63.3	'C' Coy	73 36.5	HQ No. 2	63 31.5



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65/45

18 May 45

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat on 18 May 45:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J.M. TRETOWAN
N.F.D.	Lieut L.C. COOPER
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
N.F.D.	HQ Coy

2. CARE OF SMALL ARMS.

A recent armourer's inspection indicates the need for more care in the maintenance of small arms throughout the area.

The number of rusty barrels and missing parts indicates the failure of Units to conduct regular and careful inspections. Attempts to clear jammed flannellette by discharging a round through the barrel not only endangers personnel but results in a number of bulged barrels.

Units will conduct regular inspections to ensure that small arms are carefully maintained. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who fail to keep their weapons in proper condition at all times.

3. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

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

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

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

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

4. DAMAGE TO SIGNAL LINES.

1. Damage to signal lines has been caused by indiscriminate felling of trees resulting in delays to signal communications.

2. Coy Comds will ensure that troops are informed that signal lines are of the utmost importance and that precautions must be taken to prevent further damage.

5. WORKING PARTIES -- DRESS.

Coy Comds and O's C working parties will ensure that working parties returning to Unit lines at the end of a day wear the correct dress and do NOT travel shirtless. Disciplinary action WILL be taken against offenders.

6. DRESS; WEARING OF JACKETS, S.D., OFFICERS.

1. When not performing any military duty, members of the Permanent Military Forces enlisted before 6 Oct 39 who are warrant officers, Class 1 (substantive), may wear jackets, S.D., officers, as optional dress.

2. Except as provided in para. 1 above, jackets, S.D. officers, will not be worn by warrant officers.

7. PERSONNEL REJOINING UNIT.

Personnel returning to Unit from hospital, detachment, schools, leave, etc., MUST REPORT IN TO Bn H.Q. IMMEDIATELY ON RETURN.

*J. Laidlaw* Lieut for Capt  
Adit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1

66/43

20 May 43

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat on 20 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R.O.C. MUDGE
N.F.D.	Lieut G.A. COMBES
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	HQ Coy

2. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES No.36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE.

1. The .22 R.F. cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No.36M, is highly susceptible to moisture.

2. Personnel handling igniter sets will observe strictly the following procedure:-

(a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders. Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.

(b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blimps. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting officer (ordnance) for determination of condition.

3. Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

3. SERVICE CHEVRONS.

1. Attention is directed to G.R.Os A.45/1943, A.153/1943 and A.283/43.

2. Complaints are still being received that some personnel who are not entitled to service chevrons are wearing them. In particular, it is alleged that some personnel who have served at Darwin are doing this.

3. C.Os will give this matter constant attention and institute checks to ensure that such chevrons are worn only by personnel who are entitled to them, i.e. members of the A.M.F., approved representatives of philanthropic organisations and civilians attached to the forces in an official capacity (except those disqualified under para 4 of G.R.O. A.45/1943) who have departed from the final place of call in Australia for an overseas theatre of operations or have entered a "declared theatre of operations". The only portions of the Commonwealth of Australia so far declared to be theatres of operations for this purpose are the Mandated Territory of New Guinea and the Territory of Papua as from 1st Jan 42.

4. WIRE GAUZE - USE ON .303in RIFLE BARRELS.

1. All pullthroughs at present being supplied are fitted with wire gauze, the general use of which is approved on active service.

2. By reason of the fact that, under wartime training conditions, rifles are subjected to almost continuous use, the use of pullthroughs fitted with wire gauze is now authorised under training as well as active service conditions. This authority will not, however, apply to the training of L. of C. unit personnel; in such cases, the wire gauze will be removed before using the pullthrough.

3. The attention of all concerned is directed to S.A.T. Vol.1, Pamphlet No.3, in regard to instructions for the use of wire gauze. These instructions will be strictly observed.

5. PROVISION OF SPECTACLES.

Approval has been given for the provision of spectacles to those members of the A.M.F. (excluding V.D.C. on part time duty) who require such aids to vision to enable them to carry out their duties efficiently.



6. P.M.F. AND C.M.F. - ENLISTMENT IN A.I.F.

1. In accordance with the approval given by War Cabinet on 6 Apr 43, the age limit for voluntary enlistment of males in the A.I.F. is lowered to 18 years, subject to the existing conditions for enlistment in the A.I.F.

2. G.R.O. A.168/1942 is amended in para. 1(c) by omitting the sentence "Enlistment in A.I.F. will be restricted to personnel between the ages of 19 and 40 years" and inserting the following sentence:-  
"Enlistment of males in the A.I.F. will be restricted to volunteers between the ages of 18 and 40 years".

7. PROVISION OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS AND SURGICAL AIDS.

Approval has been given for the provision of artificial limbs and surgical aids to those members of the A.M.F. (excluding V.D.C. on part time duty) who have lost an eye or the whole or part of a limb.

8. SUPPLY OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING TO DISCHARGED MEMBERS OF THE A.M.F.

1. Male Members. War Cabinet approval has been given to the following revised conditions governing the issue of civilian clothing to discharged male members of the A.M.F.:-

(a) A free issue of a civilian suit and hat (total value not exceeding £3) will be made, upon request, at the time of discharge to all male members who have been enlisted or called up for full-time duty and who have had at least three months' satisfactory service.

(b) Men with less than three months service and also those discharged for disciplinary reasons who require civilian clothing will, upon request, be issued with a civilian suit and hat, the value thereof being deducted from their pay (including deferred pay) if sufficient funds remain due for the collection of this amount.

All previous instructions on this subject are cancelled.

9. ORDERS FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.

Ordering officers will be responsible for seeing that, before any order for supplies or services is issued, the blank spaces between the last entry on each copy of the order and their signatures are cancelled by drawing a diagonal line across them, thereby preventing any unauthorised additions.

*W. Griffiths* Capt  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

RESULTS OF BDE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 3 Coy AASS 15 May 43

	Rifle	HPS	100		
Lieut ADAMS	89			WOll CROSSAN	68
Lieut DOUGLAS	85			S/Sgt SULLIVAN	68
Lieut MORAN	77			L/Cpl DOUST	68
Pte ROBERTSON	74			Dr BOWD	52
Pte LOCK	73			Dr HERBERT	57
Cpl WOODS	70			Dr MCLEOD	69
Total				Total	382
	477				

	BREN	HPS	45		
L/Cpl SAUNDERS	34			L/Cpl RENALLT	39
Pte MOORE	33			Dr MARTIN	45
Pte LORENSINI	40			Dr DUMIGAN	27
Pte HOLLAND	31			Cpl RAMAGE	43
Total	138			Total	154



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

67/43

22 May 43

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat on 22 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut A.W.J. TURNBULL
N.F.D.	Lieut H.C. BERRY
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	HQ Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES.

R.C. Mass	<sup>1000</sup> 0900 hrs
Combined Service	0900 hrs
Markers to RSM	0850 hrs
Coys March On	0855 hrs
Holy Communion	0945 hrs (Rec Hut)

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

NOTICES

This unit has received from A.C.F. the following -

736	pkts	Tally Ho cig papers
736	"	Capstan cigarettes
736	oz	Log Cabin tobacco
736	pkts	Cookies
736	tins	Boot Polish



W.D.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part 1

68/43

24 May 43

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 24 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J.S. LYONS
N.F.D.	Lieut W.A. HUTSON
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	HQ Coy

*A.H. Griffiths* Capt  
Adj 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES:

SPORTING RESULTS

Cricket. 2/8 Bn defeated 2/3 Coy AASC by an innings and 90 runs.  
23.5.43 2/8 Bn 240 2/3 Coy 46 and 104.

Soccer. 2/8 Bn defeated 2/6 Cav Regt - 1 - 0.  
22.5.43

19.5.43 2/8 Bn defeated 2/4 Bn - 3 - 1

Football. 2/8 Bn defeated 2/3 Coy AASC - 11.7 to 10.5.  
19.5.43

BDE SPORTING COMPETITION RESULTS TO 17 MAY 43

Cricket.

HQ 19 Bde	1 pts.
2/8 Bn	11 "
2/4 Bn	1 "
23/21 Bn	3 " (One match to play)
103 Tk A Regt	4 " " "
2/3 Coy AASC	7 " " "
2/6 Aust Cav Regt	4 " " "

League Football.

2/8 Bn	0 pts.
2/6 Aust Cav Regt	2 "
103 Aust Tk A Regt	2 "
41 Aust Fd Bty	2 "
2/4 Bn	2 "

Soccer.

2/8 Bn	1 pts.
2/3 Coy AASC	4 "
2/4 Bn	2 "
103 Tk A Regt	1 "
41 Fd Bty	2 "
2/6 Cav Regt	0 "

Basket Ball.

HQ 19 Bde	12 pts
23/21 Bn	10 "
2/8 Bn	8 "
41 Fd Bty	8 "
2/3 Coy AASC	3 "
2/6 Cav Regt	3 "

Aust Rules Football.

19 Bde	0 pts
2/8 Bn	4 "
23/21 Bn	6 "
2/6 Cav Regt	8 "
2/3 Coy AASC	6 "



SHOOTING

BDE SPORTING COMPETITION RESULTS (contd)

Rifle.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn	477 pts	defeated	2/3 Aust Coy AASC	382 pts
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	433 "	" "	103 Aust Tk A Regt	391 "
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	393 "	" "	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	305 "
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	541 "	" "	41 Aust Fd Bty	511 "

Bren.

2/3 Aust Coy AASC	154 "	" "	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	138 "
103 Aust Tk A Regt	147 "	" "	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	101 "

PROGRESS SCORES

Rifle.

	No. of matches fired	Total pts
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	2	955
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	2	934
19 Aust Inf Bde HQ	2	822
2/3 Aust Coy AASC	2	802
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	2	569
41 Aust Fd Bty	1	511
2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1	435
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1	408
103 Aust Tk A Regt	1	391

Bren.

2/3 Aust Coy AASC	2	296
19 Aust Inf Bde HQ	2	219
103 Aust Tk A Regt	1	147
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	1	138
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1	133
2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1	128

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE BY ORDERS

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1

69/43

26 May 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat on 26 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut W.H. NEWTON
N.F.D.	Lieut F.C. CHAFFE
Duty Coy	'C' Coy
N.F.D.	'D' Coy

2. EMERGENCY RATIONS.

All ranks are reminded that an emergency ration will only be consumed with the direct authority of an officer or senior NCO if no officer available and such officer or NCO will be held responsible if these rations are consumed in any circumstances, excepting great emergency and when NO other rations are available. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any person NOT complying with this instruction.

3. DRESS.

Coy Comds will ensure that ALL ranks proceeding outside of the Bde Area wear correct dress especially between RETREAT and REVEILLE.

*J. Lardner* <sup>for</sup> Capt  
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1

70/43

28 May 43

DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat on 28 May 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut W.B. ATKINSON
N.F.D.	Lieut K. GRAVENOR
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
N.F.D.	'C' Coy

CHURCH PARADES.

R.C. Mass	0930 hrs	
Combined Service	0900 hrs	
Markers to RSM	0850 hrs	
Coys march on	0855 hrs	
Holy Communion	0945 hrs	(Rec Hut)

BRIGADE SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

- The Brigade swimming carnival is postponed to 2 Jun 43.
- A complete day will be allowed for the sports. A separate instruction altering the general sporting programme of the Bde is being issued separately.

3. The following units are entering teams in the swimming sports:-

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Incl "L" Sec Sigs and 2/79 Aust LAD)  
 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.  
 23/21 Aust Inf Bn.  
 2/3 Aust Coy AASC.  
 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.  
 2/6 Aust Cav Regt.

4. Detailed instructions for the swimming sports include number of personnel to attend, troop carrying tpt, and meal arrangements is being issued separately.

PETROL RATION TICKETS - ISSUES TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

1. The Department of Supply and Shipping has advised that the special petrol ration allowances to members of the forces on leave or on their return from overseas have now been cancelled.

2. The Commonwealth Liquid Fuel Board has decided that State "liquid Fuel Control Boards may, at their discretion, grant, on application, a special ration allowance equivalent to one month's ration for the private user to any member of the forces returning wounded from active service.

3. Army personnel who are entitled to obtain petrol ration tickets under the concession provided for in para 2 above, should make application direct to the State Liquid Fuel Control Board.

HONOURS AND AWARDS - CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St James Palace S.W.1  
1st January 1943

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:-

To be additional officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:-

Lieutenant Eric Phillip Arundel Smith, Australian Military Forces.

*E.H. Griffiths* Capt  
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

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Part 1

71/43

31 May 43

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1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat on 31 May 43:

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

Lieut R.J. McDERMOTT  
Lieut C.W. BRIMAGE  
HQ Coy  
'A' Coy

2. TRAIN DISCIPLINE.

1. It is the duty of all officers in charge of troops travelling by rail to warn them that boarding or leaving trains in motion, leaning out of windows and doors, or allowing any portion of the body to protrude from carriages, is forbidden, and will result in severe disciplinary action.

2. It will be impressed on all ranks that failure to observe these instructions may result in fatal accidents.

*J.H. Griffiths*  
Adjnt  
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 43

To 30 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.															
69 Mile ADELAIDE RIVER	1 Jun		<p>WEATHER. Fine</p> <p>WORKING PARTIES. 10 ORs BERRY SPRINGS</p> <p>TRG. Bn Pde 0845 hrs</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B Coy. Grenade Range</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A Coy Trg 300 yards East of lines.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">HQ Coy Specialist trg in lines.</p> <p>RESULTS OF RIFLE. BREN AND VICKERS COMPERITION</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2/8 Bn v 23/21 Bn.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Rifle.</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">2/8 Bn</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">488 pts</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">23/21 Bn</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">460 Pts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Bren.</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">"</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">132 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">"</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">135 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">MMG.</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">"</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">260 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">"</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">242 "</td> </tr> </table>	Rifle.	2/8 Bn	488 pts	23/21 Bn	460 Pts.	Bren.	"	132 "	"	135 "	MMG.	"	260 "	"	242 "	
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Bren.	"	132 "	"	135 "															
MMG.	"	260 "	"	242 "															
	2 Jun.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>Trg. Bn preparing for sports</p> <p>170 personnel attend swimming carnival held by</p> <p>6 Aust Cav Regt at swimming pool situated 191205 ... ADELAIDE RIVER 1"</p> <p>Results. 1st 2/6 Aust Cav Regt, 2nd 103 Tk A Regt</p> <p>3rd HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. Capt DWYER and Lieuts. WHITSIDE AND THOMPSON r.t.u.</p> <p>ex 19 AITBn.</p>																
	3 Jun		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRAINING. A Coy Range Practice all day No 4 Range.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B Coy Range Practice on No 1 range.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">HQ Coy Range Practice on No 3 range. Mortar Pl</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">shoot in Nt MINZA area.</p> <p>SPORT. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav Regt Aust Rules Football</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">won by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 16 goals 14 pts to 5 goals 6 pts.</p>																

23. AUG. 1943



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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From.....

To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
69 Mile	4 June,		<p>WEATHER. Fine. Nights very cold but average daily temp 80°F</p> <p>Trg. A &amp; B &amp; HQ Coys training in lines</p> <p>W/PARTIES. 4 ORs wood cutting.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. Lieut R.E. PAPE r.t.u. ex 107 AGH</p> <p>APPX. Trg Syllabus 7-12 Jun.</p>	
	5 June.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>Bn attends Bde Sports meeting held on Bde Sports Ground</p> <p>Meeting comprised both Military and Athletic events. GOC in attendance. Although we had half the bn. away 2/8 Aust Inf Bn won both Military and Athletic events by a very comfortable margin.</p>	<i>App 6</i>
	6 June.		<p>WEATHER. Fine</p> <p>Church Pde 0900 hrs. Remainder of day free in lines.</p> <p>CO 2 i/c and Adjt taken around DARWIN HARBOUR by Navy.</p>	
	7 June.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRAINING. A Coy Trg in coy lines. 9 ORs receiving swimming instruction at STAPLETON CK. swimming pool.</p> <p>B Coy. Sec trg all day some of coy also receiving swimming instruction.</p> <p>HQ Coy Spec. Trg in unit lines.</p> <p>4 Offrs and 76 ORs attend Race Meeting held at 43 mile by 14 L of C. Profits to go to PW Fund.</p>	
	8 June.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>Training. A Coy Morning Sec trg in lines afternoon Field craft East of camp</p> <p>B Coy. Sec trg and Field craft vicinity of Adelaide</p> <p>River crossing</p> <p>HQ Coy Range practice on No 3 Range</p>	



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69 Mile	8 June cont.		CO held Orderly Room MOVEMENT. Lieut DOUGLAS marched out having been granted 7 days compassionate leave	
	9 June.		WEATHER. Fine. TRAINING. A Coy Range practice No 1 Range B Coy Sec trg in lines. HQ Coy Spec trg in lines	
			SPORT. In the eagerly awaited final Aust Rules football match 2/8 Aust Inf Bn defeated 2/6 Aust Inf Bn by 10 goals 6 pts to 6 goals 5 pts	
	10 June.		WEATHER. Fine TRAINING. A & B Coys pl trg all day in area 124202 ref..... HQ Coy. Spec trg in lines.	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R lin
	11 June.		Weather. Fine. Training. A Coy Route march via NA Rd - Mt BUNDY track - Bde Swimming Pool. B Coy doing same route march. HQ Coy Spec trg in lines all day. W/Parties. 7 ORs wood cutting.	
	12 June.		WEATHER. Fine. MOVEMENT. Capt WEBB (Salvation Army) returned to unit TRAINING. A Coy weapon trg in lines B Coy PI trg vicinity ADELAIDE RIVER CROSSING. HQ Coy Spec trg in lines. SPORT. Aust Rules. 2/8 Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Won by 2/8 Bn 14 goals 10 pts to 10 goals 17 pts.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
69 Mile	12 June cont.		Table tennis. 2/8 Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Won by Cav 12 games to 8 Rifle shoot. 2/8 Bn v 2/6 Aust Cav. Won by 2/8 Bn 498 to 489	
	13 June.		Weather. Fine. Church pde 0900 hrs Remainder of day free in lines. CO to conference with Bde Comd.	
	14 June.		WEATHER. Fine. TRAINING. A Coy Trg in lines. B Coy. Route March along NA Rd. in morning trg in coy lines in afternoon HQ Coy. Specialist trg in lines.	
			TEWT for all NCOs held in area 111250 ref..... APPX. Adm Instn No 21 issued. MOVEMENT. Capt. COULSTON moved out to LARRIMAH to act as liason officer in connection with move of 19 Aust Inf Bde personnel. Rifle Shoot. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn v 103 TK A Regt. Rifle. 2/8 Bn 494 pts - 103 TKA Regt 394 pts. Bren. " 137 " - " 114 "	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R 1 in.
	15 June.		WEATHER. Fine. TRAINING. Bn Pde 0845 hrs. A Coy morning trg in lines. Afternoon Assault course. B Coy trg in lines all day. HQ Coy Spec trg in lines.	
	16 June.		WEATHER. Fine. TRAINING. A Coy Route march STAPLETON track	



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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN. Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
69 mile.	16 June	cont.	<p>MOVEMENT. 12 Offrs and 236 ORs of 12/50 Aust Inf Bn moved into these lines at approx 0800 hrs. 12 Offrs and 242 ORs of this Bn move out to 12 Aust Div Reception Camp before entraining at ADELAIDE RIVER STATION.....</p>	Appx 2 & 3
	17 June.		<p>WEATHER. Fine. TRAINING. A Coy Pl trg East of camp. AIR RAID RED BATCHELOR 0930 hrs all clear 1030 hrs. MOVEMENT. 7 Q'ld personnel march out to 12 Aust Div Reception camp for onward journey via MT. ISA.</p>	
	18 June.		<p>WEATHER. Fine A coy and remainder of bn. cleaning up lines before departure from NT CO and Adjt leave early in morning with 2 Offrs of 12/50 bn on recce of DALY RIVER area</p>	
	19 June.		<p>Remainder of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn ( 11 Offrs and 253 ORs) move out to 12 Aust Div Reception Camp before <del>entraining</del> entraining at ADELAIDE RIVER STA. CO and Adjt. remain behind. CO with Capt von BIBRA of 12/50 bn do recce of DARWIN KOOLPINYAH, BYNOE HARBOUR, TUMBLING WATERS AREA. In this recce CO and Capt. von BIBRA were caught in the air raid on DARWIN when WINNELLIE provost camp was heavily bombed. CO and Adjt. left BATCHELOR on 22 Jun coming straight to MELBOURNE by Air. From 19 June to 28 June it was impossible to keep up this diary the battalion having moved to SOUTHERN leave concentration areas in three flights. The First was by sea and after an uneventful trip disembarked at BRISBANE ON 8 June 43. From there they were moved on to respective LTD's where 21 days leave was granted.</p>	Appx 2 & 3




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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	June continued.		The other two flights were moved from the NT on dates shown previously and were moved overland via ALICE SPRINGS to ADELAIDE. At ALICE SPRINGS, the weather being very cold, some personnel were issued with SD uniforms and at LTD ADELAIDE all personnel were issued with Greatcoats SD uniforms and colour patches. The bulk of both these flights were then moved to LTD MELBOURNE where pay was available and tea sugar and butter coupons were issued, and from there commenced 21 days leave.	
	28 June.		Adv party of bn, Maj SMITH, Capt RUMLEY, Lieut COOPER and 13 ors. arrive FLAGGY CK area and took over camp B. Maj. Smith adm comd of 19 Aust Inf Bde. Capt RUMLEY SC 19 Aust Inf Bde and Lieut Cooper OC 2/8 Aust Inf Bn party.	
	29 June.		WEATHER. Raining. Maj. SMITH, Capt RUMLEY and Lieut COOPER went to Div HQ for general instructions	
	30 June.		WEATHER. Fine. Recce of 19 Aust Inf Bde Battalion areas was made and work commenced on 2/8 Aust Inf Bn area.	
			 .....Lt-Col Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.	



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1

72/43

6 Jun 43

1. DUTY The following Duties will mount at Retreat 6 Jun 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut H.C. BERRY
N.F.D.	Lieut J.S. LYONS
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
N.F.D.	'A' Coy

2. GUNS, SUB-MACHINE, OWEN - ASSEMBLY.

1. It has been reported that quantities of the abovementioned weapons have become inoperative due to components and assemblies being inadvertently changed from one gun to another.
2. The attention of all concerned is directed to the fact that the main components of the Owen SMG are not interchangeable and must remain with the gun to which they were originally fitted. The barrel, bolt and trigger housing should all bear the same number as the body.
3. C.Os of units will arrange an immediate inspection of these weapons to ensure that the components mentioned bear the same number as the body. Guns with components which cannot be mated within the units will be forwarded for refitting and renumbering to a 2nd or 4th echelon AEME armoury workshop.

3. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NON-MILITARY TELEPHONES.

1. Emergency calls on official business may be made by members of the forces through the ordinary civil telephone service, subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) that a normal army channel is not available;
  - (ii) that the nature of the call makes it imperative that speedy communication be established;
  - (iii) that no breach of security is involved.
2. Such calls will be paid for by the member at the appropriate rate.
3. The amount paid pursuant to para. 2 hereof will be refunded on submission of claim (234) duly certified to by the appropriate officer.

4. SERVICE AMMUNITION FAILURES - BLINDS.

1. Should blinds or failures occur with service ammunition, reports are necessary in order that information as to deterioration or defects in manufacture or design of existing stocks can be investigated, and unserviceable ammunition withdrawn from issue.
2. If, during the course of a day, over 5 per cent of blinds or failures occur with any type of ammunition, a signal will be forwarded by the unit concerned to LHQ and repeated to the HQ of the formation or area, stating the following information as applicable:-
  - (a) unit and location;
  - (b) calibre and type of weapon;
  - (c) type of ammunition, batch number or filler and date of filling.
  - (d) fuze, mark, lot, filler and date of filling.
  - (e) number of rounds fired;
  - (f) number of blinds or failures which occurred.

The signal will be followed as soon as possible by a report, as per pro forma in appendix to this order. This report will be prepared in duplicate and distributed as under:-

- (a) LHQ.
- (b) HQ of formation or area.

3. If less than 5 per cent of blinds or failures occur, only information as shown in appendix will be prepared and distributed as stated in para. 2. A small percentage of blinds may occur with direct action fuzes owing to small angle of impact, nature of ground, etc.

4. When blinds occur at practice, the unit concerned will make every effort to locate them and will be responsible for ensuring that those located are destroyed.



5. Provided -

(a) that blinds can be destroyed without moving or disturbing them in any way;

(b) that the information stated in para. 2 can be obtained;

and  
(c) that safety distances as stated in para. 8 exist;  
destruction will be effected under the direction of an officer who has qualified at an authorised artillery, engineer or ordnance course which included the carrying out of demolitions. Under the same conditions, mortar bombs, grenades and other types of infantry ammunition may be destroyed also by officers or NCOs who have qualified at an instructors course general weapons wing (10 weeks) at the LHQ Small Arms School or by VDC personnel holding certificates authorising them to carry out such destructions.

6. If para. 5 is not applicable, destruction will be carried out under the direction of one of the followings:-

(a) An inspecting ordnance officer.

(b) For demolition of artillery shell - an officer or NCO holding a certificate from the chief instructor of the School of Artillery, qualifying him to carry out demolition of shell.

(c) An officer commanding a RAE unit.

7. Regulations governing the handling, movement and destruction of blind projectiles are contained in Regulations for Army Ordnance Services, Part II, Pamphlet 4. Manual of Military Engineering, Vol. IV, also deals with methods of demolition and safety precautions.

8. When blind projectiles filled HE are to be destroyed in situ by demolition and no cover is available, the minimum distance permitted by personnel from the point of burst is 500 yds per inch of calibre of the projectile to be destroyed or 1,200 yds, whichever is the greater. If these distances are not practicable; earthworks of suitable height will be thrown up round the projectiles to give corresponding protection, and a trench or other suitable cover arranged for the firing party.

9. The danger existing in the handling of blind mortar bombs is emphasised. On firing, the detent in the type of fuze used with these bombs sets back and permits the detonator to come under the striker. Any pressure on the striker, including any attempt to replace the safety cap, will probably detonate the fuze and the bomb.

10. This order is not applicable to destruction of enemy aircraft bombs - such destruction is the responsibility of bomb disposal squads or, if not available, any RAE unit.

THEFTS IN UNIT LINES (To be read on parade by Coy Comds).

Thefts have occurred recently in Bn lines of considerable sums of money, tobacco, etc. All ranks are warned NOT to leave valuables in unattended tents. ALL thefts will be reported to Bn HQ immediately. ALL ranks are asked to co-operate in locating the THIEVES.

*J. S. Lawless, Lieut. for Capt*  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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73/43

7 Jun 43

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1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 7 Jun 43:

Bn Duty Officer

Lieut J.S. LYONS

N.F.D.

Lieut E.L. WATSON

Duty Coy

'A' Coy

N.F.D.

'B' Coy

2. CLEANING OF WEB EQUIPMENT AND GAITERS.

Para 2 of BRO 4/43 is again published and the attention of ALL RANKS is drawn to same.

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

2. Items treated in this manner are not 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 items by washing, luke warm, soapy water and light scrubbing only should be used. However, such washing should be restricted to occasions when it is absolutely essential.

4. The practice of scrubbing equipment with salt and water or any other ingredients, excepting warm soap and water will cease forthwith. Steps will be taken immediately to restore to its normal colour any equipment which has been bleached by any method.

MESSAGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFENSIVE IN TUNISIA

From General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander, Allied Land Forces in SW Pacific Area, and Commander-in-Chief, AMF, to General Sir Harold Alexander, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East:

"All ranks of the Australian Army join me in sending yourself, officers and men of the Allied Navy, Army and Air Forces our heartiest congratulations on your glorious victory. Your crushing defeat of the enemy has been a great inspiration to every Australian."

From General Alexander to General Blamey:

"Many thanks for your kind message, which is greatly appreciated by us all. The 9th Australian Division started the ball rolling at El Alamein and made possible the grand results we now all enjoy."

From General Blamey to Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Montgomery, GOC, Eighth Army:

"Heartiest congratulations to yourself and your magnificent men. The brilliant achievements of the Eighth Army have been followed by us all. Good luck and best wishes from myself and all ranks of the Australian Army."

From Lieutenant-General Montgomery to General Blamey:

"Most grateful for your message of congratulation. We were all very sorry that your magnificent 9th Australian Division was not able to come with us to Tunis from El Alamein. We badly missed their great skill and fighting qualities and look forward to a reunion with them at some future date."

OVER



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES (contd)

From General Blamey to Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, GOC,  
2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force:

"All ranks of the Australian Army are proud of the magnificent part which our brother Anzacs have played in the glorious victory in North Africa. We send good luck, best wishes and congratulations to you all."

From Lieutenant-General Freyberg to General Blamey:

"Your telegram, which has been published as a Special Order, will be read with greatest satisfaction by all ranks. I am sure smashing defeat of Axis here in Africa, to which AIF made magnificent contribution, is beginning of advance to final victory in all theatres of war. Spirit of Anzac lives on here as in the Pacific. Good luck to all under your command from 2 NZEF."

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*J.H. Griffith* Capt  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn







8. ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS.

Officers will not attend before civil courts, on behalf of members charged with offences, except in the following cases:-

- (a) When a formation, etc., commander considers it desirable that an officer should attend;
- (b) When the accused member has requested an officer to appear on his behalf as a witness as to facts and whether subpoenaed or not;
- (c) When an officer has been subpoenaed to give evidence as to the character of the accused member.

9. CONTROL OF ROAD TRAFFIC.

Serious concern is felt at the extent to which the control of road traffic and the standard of driving in the area have deteriorated recently.

It is obvious that, in spite of repeated instructions, proper control is not exercised in the use of unit transport, with the result that a large amount of unnecessary traffic continues.

This has resulted in not only excessive wear on the roads but also considerable wastage of petrol and tyres. Strict measures will be taken in future to ensure that no vehicle leaves unit lines unnecessarily and that the use of transport is carefully planned so that as many jobs as possible are done on the one trip.

It is emphasised that the road is the only means of maintaining the field force and its conservation, particularly in the wet season, is a major task. Unless traffic is reduced drastically, the maintenance of the roadway in serviceable condition will be impossible.

Apart from such unnecessary traffic, the factors which contribute mostly to the deterioration of the road are the bad driving and excessive speeding which are only too prevalent. It will be impressed on all drivers that speeding and careless driving not only damage the road and cause excessive wear on vehicles, but have resulted recently in a disturbing number of accidents involving injuries and loss of life. Most, if not all, of these could have been avoided by the proper exercise of care and by observing normal road courtesy. In particular, drivers will be taught the common rules of road courtesy and the use of recognised driving signals.

The speed limits applicable within this Force are repeated for information and will continue in force in lieu of those notified in GPO A 30/43 :-

Staff Cars and D Rs	40 M.P.H.
J.P. $\frac{1}{4}$ ton cross country (Jeep)	40 "
15 cwt, 1 ton and 30 cwt vehs	30 "
3 ton vehicles	25 "
Carriers	15 "

All drivers will be notified of the above speed limits and will sign a copy of such notifications as an acknowledgement that they know such limits. Such acknowledgement will be retained for record purposes by the T.O. of the unit.

10. RATION OF CLOTHING COUPONS.

- 1. Members in possession of the current series of coupons may use same until 31 Jul 43.
- 2. The clothing ration year commences on the 7 Jun 43 and will terminate on a date to be fixed.

3. Entitlement.-

	<u>No. of Coupons</u>
Officers serving on 7 Jun 43	70 per ann.
Officers commissioned on or after 7 Jun 43	
Initial issue	90
Plus Maintenance issue -	
Commissioned during period	
7 Jun - 14 Oct	25
15 Oct - 14 Feb	15
15 Feb - 14 Jun	5
<u>Other Ranks</u> serving on 7 Jun 43	25 per ann.

P.T.O.



RATION OF CLOTHING COUPONS (contd)

4. Purchase of rationed articles of clothing - Instructions to Army Personnel.- Procedure when buying rationed clothing in person.-

- (i) When buying rationed articles of clothing at Canteens or retail stores, coupons will be surrendered in accordance with the civilian scale published by the Rationing Commission.
- (ii) Coupon books or sheets will be presented at time of purchase and the canteen or store assistant will cut out the necessary coupons.
- (iii) Paybook will be the means of establishing rightful ownership to the book or sheet of coupons and will be produced on request.

Procedure when unable to buy rationed articles of clothing in person.-

Army personnel who cannot themselves make purchases at a canteen or retail store are permitted to use their coupons under the following conditions:-

- (i) The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of ration book or sheet in the presence of the Commanding Officer, Adjt, Coy, etc., Commander, camp commandant or paymaster, paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.
- (ii) Coupons will then be pasted on ACC F12, prepared by the unit in accordance with the form shown in schedule "B" hereto. The form will be signed by the owner of the ration book or sheet and countersigned by the Commanding Officer, Adjt, Coy, etc., Commander or camp commandant.
- (iii) Form ACC F12, with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the owner of the coupons.

1. RIFLES, No. 4, SIGHTING WITH - 300-600yds APERTURE SIGHT.

1. It has been ascertained that the fit of a bayonet on the barrel of No. 4 rifles affects the sighting of the rifle, e.g., the difference between a loose and tight fitting bayonet may mean a variation in MPI of as much as 25" at 300 yds.
2. It will be necessary therefore for bayonets to be fitted to each individual rifle and numbered with the serial number of that rifle, with which it will always remain.
3. No. 4 rifles are tested and adjusted by the manufacturers WITHOUT a bayonet. It will be necessary for Coys to ZERO ALL No. 4 rifles with bayonet fixed.

*M. J. Dwyer*  
for Adjts 2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt



Appx No W.D. 2  
MOST SECRET.

COPY No. 12

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 21. 13 Jun 43.

1. INFORMATION.

The movement of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn from the N.T. to a leave concentration area will commence on 16 June 43 and will be completed on Saturday 19 June 43. The main body of the relieving unit (12/50 Aust Inf Bn) will arrive in two groups of approx 250 all ranks on 16 and 19 June 43.

2. MOVEMENT OF 2/8 AUST INF BN. The Bn will move from its present location in two groups which will be referred to as Train 1 and 2. The formation and constitution of each train Group and Movement Table showing Routes and Timings is attached as Appx "A" (to be issued later).

3. MOVEMENT LIASON OFFICERS.

The following officers have been detailed as Liason Officers for the movement of 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp and will act as "Fostering Officers" at the Staging Camps shown hereunder.

LARRIMAH	Capt COULSTON	2/8 Aust Inf Bn
ALICE SPRINGS	Lieut HAYNES	23/21 Aust Inf Bn
ADELAIDE	Lieut McCOLL	23/21 Aust Inf Bn

The above officers have received detailed instructions as to their duties.

4. TRAIN STAFFS.

A. TRAIN No. 1.

O.C. Major H.H. McDONALD  
Train Adjnt \_\_\_\_\_ Lieut J.S. ADAMS  
Train Q.M. Lieut J.S. LAIDLAW  
Baggage Officer Lieut K. GRAVENOR.  
Duty Officers as required by O.C. Train  
Lieut. E.L. WATSON  
Lieut. F.G. CHAFFE  
Lieut. R.J. McDERMOTT.

B. TRAIN No. 2.

O.C. Capt J.C. GATELY  
Train Adjnt Lieut R.E. PAPE.  
Train Q.M. Lieut H. DONCASTER  
Baggage Officer Lieut W.H. NEWTON  
Duty Offrs (as required by O.C.)  
Lieut W.B. ATKINSON  
Lieut J.S. LYONS  
Lieut A.M.W. WHITESIDE

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRAIN STAFFS.

A. The duties and responsibilities are generally as laid down in Appx "B" "Standing Orders for O.C. Troop Trains." The rendition of returns and reports as laid down in above orders will be strictly adhered to by O.C. Trains.

B. TRAIN DISCIPLINE. Before entrainment O.C. Train will ensure that ALL RANKS are fully acquainted with such paras of "Standing Orders for O.C. Troop Trains" as are applicable. Particular attention will be paid to the carriage of intoxicating liquor of any nature which is NOT permitted and will NOT be tolerated on trains or vehs at ANY stage of the movement.

C. GAMBLING. will not be permitted by any members of this unit, even though gambling at certain Staging Camps is encouraged and "legalized"

D. BAGGAGE OFFICERS. Officers appointed in charge of unit baggage, Stores and Equipment will be held personally responsible for the care and safe stowage of such baggage en route. On arrival at the L.T.D. from which leave is granted the baggage officer will arrange for the baggage to be stowed in a safe place at the L.T.D. where facilities do exist. On completion of leave the baggage officer will take over same baggage party and will be responsible for the care etc. of baggage to the final destination.

Each baggage officer will compile an inventory before leaving unit lines of all baggage under their charge showing -



5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRAIN STAFFS (Contd)

D. BAGGAGE OFFICERS (Contd)

- (a) Number of packages and description
- (b) Markings of packages

Inventory will be retained by them and used for checking baggage for onward movement after leave.

E. Baggage party will consist of -

TRAIN 1. No. 2 Pl HQ Coy

TRAIN 2. 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl 15 ORs No. 9 Pl "A" Coy.

6. RETURN OF CONTROLLED STORES BEFORE MOVEMENT FROM UNIT LINES.

Unless otherwise ordered by Q.M. Officers and Other Ranks to whom pistols, binoculars, compasses and watches are on charge WILL return same to the Q.M. by 1200 hours on the day preceeding movement. It is possible that the incoming unit will bring a certain amount of these stores into the area, in which case an equivalent number will be taken out by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

7. PAY. O.C. of each train will arrange that troops be paid at the L.T.D. on arrival, arrangements that this action be taken have been made with the various L of C sub areas concerned.

8. TEA & SUGAR COUPONS. Same arrangements as above.

9. LEAVE.

WESTERN AND SOUTH AUST PERSONNEL. will move with their respective sub units but will be taken over by SA L of C Area at ADELAIDE and will be drafted by L.T.D. ADELAIDE on leave.

EASTERN STATES personnel will be handled by the L.T.D. of the State concerned.

On completion of leave the L.T.D. of the States concerned will arrange onward movement of troops to final destination. ALL RANKS will be warned of the seriousness of AWL. An extremely serious view will be taken of any member being AWL and severe disciplinary action will be taken.

21 Days will be the maximum leave granted - free of travelling time.

10. SECURITY. O.C. Trains will impress ALL RANKS the vital necessity of not making in their correspondence any allusion to moves, pending, in progress or completed.

Stringent orders will be issued that before, during and after movement no telegram will be sent notifying change of location, or otherwise indicating that a move is contemplated, taking place, or has taken place.

It is emphasised that, unless otherwise ordered, a change of location does NOT alter the postal or telegraphic address for private correspondence.

11. DRESS & EQUIPMENT. To be worn from unit lines.

1. A. DRESS Shirts, Shorts, Hat fur felt, Hose tops, gaiters web or Cloth. Slacks K.D. and Pullovers will be placed in top of pack so that they are easily obtainable when required.

B. WINTER DRESS.

S.D. uniforms will be issued at ALICE SPRINGS.

Officers and N.C.O's will make every endeavour to see that troops are issued with "well fitting" uniforms. It is not known whether unit colour patches will be available at ALICE SPRINGS.

C. SERVICE CHEVRONS. Every endeavour is being made to ensure that these will be made available at ALICE SPRINGS. Housewives will be packed in a handy position to permit these being sewn on if available and for minor adjustments to uniform etc.

2. EQUIPMENT.

Full web equipment will be worn, haversack on left side, pack on back. Water bottles inside haversack. Rifles and Bayonets will be carried and a label showing No. & NAME will be attached to the Rifle. Respirators and Helmets Steel slung.

BLANKETS. Each man will carry three blankets rolled inside the ground sheet and ~~xxxxx~~ fitted over the pack.

The carrying of "gear" extra to the above - such as private parcels etc will NOT be permitted.



12. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. O.C. Train will contact A.P.O. ALICE SPRINGS in order to collect any mail that may be held for issue to troops under his command.

13. ROLLS.

A. NOMINAL ROLLS. O.C. Trains will be furnished by Bn HQ with two copies of AAF Mob 3, one of which ~~will~~ he will hand to Camp HQ of the L.T.D. of destination, one copy will be retained by himself and handed to Bn HQ at final destination after leave. Any casualties or evacuations en route MUST be noted on both copies of Mob 3. Personnel retained at ADELAIDE (WX & SX) will be checked against Mob 3 but the fact that they leave the draft need not be noted on Mob 3.

B. LEAVE ROLLS. Bn HQ will furnish O.C. Train with two copies which will be by states and show -

(i) No. Rank Name of pers.

(ii) Home address of each individual and his leave entitlement (GRO A559/42).

(iii) Service Chevron entitlement.

C. KIT A.A.F. KS 5. Kit nominal rolls will be furnished by Bn HQ to each O.C. Train, these will be prepared alphabetically. Separate rolls will be prepared for Officers and O.R.'s and a separate entry for each item.

A representative of 7 Aust Kit Store, ADELAIDE, will meet each train at L.T.D. ADELAIDE, and O.C. Train will hand him the above rolls, and kits will be delivered to the L.T.D.

On arrival at L.T.D. of the state from which leave is granted those kits NOT required will be placed, clearly marked, with unit baggage, but personnel WILL collect their own kits after leave. Units will NOT be responsible for onward movement of kits which must accompany the soldier.

D. STRENGTH RETURNS ON ENTRAINMENT. AAF T 51. Separate instructions re compilation and rendition of these returns will be issued to O.C. Trains.

14. RATIONS. (Applicable to both Trains 1 & 2)

1. Breakfast ONLY will be provided in unit lines on each day of movement. Midday meal will be provided by 12 Aust Div Reception Camp.

2. 12 Aust Div Reception Camp will deliver the following rations to the baggage party each day

(a) One days reserve ration (per train) to travel with unit baggage until arrival at destination, unless required en route

(b) Unconsumed portion of one days ration (i.e. one days ration less lunch) for consumption on journey to LARRIMAH.

(c) The unconsumed ration will be issued to the troops under arrangements of O.C. train.

(d) The balance of the unconsumed ration will be handed in to the Staging Camp at LARRIMAH.

3. On arrival at destination the reserve ration will be handed to the AASC representative of the L of C Sub area.

15. CLEANLINESS OF LINES PRIOR TO MOVEMENT.

It will be the personal responsibility of Coy Comds and all other officers to ensure that unit lines are in a perfect condition before moving out. Certificates stating that lines have been personally inspected and are clean will be rendered to Bn HQ by Coy Comds by 0930 hrs on each day of movement.

16. MOVEMENT AFTER LEAVE.

As far as is known at present the L.T.D. of the State from which troops are dispersed for leave will arrange onward movement to Queensland L of C Area. ALL officers and NCOs will make it their bounden duty to take charge of any troops of this Bn in these LTDs and arrange to be sent forward at the earliest possible date.



17. Acknowledge.

*S.H. Griffiths* Capt  
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DISTR:

	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Appx 'B' Copy No.</u>
C.O.	1	
2 i/c	2	1
Adj. t	3	
Q.M.	4	
Capt GATELY	5	2
Capt BRAHAM	6	3
Lieut ADAMS	7	4
Capt DWYER	8	
Lieut PAPE	9	5
WO1 BLACKMAN	10	
File	11	
W.D.	12 & 13	



MOVEMENT TABLE 16 JUNE 43.

Date issued 14 June 43

Serial No.	Sub-unit	No. of Pers.			No of vhs Unit Lines to 12 Div Rec Camp	Time Depart Unit Lines	ADELAIDE RIVER		PINE CREEK		KATHERINE		MATARANKA		LARRIMAH	
		Offrs	ORs	Total			Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart by Convoy
1	Bn HQ	2	20	22	2	1015	1051	1355	1858	1958	2330	0030	0354	0434	0625	2
2	No 2 Pl HQ Coy	1	20	21	1			16 Jun	16 Jun	16 Jun	16 Jun	17 Jun	17 Jun	17 Jun	18 Jun	
3	No 3 " " "	1	38	39	3											
4	No 4 " " "	1	48	49	3	1017	1053									
5	No 7 " " "	1	10	11	1											
6	B Coy	54	98	1072	6	1024	1058									
7	C Coy	2	17	19	1	1028	1102									
8	Baggage Serial 2	-	-	-	2	1027	1103									
9	TOTALS	132	251	2643	19											

- NOTES:
1. S.P. for tp Carr vhs 16 June "D" Coy lead in.
  2. V.T.M. 10 M.I.H. 16
  3. HALTS - there will be NO halts.
  4. Route - NA Road - ADELAIDE RIVER - 12 Aust Div Reception Camp
  5. T.C.P. R.P. will be posted at turn off to 12 Aust Div Reception Camp 100 yds N ADELAIDE RIVER Rd Bridge.
  6. Convoy discipline. Attention will be paid to all previous instns re this matter.
  7. Serial No. 2. Baggage party will arrive ADELAIDE RIVER RY STA AT 1100 hrs, departing Bn Q Store at 1015 hrs. But lunches will be carried. Any kit bags with unit baggage will be stacked in Coy lots.

DISTR:

- Copy No. 1 C.O.  
 " " 2 2 i/c  
 " " 3 Adjt  
 " " 4 Q.M.  
 " " 5 R.S.M.  
 " " 6 Capt BRAHAM  
 " " 7 Lieut ADAMS  
 " " 8 File  
 " " 9 & 10 W.D. ✓ ✓

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



M O V E M E N T T A B L E 1 9 J U N E 4 3

Ser- ial No.	Sub Unit	No. of Pers.			No. of Vehs	Depart Unit Lines	ADELAIDE RIVER		PINE CREEK		KATHERINE		MATARANKA		LARRIMAH	
		Offrs	ORs	Total			Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart by Convoy
1	A Coy	4	71	75	5	1015	1051	1355	1858	1958	2330	0030	0354	0434	0652	21 Jun
2	HQ Coy	<del>3</del>	13 <del>6</del>	13 <del>8</del>	8	1019	1055	19 Jun					20 Jun			
3	D Coy	2	15	17	1	1024	1059									
4	Bn HQ	1	14	15	1	1025	1100									
5	Baggage Party	1	17	18	3	1030	1100									
6	TOTALS	<del>11</del> 11	253	26 <del>4</del>	18											

- NOTES: 1. S.D. for tp carr vehs 19 June "D" Coy lead in  
 2. Route. MAIN NA Rd - ADELAIDE RIVER - 12 Aust Div Reception Camp  
 3. Speed & Density 10 V.T.M. 16 M.I.H.  
 4. Convoy discipline. Strict attention will be paid to all previous instructions re this matter.  
 5. Serial No. 6. Baggage party will depart unit lines in sufficient time to arrive ADELAIDE RIVER STA by 1100 hrs

DISTN: C.O. Copy No. 1  
 Adjnt " " 2  
 Lt. WINSER " " 3  
 (12/50 Bn)  
 Capt GATELY " " 4  
 Capt BALFOUR " " 5  
 Lieut PAPE " " 6  
 Sgt HEWITT " " 7  
 FILE " " 8  
 War Diary " " 9 & 10

*J.H. Coniff*  
 Capt.  
 Adjnt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



Appx No 3  
MOST SECRET

Copy No. --- 14

15 Jun 43

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.21 A.

1. Baggage and Kit Bags. All baggage and kits of personnel moving out on Train No. 1 will be place in Coy lots outside Bn Q.M. Store by 1730 hrs Tuesday, Jun 15. All such ~~unit~~ Stores MUST be clearly marked with Unit Serial Nos, and in the case of Kit Bags, member's No. Rank and Name.
2. Incoming Unit. 12 Officers and 237 ORs of 12/50 Aust Inf Bn will arrive in Unit lines at approx 0715 hrs 16 Jun. Train is due to arrive ADELAIDE RIVER at 0612 hrs.
3. Fostering Officer. Lieut W.B. ATKINSON is appointed fostering officer and will assist Lieut PEACE in feeding and accommodation of 12/50 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut ATKINSON will meet the train at ADELAIDE RIVER at 0612 hrs and will be in charge of detraining and ~~the~~ embussing of troops.
4. Troop Carrying Vehicles. There will be 19 AASC vehicles reporting ADELAIDE RIVER at 0600 hrs 16 Jun 43. On embussing Lieut ATKINSON will move the Convoy direct to 'C' Coy lines where troops will debus and be provided with a hot meal under Q.M. arrangements. Midday meal will be provided by 12/50 Aust Inf Bn.
5. Hot Showers. Hot showers will be available to incoming unit between 0830 hrs and 1030 hrs 16 Jun. Lieut ATKINSON will ensure that showering is completed by not later than 1000 hrs.
6. Allotment of Incoming Troops, to Sub-unit lines. Will be under arrangements of Lieut PEACE 12/50 Aust Inf Bn.
7. Movement of Train No. 1 - 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
  - (a) Troop Carrying Vehicles. Vehicles bringing 12/50 Aust Inf Bn into unit lines will remain and be dispersed to respective Coys by T.O. as per Appx 'A' to Adm Instn No. 21.
  - (b) Baggage Party. Under Lieut GRAVENOR will assemble at Bn Q Store at 0900 hrs and load Unit stores and baggage onto 2 x 3 ton AASC vehicles. Party will arrive ADELAIDE RIVER RY STA at 1055 hrs and on arrival will unload stores onto troop train luggage van.  
O.C./party will on arrival at ADELAIDE RIVER -
    - i. Check over all baggage and stores against inventory in accordance with para 5D of Adm Instn No. 21.
    - ii. He will take over from AASC representative 250 Reserve Rations which will be placed with baggage on the train.
    - iii. He will fully acquaint himself with above Adm Instn (available from O.C. Train) re care and subsequent handling of baggage generally.

DISTN.

C.O.

2 i/c

Adjt

Q.M.

Lieut GRAVENOR

Lieut PEACE

Lieut DONCASTER

Capt BRAHAM

Lieut ADAMS

Lieut MUDGE

R.S.M. ✓

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W.D. (2)

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Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



SYLLABUS FOR WEEK 31 MAY - 5 JUN 43

2/8 AMST INF BN

N.D.

Serial	Date	Time	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	HQ COY
1	31 May	0830-1200	Individual Trg	Individual Trg	Individual Trg	Individual Trg	
2	do	1315-1600	Weapon Trg	Weapon Trg	Weapon Trg	Weapon Trg	
3		1900-2200	PATROL	EXERCISES			
4	1 Jun	0830-1200	Sec Trg	Grenade Trg	Pl Fd Firing	Sec Trg	
5	do	1315-1600	Grenade Trg	Sec Trg	Exercise	Grenade Trg	
6	2 Jun	0830-1200	Sec Trg	Sec Trg	Grenade Trg	Sec Trg	
7	do	1315-1600	MAKE K I T	I N S P E C T I O N AND MEND			
8	3 Jun	0830-1200	Pl in Attack	Pl in Defence	Sec Trg	Pl Fd Firing	
9	do	1315-1600	Coy Attack	Coy Ambush	Sec Trg	Exercise	
10	do	1900-2200	COY DEFENCE	and	INFILTRATION EXERCISE		
11	4 Jun	0830-1200	Pl in Defence	Pl Fd Firing	Pl in Attack	Pl in Defence	
12	do	1315-1600	Coy Ambush	Exercise	Coy Attack	Coy Ambush	
13	5 Jun	0830-1200	Pl Fd Firing	Pl in Attack	Pl in Defence	Pl in Attack	
14	do	1315-1600	Exercise	Coy Attack	Coy Ambush	Coy Attack	



NOTES:

1. Individual Trg.  
Will include Gas recapitulation,  
and at Coy Comds' discretion -  
Individual fieldcraft;  
Observation trg and verbal reports  
and msgs.
2. Weapon Trg.  
Completion of T.O.E.T.  
Bayonet fighting.  
Recapitulation of weak points as  
disclosed by latest range practices.
3. Grenade Trg.  
Live practice throwing.
4. Sec Trg.  
Further practice in Secs of fire and  
movement.  
Refresher on "Group" system.  
Sec patrols - M.T.P. 23 (Jungle Warfare)  
chap IX.  
Memorising routes and verbal reports.  
Assault course to be included as part of  
one period.
5. Pl Attack.  
Fire and movement -  
Control  
Formations  
Security  
(Skeleton enemy - gd and tree snipers to  
be used.)
6. Pl Defence  
Defensive posn to be occupied and constructed  
on jungle principles - full use to be made of  
gd and tree snipers for protection of IMGs.  
M.T.P. 23 chap VI 7 8 10-11.
7. Coy Attack.  
(Skeleton enemy). Mopping up. Maintenance of contact.  
Rapid consolidation.
8. Coy Ambush.  
Various methods to be experimented with to practice -  
(a) Development of drill to enable the establishing  
of ambush at very short notice.  
  
(b) The more highly organised ambush established well  
ahead of arrival of enemy. M.T.P. 23 chap VIII.
9. Coy Defence (night).  
Perimeter defence to be occupied and enemy patrols to  
be employed as infiltrators.
10. Marching.  
Coy Comds are again reminded of the necessity for close  
supervision of their sub-units - the standard is by no  
means high enough and must be improved. The action on  
warnings for hourly halts, the fall-in on termination of  
halt is in many cases slovenly and is NOT being checked  
by officers and sgts.
11. H.Q. Coy syllabus to reach Bn H.Q. 1200 hrs 30 May.  
To include intensive Morse practice and tests for sigs  
mortar shoot. recapitulation of Pl weapons, T.O.E.T.,  
Gas and decontamination for Pnr Pl.
12. Two periods daily of smartening up, squad drill with  
and without arms as per last week's syllabus to be con-  
tinued by all Coys.

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Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



APP X No 5 W.D.

SYLLABUS 7 - 12 Jun 43 - 2/8 AUST INF BN

RIFLE COYS

June 7 AM Weapon Trg  
 PM Individual Trg { Gas  
   { Bayonet  
   { Assault Course

June 8            Sec Trg            Field craft

June 9 AM Range Practices to complete any pers N.Q.  
 PM Make and Mend

June 10           Pl Trg

June 11           Coy Trg

June 12 AM Coy Trg  
 PM Recapitulation period at Coy Comds discretion.

HQ COY

Specialist trg syllabus to Bn HQ 1200 hrs 6 June.

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NOTE: ALL COYS.

The above period will be taken advantage of

- (i) To coach any personnel who have not yet qualified in Range Practices.
- (ii) To continue smartening up drill.
- (iii) To complete thorough T.O.E.T. all weapons and Gas.
- (iv) Rifle Coys will include Coy exercise involving move on foot of at least 10 miles of which 3 will be done on road for hardening purposes.
- (v) HQ Coy will include at least 3 periods of hard P.T. with similar object.

Non Swimmers. During this week Coys will select suitable periods during which personnel unable to swim will be coached to overcome this disability.

Responsible offr or N.C.O. to be detailed for this purpose.

Anti-Malarial Measures.

Owing to the increased danger of this disease Coy Comds will ensure that

- (a) All pers observe strictly the present orders regarding dress from 1800 hrs daily i.e. slacks and sleeves rolled down.
  - (b) All inhabited tents are closed and sprayed inside daily at REVEILLE. Tents may be re-opened 5 mins after completion of spraying.
- Fly Spray material may be drawn from Hygiene Sgt.

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Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



19 AUST INF BDE - ATHLETICS & MILITARY SPORTS

PROGRAMME.

COLOURS

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	- Unit Colour patch,	40 Aust Inf Bn	- Unit Colour Patch
2/6 Aust Cav Reft	- No Entry	2/8 " " "	- Unit Colour Patch
41 Fd Bty	- White Singlets	23/21 " " "	- Unit Colour Patch
103 Aust Tk A Regt	- Tk A (Khaki)	31 Coy AASC	- No entry
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	- No Entry		

Event No.	EVENT	TIMES			ENTRANTS						SCORE			PTS GAINED		WINNER								
		EVENT	Marshallng Yard	ENTRANTS REPORT Area of Start	HQ 19 Aust Bde	41 Bty	103 Tk A Regt	40 Bn	2/8 Bn	23/21 Bn	2/7 Fd Amb	1	2	3	HQ 19 Bde		41 Bty	103 Tk A.	40 Bn	2/8 Bn	23/21 Bn	2/7 Fd Amb	Min	Fastest Sec
1	FL DRILL	0930	0920	0927			x	x	x		10	6	3											
-2	ING	0930		0925			x	x	x		10	6	3											
3	Bren	1015	1005	1012	x		x	x	x		8	5	2											
4	Mortar	1030		1020			x	x	x		10	5	2											
5	Embussing	1100		1050			x	x	x		10	6	3											
6	Tk A	1115		1110		x	x	x	x		8	5	2											
7	Medical	1120		1115			x	x	x	x	8	5	2											
8	Signal	1140		1120	x		x	x	x		10	6	3											
9	Transport	1200			x		x	x	x		8	5	2											
10	Gren Throw	1215	1205	1212	x	x	x	x	x		8	5	2											
11	Wire Obstacles	1230		1220			x	x	x		10	6	3											
	LUNCH	1315																						
1	Throwing Discus	1400	1350	1357	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
2	Obstacle Race	1402	1355	1400	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
3	High Jump	1403	1355	1400			x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
4	1st Heat Cycle Race	1410	1400	1407			x	x	x	x														
5	1st Heat Tug-O-War	1415	1405	1412	x				x															
6	Broad Jump	1418	1410	1415	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
7	100 yds	1423	1415	1420	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
8	2nd Heat Tug-O-war	1428	1418	1425			x			x														
9	Hop, Step and Jump	1433	1425	1430	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
10	Cross Cut Saw	1436	1400	1405			x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
11	2nd Heat Cycle Race	1440	1430	1437			x	x	x	x														
12	Tossing the Caber	1445	1435	1443	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
13	220 yds	1450	1440	1447	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
14	Shot Putt	1455	1445	1453	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
15	3rd Heat Tug-O-War	1500	1450	1457	x				x															
16	440 yds	1505	1455	1502	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
17	Kicking the Football	1510	1500	1507	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
18	Wood Chop	1515	1445	1450	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
19	4th Heat Tug-O-War	1520	1510	1517																				
20	Throwing the Cricket Ball	1525	1515	1523	xx	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
21	CO's 75 yds	1528		1525	xx	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
22	880 yds	1530	1520	1527	x	x	x	x	x	x	6	4	2											
23	Final Cycle Race	1535	1525	1532							6	4	2											
24	100 x 4 Relay	1540	1530	1537	x	x	x	x	x	x	12	8	4											
25	Final Tug-O-War	1555	1545	1552							12	8												

NOTE :-1. Scoring will be as shown as above NOT as per S1/2 (Condition of Events)  
 Pts allotted in that instruction were for guidance of Umpires ONLY

2. Events will start on time irrespective of whether entrants are on "START" or not. Any departure from this instruction will be at the discretion of Judges concerned but will NOT be a general practice.

Appx No 6



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At ~~1000~~ Hrs. ~~Sunday~~ 4/8/1943 2/8 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 858 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 10 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
			1 3 10 25		* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-							
		5				1	-	-								
				5	39											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										40		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX39724	Lieut	PAPPS R.E.	107 A.C. Hosp	3.6.43	Rejoined Unit from hosp
VX 9768	Capt	DWYER M.J.	19 Aust Inf Bn	3.6.43	Rejoined Unit
VX34525	Lieut	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	do	2.6.43	" "
VX50424	Lieut	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	do	2.6.43	" "

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX 49	MCDONALD	H.E.	2 1/2	"		
Major	VX 66	SIMPSON	C.L.	00 1/2	"		
T/Major	VX 205	SMITH	J.A.H.	00 A	NO	Leave	
Capt	SX 1451	BRAMAN	D.	00 B	YES		
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN	H.M.P.	-	NO	Det for duty APM NT Force.	
					Approval	for Secondment not yet received.	7.3.43
Capt	VX 6586	DUFFY	B.C.	00 D	YES		
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	00 HQ	NO	Inf School	12.4.43
Capt	VX 9763	DWYER	M.J.	2 1/2 C	YES		
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Ad 1/2	YES		
T/Capt	VX 6563	CATELY	J.C.	2 1/2 A	YES		
T/Capt	VX 5479	HUMLEY	L.O.	" B	NO	Leave	
T/Capt	VX 6406	GOULSTON	H.A.	" D	YES		
T/Capt	NX 8791	BALFOUR	B.	Q.M.	"		
Lieut	VX 34525	THOMPSON	G.M.Y.	-	"	Supernumerary Pl Cond	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.S.	00 4 P	"		
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING	W.B.	L.O.	NO	Det for Duty 19 Bde	19.4.43
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	"	Inf School	28.4.43
Lieut	VX 722	MUDGE	R.O.C.	-	YES	Supernumerary	
Lieut	VX 6469	MEDERMOTT	R.J.	3 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER	L.C.	2 1/4 P	NO	Leave	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	E.L.	13 Pl	YES		
Lieut	VX 6500	TRITHOWAN	J.M.	19 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW	J.S.	H.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	-	"	Supernumerary Pl Cond	
Lieut	VX 52878	DUNCASTER	H.	11 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	10 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	8 Pl	"		
Lieut	TX 4322	BRIMAGE	C.W.	15 Pl	"		
Lieut	TX 4637	COMBES	G.A.	16 Pl	"		
Lieut	SX 12814	BERRY	H.C.	17 Pl	"	Supernumerary	
Lieut	VX 38456	LYONS	J.S.	9 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 38304	CHAPPE	F.C.	12 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTSON	W.A.	18 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	R.B.	14 Pl	"		
Lieut	NX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	17 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6530	NEWTON	W.H.	6 Pl	"		
Lieut	VX 14571	GRAVENOR	K.	-	"	Supernumerary	
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE	R.E.	5 Pl	"		
<u>Attached on W.E.</u>							
Capt	NX 11107	GRAY	L.P.			Posting R.M.O.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	OX 40820	MCDONALD C.H.	AA Ch D	30.3.42	Chaplain
Major	VX114113	HUTCHINS C.J.	8 Bn	2.5.43	Attached to 2/8 Bn for period of 2 months

1 June 43.  
Date of Despatch

Cond.

Signature of Commander

Lt. Col.







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in  
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/6/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers		4	
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders		1		Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		3						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		3	
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical	4	3	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen		3		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		2		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths		1	
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	24	23		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters (bench)		3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Miscell	740	536	170
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	13					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply		1					856
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	3	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC	5	5	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons		1		Driver Mechanics	27	25	NR	AENE	11	11	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AAPC	2	-	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Postal			
Photowriter				Miners		5		Equipment Repairers				Corps	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		2		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates		1		See back			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		9		CARRIED FORWARD	40	32	3	CARRIED FORWARD	108	131	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	87	67	173

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

4 June 43

Date of Despatch

Comd.

Signature of Commander

Lt. Col.











**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/6/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.				Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)				Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)				Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)			
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
			Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants
			Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen
			Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers
			Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing
			Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental
			Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers
			Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangotakers
			Armament Artificer Signals				Welders	1			Painters	2	2		Riveters
			Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders
			Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers
			Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers
			Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer
			Bricklayers	3							Radiographers				Stevedores
			Computers	1							Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine
			Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical
			Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors
			Dispensers				Axemen	8			Signwriters				Textile Refitters
			Draughtsmen				Bakers	2			Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths
			Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers
			Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheeler				Wagon Erectors
			Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths
			Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				
			Electricians				Cooks	24	23		Woodturners				
			Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								
			Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Fitters (Bench)	3			Driver-Operator								
			Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								
			Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								
			Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.
			Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				
			Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Miscell 740536170
			Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	13		
			Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply		1		856683173
			Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				
			Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	3	Coach Trimmers				
			Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				
			Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				
			Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				
			Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.
			Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC 5 5
			Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC 1 1
			Pattern Maker				Masons	1			Driver Mechanics	27	25	NR	AEMR 11 12
			Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC 2 1 NR
			Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1			Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Post
			Photowriter				Miners	6			Equipment Repairers				Corps 1 1
			Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				
			Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	1			See Back
			Surveyors	2			Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				
			CARRIED FORWARD	-	9	-	CARRIED FORWARD	40	62	3	CARRIED FORWARD	108131	3		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.
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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.E. in col. "Reints. Required."  
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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

**SURPLUS DEFICIENCY**

Created by trans of this NCO from MTFARD.

Category	Grade	Quantity	Remarks	Category	Grade	Quantity	Remarks
Staff Sgts	C.O.M.S.	1	Created by trans of this NCO from MTFARD.	Staff Sgts	C.O.M.S.	1	Created by trans of this NCO from MTFARD.
Sgts	Tailor	1	No reinfnts required.	Sgts	Tailor	1	No reinfnts required.
Technical		1	No reinfnts required.	Technical		1	No reinfnts required.
Non-tradesmen		6	) Surplus are acting ranks made to fill vacancies created by detachment of Sgts (Insts and schools) for period of more than one month.	Non-tradesmen		6	) Surplus are acting ranks made to fill vacancies created by detachment of Sgts (Insts and schools) for period of more than one month.
Intelligence		1		Intelligence		1	
Cpls	Technical	1	Performing duties of Tech Sgt	Cpls	Technical	1	Performing duties of Tech Sgt
Intelligence		1	No reinfnts required.	Intelligence		1	No reinfnts required.
Non-tradesmen		4	Supernumerary.	Non-tradesmen		4	Supernumerary.
Specialists	Tailor Gp 11	1	Performing duties of Cpl tailor. (Cpl tailor performing duties of Sgt tailor)	Specialists	Tailor Gp 11	1	Performing duties of Cpl tailor. (Cpl tailor performing duties of Sgt tailor)
Mech M.T.		1	Performing duties of Pbtter M. (Gp 1) pending transfer to AEMI	Mech M.T.		1	Performing duties of Pbtter M. (Gp 1) pending transfer to AEMI
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ATT. ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Armurer	Cpl (AEME)	1	Held supernumerary.	Armurer	Cpl (AEME)	1	Held supernumerary.
Fitters	Cpl (AEME)	2	No reinfnts required.	Fitters	Cpl (AEME)	2	No reinfnts required.
Mech M.T.	Gp 11	1	Supernumerary.	Mech M.T.	Gp 11	1	Supernumerary.
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CARRIED FORWARD							

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(b) Authorized labels or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.  
(c) Where A.W.E. and/or A.M.W.E. personnel are detailed show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by location of N.R. in col. "Reinfnts Required".  
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

1000 hrs Friday  
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/6/1943 2/3 amab inf (Unit)

(Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 256 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 20 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.			Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1 3 10 25	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants. Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.			1	-	-						
		5	39					1	-	-						
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	40									40		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



Inf Bn Unit

(Serial No.)

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

1000 hrs Friday  
t 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX 14047	HOEDER	W.S.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX 49	McDONALD	H.F.	SI/a	"		
Major	VX 66	SIMPSON	C.L.	OC C	"		
T/Major	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	OC A	NO	Leave	
Capt	SX 1451	BRAHAM	D.	OC B	YES		
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN	H.M.P.	-	NO	Det for duty APM NT Force Approval for secondment not yet received	7.3.43
Capt	VX 6526	DIPPY	S.C.	OC D	NO	Leave	
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	J.H.S.	OC HQ	NO	LHQ School	12.4.43
1/Capt	VX 9763	DWYER	H.J.	21/OC	YES		
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adj	"		
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY	J.C.	21/CA	"		
T/Capt	VX 5479	RUNLEY	L.O.	" B	NO	Leave	
1/Capt	VX 6406	GOULSTON	H.A.	" D	YES		
T/Capt	MX 8791	BALFOUR	E.	C.M.	"		
Lieut	VX 34525	TROMPSON	C.M.Y.	No2 Pl	"	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC 4pl	"		
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPPE	R.E.	5 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING	W.B.	L.C.	NO	Det for duty 19 Bde	12.4.43
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	"	LHQ school	28.4.43
Lieut	VX 742	MUDGE	R.O.C.	-	YES	Supernumerary	
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	3 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 6406	COOPER	L.C.	2/4pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	H.L.	13 pl	YES		
Lieut	VX 6309	TRETHOWAN	J.H.	12 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW	J.S.	T.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITESIDE	A.H.W.	-	"	Supernumerary pl cond	
Lieut	VX 52873	DONCASTER	H.	11 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 50854	DOUGLAS	H.A.W.	10 pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	VX 43519	ASK INGH	W.B.	8 pl	YES		
Lieut	TX 4322	BRIMAGE	C.W.	15 pl	"		
Lieut	TX 4637	COMBES	C.A.	16 pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	SX 12014	BERRY	H.C.	-	YES	Supernumerary	
Lieut	VX 30456	LYONS	J.S.	9 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 38304	CHAPPE	F.C.	12 pl	"		
Lieut	VX 13323	RUTSON	W.A.	13 pl	NO	Leave	
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	H.B.	14 pl	"	Leave	
Lieut	MX 148186	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	17 pl	"	Leave	
Lieut	VX 6530	HEWTON	W.H.	6 pl	YES		
Lieut	VX 14571	GRAVISON	K.	-	"	Supernumerary	
<u>Attached on R.H.</u>							
Capt	MX 11107	GRAY	L.P.			Posting R.H.O.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	QX 40920	McDONALD C.H.	AA Ch D	30.8.42	Chaplain
Major	VX114113	BUTCHINGS G.J.	6 Bn	2.5.43	Attached 2/8 Bn for period of 2 months.

Date of Despatch

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