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**2/8 Infantry Battalion**

**July - August 1943**

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 43

To 31 Jul 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FLAGGY CREEK AREA	JUL. 1.		WEATHER:- Fine. TRAINING:- NIL CAMP CONSTRUCTION:→ Major. J. H. A. SMITH. Lt. L.C.COOPER and 12 ors (Advanced Party) working on A.B. Bn area..... Appx.1. DEMO:- Major.J.H.A.SMITH. CAPT.O.RUMLEY. Lt.L.C.COOPER to TANK Demonstration by 18 Aust Inf Bde. STRENGTH:- Major. J.H.A.SMITH acting Bde Comd. Capt.RUMLEY acting. S.C. Lt L.C.COOPER A/ O.C. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Party. Strength:- 2 offr 12 ors. 1 offr. 1 or --- detached to 19Aust Inf Bde.	
	.2.		WEATHER:- FINE CAMP CONSTRUCTION:- Party continues cleaning & improving area. RECCE:- Major.J.H.A.SMITH. CAPT. RUMLEY. Lt. L.C.COOPER on recce of 6 Aust Div. Area STRENGTH:- As for .1. JUL. Remainder of Bn on LEAVE & TRANSIT	
	.3.		WEATHER:- Fine. MOVEMENT:- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn ordered to move to "N" Bn area..... Appx. .1. 1. or r.t.u ex Hospital. 1 or r.t.u. ex Leave. STRENGTH:- 2 offr 14 ors (det. 1 offr & 1 or.	
	.4.		WEATHER:- Fine. CAMP CONSTRUCTION:- Lt. L.C.COOPER as O.C. 2/8 Bn party took over "N" Area (ex 49 Bn) from Major FLEMMING. STRENGTH:- as for .3. JUL.	
	.5.		WEATHER:- Fine Camp CONSTR:- Work continues on new area. MOVEMENT:- Capt. G.H.GRAHAM r.t.u. ex No.5. Course L.H.Q. Tactical School & accrued LEAVE. STRENGTH:- 3 offr & 14 ors.(det 1 & 1) Remeinder LEAVE & TRANSIT.	

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FLAGGY CREEK AREA	JUL. 6.		WEATHER:- Fine. CAMP CONSTR:- Continaes. C & D Coy tents erected. COMMAND:- Capt. G.H.GRAHAM takes over as O.C. 2/8 Bn party. STRENGTH:- As for 5. JUL.	
	.7.		WEATHER:- Fine CAMP WORK:- Continues. ALL equipment & Stores taken over from 49 Aust Inf Bn checked. MOVEMENT:- 1 sgt r.t.u ex SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RECORDS. STRENGTH:- 3 offr 15 ors.(det. 1 & 1) Remainder of Bn on LEAVE and in TRANSIT.	
	.8.		WEATHER:- Fine CAMP;→ Checking of stores and work on area continues. MOVEMENT:- 1 or r.t.u ex LEAVE DEMO. :- Demonstration for offr of 19 Aust Inf Bde held at 16 Aust Inf Bde N.C.Os School HERBERTON.280120 ref map HERBERTON.1/63360 STRENGTH:- 3 offr 16 ors ( det. 1 & 1 )	
	.9.		WEATHER:- Fine CAMP WORK:- Continues on area MOVEMENT :→ REAR PARTY of 49 Aust Inf Bn moves out. 2 ors ex 30 Bde, 16 ors ex 39 Bn, 1 or ex 49 Bn taken on stgth from 6 Div reception Camp/ 16 ors for 2/11 Aust Inf Bn attached for Rations & duty pending arrival of unit. STRENGTH:- 3 offr .35 ors(det 1 & 1. att. 16)	
	10.		Weather:- Fine. Camp WORK:- General Camp Construction. STRENGTH:- As for .9. JUL	

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FLAGGY CREEK AREA	JUL 11.		<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Cool</p> <p>WORK :- NIL. Troops have day off.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- Major C.L.SIMPSON .Lt A.TURNBALL &amp; 35 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE. Lt. J.C.WILSON r.t.u ex No.16 Course R.A.A.F School of ARMY CO-OPERATION &amp; accrued LEAVE.. 2 ors t.o.s. ex 19 A.I.T.B. 1 or r.t.u ex baggage party. Heavy baggage of C &amp; D coys arrives. 1 or det. bde.</p> <p>RECCE :- Major SIMPSON. Capt. GRAHAM Lt COOPER recce of DIV area &amp; district.</p> <p>LEAVE:- 20 ors granted leave to HERBERTON.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- 6 offrs &amp; 71 ors ( det 1 &amp; 2. att 16 ors) Remainder of unit on LEAVE and in TRANSIT.</p>	
	12.		<p>WEATHER:- Cool &amp; Cloudy.</p> <p>TRAINING:- All troops engaged in cleaning area, wood cutting etc. Major. C.L.SIMPSON takes over command unit party. LtJ. C. WILSON takes over as A/Adjt.</p> <p>RECCE :- Major SIMPSON on recce of trg areas with A/bde comd.</p> <p>POSTAL :- Unit Postal Orderly commences operating</p> <p>LEAVE :- 20 ors granted leave to HERBERTON Till 2359 hrs.</p> <p>MOVEMENT: - Lt. A.W.DOUGLASS.LTW.A.HUTSON &amp; 42 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE. 1 or det to Bde.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- 9 &amp; 112 ( det 1 &amp; 3. att. 16 )</p>	
	13.		<p>WAETHER:- Fine &amp; Cool.</p> <p>TRAINING:- Bn parade 0830hrs. Camp construction, wood-cutting, erection of tents etc.</p> <p>MEDICAL : M.C. att to Bde inspects troops. V.D. inspection.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- LtCol FARREL 2/4 Aust Inf Bn takes over Admin Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde. Major SMITH handing over.</p> <p>CANTEEN:- Unit canteen starts to operate</p> <p>LEAVE :- 20 ors LEAVE To HERBERTON 1800-2359 hrs.</p>	

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FLAGGY CREEK AREA		JUL .14	<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Warm</p> <p>TRAINING:- Bn parade 0830 hrs.:Erecting of tents, clearing, wood-cutting ets.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- Lt.DOUGLASS visits TIMBER MILL re cast offs for use in Camp Construction.1 or evac to HOSPITAL. 4 ors det to 19 Bde.</p> <p>Major SIMPSON, Capt. GRAHAM visit 6 Div HQ &amp; 7 Div area.</p> <p>LEAVE :- 20 ors granted LEAVE to HERBERTON.</p> <p>STRENGHT:- 8 &amp; 107 (det 1 &amp; 7.att 16 )</p>	
		.15	<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Warm</p> <p>Training:→ Bn parade 0830 hrs. Camp Construction.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- 2 ors to TIMBER MILL to call timber. 3 Tom veh to collect at 1500 hrs. 14 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE. 1 or t.o.s. ex 6 Aust Div. 2 ors march out on 21 days accrued LEAVE..</p>	
		.16	<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Warm</p> <p>TRAINING:- Camp Construction. 2 ors culling timber at Mill,veh to collect in afternoon. 1 N.C.O &amp; 10 ors W/Party to 6 Div. HQ</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- Major. H.C.CAPES Marches in &amp; takes over admin comd. VX100098 T/Capt D.I.H.McCLEAN, VX117110 T/Capt.C.J.FRENCH, VX117109 Lt. D.J.SIMMONSON march in ex 30 Bde to be attached 2/8. 6 ors t.o.s. ex 30 Bde. 7 offrs &amp; 11 ors ex 30 Bde march in for 2/11 Bn attached 2/8.</p> <p>PROMOTIONS:- VX6009 J.E.F.GRANT, VX4963 R.W.BUTTON, VX 23921 S.H.HANSEN NX4032 G.L.HEWITT to be A/Lieuts. as from 2/7/43. Army Seniority as from 21/3/43 to be att within own units. LtHEWITT 2/4 Bn att 2/8 bn pending transfer.</p>	

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FLAGGY CREEK AREA		Jul. 16	(contd) Trg CONFERENCE:- Major SIMPSON, Lt WILSON to conference at Bde Major CAPES to A/Bde comd LECTURE:- All offrs of bde attend lecture on JUNGLE TACTICA at 2/4 bn. Pictures:- Screened in Bde area LEAVE :- 20 ors LEAVE TO HERBERTON DIV DUTIES:- Bn takes over Div duties; 4 parties of 1 N.C.O & 10 ors ec to be ready at 2 hrs notice.	
		17.	WEATHER: Fine & Warm TRAINING:- Camp Construction. C.C.C. commence work on ADMIN. building. 11 ors W/Party to Div HQ r.t.u. 1800 hrs. MOVEMENT:- Lt. COOMBES & 11 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE. ASSUALT COURSES:- Capt. FRENCH & 11 ors commence building course for each coy. LEAVE:- 6 offrs to ATHERTON. 20 ors to HERBERTON.	
		18	WEATHER: ) Fine Cool. TRAINING:- Church Parade in 2/4 bn Lines. MOVEMENTS:- 9 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE. 1 or evac HOSPITAL. LEAVE:- 20 ors to HERBERTON.	
		19.	WEATHER:- Fine & Warm TRAINING:- Camp Construction. Capt. FRENCH & 11 ors on ASSUALT COURSES. 11 ors W/Party <del>BY</del> DIV HQ. 11 ors FENCING in Bde area. MOVEMENT:- 2 ors t.o.s. ex 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. Majors CAPES & SMITH & Int S.t. recce Bn Open trg area in morning & JUNGLE area in afternoon. LEAVE :- 3 offrs to ATHERTON. 20 ors to HERBERTON	

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FLAGGY CREEK AREA	JUL	20.	<p>WEATHER:- Finr &amp; Warm</p> <p>TRAINING:- Camp Construction. 11ors W/Party, fencing in Bde area</p> <p>MOVEMENTS:- Cpts. M. J. DWYER &amp; S. C. DIFFEY &amp; 17 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE.</p> <p>RECCE:- Majors. CAPES &amp; SMITH recce 300x ranges. Major Capes to 6 Aust Div.</p> <p>LEAVE.:- 2o ors to HERBERTON.</p>	
		21.	<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Warm</p> <p>TRAINING:- Camp Construction. 11 ors fencing in Bde Area</p> <p>MOVEMENTS:- 3 ors r.t.u. ex LEAVE Majors CAPES, SIMPSON, SMITH, Cpts DIFFEY , GRAHAM to rifle range experments with .303 rifle.</p> <p>SCHOOL:- Lt.WA.HUBSON Sgt OBERG as instructors to 16 Bde N.C.O School. School to be taken over by 19 Bde. to N.C.Os as students to school. 1 or as batman.</p> <p>GENERAL:- C.C.C. still working on ADMIN, Canteen , Q Store &amp; Rec., buildings.</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL:- All renks attend picture on MALARIA in bde area.</p>	
		22.	<p>WEATHER :- Fine &amp; Warm</p> <p>TRAINING:- Camp Construction. 11 ors fencing in bde area. 2 ors culling timber at mill.</p> <p>MOVEMENTS:- 5 ors march in ex 30 bde. Major. SIMPSON, Capt.GRAHAM Lt WILSON &amp; "I" Sgt to JUNGLEXX TRG area. Chap. HAUGEY att from 6 Aust Div. "I" Sgt to MINES Dept. HERBERTON ref. reproduding of maps.</p> <p>LEAVE:- 20 ors to HERBERTON.</p>	

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FLAGGY CREEK AREA.		JUL 23.	WEATHER:)- Fine & Warm TRAINING:-Camp Construction. 11 ors fencing in bde area. 2 ors culling timber at mill MOVEMENTS:- Lt. Col. W. S. HOWDEN & 15 ors r. t. u. ex LEAVE Major Capes reces new trach to Jungle trg area. Lt. WILSON & "I" Sgt recce Open trg area per m/c LEAVE:- 20 ors to HERBERTON. PICTURES:- Screened in 19 bde area.	
		24.	WEATHER:- Fine TRAINING:- Camp Construction. 11 ors <del>ex</del> fencing in bde area LEAVE:- 20 ors to HERBERTON.	
		25.	WEATHER:- Fine & Warm TRAINING. NIL. Church Parade 2/4 Bn lines. RECCE:- Lt. Col. HOWDEN. Major CAPES, CAPTS. DUFFEY, FRENCH, McCLEAN, Lts. WILSON & COOPER recce Bde Open trg area. Recce Jungle trg area in afternoon. LEAVE. :- 20 ors to HERBERTON.	
		26	WEATHER:- Dull & Overcast. TRAINING:- 0815/1200 ROUTS MARCH 1330/1645 WEAPON TRG, BAYONET TRG & ASSUALT COURSE. W/PARTY. :- To WONDECLA to unload stores. MOVEMENTS:- CAPT. BRAHAM & 10 ors r.t.u. ex LEAVE. LEAVE:- 20 ors to HERBERTON.	
		27	WEATHER:- Cloudy with a heavy mist early TRAINING:- 0800/1200 ROUTE MARCH 1330/1645 WEAPON TRG & ASSUALT COURSE. MOVEMENTS:- Lt. Col. HOWDEN to conference at Bde. RECCE :- Lt. WILSON & "I" Sgt recce & traverse new trach to	



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FLAGGY CREEK AREA	Jul 27		(contd) JUNGLE TRG area.  JUNGLE SCHOOL:- Majors SMITH & SIMPSON, CAPTS BRAHAM & DIFFEY Lts COOPER & DOUGLASS attend school run by 19 Bde. WEAPONS TAKEN. ( 2 S.M. Gs. 1 Bren. 3 rifles & discharger cups.) Students to report to 2/11 bn lines at 0830 hrs.	
	28		WEATHER:- Dull & Cloudy TRAINING:- Morning : ROUTE MARCH Afternoon: 30x RIFLE RANGE. MOVEMENT:- Lt Col. HOWDEN as observer to 16 bde exercise. LEAVE:- 7 offrs to ATHERTON. 20 ors to HERBERTON.	
	29		WEATHER:- Fine & Warm TRAINING:- coys ROUTE MARCH till 1200 hrs ZEROING of rifles on 30x range in afternoon, SCHOOL :- 6 offrs attending Jungle school by 19 bde. PAY:- Lt. WILSON paying officer.	
	30		WEATHER:- Fine & Warm TRAINING:- ROUTE MARCH/TILL 1600 hrs Thru' JUNGLE Area returning via main rd HOT shower & foot inspection at MOBILE BATH unit at 1600 hrs RECCE:- A/Bde I.O. "I" sgt recce EORA JUNGLE TRACK ref map @BARTLT FRERE (4800) MOVEMENT:- Major McDONALD.H. Cpts. LP.GRAY, J.H.MASKELL J. H. GRIFFITH Lts. THOMPSON, ADAMS, BERRY, BUTTON, Chaffe. CHAP. McDONALD & 141 ors r.t.u ex LEAVE	
	31		WEATHER:- FINE & Warm	

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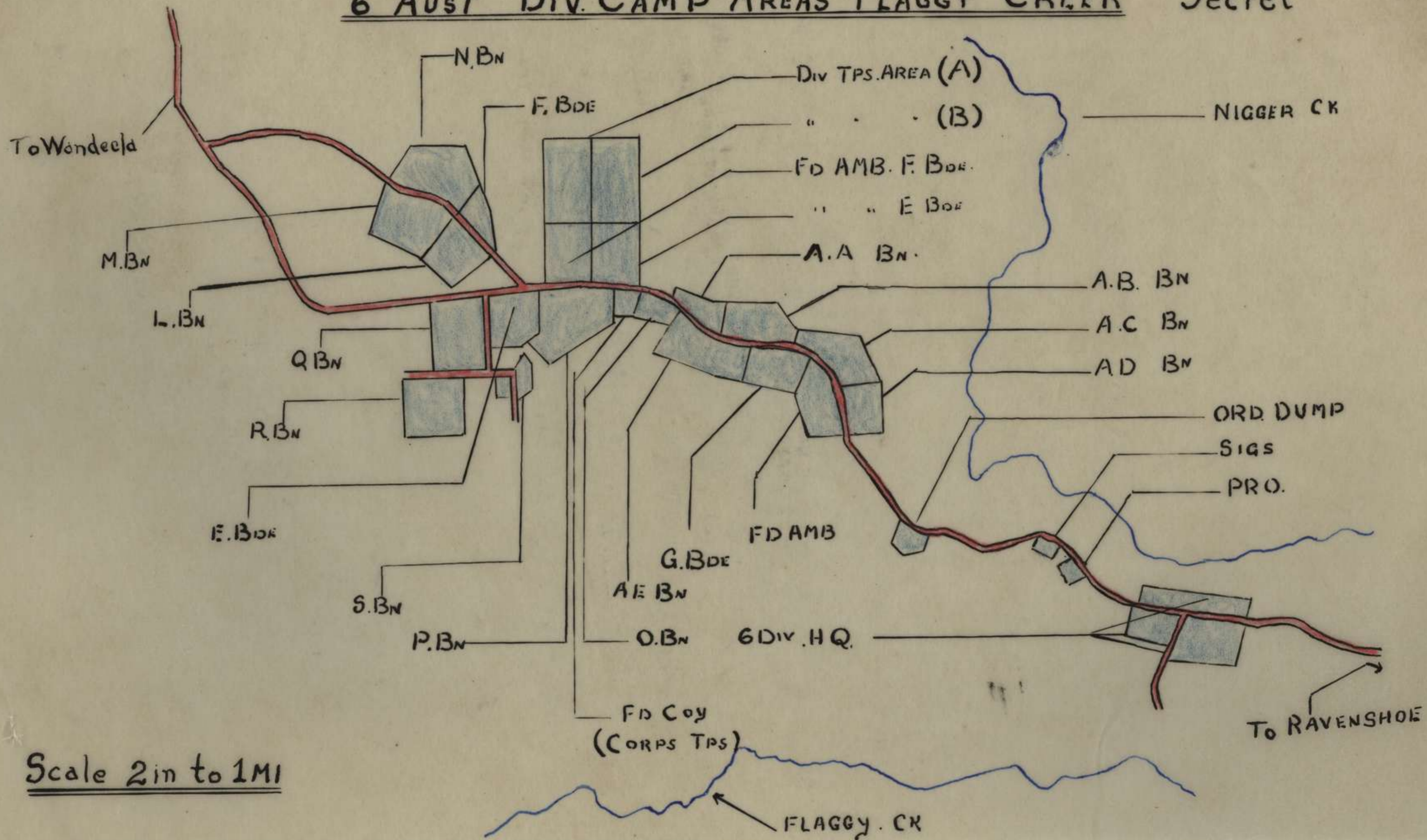
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FLAGGY CREEK AREA	Jul 31		<p>(contd)</p> <p>TRAINING: Morning: Weapon &amp; Bayonet Trg in Coy lines. Afternoon:- Organised Tabloid Sports.</p> <p>RECCE:- Lt. WILSON takes "I" Sec over JUNGLE trg Area.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- Strength of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn in FLAGGY CREEK AREA as follows:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">20 officers</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">333</td> <td>ors</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">4       "</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">22</td> <td>" (Det &amp; at Schools)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px; border-top: 1px solid black;">24</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px; border-top: 1px solid black;">355</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">6       "</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">-</td> <td>2 attached</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px; border-top: 1px solid black;">30 officers</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px; border-top: 1px solid black;">355</td> <td>ors.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Appendices</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Bn. ROUTINE ORDERS.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">TRAINING SYLLABI.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">FIELD RETURNS.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> </table>	20 officers	333	ors	4       "	22	" (Det & at Schools)	24	355		6       "	-	2 attached	30 officers	355	ors.	Bn. ROUTINE ORDERS.....	2	TRAINING SYLLABI.....	3	ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.....	4	FIELD RETURNS.....	5	
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2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn. ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Major. C. L. SIMPSON

(Adm. Comd. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.)

Serial No. S.I.

14 July 43

**I. Duties to mount at Retreat 15 July.**

Duty Officer.  
N.F.D.

Lieut. W. HUTSON.  
Lieut. L.C. COOPER.

Duty Coy.  
N.F.D.

C. Coy.  
R. Coy.

N.B. Duty Coy. will supply piquet and wood party of I. N.C.O. and 6 Ors. until further notice.

**2. KITCHEN FATIGUES: Coys will arrange own fatigues and Mess Orderlies.**

- 3. SECURITY:-**
- (a) Piquet of I. N.C.O. and 4 Ors. will mount at 1800 hrs daily.
  - (b) Piquet will parade on Bn Parade ground at 1950 hrs for inspection by Orderly Officer.
  - (c) One member of Piquet will act as Bn Orderly.
  - (d) Duties of Piquet.  
By day:- Fixed beat along Q.M. Store.  
By night:- Roving patrol Guard tent, Bn HQ tents, to Transport lines.

**4. SECURITY OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT:-**

- (a) All ranks are warned that they are solely responsible for the arms and equipment on issue to them.
- (b) No weapons will be left unguarded in any tents in Bn area.

**5. FIRE PRECAUTIONS:-** (a) All ranks are warned of the extreme danger

- of grass and bush fires in the area.
- (b) Any outbreak will be immediately reported to the nearest officer or N.C.O. This Officer or N.C.O. will organize all available personnel to fight the fire, and inform B.HQ. of the location of the fire.
- (c) All fire buckets in Coy lines are to be kept filled and ready. In addition Coys will improvise fire-beaters and hold same in Coy stores.
- (d) No fires will be lighted in Bn area except on authority of an officer. The Officer giving the authority will be responsible to see that the fire is kept under control and constantly guarded.
- (e) The above para (d) applies only for the clearing of Bn area.
- (f) Under NO circumstances will any other fires be permitted except in recognized incinerators, fire places etc.

**6. TRANSFERS - RAAF:-**

No personnel will be released for transfer to RAAF.

7. ADCS CAFETERIA- 6 AUST DIV AREA:-

- (a) A Cafeteria has been established adjacent to Rd WONDECLA - RAVENSHOE in the area between camps "C" and "F".  
 (b) The cafeteria will be open on Monday 7 June and hours will be:-

Weekdays 1800-2200hrs.  
 Sundays. 1200-2200"

(c) Price List is as follows:-

- (b) The
- |                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Steak, Tomatoes and Chips             | } 1/7 per service. |
| Sausages " " "                        |                    |
| With Tea Coffee, bread and butter.    |                    |
| Asparagus on Toast with Tea or Coffee | -- 1/7             |
| Spagetti " " " "                      | -- 9d              |
| Baked beans " " " "                   | -- 9d              |
| Tomatoes " " " "                      | -- 6d              |
| Toast with Tea or Coffee              | -- 3d              |
| Biscuits " " "                        | -- 2d              |

- This Menu will be varied as commodities are available.  
 (d) A Milk Bar is in the course of construction and will be opened in the near future.  
 (e) All troops visiting cafeteria must wear S.D.

8. DRESS:-

- (a) By Day. Shirts, Slacks K.D. or Green, web gaitors or Puttees.  
 (b) By Night.---Ors i. Within unit lines-same as daytime  
 ii. Outside Bde area- Uniform S.D. Web belt and Gaitors.  
 (c) By Night-Offrs. i. Within unit lines- at discretion of C.O.s.  
 ii. Outside unit lines- Uniform S.D. Uniform F.S. if available will be worn outside Bde area.

9. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE:-

- (a) Compassionate leave except for exceptional cases will NOT be granted.  
 (b) "Exceptional cases" are the same as cases that would have warranted a soldier in the M.E. being granted Compassionate Leave to Aust.

10. AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN - "ATHERTON.:-"

Owing to the limited facilities for Ors in ATHERTON, privileges extended to members of the forces by the a/m Canteens are to be available for the use of Ors ONLY

11. CAPB OFFICER PATTERN:- ( 6 Aust Div R.O. 79.)

- (a) Several instances of N.D.O's and Ors in this area wearing Caps- Officer pattern have occurred  
 (b) This practice will cease immediately.

12. DRIVING LICENCES:-

Attention is directed to First Aust Army Order Q 75. All drivers must be in possession of AAF G II. and all vehicles must carry AB 20 at all times.

13. ROADS:- ( 6 Aust Div R.O. 20.)

The road HERBERTON-ATHERTON via NYLATA is that which approx follows the railway is in a very bad condition and will NOT be used by a Aust Div transport except in cases of emergency.

*John E. Wilson*  
 .....Lieut.  
 A/Adit. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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By

Major. C. L. SIMPSON.

(Adm Comd. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.)

Serial No. S.2.

15 July '43

1. CHURCH PARADE

C of E. Holy Communion:- 0715 hrs Recreational Hut 2/4 Aust Inf. Bn. lines.  
Combined Parade Service;- 0915 hrs Sports Ground 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.

R C. To be notified later.

2. LEAVE HERBERTON TOWN ( 6 Aust Div R.O. 6.)

- (a) Personnel of 6 Aust Div are NOT permitted in HERBERTON TOWN unless in possession of a Duty or Leave pass. Passes will be issued under unit arrangements, will bear the unit stamp, and will be signed by an officer. Passes will NOT cover more than one day and will be withdrawn by units NOT later than 1200 hrs on the day after issue.
- (b) On week days Not more than 10% and on Sundays Not more than 20% of the effective strength of the unit will be granted leave to HERBERTON.
- (c) Personnel on Leave to HERBERTON will report back to units NOT later than 2359 hrs.

3. LEAVE (6 Aust Div R.O. 23)

- (a) RECREATIONAL LEAVE: The authority to grant Recreational Leave under para.3. of GRO A559 is suspended.
- (b) COMPASSIONATE and EMERGENCY LEAVE .ii Compassionate and Emergency Leave under GRO A559 paras 5 and 6 respectively will ONLY be granted after approval by the Divisional Commander. cases
- .ii. Such cases will NOT be granted except in extremely urgent cases.

4. DRESS - TROOPS ON LEAVE TO HERBERTON ( 6 Aust Div.R.O. 64)

- (a) Dress will in future be as follows:-  
Uniform SD. Hats (turned down)  
Web Belt (stripped) Boots  
Anklets ( Web or cloth).
- (b) Troops will be inspected in unit lines before proceeding on Leave.
- (c) Leave parties will parade at 1730 hrs for inspection by Orderly Officer.

5. GOODS Purchase of from Civilian Sources (6 Aust Dis R.O.63)

- (a) It has been reported that units and individual soldiers are purchasing quantities of goods from shops in the Tablelands Area of a kind supplied as Ordnance and S & T issues as hurricanes lamps and kerosens.
- (b) As the goods being purchases are in extremely short supply and barely sufficient to meet necessary civilian requirements, this imposes an unnecessary burden on the civilian population.
- (c) All ranks are forbidden to make purchases of goods which are Ordnance or S & T supplies from shops in the Tableland Area.

6. D R L S DESPATCHES (6 Aust Div R.O.32)

Despatches for DRLS will be marked "DRLS" and "Certified Official". The rank of the certifying officer will appear after the signature. In future despatches NOT marked in the above manner will be passed through the Army Postal Service.

7. STANDING UP IN VEHICLES ( 6 Aust Div R.O.38)

Personnel are NOT permitted to standup, sit on the tail-board or sides of any veh. when it is in motion.

7. STANDING UP IN VEHICLES (contd)

This practice will ~~cease~~ immediately.

8. ECONOMY IN USE OF PAPER ( 6 Aust Div R.O. 34)

It has been noted that greater economy could be effected, particularly with regard to the following points:-

- i. Duplicating paper to be used on both sides where practicable.
- ii. Octavo, quarto, or foolscap carbon paper to be used according to the size of the letter.

9. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS and PLANTS.

GRO A/232/42 reads:-

- (a) From reports received it appears that in some cases protected animals, birds, and plants are being destroyed by troops.
- (b) Except in emergency, due to operational requirements ALL ranks will observe the laws of the States and Territories of the Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants.

10. DAMAGE TO TIMBER GRO Q 134/43 reads:-

- (a) Members will NOT except for operational purposes, cut or authorize or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having the power to agree to the cutting.
- (b) Attention is directed to GRO A232<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>42 as amended by A266/42 and G 600/42.

11. WATCHES GS - Damage of ( 6 Aust Div R.O. 61)

It has been advised that many cases are occurring of damage to watches GS necessitating extensive repairs. Usually the balance staff is broken, which indicates that the watch has been dropped.

Units will provide against this contingency by securing with a strap or other means.

12. DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY ( 6 Aust Div R.O. 72)

- (a) Complaints have been received of troops damaging private property causing inconvenience to property owners. These complaints embody damage to corn crops by parties of marching troops knocking down fences and leaving gates open.
- (b) The attention of units is therefore directed to Div.R.O.58, Use of Hirings Service by Field Formations for STRICT compliance.

*John Wilson*  
.....Lieut.  
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

Pictures:- The Picture "Virginia City" will be screened at the 19 Aust Inf Bde Theatre at 1915 hrs 16 July.  
Location of area; Left of road past Bde H.Q.

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2/8 AUST. INF. BN. ROUTINE ORDERS.

By

Major. H. C. CAPES.

( Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf. Bn.)

Serial No. S.3.

19 July '43

1. DUTIES to mount at Retreat 19 Jul.

Duty Officer.  
N. F. D.

Lieut. Coombes, G.A.  
Lieut. Hutson. W.

Duty Coy.  
N. F. D.

R. Coy.  
D. Coy.

2. POSTAL

In future all MAIL for censoring will be handed in to Coy offices and NOT B.H.Q.  
Censored matter will be handed in to "L" Office by 0845 hrs daily.

3. 19 AUST. INF. BDE. NCO SCHOOL

The above school will commence its No.1. course on 22 July '43.

The following have been selected as instructors:-

VX 13323 Lieut. W. A. HUTSON.  
VX 8037 Sgt. S. A. Oberg.  
VX50528 Pte. R. F. Mason -- Batman.

The undermentioned NCOs will attend as students:-

VX40930 Cpl. Chamberlain, A.M.  
VX 8625 " Tognolini. A.E.  
VX13315 " Crawford. H.  
VX 6007 L/Cpl. Dusing. A.  
VX40637 Cpl. Battersby. D.F.  
VX28919 " Wardell. R.H.  
VX29182 " Mayer. J.F.D.  
VX 4898 " Smith. K.  
VX36703 L/Cpl. Schroder. S.A.  
VX52365 Cpl. Schram. L.C.

EQUIPMENT:- Students and Instructors will take the following:-  
Battle Order incl Dress and equipment  
Uniform SD, Bed roll and personal gear  
Messing Gear, Service Protractor (if available)

Students and Instructors will be prepared to leave unit lines at 1530 hrs 21 Jul 43. Transport will be supplied by AASC 6 Aust Div.

4. TRAINING FILM B209-"MOSQUITOES AND MALARIA"

The above trg film will be screened at 19 Aust Inf Bde area at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 21 Jul.  
All troops with the exception of essential guards & duties will attend.  
Unit parade 1900 hrs.

5. LEAVE.

- i. All troops moving out of the 19 Aust Inf Bde area MUST be in possession of a LEAVE PASS.
- ii. Troops are NOT permitted to leave the unit lines without prior permission of their Coy Comd, or B.H.Q.

.....  
Lieut.  
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf. Bn.



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2/8 AUST. INF. BN ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Major. H. C. CAPES.

(Admin Comd 2/8 Aust Inf. Bn.)

Serial No. 3.4.

22 July 1943.

1. DUTIES to mount at RETREAT 22 Jul.

Duty Officer,  
N. F. D.

Lieut. E.A.W. Douglass.  
Lieut. A. Turnbull.

Duty Coy.  
N. F. D.

"R" Coy.  
"B" Coy.

2. HOSPITAL

All personnel evac. to 2/3 CCS will take ONLY the following equipment etc.:-

PACK, Personal clothing and necessities, WATER-BOTTLE MESS GEAR

3. 6 Aust Div MOBILE BATH UNIT

- i. Hot showers are provided for all personnel at the above Unit. The rate of showering is 400 pers per hr.
- ii. This unit will use the showers on the following days:-  
THURSDAY-- Essential Camp Duties for Friday.  
FRIDAY -- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn ( Less essential Camp Duties.)
- iii. All personnel will have a HOT shower at least once per week.
- iv. Showers will NOT be available before 1600 hrs daily.
- v. The attendance at showers will be an organized parade under the command of an officer.
- vi. Pers. will march to and from the Bath Unit and will take their own towels and soap.

4. WILL FORMS

All personnel who were married during leave MUST submit a new WILL to records.

5. UNIT LINES

- i. Unit Lines are NOT highways.
- ii. Personnel proceeding outside unit lines will NOT take short cuts across other unit areas.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

Films may be developed at the following firms:-

APHERTON -- BRODZI/K.E.M. Newsagent  
FERGUSON.H.L. -Chemist  
MOSES G.M. -Chemist  
SUMMERS, P. - Newsagent.

HERBERTON-- JACK & NEWELL-- Storekeepers  
SYME, J.D. -- Chemist

IRVINEBANK-- IRVINEBANK CASH STORE.

RAVENSHOE -- ARCHIBALD.C.L. -- Chemist.  
ARMSTRONG, LEDLIE & STILLMAN.-- Storekeepers.  
BELL.J. -- Newsagent.

A further List of APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS in the QUEENSLAND I of C AREA may be inspected at the "I" office.  
Developing and printing will be carried out by approved photographers Only.  
Censoring officers will observe the usual restrictions in regard to subject matter in photos.

*John Wilson* Lieut.  
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf. Bn.

NOTICE

Pictures will be screened at 19 Aust Inf Bde Area on FRIDAY 23 Jul. at 1915 hrs. Programme:- " RAGE of PARIS & SHORTS".

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2/8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lt-Col W.S. HOWDEN

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Serial S.B.

24 July 1947.

1. DUTIES to mount at RETREAT 24 July.

Duty Officer  
N.P.D.

Lieut. J.R. HIRST,  
Lieut. L.C. COOPER.

Duty Coy.  
N.P.D.

"O" Coy.  
"HQ" Coy.

2. TIMES OF PARADES:- The following time-table will operate as from July, 26.

Reveille.	0630.		Parade.	1330.	1315
Breakfast.	0730.	0715	to	1645.	1630
Parade.	0815.	0805	Evening Meal	1715.	1715
Sick parade	0815.	0815	Retreat.	1800.	1800
Dismissal	1200.	1200	Tattoo.	2130.	2130
Lunch.	1230.	1215	First Post.	2200.	2200
			Lights Out.	2215.	2215

3. CHURCH PARADES:-

Holy Communion.	0715hrs	Recreation Hut 2/4 Bn lines.
G of M Parade.	0915hrs	Parade Ground 2/4 Bn lines.
R.G. Mass.	0815hrs	Recreation Hut 2/8 Bn lines.

One marker from 2/8 Bn will report to RSM 2/4 Bn at 0900hrs on parade ground. Dress- S.D. Belts stripped. Hats and Gaiters.

4. TRAINING:- As from 26 July B.C.D.R. Coys will commence training as per syllabus. B Coy personnel will train under command of C Coy. R Coy personnel will train under command of D Coy. Bn fatigues as required will be supplied by H.Q. Coy.

5. FIRES:- Fires in lines must be attended at all times. Ref B.R.O. SI. para 5.  
The use of naked lights in tents is prohibited.

6. GUARDS AND PIQUETS:- As from July 24 I.N.C.O. and 6 Ors will mount as Bn guard.

POSTS:- (a) By day. 2 Posts:- 1. Bn HQ. 2. Amn. Dump.

(b) By night:- Bn HQ. sentry will patrol from C.O.'s Office to Transport lines.

Coys will maintain 1 man on 24hour security and fire piquet in lines. Light-duty personnel will be used by day.

7. LEAVE:- 25% of Coys strength may be granted leave after church parades on Sundays. Coys will grant leave in 6 Div areas only. Applications for leave in Corps area will be submitted to Bn HQ, where passes will be issued.

.....  
L/Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Capt

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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2/8AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 3.6.

31 Jul 43

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at retreat 31 Jul 43,

Duty Officer  
N.F.D.

Lieut H. BERRY  
Lieut F.G. CHAFFE

Duty Coy  
N.F.D.

"B" Coy  
"C" Coy

2. TIMES OF PARADES: The following time-table will operate as from 31 Jul 43.

Reveille 0630 Hrs  
Breakfast 0715 Hrs  
Parade 0815 Hrs  
Sick Parade 0815 Hrs  
Dismissal 1200 Hrs  
Lunch 1215 Hrs

Parade 1315 Hrs  
to 1630 Hrs  
Evening Meal 1715 Hrs  
Retreat 1800 Hrs  
Tattoo 2130 Hrs  
First Post 2200 Hrs  
Lights Out 2215 Hrs

N.B. Owing to early Church Parade breakfast will be at 0700 hrs for 1 Aug 43 only.

3. SICK PARADE. Will be conducted in 2/8 Bn lines as from 1 Aug 43; Time of parade 0645 Hrs, Coy's will conduct own parades.

4. CHURCH PARADES.

Combined parade: - 0800 hrs in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines  
Coy's Parades: 0730 hrs  
Markers to R.S.M. 0730 hrs  
Coy's march on 0735 hrs  
Bn parade will be held between "A" & "B" Coy's lines

R.O. Mass: Will be held 2/8 Aust Inf Bn lines 0800 Hrs  
Parade 0750 hrs.

Senior Officer present to take charge and march party to area along Miniature Range track.

Dress: - F.S.D, Web-belt, gaiters, hats turned down.  
Officers will wear Officer Pattern uniform, cloth-belt, gaiters, hats-felt.

5. SECURITY: - 1. Name of Unit is to be deleted from all Savings Bank Pass-Books.  
2. The newspaper "Table Tops" may be forwarded through Army Post Office.

*W.S. Howden* Capt.  
Lt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 AUST INF BN.

25/7/43.

APPX 3

TRAINING SYLLABUS. FOR WEEK ENDING 31 July.

Day.	0815-0915	0915-1000	1010-1100	1100-1200	1330-1415	1415-1500	1515-1600	1600-1645	Night.
MONDAY.	ROUTE MARCH.				Close Order Drill & Rifle Exercises	Bayonet Tng.	Weapon Tng.	Assault Course.	
TUESDAY.	ROUTE MARCH. - Q. D. H. to be practised. & Marching in Respirators.				30	yard range	Practices.		Night Compass March. 1830-2130
WEDNESDAY.	ROUTE MARCH.				As	for	MONDAY.		
THURSDAY.	ROUTE MARCH - Q D, S and Respirator.				30	yard	Range.		Night Compass March. 1830-2130.
FRIDAY.	ROUTE MARCH Finish at Foot Inspection and shower. Personnel to take towel and soap					Mobile Bath	at 1600 hrs.		
SATURDAY.	Close Order Drill & Rifle Exercises	Bayonet Tng.	Weapon Tng.	Assault Course.	ORGANIZED SPORT.				

- Notes:-
1. Close order drill & Bayonet Tng. - On Sports Ground.
  2. Coys will use own Assault Courses.
  3. B Coy will train with C Coy R Coy will train with D Coy.

*H. D. Meyer* ..... Capt.  
A/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

2/8 AUST INF BN      --      TRAINING SYLLABUS  
RIFLE COYS      --      AUG 2 - 7 1943

Date	Serial	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1630	NOTES
2 Aug Monday	1	ROUTE MARCH		MARCH		Weapon Trg	Bayonet Trg	Weapon Trg	Obstacle Course	
3 Aug Tuesday	2	WEAPON TRG & T.O.E.T.		Obstacle Course		MINIATURE RANGE PRACTICE - RIFLE				
4 Aug Wednesday	3	ROUTE MARCH TO JUNGLE AREA		Junglecraft.- Recognition of recent habitation; Personal concealment; Melting & Freezing; Silent Movement, etc.			First Aid & Hygiene. Construction of Shelters.		BIV in Jungle	
5 Aug Thursday	4	Sec Trg.- Employment of Gps. Composition & Role. Drill & Equipment.		Sec Trg.- Gaining Contact.		Sec Trg.- Attack.		Sec Trg.- Patrolling.		NIGHT TRG.- 1900-2100. (See Below)
6 Aug Friday	5	Sec Trg.- Defence Immediate Drill.		Sec Trg.- Defence - planned.		Route March - Return to camp.		Bath pdc 1600 hrs.		
7 Aug Saturday	6	Grenade Throwing, E.Y. Rifle.		Fd Works & Booby Traps		ORGANISED SPORT				

0815 - 0830 Hrs DAILY -- COY INSPECTION - SMARTENING UP EXERCISES.

Note.- (i) A & B Coys (if available) plus proportion to each of H.Q. Coy Personnel will follow Syllabus as set.

(ii) C & D Coys Will cover Syllabus as under -

Serials 3,4,5,	2-4 Aug.
" 1	5 Aug.
" 6	6 Aug (A.M.)
" 2 (P.M.)	6 Aug (P.M.)
" 2 (A.M.)	7 Aug.

NIGHT TRG - 1900-2100-  
 Detection of movt by sound.  
 Sentries and Security.

(iii) Min ranges reqd	2	3 Aug
	2	6 Aug
(iv) Gren range reqd		6-7 Aug
(v) Open range M.M.G.		7 Aug

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.  
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2/8 AUST. INF. BN. ADMIN. INSTN. No. S. I.

APPx 4

REQUEST HOUR.

1. A weekly request hour will be instituted immediately in this unit in accordance with terms of G.R.O. A 492.
2. In each Coy. there will be a period in each week when any soldier may see an officer, on any personal or service matter, other than formal complaints.
3. The time and place of such interview will be arranged by the Coy. Comd, and will be notified on Coy. notice board.
4. Access to the officer MUST be direct, without the requirement of any previous notification or permission from a warrant or non-commissioned officer.
5. Where so desired, the soldier may interview the unit Padre at any time suitable to the Padre.
6. All officers, particularly Coy. Comds, will acquaint themselves with the G.R.O. A 492 and the object of the order will be explained to all ranks on parade.
7. Coy. Comds. will, on the 28th of each month, submit a brief report showing the number of troops who have availed themselves of the Request Hour, and an analysis of the subject matter brought forward.

.....  
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. ....Capt.

WAR DIARY

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

APPX 5

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)  
Revised Jan., 1943

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 7 / 1943. . . 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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.
			3. 2. 7.	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lientenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			12.						

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].	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.		12.								
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.
VX 81	Major	CAPES.H.G.	2 Aust army Off School	17 Jul	Trans to 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
VX 66	"	SIMPSON. C.L.	2/8 Bn	12 "	From Leave.
VX 7003	Lieut.	WILSON. J.C.	"	12 "	" RAAF Ce-ep Schcol.
VX 52854	"	DOUGLAS.B.A.W.	"	13 "	" Leave.
VX 4879	"	MORAN. H.	"	17 "	" "
VX 13323	"	HUTCH. W.A.	"	13 "	" "
NX 138188	"	TURNBULL.A.W.J.	"	12 "	" "
VX 6009.	A/Lieut	GRANT. J.R.F.	"	17 "	Appointed as per A.C.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

List No 80.

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 Aust Inf Bn. ....Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ..17/...7/1943 (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.
Major.	VX 81	CAPES. H.O.		Admin. Comd. yes.			
Major.	VX 66	SIMPSON.	G.L.	O.C. C Coy "			
Major.	VX 203	SMITH.	J.A.E.	O.C. A Coy "			
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM.	G.E.S.	O.C. H.Q. Coy "			
Capt.	VX 5479	RUMLEY.	L.O.	21/c B Coy. No Ass Staff Capt 19 Aust Inf Bde			
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	A/Adj. yes			
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER.	L.O.	Pl Comd "			
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	R.A.W.	" "			
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	H.	" "			
Lieut.	VX 13323	HUTSON.	W.A.	" "			
Lieut	MA 138 188	FRANDELL.	A W J	" "			
Lieut	VX 6009	GRANT J.R.P.		" "			

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.
Lieut T/Capt	VX 100093	MCLean. D.	39 BN	17/7/43	Vide 6 Div memo 1954 of July 11th.
" "	VX 117110	FRENCH B.J.	"	"	"
Lieut	VX 117109	SIMONSON D.J.	"	"	"
Lieut T/Capt	VX 2902	SEWARD. R.S.	"	"	"
" "	QX 254	NOYES. W.H.	49 Bn	"	"
Lieut	QX 4047	GILLESPIE. W.K.	"	"	"
Lieut	VX 2789	OLTHOFF H.E.	"	"	"
Lieut	VX 3538	TROTTEN P.J.	39 Bn	"	"
Lieut	VX 3567	SALCE. A.L.	"	"	"
Lieut	SX 9251	FERRIER.P.L.	3/22 BN	"	"

Date of Despatch  
17. 7. 43

Signature of Commander

all 2/8 Bn  
To BE ATT 2/11 Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/ 7/194 43 78 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. 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.					Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts Required.
				W.Os. Class I								
			<u>2</u>	W.Os. Class II								
			<u>3</u>	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts								
				Staff Sergeants								
			<u>12</u>	Sergeants								
			<u>25</u>	Corporals								
			<u>92</u>	Troopers, Privates, etc								
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
*			<u>134.</u>	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.								*

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	<u>134</u>									<u>134.</u>
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
<u>25</u>	<u>2/11 Aust Inf Bn</u>			<u>6</u>	<u>19 Aust Inf Bde</u>		

### 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 / / 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, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders				
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiseman								
Electricians				Cooks		2		Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			132	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks								
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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								
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics								
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		2		CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively				134

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

17.7.43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)  
Revised Jan., 1943

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **26** / **7** /194**3**. . . **2/8 Aust Inf Bn.** (Unit)

W.E. / / . OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
			<b>3.</b> <b>4.</b> <b>8.</b>	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
			<b>15.</b>											
				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.	<b>15.</b>									<b>15.</b>
				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.
<b>VX 6596</b>	<b>Capt.</b>	<b>DIFFEY. S.G.</b>	<b>2/8 Aust Inf Bn</b>	<b>20 Jul.</b>	<b>Ex Leave.</b>
<b>VX 9768</b>	<b>Capt.</b>	<b>DWYER. M.J.</b>	" "	<b>20 Jul.</b>	" "
<b>TX 4657</b>	<b>Lieut.</b>	<b>COOMBS. W.A.</b>	" "	<b>17 Jul.</b>	" "

### 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 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/7/1943 (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.
Major.	VX 81	CAPEL.	H.C.	Admin Cond	yes.		
Major.	VX 66.	SIMPSON.	C.L.	O.C. C. Coy.	yes.		
Major.	VX 203	SMITH.	J.A.H.	O.C. A. Coy.	yes.		
Capt.	VX 6596	DIPPEY.	S.C.	O.C. D. Coy.	yes.		
Capt.	VX 9222	GRAHAM.	G.H.S.	O.C. H. Coy	yes.		
Capt.	VX 9768	DYER, M.J.		Ass/adjt.	yes.		
Capt.	VX 5479	HUMLEY.	L.O.	21/c B. Coy.	No	Ass. Staff-Capt 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
Lieut.	VX 7003	WILSON.	J.C.	I.O.	yes.		
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER.	L.C.	Pl. Comd.	yes.		
Lieut.	VX 52854	DOUGLAS.	E.A.H.	"	"		
Lieut.	VX 4879	MORAN.	H.	"	"	No School.	
Lieut.	VX 13323	HUTSON.	W.A.	"	"	Det as Instr 19 Bde	School
Lieut.	VX 4637	COOMBS.	W.A.	"	yes		21/7/43
Lieut.	VX 138198	TURNBULL.	A.H.J.	"	"		
A/Lieut.	VX 6009	GRANT.	J.H.P.	"	"	No School.	

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.
Lieut. T/Capt.	VX 100098	McLEAN, D.I.H.	Ex 39. Aust Inf Bn.	17/7/43	Vide 6 Aust Div memo 1254 of July 11.
Lieut. T/Capt.	VX 117110	PERREN, B.J.	"	17/7/43	"
Lieut.	VX 117108	SIMPSON, R.J.	"	17/7/43	"
Lieut.	VX 117108	HIRST, J.H.	"	21.7.43	"

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62M—5/43.

Date of Despatch

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 7 / 1943. 2/8 Aust Inf BN (Unit)

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

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

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				5		6 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.				
				W.Os. Class I										
			<u>3.</u>	W.Os. Class II										
			<u>3.</u>	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts										
				Staff Sergeants										
			<u>12.</u>	Sergeants										
			<u>31.</u>	Corporals										
			<u>135.</u>	Troopers, Privates, etc										
				Civilians counting as O.R										
*			<u>5</u>	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						*				
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.P.	**	TOTAL
		<u>182</u>												<u>182</u>
A														
B(1)														
B(2)														

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
	<u>I. Records.</u>		
	<u>Q. L of G Area</u>		
	<u>2. Leave.</u>		
	<u>6. 19 Aust Bde.</u>		
	<u>I. Batmen for School of Interp. of Air Photographs.</u>		
	<u>I. Instr. to 19 Aust Bde N.C.O.'s School.</u>		
	<u>10. N.C.O.'s attending s/m School</u>		
	<u>I. Batmen to above School.</u>		

**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 24/7/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		3.		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			179
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		2.					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1.					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		3.		CARRIED FORWARD		6.		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively			5 188.

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 (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.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Major.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.  
July 31st 43.

Ref: W3008 & W3009

Owing to the fact that Unit records have not arrived from previous location, it has been impossible to complete the above forms fully.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/7/1945 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit) Bn.

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1.	W.Os. Class I						
			5.	W.Os. Class II						
			3.	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts						
				Staff Sergeants						
			28.	Sergeants						
			58.	Corporals						
			360.	Troopers, Privates, etc						
				Civilians counting as O.R						
*			355.	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*	

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	355									355
	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,	Records Co.		
				2	leave		
				6	19 Aust Inf Bde		
				1	AIR PHOTO Sel. (Batman)		
				1	1 Aust Army HQ School.		
				9	19 Bde H.C.O. School		
				1	" " (Instr)		
				1	" " (Batman)		

## 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).



Unit

Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
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				Rangefakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wreeman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively			

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31/7/43  
Date of Despatch

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3003

(Adapted) (Page 1)  
Revised Jan., 1943

(Serial No.)

A 0600 Hrs. Saturday **31** / **7** / 194**3** . **2/8 Aust Inf Bn.** (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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.
			I. 4. 7. II.	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC Capt. AA.ch.D.	I.  I.			
			23			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].	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.		25								
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].

c/s Aust Infs. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	VX 14047	HOMER	H.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	VX 81	CAPNE.	H.C.		"	Supernumery	
Major	VX 43	McDONALD.	H.H.	2 1/e	"		
Major	VX 66	SIMPSON.	C.L.	OC C.	"		
Major	VX 203	SMITH.	J.A.H.	OC A	"		
Capt.	SX 1451	BRAMAN	D.	OC B	"		
Capt.	VX 204	WASKELL	H.J.H.	2 1/OC	"		
Capt.	VX 6596	DIFNEY	C.C.	OC D	"		
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM	C.E.C.	OC BC	"		
Capt.	VX 9708	DEYER	H.J.	Actt	"		
Capt.	VX 4500	GRINWITH	J.E.	Actt.	"		
Capt.	VX 3479	ROWLEY	L.O.	2 1/e	No	Asse Staff Capt 19 Aust Inf Bde	
Lieut	VX 54328	THOMSON	C.H.V.	Pl Cond	Yes.		
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.S.	"	"		
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER	L.C.	Pl Cond	"		
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	H.A.H.	"	"		
Lieut	VX 4637	COOMBS	H.A.	"	"		
Lieut	VX 38604	CHAPPE.	P.C.	"	"		
Lieut	SX 12814	BERRY.	H.C.	"	"		
Lieut	SX 13818	TURNBULL	A.V.J.	"	"		
Lieut	VX 4873	MORSE	H.	"	"	No School-Interpretation of Air photos.	
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTTON	H.A.	"	"	Det as Inst 19 Bde N.C.O Sol	
<b>ATTACHED ON H.R.</b>							
Capt	VX 11167	GRAY	L.	H.M.O.	Yes.		
Chaplain	SX 40920	McDONALD	C.H.		"		

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.
A/Lieut	VX 0009	GRANT, J.E.P.	Pres Gen-List		Attending School for Interp of Air Photos.
A/Lieut	VX 4963	BUTTON H.V.	"	"	
Lieut 2/Capt	VX 117110	FRENCH H.J.	39 Bn.	17/7/43	
Lieut 2/Capt	VX 100009	McLEAN D.I.H.	39 Bn.	17/7/43	vide 6 Aust Div memo 1254
Lieut.	VX 117109	SIMPSON, D.J.	"	17/7/43	" " of July 11.
Lieut	VX 117105	HIRST, J.E.	"	21/7/43	" " " "

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt. Col.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FLAGGY CREEK.	1 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine and warm during the day but cold at night.            CHURCH PARADE 0800 hrs 2/4 AUST INF BN LINES.            CONFERENCE. Coy Comds conference CO's office 1150 hrs ref trg.            MOVEMENT. Maj. SIMPSON and SMITH, Cepts. DIFFEY &amp; BRAHAM            Lieuts COOPER &amp; DOUGLAS r.t.u. ex 19 Aust Bde            Jungle School.            SPORT. 2/8 Bn v 2/11 Bn. AUST RULES. Won by 2/11 Bn with a            very comfortable margin.            MO to conference at 6 Aust Div at 1100 hrs.</p>	
	2 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.            Trg. A coy. Route March.            B coy. Route March to Jungle Area.            C Coy. Trg Jungle Area ref 395055.....            D Coy. Trg. Jungle Area ref. 390050.....            HQ Coy attached to A &amp; B Coys.            RECCE. CO, 2i/c and Maj. CAPES recce jungle area in            preparation for jungle trg.....            MOVEMENT. Capt. FRENCH, Lieut. SIMONSON and 5 ORs march out            to act as instructors at Snipers school.            Lieut. WILSON to 2 Aust Corps School of photo            Interpretation.</p>	<p>HERBERTON 1" ) Appx. .1.            " )            Appx. .1.</p>
	3 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine and warm.            TRG. B &amp; A Coy trg in coy lines and miniature rengo.            C Coy jungle trg in jungle trg area no 3. ....            D Coy " " " " " " " 4. ....            HQ Coy trg with A &amp; B Coys.            RECCE. CO, MO and Maj. CAPES. recce jungle area for coy exercises.            MOVEMENT. Lieut. HIRST evacuated to Hospital.            COURSES. 8 ORs marched out to Snipers Course period 6 days            Location of school ref 211163 .....</p>	<p>Appx. .1.            Appx. .1.            HERBERTON 1"</p>

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FLAGGY CREEK.	4 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A Coy jungle area No 1 returning camp 1630 hrs 5 Aug. B Coy jungle area 2 returning camp 6 Aug. C &amp; D Coys jungle areas 3 &amp; 4 returning camp 5 Aug. HQ coy trg with A &amp; B coys.</p> <p>Recco. CO and Maj. CAPES recco jungle area 3.</p> <p>SCHOOLS. 4 ORs of "I" Sect attend Air Photogaphy school at 19 Aust Inf Bde.</p>	Appx .1.
	5 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A Coy returns to camp from jungle trg in area 1 B Coy trg in jungle area 2 returning camp 1530 hrs 6 Aug.</p> <p><del>XX</del> <del>XX</del> <del>XX</del></p> <p>C &amp; D Coys route march in morning weapon trg in afternoon. HQ Coy attached to A &amp; B Coys.</p> <p>CO and Maj. CAPES observe coy exercises in jungle trg area.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. 9 Offrs and 185 ORs return to unit ex leave 0300 hrs 6 Aug.</p>	Appx .1.
	6 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A Coy route march over jungle tracks Hot showers 1630 hrs. B Coy returning to camp from jungle area at 1530 hrs C Coy grenade practice in afternoon miniature range in afternoon. D Coy Miniature range all day.</p> <p>The 9 Offrs and 185 ORs who marched in ex leave had the morning free and in the afternoon route march over the jungle tracks.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. Lieut COOPER and 11 ORs transferred to 6 Aust Div Carr Coy.</p>	<p>ref. Appx .2.</p> <p>ref. Appx .3.</p> <p>Appx .1.</p> <p>Appx .8.</p>

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FLAGGY CREEK.	6 Aug cont.		RECCE. LIEUTS. ADAMS & HEWITT recce open range area ref 280118..HERBERTON 1"	
	7 AUG.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRAINING. A &amp; B Coys route march to HERBERTON afternoon tabloid sports C &amp; D coys weapon trg in coy lines in morning tabloid sports in afternoon. HQ Coy. MMG PL firing on open range. Mortar Pl trg in lines remainder of coy on route march to HERBERTON. Tabloid sports in afternoon.</p> <p>RECCE LIEUTS. HEWITT &amp; McDERMOTT RECCE "open trg area" for M3" sheet.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. --</p> <p>DEMONSTRATION. Bn witnesses Tank and Inf co-op demonstration held TEPOIV racecourse 1430 hrs.</p> <p>Posting of Officers promulgated.....</p>	Appx. 4.
	8 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>CHURCH PDE unit Sports Ground 0900 hrs. remainder of day free in lines. Church Pde<del>s</del> attended by Bde Comd and BM</p>	
	9 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A &amp; B Coys. Route marches and trg in coy areas. C Coy. Trg in jungle area and returning to camp 11 Aug. HQ Coy. Miniature range practice in morning and spec trg in coy lines in afternoon.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. Maj. CAPES. Lieuts. HANSEN LYONS BERRY GRANT AND MORAN to act as umpires of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn v 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn exercise 9/14 Aug incl.</p> <p>RECCE. CO and 2i/c on recce of jungle areas. I.O on recce of EORA track.</p>	<p>Appx 1.</p> <p>Appx 3.</p> <p>Appx. 6.</p>

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FLAGGY CREEK.	10 Aug.		WEATHER. CLOUDY but fine.	
			TRAINING. A & B Coys miniature range all day. C & D Coys section trg in jungle trg area. HQ Coy. 2 Pl trg in jungle areas 3 & 4 remainder of coy spec trg in lines.	Appx .3. Appx .1.
	11 Aug.		WEATHER. Fine and warm	
		TRAINING. A & B coys jungle area 1 & 2 returning 13 Aug. 12 ORs of Mortar Pl with each coy. C & D Coys jungle areas 3 & 4 returning to camp in afternoon. HQ Coy. No 1 Pl trg with B Coy in Jungle area 2 remainder of coy specialist trg in lines.	Appx .1.	
			ELECTIONS. Lieut. HEWITT appointed Polling officer for this unit.	
	12 Aug.		WEATHER. Fine.	
		TRAINING. A & B Coys trg in jungle trg areas 1 & 2 returning to camp in afternoon. C & D coys accompanied by CO ADJT I.O. and Padre route march across EORA track. The track was quite dry and marching time taken was 4 hrs 40 mins. - the coys bivouaced at Eastern end of track. HQ Coy. Sig Pl and Mortar Pl. trg in jungle trg area. MMG Pl firing on open range remainder of HQ Coy spec trg in lines.	Appx .1. Appx 5	
			MOVEMENT. I.O. Lieut WILSON rtu ex 2 Aust Corps Air Photo and Interpretation school	
			CONFERENCE. 2 i/c with other officers from the bde working out explaining tables.	

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FLAGGY CREEK.	13 AUG.		<p>WEATHER. Fine but very windy.</p> <p>TRG. A &amp; B coys jungle trg areas 1 &amp; 2 returning to camp this afternoon.</p> <p>C &amp; D coys were expected to return to camp in morning but owing to the failure of MT to locate them they did not return till 1830 hrs.</p> <p>HQ Coy Jungle trg areas (1 &amp; 3 Pls) 2 Pl open range all day. Pnr. Pl very busy making boxes to contain unit gear.</p> <p>CONCERT. 6 Aust Div Concert Party perform in Bde Area.</p>	Appx .1.
	14 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine but cloudy.</p> <p>TRG. A &amp; B coys grenade throwing and EY Rifle in morning organized sport in afternoon.</p> <p>C Coy miniature range in morning weapon trg in afternoon.</p> <p>D Coy miniature range in morning and trg in observation and gaining of infm in afternoon.</p> <p>HQ Coy. Spec trg in lines.</p> <p>RACE MEETING held near WONDECLA in afternoon and a percentage of tps from this bn allowed to <del>xxxx</del> attend.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. 80ffrs. and 63 ORs marched in ex leave. Bn Pay pde in afternoon 6 Aust Div Concert Party showing in Bde area.</p>	Appx .2. Appx .3.
	15 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>All personnel paraded to Dental Board in morning.</p> <p>CHURCH PDE 1100 hrs. - remainder of day free</p> <p>TEWT. Under direction of CO a TEWT for rifle coy comds and Mortar Pl comd was held in the jungle trg area</p> <p>CONFERENCE of all IOFs held at Bde HQ to discuss eqpt, weights etc of "I"</p> <p>MOVEMENT. 6 ORs transferred to 2/1 Aust Gd Bn.</p>	



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FLAGGY CREEK.	16 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRAINING. A &amp; B coys jungle areas 1 &amp; 2 for trg in pl movement control, gaining of infm, defence and attack, stalking and sniping. Returning to camp morning of 18 Aug.</p> <p>C &amp; D Coys jungle areas 3 &amp; 4 for trg in contact drill patrolling authentic defence, planned defence and encircling attack. Return to camp 19 Aug.</p> <p>HQ Coy 4 Pl tKA range all day, 2,3,5 pls route march to WONDECLA in morning, remainder of day spec. trg in lines.</p> <p>Adjt and Maj CAPE to HERBERTON to purchase bungs for beer barrels.</p> <p>Capt. RIMLEY, Lieuts WHITSIDE CHAFFE MUDGE and LYONS to Bn HQ for briefing prior to acting as umpires for coy exercises on 17, 18, 19 Aug.</p>	- Appx .1.
	17 AUG.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A,B,C,D coys as for 16 Aug.</p> <p>HQ Coys. 3 pl Mortar shoot. 4 pl. EVELYN range, remainder of coy route march in morning spec trg in afternoon.</p> <p>At 0850 hrs CO left to inspect jungle trg of rifle coys and at 0950 hrs met Bde Comd BM and GOC 6 Div. GOC appeared very pleased with the training</p>	Appx .1.
	17 Aug.	cont.	<p>"I" Sec visited by Official War Historian Mr GAVIN LONG who gave many useful tips for keeping up of war diary.</p> <p>APPX Adm instn No 26 issued.</p>	Appx .7.

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FLAGGY CREEK.	18 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A &amp; B Coys in Jungle areas 1 &amp; 2 Pl trg, stalking and sniping. Route March back to camp in morning. Afternoon LMG &amp; SMG practices on miniature range.</p> <p>B &amp; C Coys in jungle areas 3 &amp; 4. Trg in planned defence and encircling attack. Patrolling by night.</p> <p>HQ Coy - 16 ORs of Mortar Pl with D Coy. 1 &amp; 5 Pls route march in morning. Remainder of coy miniature range in morning. Specialist trg in lines in afternoon. CO visits jungle areas.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. Padre McDonald and Lieut HEWITT to ATHERTON to purchase regimental necessities.</p> <p>Lieut MODERMOTT visits 2/4 Bn area for Mortar demonstration.</p> <p>Lieut HEWITT lectures HQ coy in procedure in voting.</p>	<p>Appx 1.</p> <p>- Appx 3.</p>
	19 Aug.		<p>WEATHER Fine.</p> <p>TRG. A, B &amp; HQ coys and part of Bn HQ move out at 0715 to march over the EORA track.- embussed at 1530 hrs at ref 478002 and return to camp.</p> <p>C &amp; D coys in jungle areas 3 &amp; 4 - trg in deliberate attack. March back to camp in afternoon followed by bath pde.</p> <p>CONFERENCE. of COs Adjts, QM's at Bde HQ 0845 hrs with ADOS ref WET tables.</p> <p>MOVEMENT. Lieuts HEWITT with assistant APO's to Div HQ for further particulars of polling procedure.</p> <p>PICTURES. shown in Bde area.</p>	<p>Appx 5.</p> <p>BATTLE PRERE 1"</p>
	20 Aug.		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>TRAINING. All coys on anti-material trg under direction of ADMS. area Bn Sports Ground. All offrs and OR's attend. CO to conference at Bde.</p> <p>CO holds coy comds conference at 1000 hrs re equipment carried when bn. moves</p>	

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FLAGGY CREEK.	20 Aug 43	cont	LECTURE to all offrs in mess at 1845 hrs by Lieut WILSON, - subject JAN GRID system. Lieut HEWITT APO lectures to all coys on polling procedure.	
	21 Aug.		WEATHER. Fine. TRG. Anti malarial trg continues to 1200 hrs. Afternoon make and mend and time allotted for all ranks to attend to washing. ELECTIONS. Polling booth open from 0800 to 2000 hrs. Held in Salvation army hut. 648 votes recorded in this unit. Lieut. HEWITT, Sjt KEDZLIE ptes MASTERS and GREENSHIELDS polling officers. MOVEMENT. CO, Adjut, Maj CAPES visit 19 Aust Inf Bde NCO's school. Lieut J.C. DOVEY taken on strength ex 3/22 Bn. 19 ORS march in ex leave.	
	22 Aug.		WEATHER. Fine. CHURCH PDE held 1100 hrs. Kit inspection held in morning remainder of day free. MOVEMENT. Lt-Col HOWDEN, Capt GRIFFITHS, Sjts BLAKE & REID move out to attend, as observers, 16 Aust Inf Bde Amphibious trg operation exercise held on PALM BEACH ref map CAIRNS 1" on 23 Aug. Capt GRIFFITH and NCOs leave 0815 hrs from 19 Aust Inf Bde. CO leaves 1330 hrs from Bde. Capt. French & Lt. GARLAND and N. C. O. instructors return from 19 Bde N.C.O.'s School <i>SNIPER'S</i>	

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FLAGGY CREEK	23 Aug.		<p>WEATHER:- Fine but windy</p> <p>TRAINING:- A &amp; B Coys Minature range practices .....</p> <p>C &amp; D Coys in area NORTH of Camp for trg in STALKING, SNIPING, RECCE REPORTS, PASSING of ORDERS "BLITZ" FORMATION, &amp; drill practice of "BLITZ" form. H.Q.Coy; Pnr Pl receiving trg from 2/2 Fd Coy in bridging &amp; demolitions. Remainder of Coy Spec trg in Coy area.</p> <p>EORA TRACK:- Pers of C, D, &amp; H.Q Coys who had NOT been ever track leave Camp 0700 hrs under CAPT COULSTON. return to Camp at 1730 hrs by MT. Party moved over track in 3 hrs 40 min. marching time.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- Lt-Col HOWDEN, CAPT. GRIFFITH and N.C.O s return from observing 16 Bde AMPHIBIAN EXERCISE at Cairns,</p> <p>DENTAL:- Parades conrinuing for persennel requireing attention. ORDERLY ROOM. C.O's ORDERLY ROOM on A.W.L. pers who have returned to unit ex leave.</p> <p>DINNER. 2/8 Bn REGIMENTAL DINNER held at YUNGABURRA HOTEL at 1930 hrs, OFFICAL GUESTS INCLUDE.. Bde COMD.( Brig. J. E. MARTIN) Lt-Col BINKS 2/11 Bn. Lt-Col McCARTY 2/4 Pnr Bn. BDE MAJOR( MAJOR MURRAY). Maj. HAIGH 2/3 Coy A.A.S.C. Maj. BRAUN &amp; CAPT BROWNHILL 2/4 Bn. Maj. RUSSEL 2/7 Fd. Amb.</p>	<p>Appx. 3.</p> <p>Appx. 5</p>
	24 Aug.		<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Windy</p> <p>TRAINING:- C &amp; D Coys at Minature range all day.....</p> <p>A &amp; B Coys trg in JUNGLE AREAS 1 &amp; 2- Contact Drill and Automatic Defence, Night Patrols, return to camp 25 Aug via R.A.E. to inspect Jungle Bridges H.Q.Coy.. Pnr Pl at R.A.E. demonstration on Demolitions remainder of coy.. route march &amp; spec Trg.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- "I" Sgt. Sgt PORTER.L.M. r.t.u. ex 2 Aust Corps</p>	<p>Appx..3.</p> <p>Appx .1.</p>

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FLAGGY CREEK	24 Aug		<p>MOVEMENT:- School of AIR PHOTO INTERPERATION. STUDENTS from 19 Bde. N.C.O's School. Lt. E. V. WATSON r.t.u from observing 16 Bde AMPHIBIAN EXERCISES.</p> <p>R. A. P. :- Norwegian type packs issued to the R.A.P. staff.</p>	
	25 Aug		<p>WEATHER:- Fine &amp; Cool</p> <p>TRAINING:- H.Q. Coy Minature range. A &amp; B Coys JUNGLE TRG AREAS 1 &amp; 2 Training as for 24 Aug. C &amp; D Coys moving to Jungle Areas 3 &amp; 4 via. R.A.E over jungle bridges., then practising "BLITZ" Form.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- Lt. G. H. HEWITT to 16 Bde Amphib. Exercises to observe "I" side for bde.</p> <p>Capt. R. ARUNDEL, Lt W. A. HUTSON &amp; N.C.O. instructors return from 19 Bde N.C.O's School. CSCHOOL disbanded.</p> <p>TRIAL PACK EXERCISE:- Warning Order issued for trial pack of all Bn STORES &amp; EQUIPMENT. To be divided into Categories. A. B. C. D. as per 6 Aust Div Instr.</p> <p>LECTURES:- To all effrs of 19 Bde in 2/8Bn effrs Mess by Capt. KESSELS. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE On AIR SUPPORT.</p>	Ref Appx .6.
	26 Aug.		<p>WEATHER:- Fine.</p> <p>TRAINING:- Whole Bn on Trial Pack Exercise. All tents except essential BnH.Q. tents struck &amp; packed. All gear divided into Categories A. B. C. D. and stacked in coy lines ready for tpt.</p> <p>Pack Completed by 1200 hrs. INSPECTION by Bde Comd, S.C. &amp; Bde I.O. at 1300 hrs. INSPECTION by D.A.A.G 6 Aust Div. 1330 hrs. EXERCISE CONCLUDED 1400 hrs &amp; tents re-erected.</p> <p>SECURITY:- Check made by Bn "I" section for papers etc. that</p>	Ref Appx .6.

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FLAGGY CREEK	26 Aug		SECURITY: (contd) would disclose unit identity. SECURITY WAS BAD. Unit identity discovered within 2 minutes. WEAPONS:- Bn weapons inspected by 2/79 L.A.D. at 19 Bde H.Q. Unit armourers assisting.	
			LECTURES:- By W.O.11. DUE of F.S.S. to whole Bn at 1500 hrs on SECURITY. By Major HILL 6 Aust D v. A.A.S.C on SUPPLY in JUNGLE at 2000 hrs in 2/11 Bn offrs Mess to all Unit C.Os 2 i/cs Q.Ms & A/Q.Ms and other offrs as C.O.s desire.	
	27 Aug.		MEDICAL:- Capt L.P. GRAY unit R. M. O. r.t.u. ex 2/2 A. G. H. WEATHER:- Fine	
			TRAINING:- A & B Coys JUNGLE AREA. 3. A COY SIMPSONS TRACK 390056. B Coy GIMPIE TRACK 389504 .. trg encircling attack & planned defence.. return to camp via R.A.E. inspection of bridges on 28 Aug. C & D Coys JUNGLE AREAS 1 & 2 ... trg encounter attack, immediate defence & night patrolling. return to camp 28 Aug. H.Q. Coy Pnr pl & tk/atk pl trg with C & D coys.	Appx .1.
			EORA TRACK: All personnel who had NOT been over the track moved out 0715 hrs under Lieut. WHITESIDE. <del>xxxx</del> Marching time over track 3 hrs 30 min. Pers of A, B, C, D, Coys & Pnr Pl return to JUNGLE AREAS after march & NOT to camp.	Appx .1.
			OBSERVERS:- Majors McDONALD. H.H., SIMPSON. C. Capts DIFFEY & GRAHAM to 16 Bde AMPHIBIAN EXERCISES as observers. leave 19 Bde H.Q. @ 45 hrs.	Appx .5.
			MAPS: Majority of maps on charge to this unit returned to 19 Bde H.Q. on instructions from Bde .I.O.	

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FLAGGY CREEK	27 Aug		LIAISON OFFICERS:- Lieuts. McHAIG & WOODWORTH of 2nd UNITED STATES <del>XXX</del> ENGINEER SHORE & BOAT BRIGADE attached as Liaison Offrs. ref pending AMPHIBIAN OPERATIONS.	
	28 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine. TRAINING:- As for 27 Aug. MOVEMENT:- 9 ers reported to 19 Bde H.Q. @530 hrs to move to SPECIAL TRG AREA. Majors McDONALD, SIMPSON, Capts. DIFFEY & GRAHAM r.t.u ex OBSERVERS 16 Bde EXERCISES. Capt. TWISS att. DENTAL OFFICER & evac HOSPITAL. with Broken leg.	
			LECTURE:- To all Offrs of this unit by attaches U.S.ARMY offrs.	
	29 Aug.		WEATHER:- Fine TRAINING:- Unit Church Parade 1000 hrs.. Sports Ground. LECTURES:- To all offrs at @845 hrs by attached U.S. Army offrs ref pending Operations. R.A.P. All cooks report to M.O. Capt Gray for Medical Inspection ref fitness. CLOTHING:- JUNGLE GREEN DYE ISSUED to Dye K.D. Slacks & Shirts CONFERENCE:- Coy Comds conference ref pending move to Spec trg Area.	
	30 Aug.		WEATHER:- Fine & Cloudy TRAINING:- Lectures by Lt. McHAIG on BOAT & SHORE PROCEDURE to Coys at following times. AA & B Coys 0900 hrs C & D Coys 0945 hrs. H.Q. & BnH.Q. 1035 hrs. Remainder of morning at Coy Comds discretion.	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43

To 31 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FLAGGY CREEK	30 Aug.		<p>TRAINING (Contd) Afternoon. Practice in forming up and sorting into correct loads for embarking on L.C.Vs etc Coy at following times. A Coy 1330 hrs. B Coy 1400 hrs D Coy 1450 hrs. C Coy 1400 hrs. H.Q. Coy &amp; BnH.Q. at 1530 hrs. Remainder of day at Coy Comds discretion. Practice under direction of Lt. WOODWORTH.</p> <p>MOVEMENT: Lt. Col. HOWDEN. W.S. Capt. J.H.GRIFFITH, MASKELL &amp; Lt BUTTON move out to Spec Trg Area. AREA. TRINITY BEACH ref Map CAIRNS. 1 in to 1 mile 652855. Move from Bde H.Q. at 1400 hrs. Batmen for above move out at 0645 hrs from Bde H.Q. Movement by road.</p> <p>Capt. HUAGH. J. DENTAL OFFICER. attached vice Capt. TWISS evact to HOSPITAL.</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENTS:- Concert shown in 19 Bde Area.</p> <p>ADMINISTRATION. No. 30 issued.</p>	ref Appx. 16
	31 Aug.		<p>WEATHER:- Dull &amp; Overcast</p> <p>TRAINING:- At Coy Comds discretion. DYEING of Clothes continues. All personnel to have 3 sets dyed.</p> <p>EQUIPMENT:- AMERICIAN TYPE GATERS ISSUED. Mosquito Repellent &amp; Water Sterilising outfit issyed.</p> <p>MOVEMENT:- Lts. McHAIG &amp; WOODWORTH return to own unit &amp; cease to be attached.</p> <p>Adminstration No 31 issued</p>	ref Appx 17...



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Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43

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			APPENDICIES TO AUGUST WAR DIARY	
			APPX. 1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn JUNGLIE TRG AREA	
			2. SHETCH MAP GRENADE RANGE	
			3. TRACE SHOWING RANGES IN 6 AUST DIV AREA	
			4. POSTING OF OFFICERS 2/8 AUST INF BN.	
			5. TRACE OF EORA TRACK	
			6. ADMINSTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 29	
			7. " " " 26	
			8. " " " 25	
			9. COMPANY EXERCISE ( DELIBERATE ATTACK)	
			10. 2/8 AUST INF BN WELFARE ASSOCIATION	
			11. ADMINSTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 28	
			12. OVERLAY SHOWING BN POSITION & TRG AREAS	
			13. FIELD RETURNS- Officers & Ors	
			14. 2/8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS.	
			15. TRAINING SYLLABI	
			16. ADMIN INSTR. No. 30. MOVEMENT TO SPEC TRG AREA	
			17. " " " 31. PRECAUTIONS MALARIA & SCRUB TYPHUS	
			18. REPORT By Lt-Col W.S.HOWDEN( Commandinf 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.)on MODIFICATIONS TO TRAINING. -- JUNGLE v. OPEN COUNTRY.	
			19. MEDICAL REPORT by Cept. L.P.GRAY unit M.O.	
			<i>W. S. Howden</i> Major.	
			For C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. A.O.D.	

# 2/8 Aust Inf BN JUNGLE TRG AREA

APPX 1

—Ref. Herberton: 1 inch to 1 mile —



Roads Gravel	---
Roads Earth	---
with low traffic streams	A
Sufficient for low traffic stream	B
Suitable for heavy M.T.	1
Suitable for heavy M.T. & 15 cwt. G.A.S.	2
Roads impassable to M.T. in wet weather	---
Tracks	---
Fences	---
Bridges	---
Jungle	---
Clearings	---
Forest	---
Perennial Stream	---
Non-perennial Stream	---
Cutting	---
House	---
Bn Boundaries	---
Coy Boundaries	---

Trg AREAS	
Nº	A. Coy
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D
5	HQ

*1/10/41*

SCALE 8 INCHES to 1 MILE



Traced by: *2/8. Aust Inf. Bn Int. Section.*

# Sketch Grenade Range

Appn 2.

2/8 AUST. INF. BN.

Appendix No.

Map Ref 318082 Herberton 1"=1ML.

Danger Area

Target Area

Direction of fire 315°

Cleared Area

5 parapet

Instructors Pit

O.P.s

Weapon pit

Grid North

Scale 1 inch = 40 yards.

yards 40 0 40 80 120 160 yards.

Traced 6 AUG 43  
2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

OFFICERS POSTINGS

6 Aug. 43.

Rm HQ.

CO Lt/Col. W.S. HOWDEN  
 2/c MAJOR H.H. McDONALD  
 ADJT CAPT J.H. GRIFFITH  
 I.O. LIEUT J.C. INILSON  
 Supernumary MAJOR H.C. CAPES  
 " CAPT M.J. DWYER  
 " LIEUT G.L. HEWITT

HQ Coy

OC CAPT G.H.S. GRAHAM  
 QM " E. BALFOUR  
 TO Lieut J.S. LAIDLAW  
 Oc No. 1 pl. " R.W. BUTTON  
 " " 2 pl. " J.S. ADAMS  
 " " 3 pl. " R.J. McDERMOTT  
 " " 4 pl. " R.E. PAPE  
 " " 5 pl. " W.H. NEINTON  
 2/c " 5 pl. " H. DONCASTER

A Coy.

OC MAJOR J.A.H. SMITH  
 2/c CAPT. J.C. GATELY FRENCH  
 7 pl LIEUT. ~~E.A.W. DOUGLAS~~ C.M.V. THOMPSON  
 8 pl " W.B. ATKINSON  
 9 pl " E.A.W. DOUGLAS  
 Supernumary " A.M.W. INWHITESIDE  
 " " S.H. HANSEN

B Coy

OC CAPT. D. BRAHAM  
 2/c CAPT D.I.H. McHEAN  
 10 pl LIEUT N. GRAVENER  
 11 pl " D.J. SIMONSON  
 12 pl " E.L. WATSON  
 Supernumary " F.G. CHAFFE

C Coy.

OC MAJOR C.W. SIMPSON  
 2/c CAPT H.J. Mc. MASKELL  
 13 pl LIEUT. G.A. COMBES ARUNDEL.  
 14 pl " H.B. MORAN  
 15 pl " G.W. BRIMAGE  
 Supernumary " J.S. LYONS.  
 " JEF. GRANT

D Coy.

OC CAPT. S.C. DUFFEY  
 2/c CAPT H.A. COULSTON  
 16 pl LIEUT A.W.S. TURNBULL  
 17 pl " W.A. HUTSON  
 18 pl " J.M. TRETHERMAN  
 Supernumary LIEUT N.K. McPHERSON  
 " H.G. BERRY  
 CAPT. L.O. RUMLEY

ATTACHED

RMO CAPT L.P. GRAY  
 CHAPLAIN C.H. McDONALD

Adj. 2/8 Bn. A.I.F. Capt.

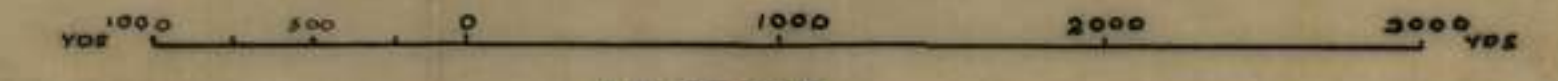
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2 APPN

# EORA TRACK

REF MAPS: HERBERTON MT GARNETT  
BARTLE FREER PALMERSTON

SCALE 2 INS = 1 MI



## LEGEND

- |              |  |          |  |
|--------------|--|----------|--|
| MAIN RD      |  | RAILWAYS |  |
| SECONDARY RD |  | CREEKS   |  |
| TRACKS       |  |          |  |



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS OF "A" and "Q" NATURE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON RECEIPT OF WARNING ORDER FOR MOVEMENT.

1. GENERAL. Instruction set out herein will apply at all times on receipt of warning order for movement and will be strictly adhered to in detail unless otherwise ordered from Bn HQ. Practice and care in packing of personal items and equipment is most necessary and will be carried out wherever possible.
2. CLASSIFICATION OF STORES. Coys will stack ALL stores on charge to them at the southern end of respective Coy lines in their various categories, A, B, C or D. Each dump will be marked by a suitable signboard which will be prepared immediately, and will show the category in the circle with the Coy sign alongside e.g. HQ Coy "B" Category will be shown (B) H
3. MARKING OF STORES. All chests, crates etc. will be marked with the Unit Serial No. and the distinguishing colour lines. Items in this Category A or B will have the symbol enclosed in a circle (as for para 2 above).
4. ACCOMODATION STORES AND TENTAGE. Scale "A" Accom Stores only will be stacked in Cat. "B" (See Appx "A"). All other accomodation stores will be stacked in Cat. "C".
5. BLANKETS. Surplus blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked in Cat. "C".
6. COOKING GEAR. Full W.E. of Cooking gear will be stacked in Category A and B (See Appx B & C). All surplus cooking gear will be stacked in Cat. "C".
7. BAND INSTRUMENTS AND SPORTS GEAR. Band instruments, amenities requisites, Radio Sets and Sporting Gear will be cased ~~in~~ or bagged and placed in Cat. "B".
8. PACKING. No loose items will be stacked in Cat. A or B, ALL items MUST be crated or securely wrapped in bundles with suitable wooden or tin labels attached and clearly marked in accordance with para 2. Bren tripods will be wired in bundles of 3.
9. OFFICERS MESS. All mess equipment will be packed and stacked outside the Mess and separated into Cat. B or D.
10. OFFICERS BAGGAGE. All Officers baggage will be stacked at the Western end of the Offrs Mess in Categories A, B and D.
11. OTHER RANKS BAGGAGE. Will be stacked at the Southern End of Coy lines in categories B and D (B being pack and D Kit Bag). All gear to be clearly marked as in para 2 (Category into which pack falls will depend upon circumstances).
12. CONTENTS OF HAVERSACK AND PACK. See Appx "D" attached.
13. REMARKS. Coy Comds and all officers will take immediate ~~xxxxx~~ action on receipt of this instruction in planning of packing and necessary preparation to be in a position to pack at one hours notice as from 1200 hrs 25 Aug. Coy and Pl Comds will personally check all packing and the contents of personal baggage, and in particular the contents of packs and haversacks - pl comds will have an inspection of contents neatly laid out. The packing as laid down in this instn will be adhered to strictly but suggested alterations are invited from Coy Comds.
14. Coys will submit to Q.M. by 1100 hrs 26 Aug list showing No. of cases or packages excl Kit Bags or packs in Cat. A & B by weight and cubic capacity.

15. Time issued. <sup>1100</sup>.....

16. ACK.

DISTRN:

C.O.	Copy	No.	1
2 i/c	"	"	2
Adjt	"	"	3
A/Adjt	"	"	4
Q.M.	"	"	5
I.O.	"	"	6
Major Simpson	"	"	7
" Smith	"	"	8
Capt Braham	"	"	9
" Diffey	"	"	10
" Graham	"	"	11
Lieut Lyons	"	"	12
(Offrs Mess Sec)			
War Diary	Copy	No	13, 14
File	"	"	15

*J.H. Griffiths*

Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "D" TO 2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 291. MARCHING ORDER. Will consist of -A. PACK containing -

2 Shirts	2 Sets Underclothing	Limited amount of essential personal gear, spare tobacco, matches etc. 1 Blanket & gdsheet rolled containing Sweater and mosquito net & veil - sausage fashion around the pack.
2 prs Slacks K.D.	1 pr Boots	
2 " Sox	Handkerchiefs.	
1 Towel	Housewife.	

Helmet steel under pack straps supporting.

B. HAVERSACK containing - (Worn on left side)

1 Crown Ring Cooker.  
Eating utensils (full dixie plus 1 tin bully 2 pkts biscuits).  
Toilet and Shaving gear (Holdall - shave stick, Soap, Razor, brushes teeth and shaving, comb, face washer, tooth paste, razor blade sharpener).  
1 pr Sox.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Towel  
Light Cord 12'  
1 pr Boot Laces.  
Tobacco  
Personal Medical Kit.  
Anti-Mosquito gloves.  
Gas Cape folded under flap.  
1 Tin Dubbin  
1 Tin Tea & Sugar.

C. WATER BOTTLE - worn on right side2. BATTLE ORDER. Haversack (Containing as for 1 B above)  
Bed Roll on belt at rear (Contents as for 1 A above)  
Water Bottle (worn on right side)



APPX 8

W.D

2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
5 Aug 43

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 25.

TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL TO 6 AUST DIV CARR COY.

1. The following personnel have been selected for transfer to the a/m Carr Coy, such transfer to be made effective at 1000 hrs 6 Aug 43.

VX 6405	Lieut	L.C. COOPER			
VX 6533	Sgt	WILTSHIRE	R.F.		
VX 5397	Cpl	BANNAN	W.R.		
QX 11521	Cpl	CLUFF	P.P.		
VX 6536	Cpl	FRASER	C.W.		
VX 50414	Pte	DAVIES	A.	Driver-mechanic	
VX 54690	Pte	PARAGREEN	G.W.	"	"
VX 51468	Pte	FARQUHAR	G.E.	Gun number	
VX 6271	Pte	LYGON	H.	"	"
VX 50826	Pte	McGREGOR	A.R.	"	"
VX 36403	Pte	SCOTT	W.G.	"	"
VX 63365	Pte	LOWE	J.E.	"	"

2. Records.- All personal records, Pay Cards, Conduct Sheets, etc., will be forwarded to 6 Aust Div Carr Coy on arrival of Unit Records.
3. Equipment.- (a) All personal equipment and rifle will be taken.  
(b) Blankets and bedboards will be taken.
4. Reporting.- All personnel will report to HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Car Park at 1000 hrs 6 Aug 43 for transport.
5. Rations.- Unconsumed portion of day's ration will be taken in bulk under arrangements of Lieut COOPER.
6. Personnel not yet returned from ARL will be transferred the day following return to Unit.

*J.H. Griffiths*

Capt  
Adj 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

*Map Diary*

2/8 Aust Inf Bn,  
10 Aug 43.

COY ~~XXXXXX~~ DEFENCE EXERCISE "D"

A. INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Date. *17/18 Aug 43.*

(1) AREA - THE MAZE

Ref Map. JUNGLE TRG AREA 8" to 1 ml  
393055

(ii) Tps taking part... Coy

(iii) ADM.

- (a) Dress and equipt. - Battle Order
- (b) Meals - will be partaken of in def area under service conditions
- (c) Duration of exercise - 36 hours.

B. EXERCISE.

(1) OBJECT. To practice Coy in the occupation and construction of a planned defensive posn.

(ii) Lessons to be taught.

- (a) Holding of essential ground.
- (b) All round defence and mutual sp.
- (c) Aggressive defence by patrolling.

Note - Coy posns will be completely dug and will include - construction of weapon pits - crawl trenches - construction of sleeping bays and overhead cover (at least one per sec) - clearing lanes of view - trip wires - beebie traps.

OPENING SITUATION

The Bn is to hold MAIN TRACK from track junc 391053, EAST against an enemy threat from the WEST.

"2" Coy is positioned on MAIN TRACK with its fwd elements in the vicinity of the above track junc and you are to occupy a defensive position to prevent the enemy carrying out an encircling move via the MAZE (p.e.g.) and attacking our flank in this area.

The remainder of the Bn is sited in depth along MAIN TRACK.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Event	Location	Remarks
1. Coy Comds recce	THE MAZE	Carried out prior to exercise. Decision on essential ground. Provision for standing patrol on track to left to be found by CENTRE sec of left pl - recce of route from track to sec posn to permit of rapid re-occupation of sec posn.
2. Coy Comds Orders and Pl Comds recce	Relevant pl areas	Siting of sec areas with particular ref to dispsns of automatic weapons all round defence and mutual sp. Tie-up of safety angles all gps.
3. Occupation by tps.	Relevant sec areas	Priority of works - weapon pits, wire or vine obstacles, lanes of view, crawl trenches etc. NB. Care in disposal of spoil, avoidance of undue interference with natural cover.

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

*Max Desay*

2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
12 Aug 43

COY ENCIRCLING ATTACK EXERCISE

A. Instructions for Exercise.

Date 18 Aug 43

(i) Area.- QUESTION MARK TRACK.

Ref Map: Jungle Trg Area -  
8" to 1 ml.  
387058.

(ii) Tps Taking Part.

OWN.- A B C D Coys in rotation.  
ENEMY.- 1 Pl strength to be detailed.

(iii) Adm.

(a) Dress and Eqpt -

OWN TPS. Battle Order, Hats fur felt.  
ENEMY. do Helmets steel.

(b) Representation of Fire -

Rifles - blank.  
L & SMGs - rattles.  
Grens - Aldershot grenades.

(c) Blank Amn - to be drawn from R.S.M. as under:

Blank rds per man.  
Aldershots per Pl.

B. Exercise.

(i) Object. To exercise Coy in the encircling attack.

(ii) Lessons to be Taught.-

- (a) Contact drill by forward patrol.
- (b) Rapid acquisition of info of Enemy's posns as result of (a), and passing back to Pl and Coy Comd.
- (c) Control.
- (d) Immediate mopping up and use of reserves.

(iii) References.- Jungle Warfare pam., Chap 5, Sec 4, Chap 6.  
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OPENING SITUATION

One of our patrols has reported that at        hrs today they contacted a Jap patrol of approx 30 men moving along the QUESTION MARK TRACK towards MAIN TRACK. On the Enemy being surprised they withdrew rapidly towards the high ground vicinity of MAC'S BEND 387058 and it is thought they may have established themselves in that area.

You have been ordered to proceed forthwith to locate and destroy the Jap force.

Serial	Time	Location	Event	Action	Remarks
1	Z	Track June 385057.	Exercise commences.		Organisation of Coy, distances, etc.
2	Z plus 4.	MAC'S BUND 387088.	Fwd patrol fired on.	Deployment of fwd patrol.	Retention of block on track gun gp. Cover of gps working to flanks. Coy Comd fwd.
3	Z plus 10.	do	Location of Enemy flanks.	Reporting of infm back by See runners.	Flank gps to continue pressure. Context & clarity of infm received by next higher Comd.
4	Z plus 15.	do	Coy Comd's plans & orders.	Pls to both or right flank.	Clarity of orders & dissemination. Soundness of plan. (i) Left flank decept- ive, max. force to be concentrated for actual attack. (ii) Appreciation of probable Enemy layout from map indicated by track bending to RIGHT. (iii) Arrangements for strengthening block. (iv) Arrangements for blocking Enemy rear. (v) Role of reserves.
5	Z plus 20.	do	Move of Coy to Start Line.		Formation, protection, control, speed & silence movt.
6	Z plus 25	do	Assault posn reached.	Assault initiated.	Formation, control, action of gps.
7	Z plus 30 Z plus 35	do	Capture of Objective.	Mopping up.	Speed & thoroughness, regaining of control, action of reserves. Automatic defence.
8	Z plus 40	do	DISCUSSION OF EXERCISE. REPETITION IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY.		

Umpires will be provided on following scale.-

Enemy - One officer, 1 NCO.  
Own Tps - Coy HQ - 1 officer.  
Pls - 1 officer each.  
Fwd Patrol - 1 senior NCO.

They will be required to bring about course of action outlined in above Sequence of Events and while penalising by casualties, obvious mistakes, will NOT attempt to restrict the freedom of decision or planning of any Comd.

To avoid disclosure to either side all umpires will conform strictly to the method of movement, etc., adopted by the Comd or sub-unit to which they are attached.

Capt  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

COY EXERCISE (DELIBERATE) ATTACK

A. Instructions for Exercise.

Date 14 Aug 43

(i) Area. MAIN TRACK

Ref Map - Jungle Trg Area  
8" to 1 ml.  
391053

(ii) Tps Taking Part.

OWN: A B C D Coys in rotation, plus one Pl,  
each Rifle Coy with in sp one det Mors.  
and att. Coy sigs. 108 Sets and line comms.  
ENEMY: 2 Pl strength to be detailed.

(iii) Adm.

(a) Dress & Eqpt: OWN TPS - Battle Order, Hats fur felt.  
ENEMY - do Helmets Steel.

(b) Reprn of Fire: Rifles - Blank  
L & SMGs - Rattles  
Grens - Aldershots.

(c) Blank Amn - to be drawn from R.S.M. as under -  
Blank rds per man  
Aldershots per pl.

B. Exercise.

(i) Object - To exercise Coy in the deliberate attack planned  
as the result contact drill and patrol reports.

(ii) Lessons to be taught -

- (a) Use of diversionary attack
- (b) Intercomm and control
- (c) Consolidation

(iii) References - Jungle Warfare pam. Chap V, Secs 5 - 7, Chap VI.  
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OPENING SITUATION

Reports of the presence of a small Jap force which eluded our forces on the ATHERTON RD have led to 2/8 Bn's being ordered to move via MAIN TRACK with the object of keeping this route clear of Enemy.

The leading Coy contacted and over-ran a small patrol vicinity of track junc. 386056 and approximately 300 yds further EAST were engaged by a patrol of approximately 15 of whom 5 were killed on endeavouring to fall back on what subsequently appeared to be their main defensive posn.

Leading Coy Comd pushed on until halted by heavy fire from vicinity track junc. 391053.

Having regained contact he established one Pl and Coy HQ astride MAIN TRACK and ordered remaining Pls to flanks from whence patrolling is in progress to establish the extent and depth of Enemy posns.

NOTE - For purpose of exercise leading Coy represented by one Pl, each Sec of which represents one Pl.

NARRATIVE 1

O.C. Leading Coy to C.O.

"I have just received the reports from my flank Pls from which it appears that he is holding the posn in some strength immediately fwd of me across MAIN TRACK. Right of the track his disposns extend approx. ....yds and left of the track approx. ....yds - his depth would appear to be about ....yds.

"From the fire drawn the patrols consider that there is less strength to the rear of the posn and he appears to have sited the greater pre-ponderance of his tps fwd covering a couple of tracks leading in diagonally towards MAIN TRACK.

"Right of track the ground slopes down to a wadi running roughly parallel to the track and distant therefrom about 200 yds - this does not appear to be covered. Left of the track the ground falls away steeply about 50 yds from the track and any attack on that flank would have to fight uphill towards the Enemy Posts which are sited fairly close to the TRACK.

"We have located posts at (approx. posns p.o.g.). L.M.G. and rifle fire only encountered."

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Ser	Time	Location	Event	Action	Remarks
1	Z	MAIN TRACK 391053	Exercise commences		Fwd Coy in posn, summary of infm & orders given to attacking Coy Comd.
2	Z plus 5	do	Coy Comds orders		Context & clarity - role allotted reserves.
3		do	Movt of Coy to F.U.P. commences.	Mor. prepares for action. Patrols on left flank move to posn	Speed & silence of movt. Arrangements for keeping direction.
4		WADI	F.U.P. reached	Attack initiated. More open fire.	Formation & control. To cut out at Z plus.
5		MAIN TRACK.	Objective reached	Mopping up	Speed & thoroughness regaining of control. Action of reserves. Reporting of infm.
6		do	Objective captured	Fwd elements holding Coy close in.	Establishing of contact with attacking Coy.
7		do	Adoption of	Immediate	Defence
8	DISCUSSION			OF	EXERCISE

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

APPX 7 WD

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 26

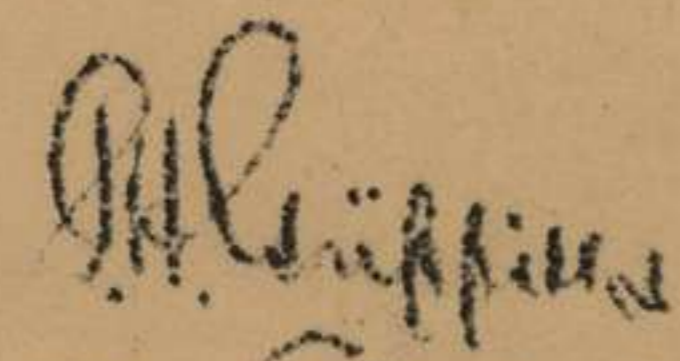
17 Aug 43.

DEMONSTRATION TANK SHOOT

- "C" Soudn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt will give a demo of use of gunfire to destroy bunker positions in 2/11 Aust Inf Bn open trg area at 1400 hrs 19 Aug.
- Personnel to attend. - Following Officers, N.C.Os and ORs will attend the above demo:

Bn HQ.	C.O., Adj., Maj	Capes		3
HQ Coy	Capt	Graham		1
No. 2	Pl Sjt	Riddington plus 1 NCO & 1 OR		2
No. 3	Pl Sjt	Johnson K.T. plus 1 NCO		2
No. 4	Pl Lieut	Pape, 1 NCO & 2 ORs		4
No. 5	Pl Lieut	Doncaster, 1 NCO & 1 OR		3
A Coy	Lieut	Thompson & 7 NCOs or Ptes		8
B Coy	Capt	Rumley & 8 " " "		9
C Coy	Major	Simpson & 8 " " "		9
D Coy	Capt	Diffey & 8 " " "		9
<b>Total</b>				<u><b>50</b></u>

- Transport & Reporting - T.O. will provide 1 x 3 ton vch to depart En Car Park 1315 hrs 19 Aug. Personnel will report 1310 hrs.
- Dress - Other Ranks K.D. Slacks, Shirt Khaki, Hat fur felt, Gaiters and web belt.

  
 Capt.  
Adj., 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTR:

All Coys	5
C.O.	1
2 i/c	1
Adj	1
T.O.	1
War Diary	2
File	1

APPX 10 HQ Coy

2/8 Aust Inf Bn,  
17 Aug 43.

ALL COYS.

2/8 BN WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

As is well known by all the older officers and O.Rs of this Bn, the above association has worked consistently and hard for the unit, and PWs, and has up to date assisted in many ways relatives and next of kin of serving members.

It is felt by the Committee of the Assn that insufficient is known by members of the Unit of the use that can be made of this body, and I therefore desire that Coy Comds will bring it to the notice of all ranks.

The 2/8 Bn Welfare Assn has many contacts in Melbourne as a result of which it is possible for them to advise and expedite enquiries on behalf of members of the unit or their friends and relatives.

In addition the Assn is endeavouring to establish funds from which assistance may be granted to widows and dependants of deceased soldiers, and for the purpose of assisting the rehabilitation in civil life of ex-members of the Bn.

As can be readily understood these projects mean a great deal of work which at present is being undertaken by a very small band of helpers which it is hoped can be augmented.

To this end it is proposed to furnish the Assn with the names of soldiers' next of kin.

Coy Comds will therefore submit the relevant particulars of all ranks to Bn HQ by 0900 hrs 23 Aug but I desire Coy Comds to impress on their men that the submission of these details is NOT in any way intended to coerce their friends or to force them to assist financially the efforts of the Assn, but it is hoped that any who can will endeavour to further the work of our benefactors.

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*A. J. Howden* Lt.Col.  
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



W.D

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.27

19 Aug 43

1. The following instns are issued in view of the forthcoming move of the Bn to Special Trg Centre and to enable unit equipment to be brought to the best possible standard. They are NOT intended to foment rumours etc which will be scotched by ALL Officers in conversation and mail at ALL times.  
If any amplification of any instn contained herein is desired, the Q.M. or Adjt. should be consulted.
2. Greatcoats:- All greatcoats will be returned to the Q.M. by 1800 hrs 20 Aug.
3. Kit Bags (Universal):- Return is required to reach Bn HQ by 1800 hrs 20 Aug. of number deficient in each Coy.
4. Rifles:- Any rifles considered to be defective will be inspected under Coy arrangements by the Armourer who will report on any such rifles to the Q.M.
5. Boxes Mag Bren:- Coys will retain sufficient only to contain W.E. of Mags held by them. Surplus boxes to be returned to Q.M. by 1800 hrs 20 Aug.
6. Kit Inspection:- A thorough Kit Inspection of ALL personnel on strength with the Coys will be carried out after Church Parade on Sunday 22 Aug. Deficiency lists to be forwarded to the Q.M. by NOT later than 1500 hrs 22 Aug.
7. Zeroing of Rifles and LMGs:- All weapons MUST be zeroed as soon ~~as possible~~ as possible. this will be completed on next range practice and a report submitted to Bn HQ advising completion.
8. Boxes "A" Category:- Each Coy will forthwith construct One such box for the carriage, of in order of priority the following:-  
Oil G.S. M80.  
Flannelette.  
Dubbin(Reserve)  
Coy Records.  
Total weight of the box filled NOT to exceed 30 lbs.  
Dimensions 20"x15"x15"-5 ply wood for construction is available, from Q.M.  
Other "A" Category boxes of HQ Coy will be constructed in accordance with previous instns.  
Details of making will be advised to ALL Coys by Q.M.
9. Kits-Officers:- Officers will forthwith arrange sub division of Clothing and effects into categories "A" "B" "C". As a general indication it may be assumed that Officers will move in MARCHING ORDER and will be allowed as baggage an extra total of 35 lbs which may include suitcase (small) and or valise.

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

Distbn

C.O.	No. 1.	Capt. Diffey.	No. 8.
2i/c	" 2.	Capt. Graham.	" 9.
Adj. t.	" 3.	Lieut. Wilson.	" 10.
Q.M.	" 4.	File.	" 11.
Major Capes.	" 5.	War Diary.	" 12. 13.
Major Simpson.	" 6.		
Major Smith.	" 7.		

"Left out of Battle" Personnel - Rear Details.

1. Tropical War Establishment and organisation of an Inf Bn lays down certain personnel as being L.O.B. and for information to all concerned the L.O.B. scale of this unit is set out ~~xxxx~~ as Appx "A".
2. Rear Details - are entirely separate to L.O.B. and are practically the equivalent to the "B" echelon which operated in open warfare. The set up of rear details personnel may be changed at any time but the suggested composition is set out as Appx "B" for information.

*G.H. Griffiths* Capt.

Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A"

L.O.B. Personnel.

Details only are given hereunder and Coy Comds are asked to submit the names of personnel whom they wish to fill this list. Such lists to be submitted to Bn HQ by 0900 hrs 28 Aug 43. As a guide supernumerary NCOs may be used to fill such lists. Officers will be advised in a separate list.

Coy	POs	Sjts	Cpls	ORs	Total All ranks
H.Q.	1				1
No. 1 Fl Sigs				3	3
No. 2 Fl PNC				2	2
No. 3 Fl Mortar				2	2
No. 5 Fl Pnr			Carpenter	1	1
No. 6 Fl Adm			Storeman	1 )	2
			Cook	1 )	
					11
A Coy		1	1 Rifleman	8	10
B Coy	1		2 "	7	10
C Coy		1	2 "	7	10
D Coy		1	1 "	8	10
Bn HQ.			Orderly Room	1 I Sec	2
TOTALS	2	3	7	41	53

APPENDIX "B"

REAR DETAILS.

Bn HQ	ORs	Sjts	Cpls	HQ Coy	ORs
O.R. Sjt.				ORs )	1
Day Sjt.				CO Caterer	
Day Cpl.				Sjt Cook	
Postal Sjt				3 Cooks	
Canteen Sjt				Offrs Mess Sjt	
1 Medical orderly.				" " Gen Duty (1)	
Rifle Coys.	COs			Foot repairer	
	2 cooks (Cpl and 1)			Armourer Sjt	
				Armourer Cpl	
				Equipment Repairer	
				Technical Storemen (2)	
				Ration storeman (1)	
				Tailor	
				Technical Stores Sjt.	
				C.M. Clerk.	
				Signallers (2)	
				Butcher	

DISTR:

C.O.	Coy Comd.	A Coy
2 i/c	" "	B "
Adjt	" "	C "
I.O.	" "	D "
Q.M.	War Diary	2 ✓
Coy Comd:	HQ Coy	File.

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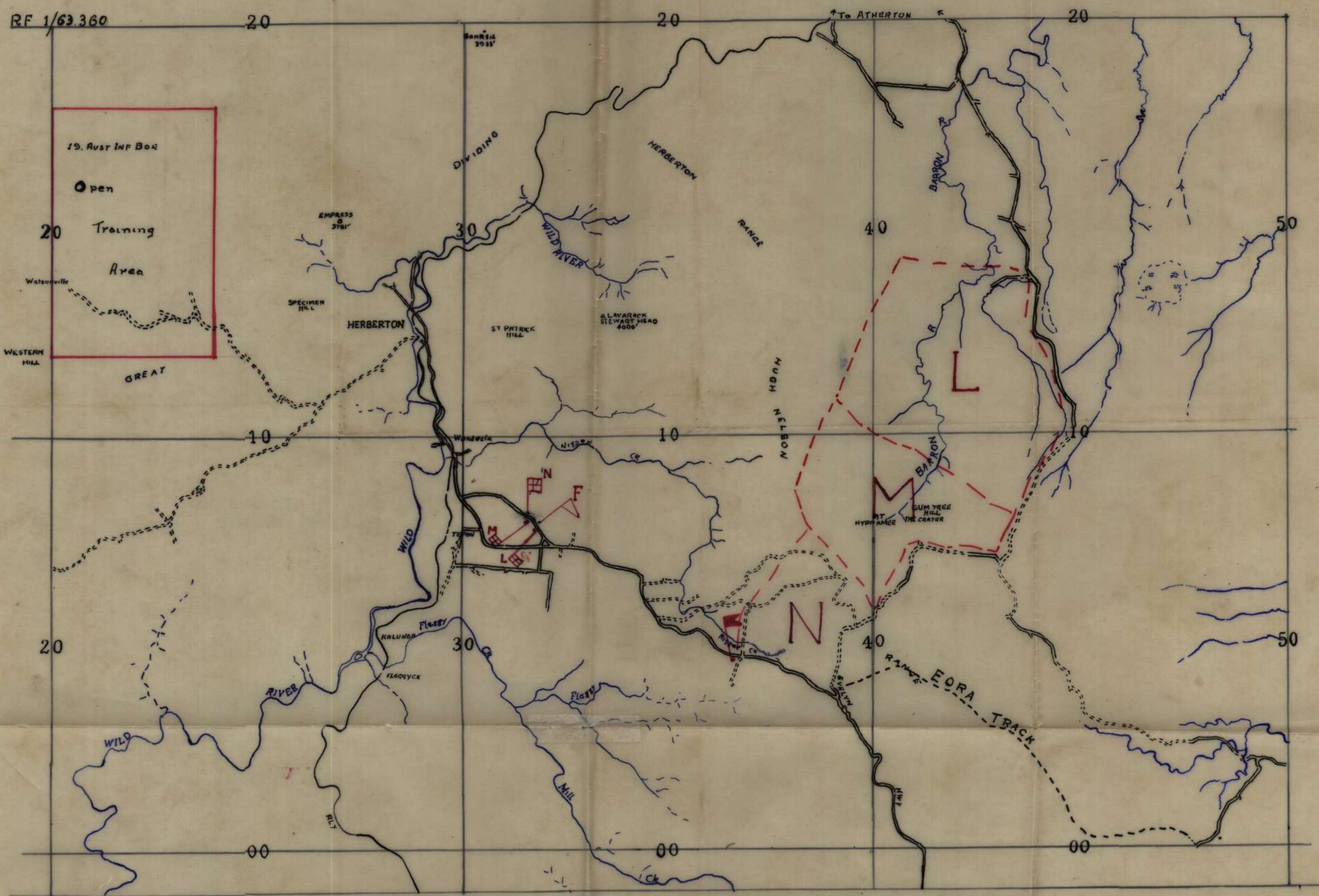
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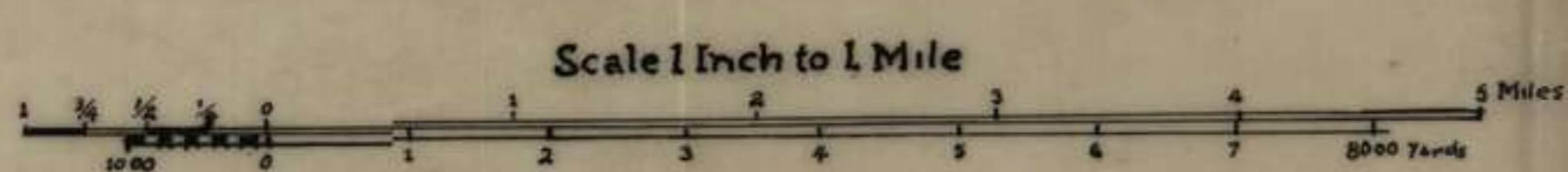
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LEGEND

M	2/4 Aust Inf Bn
N	2/8 Aust Inf Bn
L	2/11 Aust Inf Bn
F	1st Aust Inf Bde.

Traced By  
Int Sec  
2/8 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)  
Revised Jan., 1943

(Serial No.)

At **1000** Hrs. Saturday **7 / 8 / 1943** . . . . . **2/8 Aust Inf Bn** (Unit)

**W.E. 11 / 1262 . OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 42 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 4 7 17	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lientenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	<b>A.A.M.G. Capt</b>	1			
			29		<b>A.A. Ch. D.</b>	1			
						2			

	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.		29								29
	E.[1]										
	E.[2]										

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<b>VX6405</b>	<b>Lieut</b>	<b>COOPER L.C.</b>	<b>6 Aust Div</b> <b>Carrier Coy</b>	<b>6.8.43</b>	<b>Seconded</b>

## 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 <sup>1000</sup> Hrs. Saturday 7./8./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.	G.O.	Yes		
Major	VX91	CAVES	H.G.	Supnry	"		
Major	VX49	McDONALD	H.H.	2 1/c	"		
Major	VX66	SIMPSON	G.L.	OC 6	"		
Major	VX203	SMITH	J.A.H.	OC A	"		
Capt	SX1451	BRAMH	D.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.	Mc121/c0	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIFFEY	S.G.	OC D	"		
Capt	VX9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX9763	DWYER	M.J.	Supnry	"		
Capt	VX6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adjt	"		
Capt	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX34525	THOMPSON	G.M.Y.	OC 9	"		
Lieut	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC 2	"		
Lieut	VX7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	NO	School for Interpretation of Air Photos 3.8.43	
Lieut	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	OC 3	Yes		
Lieut	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 12	"		
Lieut	VX55144	LAIDLAW	J.S.	T.O.	"		
Lieut	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX52854	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	OC 7	"		
Lieut	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
Lieut	VX4322	BRIMAGE	C.W.	OC 13	"		
Lieut	VX4637	COMBES	C.A.	OC 14	"		
Lieut	SX12814	BERRY	H.G.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX38604	CHAFFE	F.G.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 16	"		
Lieut	VX4879	MORAN	H.B.	OC 15	"		
Lieut	NX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
<b>ATTACHED ON W.E.</b>							
Capt	WX11107	GRAY	L.P.	R.M.O.	Yes		
Chaplain	QX40920	McDONALD	C.H.		"		

**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	VX117110	FRENCH B.J.	39 Bn	17 Jul 43	Supernumerary
Capt	VX100098	McLEAN D.I.H.	39 Bn	" "	2 1/c 3 Coy
Capt	VX46026	ARUNDEL R.E.H.	39 Bn	" "	Supernumerary
Lieut	VX117109	SIMONSON D.J.	39 Bn	" "	OC 11 Pl
Lieut	VX6009	GRANT J.E.F.	Gen List	" "	Supernumerary
Lieut	VX4963	BUTTON R.W.	" "	" "	" " "
Lieut	VX28921	HANSEN S.H.	" "	" "	" " "
Lieut	NX4032	HEWITT G.L.	" "	" "	" " "

7 Aug 43  
Date of Despatch

Comd

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At <sup>1000</sup>~~0600~~ Hrs. Saturday 7 / 8 / 1943. 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit) Bn

W.E.11 /12c/ 2 OFFRS32 O.R's. 739+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 42 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				5	6 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							
		1	7	W.Os. Class II.	AAOC	1								
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	AEME	12	10							
				Staff Sergeants	AACC	-	-	23	NR					
		7	38	Sergeants	AAPC	1	-	1	NR					
		14	78	Corporals	AAPost Ser 1									
222	314	70	388	Troopers, Privates, etc										
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
222	314	92	517	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		20	11	24	-					
<p>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).</p> <p>** 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.</p>				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
				A		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
				B(1)										
				B(2)										

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
1	A.A. Amenities		

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	SK Q'l'd Records		
2	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde		

### 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).

Unit

Serial No.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

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

**Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 8 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, 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				Hangetakers	4	2	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders		1		Painters				Biveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	4						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		3	
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Sievedores			
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		8		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		6		Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths		1	
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		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											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator		10	7	3							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties											
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									
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1									
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors		8		Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	1	10	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	66	3	CARRIED FORWARD	57	135	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	772	537	222

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.

8 Aug 43

Date of Despatch

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

SURPLUS      DEFICIENCY

Remarks

	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENCY</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>WO II</u>	1		Created by transfer in of this WO from NTFARD.
<u>Sgts.</u>			
Non-tradesmen	7		Supernumerary - through change in W.E. and reinfnts holding confirmed rank.
<u>Cpls.</u>			
Non-tradesmen	14		Supernumerary - as for Sgts.
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<u>Specialists.</u>			
Cooks	23		Owing to change in WE - to be transferred to AACC.
Mech MT	1		Owing to change in WE.
Clerks	2		Supernumerary.
Driver Mechs	25		Owing to change in WE.
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N.B. Owing to complete records not yet having come to hand, this return cannot be considered accurate. The "Reinforcements Required" figure of 222 will, it is estimated, be lowered by approx 160 when all personnel have returned from leave. This return is based on personnel returned to the unit in this new area.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

Revised Jan., 1943

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 12 / 1943 . . . . . 2/3 unit inf reg . . . . . (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2 . . . . . OFFRS. 32 O.R's / 39 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
		1	1	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	-	-	-				
		6	4										
			10										
			24										
-	-	7	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.
		A.		39									40
		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.

## 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].

.....Unit

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/...../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	14047	SMITH	F.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	81	CARR	F.C.	Supernumerary			
Major	49	DONALD	F.S.	2 1/e			
Major	81	LINDON	C.L.	OC 2			
Major	203	WILLIAMS	J.A.S.	OC 2			
Capt	1451	BRADY	D.	OC 3			
Capt	204	MARSHALL	H.J.	31/c5			
Capt	896	DUFFY	F.C.	OC 2			
Capt	9818	BRADY	G.B.S.	OC 20			
Capt	9738	DUFFY	F.J.	Supernumerary			
Capt	6549	GRIFFITH	J.S.	OC 13			
Capt	6500	DUFFY	J.C.	31/c5	No	in transit ex /AL	
Capt	5479	DUFFY	L.O.	Supernumerary	Yes		
Capt	6405	COLLIER	F.A.	31/c5	No	in transit ex /AL	
Capt	8731	MALFOUR	F.	C.O.			
Lieut	34525	THOMPSON	C.	F.V.	OC 9	Yes	
Lieut	6401	DUFFY	J.S.	OC 8			
Lieut	30724	DUFFY	F.S.	OC 4	No	in transit ex /AL	
Lieut	7053	ILSON	J.C.	L.O.	Yes		
Lieut	722	WILSON	H.	L.O.	Supernumerary	No	in transit ex /AL
Lieut	8489	SCHEIDT	F.J.	OC 3	Yes		
Lieut	9105	WILSON	F.L.	OC 12			
Lieut	8300	BRIDGES	J.S.	OC 17	No	in transit ex /AL	
Lieut	35144	AIDAN	J.S.	L.O.	Yes		
Lieut	50484	BRIDGES	A.S.S.	Supernumerary			
Lieut	53878	BRIDGES	H.	31/c5	No	in transit ex /AL	
Lieut	52854	DODD	F.J.S.	OC 7	Yes		
Lieut	43519	WILSON	F.S.	OC 8			
Lieut	4322	WILSON	C.F.	OC 13			
Lieut	4637	DODD	F.S.	OC 14			
Lieut	12814	DUFFY	F.O.	Supernumerary	No	in transit ex /AL	
Lieut	38456	DUFFY	J.S.		Yes		
Lieut	38504	DUFFY	F.O.				
Lieut	13323	WILSON	F.S.	OC 16	Yes		
Lieut	4879	DUFFY	F.S.	OC 15			
Lieut	138183	DUNBELL	H.	J.	OC 18		
Lieut	6530	WILSON	F.S.	OC 5	No	in transit ex /AL	
Lieut	11725	WILSON	F.S.	OC 10		in transit ex /AL	
Lieut	14571	WILSON	H.	Supernumerary		in transit ex /AL	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capt	20081	WILSON	F.V.	L.O.	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	34020	DONALD	C.O.	30.8.43	Chaplain
Capt	117110	BRADY	F.S.	7.7.43	Supernumerary
Capt	117138	BRADY	F.S.	7.7.43	2 1/e 3 Coy
Capt	14028	BRADY	F.S.	7.7.43	Supernumerary
Lieut	117109	BRADY	F.S.	7.7.43	OC 11
Lieut	117138	BRADY	F.S.	7.7.43	Supernumerary
Lieut	6039	BRADY	J.S.	2.7.43	Temp posting to List 80
Lieut	4903	BRADY	F.S.	2.7.43	
Lieut	20022	BRADY	F.S.	2.7.43	
Lieut	4032	BRADY	F.S.	2.7.43	
Lieut	47618	BRADY	F.S.	5.8.43	Supernumerary

14 August 1943  
 Date of Despatch

..... Lt. Col.  
 Commanding .....  
 Signature of Commander  
 First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A73—62M—5/43.



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 8 / 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				Rangelakers	4	2	NR
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	1	4						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		3	
Bricklayers		3						Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical	4	3	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen		8		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		2		Telescope Identifn Numbers				Tinsmiths		1	
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	5	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		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				Miscell	672387200		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	14					739536203
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply		1					
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							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons		1		Driver Mechanics		26					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners		4		Equipment Repairers	1		NR				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		2		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates		1					
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	12	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	64	3	CARRIED FORWARD	57	133	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	772	554	203

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 August 1943  
Date of Despatch

Commanding Signature of Commander Lt. Col.

Army Form W 200  
 (Revised 17th Dec 1943)  
 (Form 100)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in  
 Part A. REMARKS DEFICIENCY SURPLUS FOR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A.

Category	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
<b>Sgts</b>					
Non tradesmen		8			Created by transfer in of this WO from MPFAED
<b>Cpls</b>					
Non Tradesmen		9			Superannumerary - through change in WE and reinfnts holding confirmed rank
-----					
<b>Specialists</b>					
Cooks		23			Owing to Change in WE - to be transferred to AACC
Driver Mech		26			Owing to change in WE
*****					
NB. LEAVE LIST attached.					

Date of Report  
 Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

29 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 1120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
		1	1	*									
		4	4	*									
		10	10	Lieut.-Colonels									
		6	24	Majors	AANC								
				Captains		1							
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
-	-	7	39			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	L.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		60									60
		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.
VX6568	Capt	GATELY J.C.	2/8 Bn	14.8.43	Rejoined Unit ex ARL
VX6405	Capt	WOLSTON H.A.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
NX8791	Capt	BALFOUR E.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
VX39724	Lieut	PAPE R.E.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
VX 722	Lieut	HEDGE R.O.C.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
VX6300	Lieut	TRETHOWAN J.M.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
VX 52878	Lieut	DORCASTER H.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
EX12814	Lieut	BERRY R.G.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "
VX6550	Lieut	NEWTON E.H.	" "	14.8.43	" " " "

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX9105	Lieut	WATSON E.L.	18 Aust Inf Bde	10.8.43	Detached only - for special training

## 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).

Unit

29/43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 8 / 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.
Lieut-Col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	VX 81	CAVES	H.C.	Supnry	"		
Major	VX 49	McDONALD	H.H.	2 1/2	"		
Major	VX 66	SIMPSON	C.L.	OC 0	"		
Major	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	OC A	"		
Capt	SX 1451	BRANAN	D.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX 204	MASKELL	H.J.	MoL. 21/2 0	"		
Capt	VX 6596	DIPPY	S.C.	OC D	"		
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	C.H.S.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX 9768	DEYER	M.J.	Supnry	"		
Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adit	"		
Capt	VX 6568	GATELY	J.C.	21/2 A	"		
Capt	VX 5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	21/2 B	"		
Capt	VX 6405	COULSTON	H.A.	21/2 D	"		
Capt	MX 8791	BALFOUR	E.	C.M.	"		
Lieut	VX 34525	THOMPSON	C.M.Y.	OC 9	"		
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC 2	"		
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE	R.E.	OC 4	"		
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	I.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 722	MUDGE	H.O.C.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	OC 3	"		
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	S.L.	OC 12	No	Detached 16 Bde	10.8.43
Lieut	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 17	Yes		
Lieut	VX 38144	LAIDLAW	J.S.	T.O.	"		
Lieut	VX 50424	WHITEHEAD	A.M.W.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX 52873	DONGASTER	H.	21/2 5	"		
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	H.A.W.	OC 7	"		
Lieut	VX 43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
Lieut	TX 4322	BRIMAGE	G.W.	OC 13	"		
Lieut	TX 4637	GOMBES	G.A.	OC 14	"		
Lieut	SX 12814	HERRY	H.G.	Supnry	"		
Lieut	VX 38456	LYONS	J.S.	"	"		
Lieut	VX 38604	CHAPPE	P.G.	"	"		
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 16	No	Detached 19 Bde HQ	22.7.43
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	H.B.	OC 15	Yes		
Lieut	MX139188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
Lieut	VX 6530	NEWTON	W.H.	OC 5	"		
Lieut	VX 11725	GRAVENER	W.M.	OC 10	No	In transit ex leave	
Lieut	VX 14571	GRAVENER	K.	Supnry	No	" " " "	
Attached on W.B.							
Capt	SX 28061	SOUTHCOTT	R.V.	R.M.O.	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	GX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.8.42	Chaplain.
Capt	VX117110	FRENCH B.J.	39 Bn	17.7.43	Superannuary
Capt	VX46026	ARUNDEL R.E.H.	39 "	17.7.43	"
Lieut	VX117109	SIMONSON B.J.	39 "	17.7.43	OC 11 Pl.
Lieut	VX 114250	GARLAND A.G.	39 "	21.7.43	Superannuary
Lieut	VX 6009	GRANT J.B.P.	Comds Bn	2.7.43	Pending posting NS List 30
Lieut	VX 4963	BUTTON R.E.	"	2.7.43	" " " "
Lieut	VX 28921	HANSEN R.H.	"	2.7.43	" " " "
Lieut	MX 4032	HEWITT C.L.	"	2.7.43	" " " "
Lieut	MX40618	McPHERSON N.K.	RAE 1 AA	5.8.43	Superannuary " " "
Lieut	VX117103	HIRST J.R.	39 Bn	21.7.43	"

21 Aug 43

Date of Despatch

Commanding

*W.S. Howden*  
Signature of Commander  
2/8 Bn.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

29 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E.	Deficient W E.	Reinfts Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I	AAAC	4			
			6	W.Os. Class II	AAAC	1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	AEVE	11	9		
			5	Staff Sergeants	AAAC			23	NR
		10	41	Sergeants	AAAC	2		1	NR
		13	77	Corporals	AAPostSer	1			
134	226	69	475	Troopers, Privates, etc					
				Civilians counting as O.R					
134	226	92	605	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		18	9	24	-

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.P.	* *	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	623									623
B(1)	"L" List - 3 Sgts, 1 Cpl, 77 ORs									
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
2	AA Amenities			1	Q'l'd Records		
				2	19 Aust Inf Bde		

**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).



Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 / 8 / 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 Stitches						
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing						
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental						
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers						
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	NR				
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	1	4				Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		3				
Bricklayers		3				Radiographers			Stevadores						
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		1				
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers		1	Storemen, Technical	4	3 NR				
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	27	25 NR	Tailors	2	2 -				
Dispensers			Axemen		8	Signwriters			Textile Reftters						
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		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			Miscell	672	456 131				
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1							
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	11	14		739	605 134				
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply		1							
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	4	4				
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AACC	1	1				
Pattern Maker			Masons		1	Driver Mechanics		26	AEME	2	11				
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AACC	23	- NR				
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Engine Hands, I.C.			AAPC	2	1 NR				
Photowriter			Miners		4	Equipment Repairers	1	- NR	AAPostSer	1	1				
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers									
Saw Doctors		2	Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates		1							
Surveyors			Observation Post Assis.			Gun Layers									
CARRIED FORWARD	1	12	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	64	3	CARRIED FORWARD	57	133	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	772	623	134

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.  
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21 August 43

Date of Despatch

Commanding *W. W. W. W.* Lieut. Col.  
Signature of Commander

SURPLUS    DEFICIENCY

REMARKS

Sgts

Non tradesmen

10

Supernumerary - created by change in WE and reinfnts holding confirmed rank.

Cpls

Non tradesmen

13

do.

Specialists

Cooks

23

Supernumerary - owing to change in WE - to be transferred to AACC.

Driver Mech

26

Owing to change in WE.

N.B. "LEAVE LIST" attached.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

30 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 8 / 1943 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit) Bn

W.E. 11 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY 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.					
		2.	1.	*	AAMC	I.								
		6.	4.	*										
		8.	10.	Lieut.-Colonels										
			25.	Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
			40.			I.								
				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.	41.									41.
				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.
X 9105	Lieut	WATSON.E.L.	2/8 BN	24.8.43	Rejoined unit ex detachment to 16 Aust Inf Bde
XI3323	Lieut	HUTSON.W.A.	2/8 BN	25.8.43	Rejoined unit ex detachment to 19 Bde NCO School.

### 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 28/8/1943 (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.
Lieut-Col	VX 14047	BOYD	T.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Lieut	VX 81	CAPSA	H.C.	Superv			
Lieut	VX 49	McDONALD	H.S.	9 1/2			
Lieut	VX 88	SLIPSON	C.L.	CC 7			
Lieut	VX 803	SMITH	J.A.V.	Superv			
Capt	VX 1481	BRANAN	D.	CC 11			
Capt	VX 804	HASSELL	J.Sel.	21/60			
Capt	VX 8500	DIPPEY	H.C.	CC 10			
Capt	VX 2012	SHARAH	C.S.V.	CC 10			
Capt	VX 0768	DYER	H.L.	Superv			
Capt	VX 2169	CHIFFIN	J.S.	1935			
Capt	VX 2568	GATELY	J.C.	CC 11			
Capt	VX 2473	DUNBY	L.O.	21/60			
Capt	VX 2405	COLEMAN	V.A.	21/60			
Capt	VX 0701	BALFOUR	H.	...			
Lieut	VX 24325	THOMPSON	C.S.V.	CC 9			
Lieut	VX 2401	ADAMS	T.S.	CC 2			
Lieut	VX 20724	WALSH	H.S.	CC 4			
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON	J.C.	L.O.			
Lieut	VX 772	WILSON	H.C.	Superv			
Lieut	VX 2459	WILSON	H.C.	CC 3			
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	H.S.	CC 12			
Lieut	VX 2300	WATSON	J.C.	CC 17			
Lieut	VX 25144	LADLAW	T.S.	C.O.			
Lieut	VX 20424	WATSON	H.C.	Superv			
Lieut	VX 22872	DANIELS	H.	21/60			
Lieut	VX 22842	DANIELS	H.A.V.	CC 9			
Lieut	VX 43513	WATSON	H.S.	CC 8			
Lieut	VX 4322	WATSON	H.S.	CC 15			
Lieut	VX 4257	WATSON	H.S.	CC 14			
Lieut	VX 12014	WATSON	H.S.	Superv			
Lieut	VX 22452	WATSON	H.S.	"			
Lieut	VX 22452	WATSON	H.S.	"			
Lieut	VX 22452	WATSON	H.S.	CC 16			
Lieut	VX 22452	WATSON	H.S.	CC 18			
Lieut	VX 13012	WATSON	H.S.	CC 12			
Lieut	VX 22452	WATSON	H.S.	CC 8			
Lieut	VX 14572	WATSON	H.S.	CC 10	No	In transit on leave	
Lieut	VX 14571	WATSON	H.S.	Superv	No	In transit on leave	
Lieut	VX 22452	WATSON	H.S.	CC 11	Yes		
Attached to...							
Capt	VX 11107	GRAY	L.P.	CCO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX40920	McDONALD, C.H.	A.A.C.M.	30.8.42	Chaplain.
Capt	VX117110	FRENCH, B.J.	30 Bn	17.7.43	Supernumerary
Capt	VX40926	ARMSTRONG, A.S.V.	30 Bn	17.7.43	"
Lieut	VX117162	ARMSTRONG, B.J.	30 Bn	17.7.43	CC 11 Pl.
Lieut	VX114254	GARLAND, A.A.	30 Bn	21.7.43	Supernumerary
Lieut	VX6009	SMITH, J.S.V.	Gen Dept	2.7.43	Leading Postman 1st Lt 60
Lieut	VX28021	HARRIS, A.H.	"	2.7.43	"
Lieut	VX40922	HARRIS, A.H.	"	2.7.43	"
Lieut	VX40918	HARRIS, A.H.	30 Bn	2.7.43	Supernumerary
Lieut	VX117103	HARRIS, J.S.	30 Bn	21.7.43	"

Date of Despatch  
28.8.43

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 / 8 / 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			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	NR
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	1	3	NR					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer	1	1	
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical	4	5	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	4	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		21		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.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	13					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply		1					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		10	9	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		17					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates		1					
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	-	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	35	1	CARRIED FORWARD	57	93	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	772	553	165

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 Aug 1943  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
1 Lt Col



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2/8 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lt-Col W.S. HOWDEN

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Serial S. 6(7)

2 August 43

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at retreat 2 Aug. 43.

Duty Officer. N.F.D.	Lieut. C.M.Y. THOMPSON. Lieut. H.B. MORAN.
Duty Coy. N.F.D.	"HQ" Coy. "B" Coy.

2. NUMBERING OF PLATOONS: With the change in War Establishment of an Inf. Bn, platoons will be numbered as follows, and will become effective as from 2 Aug. 43.

<u>HQ Coy</u>	No. 1 pl - (Signals)	<u>A Coy.</u>	No. 7 pl	<u>C Coy.</u>	No. 13 pl
	No. 2 " - (MMG)		No. 8 pl		No. 14 pl
	No. 3 " - (Mortars)		No. 9 pl.		No. 15 pl
	No. 4 " - (Pk. A.)	<u>E Coy.</u>	No. 10 pl	<u>D Coy.</u>	No. 16 pl
	No. 5 " - (Pioneers)		No. 11 pl		No. 17 pl
	No. 6 " - (Admin.)		No. 12 pl.		No. 18 pl

3. MEDICAL INSPECTION - Short Leg: All ranks will be paraded by Coys to the R.A.P. at the following times:

TUESDAY, AUG. 3 0815 hrs -- A & B Coys.  
 " " 1330 " -- Bn HQ. & HQ Coy.  
 THURSDAY, AUG. 5 0815 " -- C & D Coys.

4. WATER SUPPLY:

The practice of washing under taps is strictly prohibited and will cease forthwith. A limited number of Wash Tubs will be made available for washing. These Tubs must NOT be taken away from the benches at the showers.

5. ERECTION OF TENTS:

Tentage will NOT be erected closer than twenty feet to any permanent camp building.

*W.S. Howden*  
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

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

Part 1

82/43

6 Aug 43

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 6 Aug 43.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut S.H. HANSEN
N.F.D.	Lieut G.W. BRIMAGE
Duty Coy	"C" Coy
N.F.D.	"A" Coy

2. G 455.

1. The loss to the enemy of documents containing details about our forces, movements and plans is always likely to have disastrous results, for experience on all fronts has shown that captured documents provide one of the most fruitful sources of information to the enemy. For instance some of our marked maps captured by the Japanese in New Guinea, and subsequently recaptured by us, show clearly the good use to which they were put by the enemy.

2. Every soldier should therefore be ~~xxx~~ aware of the grave danger (to himself and to his comrades) of permitting documents to fall into enemy hands - a danger all the more acute in battle zones, or in any situation which may entail contact with the enemy, or when the possibility of attack by the enemy exists.

3. Particular attention by all Ranks must be paid to the care in destroying ALL personal papers, letters and documents before proceeding into an operational area.

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*J.H. Griffiths*

Cap t.

Adj. 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 83/43 7 Aug 45

DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat on 7 Aug 45:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R.W. BUTTON
N.F.D.	Lieut J.E.F. GRANT
Duty Coy	'A' Coy
N.F.D.	'B' Coy

CHURCH PARADE: Bn Sports Ground.

Combined Service	0900 hrs	
Marches to RSM	0850 hrs	
Coys march on	0855 hrs	
Holy Communion	0700 hrs	(Rec Hut 2/11 Aust Inf Bn)
RC Mass	0700 hrs	Band practice area in vicinity of Miniature Range.

RC Confession.

Chaplain McDONALD'S tent 1830 hrs onwards 7 Aug 45.

ROLLING OF TENTS.

Tent flaps will be rolled all round by 0800 hrs daily. On days of a strong wind Coy Comds may use their own discretion.

PERSONAL GEAR AND EQUIPMENT.

The standard layout of tents inspected by Coy representatives on 7 Aug will be made uniform throughout the Bn as from 8 Aug and under no circumstances will the layout be departed from. When not in use the groundsheet ~~xxxxxx~~ will be wrapped around the bedroll.

CLEANLINESS OF LINES.

Lines generally are not good enough and steps will be taken immediately to improve same. Each Coy is responsible for all that area of ground extending from Coy lines to inclusive of their respective Coy kitchens. Mess tables will be scrubbed after every meal.

DRESS.

Dress generally is not good enough and officers and NCOs will pay particular attention to this in future. Personnel proceeding on leave will wear S.D. uniform, gaiters, boots AB, web belt and hat, fur felt. More attention will be paid to the correct fitting of equipment.

SALUTING.

The attention of ALL RANKS is drawn to the slackness existing at present in the paying of compliments. Particular attention will be paid to paying compliments on the main road to officers in Staff cars and flying pennants.

MARCH DISCIPLINE.

There is still some slackness in march discipline and steps will be taken immediately to remedy this. Under no circumstances will formed bodies of troops be broken off on the main road when returning from training areas or shower parades. Troops will be marched via the firebreaks to Coy lines and then broken off.

Routine Orders Nos. 81 to 82 to be renumbered 75/45 to 81/45.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adjt 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

84/43

10 Aug 43

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat on 10 Aug 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut G.L. HEVITT
F.P.D.	Lieut J.S. LAIDLAY
Duty Coy	HQ Coy
F.P.D.	HQ Coy

2. CLEANLINESS OF LINES

Cleanliness of lines is not generally good enough yet and an immediate improvement is expected from ALL ranks.

3. LAYOUT OF TENTS

A standard kit was inspected by a representative from each Coy on 7 Aug but in many tents in ALL Coy lines this layout has either been departed from or not observed in any manner. Immediate steps will be taken to remedy this apparent lack of supervision by officers and NCOs.

4. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK

VX 53974	L/Sgt	WILLIAMS	C.F.	Promoted A/Sgt	2.7.43
VX 6866	L/Sgt	NORRIS	J.D.	Promoted A/Sgt	2.7.43
VX 40169	L/Sgt	PATON	S.C.	Promoted L/Sgt	1.7.43
VX 6695	L/Cpl	BROWN	E.	Promoted L/Cpl	2.7.43
VX 29446	L/Cpl	MARTIN	F.V.	Promoted A/Cpl	2.7.43
VX 6650	L/Sgt	MIDDLETON	M.E.	Promoted A/Sgt	7.8.43
VX 42695	A/Cpl	THURSTON	H.V.	Rank confirmed	1.7.43
VX 51790	A/Cpl	SEWELL	F.	" "	1.7.43
VX 6527	A/Cpl	McLEBBIN	A.	" "	7.8.43
VX 53023	A/Cpl	HUMPHREYS	L.T.	" "	1.8.43
VX 40567	A/Cpl	KEATING	P.P.	" "	1.7.43
VX 52550	A/Cpl	SMITH	F.C.	" "	20.4.43
VX 48531	A/Cpl	BEGLEY	L.A.	" "	1.1.43
VX 52365	A/Cpl	SCHRAM	L.C.	" "	20.4.43
VX 19817	A/Cpl	TUFF	W.H.	" "	1.7.43
VX 13315	A/Cpl	CRAWFORD	H.	" "	20.4.43
VX 40930	A/Cpl	CHAMBERLAIN	A.W.	" "	25.10.42
VX 62679	A/Cpl	BLACKWOOD	A.F.	" "	26.10.42
VX 6063	A/Cpl	REID	J.	" "	3.6.43
VX 62907	A/Cpl	KOEF	A.W.	" "	3.7.43
VX 28928	A/Cpl	HOPKINSON	C.G.	" "	1.7.43
VX 40637	A/Cpl	BATTERSBY	D.F.	" "	15.5.43
VX 40784	A/Sgt	TUCKER	D.	" "	3.6.43
VX 29052	A/Cpl	GARDNER	J.L.	" "	20.4.43
VX 58365	A/Cpl	SAUNDERS	F.T.	" "	1.8.43
VX 19824	A/Cpl	BAILEY	R.E.R.	" "	15.2.43
VX 40786	A/Sgt	TYERS	A.A.	" "	7.8.43

REVERSIONS

VX 4916	A/Sgt	McDONALD	R.T.	Reverted to L/Sgt	7.8.43
VX 5653	A/Sgt	THOMAS	H.	Reverted to Cpl	7.8.43
VX 9421	A/Sgt	DICKSON	W.L.	Reverted to L/Sgt	7.8.43
VX 10662	A/Cpl	PIKE	S.P.	Reverted to L/Cpl	7.8.43
VX 53252	L/Cpl	SMITH	J.C.	Reverted to Pte	7.8.43

5. SALVAGE.

Any small tins with hinged lids or clip-on lids such as wax match and airtight tobacco tins will be handed into RMOs or unit medical ordnaries, whom, after fulfilling their own requirements, will pass any surplus tins to 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

OVER

### 6. CONTROL OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.

To prevent unauthorised firing of small arms, Brigades and Units will implement the following instructions forthwith:

(a) NO personnel are to be in possession of unauthorised firearms. Privately-owned shotguns, .22 rifles or souvenired weapons and ammunition will be disposed of forthwith or impounded by units within 7 days of receipt of this instruction.

(b) .303 ball ammunition will NOT be issued to personnel (other than special sentries, guards and picquets) except for range practices. Officers in charge of range practices will be responsible that NO live ammunition is taken away from the range by unauthorised personnel. The officer concerned will submit a certificate to this effect to his C.O. at the conclusion of each range practice.

(c) Special sentries, guards and picquets issued with ball ammunition will (when on duty) CHARGE MAGAZINES ONLY. Rifles will NOT be loaded. Ammunition on issue to such personnel will be inspected periodically and any deficiencies accounted for.

### 7. Q 143 WEB EQUIPMENT - DYEING OF.

Advice has been received from LHQ (Aust) that the dyeing of web equipment green is to be discontinued.

### 8. USE OF F.P.O.'s AND A.P.O.'s AS A POSTAL ADDRESS.

(i) Cases have recently come under notice where F.P.O.'s and A.P.O.'s have been adopted as a postal address for soldiers' correspondence.

(ii) F.P.O. and A.P.O. addresses are on no account to be used by troops in this Corps area and, where such a practice is in operation, immediate steps will be taken to have it discontinued.

(iii) Officers performing censorship duties will scrutinise all addresses given, excise F.P.O. addresses and inform the senders.

### 9. "SOLDIERING ON" "HMAS" & "THESE EAGLES!"

Copies of the above publications are available for purchase by members of this service.

Price is 5/6 each - postage free anywhere.

The price of publications ordered will be collected under unit arrangements but will be posted direct to the person indicated by the purchaser.

### 10. REQUEST HOUR.

A Weekly Request Hour will be instituted immediately in this unit in accordance with terms of G.R.O. A 492.

In each Coy there will be a period in each week when any soldier may see an officer, on any personal or service matter, other than formal complaints.

The time and place of such interview will be arranged by the Coy Comd and will be notified on Coy notice board.

Access to the officer MUST be direct, without the requirement of any previous notification or permission from a warrant or non-commissioned officer.

Where so desired, the soldier may interview the unit Padre at any time suitable to the Padre.

NOTICE - 6 Aust Div Concert Party will show in this area as under:-

Saturday 14 Aug

19 Aust Inf Bde Area.

FOUND - in vicinity of showers - Leather tobacco pouch, zip fastener, containing tobacco and papers.

*P. J. Griffin*  
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

84/43

14 Aug 43

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat on 14 Aug 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut G.A COMBES
N.F.D.	Lieut W.F. NEWTON
Duty Coy	'C' Coy
N.F.D.	'D' Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES. Unit Sports Ground.

Combined Service	1115 hrs	DRESS -
Markers to RSM	1105 hrs	K.D. Slacks, shirts,
Coys march on	1110 hrs	gaiters, web belts,
		hats, K.F.

R.C. Parade

Mass - 0700 hrs, same area as previously.

Coy Parade - 0645 hrs.

Senior member take charge and march to area.

Confession - Chaplain McDONALD'S tent afternoon and evening 14 Aug 43.

3. DENTAL PARADES.

B and E Sections of 2/8 Aust Dental Unit will dentally examine ALL RANKS of this unit on Sunday 15 Aug 43. No personnel will be granted LEAVE until dental examination has been completed.

E Section is situated behind the RAP and B Section further East towards the officers' lines.

Coys will parade at the following times to the Sections as shown:-

B Section

E Section

0830 hrs	A Coy approx	84	0830 hrs	C Coy approx	99
0915 hrs	HQ Coy 4 5 6		0930 hrs	HQ Coy 1 2 3	
	Pls	91		Coy HQ	Pls 124
1000 hrs	Bn HQ	34	1045 hrs	D Coy	95
1020 hrs	B Coy	86			

Each Coy will have an officer in charge of their parties.

Lieut NUDGE will be responsible for the co-ordination between Coys and the Dental Unit, and will ensure a steady flow of men is kept up to each Section.

Coy clerks will submit their Nominal Rolls to the appropriate Dental Section by 0815 hrs and officers in charge of parades will see that all troops are kept in the order that their names appear on the rolls.

4. SHOWERS.

All showers are out of bounds to ALL RANKS from 0900 to 1100 hrs daily.

5. RIZOR BLADES.

No further stocks of razor blades will be available after the week ending 8 Aug 43. It is extremely unlikely that further stocks will be available before the end of October.

NOTICE.- Mobile Cinema Unit - 19 Aust Inf Bde Area - SUNDAY 15 Aug 43

Programme - "WHEN TOMORROW COMES" and SHORTS.

Screenings will commence at 1915 hrs.

*J.H. Griffiths* Capt  
Adjut 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:                      85/43                      16 Aug 43.

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat on 16 Aug 43:

Bn Duty Officer - Lieut H. DONCASTER  
N.F.D.                      - Lieut N.K. McPHERSON.

2. FIELD PUNISHMENT.

1. A soldier sentenced to Field Punishment will perform ALL his normal duties and Training parades. After parade hours he will perform any duties that may be ordered from time to time.
2. In addition to the above, whilst the soldier's Coy is trg in the camp area the soldier will answer the defaulters call on the bugle.
  - (a) Defaulters parade will be at 1700 hrs daily and will be conducted by the R.S.M. Defaulters will parade in full marching order and pack will contain -  
1 Blanket, 1 pr Boots, 1 clean towel, 1 clean shirt, 1 pr K.D. slacks, toilet gear, 2 prs sox.
  - (b) Subsequent defaulters parades after 1700 will be called at unspecified times and defaulters will wear the dress of the day. All defaulters parades will be answered within 3 minutes of the bugle call by reporting to R.S.M. at Bn HQ. - persons arriving late will receive an additional period of Field Punishment.
3. Soldiers serving above sentence will not be granted any leave, will NOT be permitted to enter Bn canteen and will NOT proceed to any pictures or concert parties.

3. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

Supplement (No. 35934 of 11 Mar 43) to the London Gazette of 9 Mar 43.

"The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field -

VX 6426 Pte John Randolph HAYCROFT      Awarded Military Medal.

4. REPORTING IN.

Coys are reminded that all personnel returning from Schools, Hospitals etc. MUST report to Bn Orderly Room and Bn POSTAL Sgt.

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

NOTICES:

Lost - CYMA wristlet watch, chrome silver with khaki cloth band. Initials J.H.G. on back. Lost in camp area 15 Aug.  
REWARD to finder.

6 Div Concert Party - will show in this area on Wednesday 18 Aug 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

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

Part 1

86/45

17 Aug 45

1. DUTIES: To mount at Retreat on 17 August 45.

In Duty Officer  
N.F.D.

Lieut N.K. McPHERSON  
Lieut J.R. HIRST

2. FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION.

- (a) A Federal General Election will be held on 21 Aug 45.
- (b) The 2 Aug 45 issue of "SALT" will be devoted mainly to this Election and will contain particulars of electorates, candidates eligibility to vote, and the policy speeches of the Leaders of the Government and opposition.
- (c) A Special Polling Place for this Unit will be in the Unit Recreation Hut and polling hours will be from 0800 to 2000 hrs.
- (d) Personnel leaving camp on 21 Aug 45 after 0800 hrs who do not expect to return before 1400 hrs should report to the Special Polling Booth before departure and they will then be given an opportunity to vote.
- (e) Voters who may be unavoidably prevented by duty from voting at the Special Polling Booth appointed for their unit may report to any Special Polling Booth in the 2 Aust Corps Area and establish their right to a vote.
- (f) Personnel on leave or otherwise unable to vote at a Military establishment throughout the hours of polling may vote at a civil polling booth, but this should be avoided if possible.
- (g) Personnel who will be travelling during the hours of polling in such manner as to render it unlikely that they will be able to record their vote by any of these means may apply to be sent to the P.O. for the purpose of recording his vote before departure.

3. DAMAGE OCCASIONED TO CIVILIAN PROPERTIES USED OR OCCUPIED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

1. The most frequent causes of civilian complaints and claims for compensation arising from destruction of property in use or occupied by Military personnel are:-

- (a) Damage to cultivation and fences during manoeuvres
- (b) Damage to land and fixed improvements during occupation.

2. Coys in occupation of private property or during manoeuvres over private property, will take the greatest care to avoid damaging land, crops, and fixed improvements. When fences are damaged the Unit will detail a working party to effect repairs immediately, to prevent straying of cattle and subsequent damage to crops.

3. The practice of removing plain wire from fences for use in camps and other military purposes must be avoided as far as possible. If it becomes necessary to remove any fencing wire, the wire should be coiled, and, on vacating the property, replaced in the fence.

4. Slit trenches, latrines, etc, must be filled in before any unit leaves a property. Failure to do this in the past, has resulted in claims from civilians for loss of livestock.

5. Rubbish must be burned and buried.

6. Timber must NOT be felled on private property without the owner's consent in writing stating the number of trees to be cut, or, in the case of Crown Land, without reference to the sub-department of Forestry, either through this HQ or the caretakers or foresters.

7. Coy Comds must take all possible steps to prevent any negligence, indifference or wasteful actions by personnel. Such actions have already created much unnecessary irritation and loss to farmers and graziers:

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCESROUTINEORDERSBY

Lieut. Col. W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
Part 1. 88/43 21 Aug 43

1. DUTIES: To mount at Retreat on 21 Aug 43.

Bn Duty Officer Lieut J.M. TRETOWAN  
n.f.d. Lieut W.B. ATKINSON

HQ Coy will relieve the present guard for 24 hours from 1800 hours 21 A to 1800 hours 22 Aug 43 when the same guard as detailed previously will resume duty.

2. CHURCH PARADES.

Combined Church Parade 1000 hours.  
Location - Unit Sports Ground.  
Markers to R.S.M. 0950 hours.  
March on 0955 hours.  
Dress - K.D. Slacks, shirts, gaiters, hats K.F., web belts.

R.C. Parade. 0700 hours.

Senior member present take charge of Coy parties and march to usual area.

Dress - as for Combined parade. C.S.M.'s will personally see that correct dress is observed by personnel attending R.C. parade.

Confession - Chaplain McDonald's tent on afternoon and evening of 21 Aug 43.

3. UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL ON GUARD'S VANS OF TRAINS.

1. Complaints have been received that members of the forces have endeavoured to travel in the Guard's Vans of trains.

2. This constitutes a breach of the Queensland Government Railways By-laws (to which members of the forces remain subject) and will cease.

3. Officers and NCOs will report any instances of this nature coming to their knowledge and will take particulars of any personnel involved.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. REVERSIONS.

VX 141616 A/Sjt FRY	S.T.	Reverted to Pte at own request	15.8.43
VX 117675 Cpl BRYANT	G.F.	" " " " " "	15.8.43

5. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. The attention of all ranks will be directed to A.M.R. & O. 293(1), which provides as follows:-

'Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the A.M.R. or authorised by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the Press are forbidden.'

2. The use of outside influence is forbidden by A.M.R. & O 307 (1) which provides:-

'The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline.'



The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his C.O. or to complain in accordance with the A.M.R. and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden.

3. The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the A.M.R. & O. will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.
4. All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any HQ through authorised channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

6. ENTRY AND USE OF LAND AND USE OF HIRINGS SERVICE.

1. Only in exceptional circumstances may entry to or use of land be made without the existence of special orders.
2. The existence of legal power, however, is merely an essential requirement. Entry on or use of land involves compensation for loss or damage caused thereby. Lack of reasonable consideration for the convenience of property owners, or the adoption of an unreasonable or unsympathetic attitude, inevitably creates an unfavourable reaction towards the Services and frequently results in heavy claims for compensation.
3. Instances have occurred of irregular actions where officers, disregarding civilian rights or reasonable convenience, have ordered entrance to or use of private property. These acts, when done without proper authority, are illegal, and render the offender personally liable in an action of a trespass. In other cases, the legal power to enter has existed but entry has been made unceremoniously and hastily when such a course of action was quite unnecessary, and needless damage caused to crops, houses and other property. Such acts will cease.
4. The service of specially trained Hirings Officers can be obtained to advise and assist units in any matters pertaining to the use, or occupation, of particular areas.

7. P.A.C. ATHERTON.

A P.A.C. has been opened in Main Street, ATHERTON, between Kelly's Garage and Binoy's Tailoring Shop, approx 20 yards back from footpath.

8. LEAVE 22 AUG 43.

No person will march out on leave tomorrow, 22 Aug, before a check has been made to ensure that he has had the complete set of inoculations.

9. AMENDMENT TO R.O. Nos.

Ref. R.O. No. 84/43 dated 14 Aug 43, please amend No. to read 85/43. Amend also subsequent Orders to read Nos 86/43 and 87/43.

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

NOTICES

Lodgment of Income Tax Returns for the year ending 30 June 1943.

Any member of the Forces whose total income from both military and private sources exceeds £250 for the year ending 30 Jun 43, must lodge a return to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the State in which the member enlisted. It should be noted that taxable military income includes pay at the active rate before deducting allotment or tax deductions, field allowance, any amount paid to the member for subsistence whilst not rationed and quartered, and an amount of 2/5 per day for the period when the member is rationed and quartered by the Army, but does not include deferred pay and dependants allowance. Income tax return forms will be made available by pay representatives.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINEORDERSBY

Lieut-Col. W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part I.

89/43

25 Aug 43

I. DUTIES: To mount at Retreat on 25 Aug. 43

Bn Duty Officer  
n.f.d.

Lieut. J.C. DOVEY.  
Lieut. R.E. PAPP.

2. PAYING OF COMPLIMENTS: Attention of all ranks, particularly Officers and N.C. O's is again drawn to the laxity in paying of compliments. Ref: B.R.O. 83/43.
3. DRESS: Chin-straps will be worn on the chin at all times and will not be placed at the back of the head. Pull-overs will NOT be worn tucked into slacks K.D.
4. COY-LINES: An inspection this morning revealed Coy lines in general to be in a dirty state. Coy 2i/c's will pay attention to this matter. Ref: B.R.O. 83/43.
5. FIRE PRECAUTIONS: Coys WILL observe instructions in previous Routine Orders and Standing Orders concerning this matter. Fire buckets will NOT be used as garbage tins.

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE                      ORDERS

2/8 AUST INF BN

BY

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

Part 1.

90/43

28 Aug 43

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat on 28 Aug 43

Bn Duty Officer  
N.F.D.

Lieut J.E.F. GRANT  
Lieut A.W.J. TURNBULL

Duty Coy - To mount at Retreat 28 Aug 43 - "A" Coy  
Present Guard will mount at Retreat 29 Aug 43

2. CHURCH PARADES - Sunday 29 Aug 43

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Combined Service  | 1000 hrs - Unit Sports Ground |
| Markers to R.S.M.  | 0945 hrs                      |
| Coys march on  | 0950 hrs                      |
| 2. Holy Communion - 0700 hrs 2/11 Aust Inf Bn Recreational Hut |                               |
| 3. R.C. Mass -   | 0815 hrs - Normal Area        |
| R.C. Confession - Afternoon and Evening 28 Aug 43              |                               |
| Chaplain McDONALD'S Tent                                       |                               |

3. DISCIPLINE - LOOTING AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

1. The unauthorised damage to, or removal of, property, which is commonly known as "looting", is a serious offence, particularly when committed by members in areas which have been the subject of enemy attack, and the commission of this offence by members is a reflection upon the discipline of their units.
2. OCs will ensure that any cases coming to their notice of looting by members of their Coys are promptly investigated and, when the evidence establishes a prima facie case, that either application is made to superior authority for trial of the members concerned by court-martial or those members are prosecuted before a civil court. (GRO A605/43)

4. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BROUGHT BACK FROM OVERSEAS.

1. The possession of unregistered firearms is a serious civil offence. Firearms and other weapons captured from the enemy are the property of the Commonwealth and their unauthorised possession by members of the forces is unlawful. Attention is directed in this regard to GRO G.473/1943.
2. Ordnance and salvage depots are authorised to receive such weapons or firearms from members of the forces. Such weapons and firearms will be handed in immediately. (GRO A.609/1943)

5. PURCHASE OF FOODSTUFFS IN SHORT SUPPLY BY ARMY UNITS AND PERSONNEL

1. The following types of canned foodstuffs are in short supply to civilians in Australia and will not be purchased from civilian distributors by Army units or personnel:-  
Canned - Fruits-Soups-Vegetables-Meat-Condensed Milk-Milk Powder.
2. This order does not apply to personnel not rationed and quartered by the Army.

6. NOTICES.

1 Aust Div Concert Party will show in Bde Picture Theatre Area at 1915 hrs on 29 and 30 Aug. Complete change in programme each night.

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

APPX 15<sup>29</sup>

2/8 AUST INF BN -- TRAINING SYLLABUS  
 'A' and 'B' COYS -- AUG 9 - 14 1943

Serial	Date	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1630	NOTES
1	Monday 9 Aug	R O U T E		M A R C H		Weapon Trg	Bayonet Trg	Weapon Trg	Obstacle Course	
2	Tuesday 10 Aug	WEAPON TRG	and	T.O.E.T.	Obstacle Course	MINIATURE RANGE PRACTICE - RIFLE				
3	Wednesday 11 Aug	ROUTE MARCH TO JUNGLE AREA		Junglecraft.- Recognition of recent habit- ation; Personal concealment; Melting & Freezing; Silent Movement, etc.			First Aid & Hygiene. Construction of Shelters.		BIVOUAC IN JUNGLE.	
4	Thursday 12 Aug	Sec Trg.- Employment of Gps. Composition & Role. Drill & Equipment.		Sec Trg - Gaining Contact.		Sec Trg - Attack.		Sec Trg - Patrolling.		NIGHT TRG 1900 - 2100 - Detection of Movt by sound.
5	Friday 13 Aug	Sec Trg - Defence Immediate Drill.		Sec Trg - Defence - Planned and Sec Ambush.		Route March - Return to Camp.		Bath Pde 1600 hrs.		
6	Saturday 14 Aug	Grenade Throwing, E.Y. Rifle.		Field Works & Booby Traps.		O R G A N I S E D		S P O R T		

0815 -0830 Hrs DAILY -- COY INSPECTION - SMARTENING UP EXERCISES

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

'C' and 'D' Gyps -- 9 - 14 Aug 1943

APPENDIX 'A'

Serial	Dste	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115 P a	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1600	NOTES
7	Monday 9 Aug	Route March to Jungle Area		Pl Trg - Movement and Control.		Pl Trg - Gaining of Information		Pl Trg - Patrolling		BIVOUAC IN JUNGLE
8	Tuesday 10 Aug	Pl Trg - Defence Immediate		Pl Trg - Defence	----Planned		Pl Trg -	Attack		Exercise - Night Attack v Defence Improvement of Defences.
9	Wednesday 11 Aug	Pl Trg - Stalkers and Snipers		Route March - Return to Camp.		MINIATURE RANGE PRACTICE - LMG & SMG				
10	Thursday 12 Aug		ROUTE	MARCH	-----	EORA	TRACK			BIVOUAC
11	Friday 13 Aug		RETURN TO CAMP	(M.T.)		ORGANISED	SPORT		Bath Pde 1600 hrs	
12	Saturday 14 Aug	Weapon Trg SMG	Map Reading & Compass		Weapon Trg- 2" Mor	Verbal Reports & Msgs		Observation Trg - Gaining of Information Establishment of O.Ps Use of Trees.		

0815 - 0830 r DAILY -- COY INSPECTION - SMARTENING UP DRILL.

*D.H. Griffith* Capt  
Adj't 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

A and B COYS - 16 - 21 Aug 1943

W. D.

Ser	Date	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1600	NOTES
7	Monday 16 Aug	Route March to Jungle Area		Pl Trg - Movement and Control		Pl Trg - Gaining of information		Pl Trg - Patrolling		BIVOUAC I JUNGLE
8	Tuesday 17 Aug	Pl Trg - Defence Immediate		Pl Trg - Defence		Planned		Pl Trg - Attack		Exercise - NIGHT Attack v Defence Improvement Defences.
9	Wednesday 18 Aug	Pl Trg - Stalkers and Snipers		Route March - Return to Camp		MINIATURE RANGE PRACTICE - LMG & SMG				
10	Thursday 19 Aug	R O U T E		M A R C H		E O R A		T R A C K		MT move to Camp approx 1530 hrs.
11	Friday 20 Aug	A N T I - M A L A R I A L T R A I N I N G								Bath pde 1600 hrs
12	Saturday 21 Aug	A N T I - M A L A R I A L T R G				O R G A N I S E D				S P O R T

0815 - 0830 hrs DAILY -- COY INSPECTION - SMARTENING UP DRILL  
 EORA TRACK required Thurs 19 Aug 43.  
 M.T. required from EORA TRACK approx 1530 hrs 19 Aug 43.  
 Two min ranges required all day Wed 18 Aug 43.

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

C & D COYS

2/8 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS  
RIFLE COYS 16 - 21 AUG 43

er.	Date	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1630	NOTES
13	Monday 16 Aug	Route March to Jungle Area	Coy Trg -	Contact	Drill	Coy Trg -	Automatic Defence			BIVOUAC
14	Tuesday 17 Aug	Coy Trg -	Planned				Defence			Patrolling by night Listening posts
15	Wednesday 18 Aug	Coy Trg -	Planned	Defence		Coy Trg -	Encircling	Attack		do
16	Thursday 19 Aug	Coy Trg -	Deliberate	Attack		Route March Return to Camp		Bath Parade		
17	Friday 20 Aug		ANTI - MALARIAL	TRAINING				ANTI - MALARIAL TRG		
18	Saturday 21 Aug		ANTI - MALARIAL	TRAINING		ORGANISED		SPORT		

NOTE : Each Coy will in turn act as enemy for attack exercised and will furnish attacking Coy with one additional Pl for use as wd patrol.

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

Appx/5 WD

"A" & "B" COYS

2/8 AUST INF BN

TRAINING SYLLABUS

23 - 28 AUG 43

Ser.	Date	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1630	Remarks
13	23 Aug	MINATURE Completion of zeroing Officers		RANGE of zeroing -		PRACTICES of all Pistol		L.M.G. S.M.G. weapons	S.M.G. P r a c t i c e	Location: A Coy No.1 Range B Coy " 3 " Note: Lecture for ab- ove Coys - 1/2 HQ Coy. - "Jungle Fruits" at No 2 Range 1600-1630 hrs
14	24 Aug	Route March to Jungle Area		Coy Trg - Contact Drill		Coy Trg - Automatic		Defence		Location: Jungle Trg Area Bivouac do Night patrolling
15	25 Aug	Coy Trg - Encircling		Attack		Coy Trg - Planned		Defence		Location: A.M. QUESTION MARK TRACK 387058 PM. A Coy SIMPSONS TRACK 390056 B Coy GIMPI TRACK 389054
16	26 Aug	--- R E S E R V E D		---		---		---		
17	27 Aug	Route March to Jungle Area		C O Y		D E F E N C E		E		Location: As for Serial 15 (PM)
18	28 Aug	C O Y D E L I B E R A T E		T R G A T T A C K		Route March - Return to Camp		O R G A N I S E D S P O R T		Location: MAIN TRACK

NOTE : 0815-0830 hrs daily - Coy inspection and smartening up drill.

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



"C" & "D" COYS

2/8 AUST INF BN

TRAINING SYLLABUS

23 - 28 AUG 43

Ser	Date	0830-0930	0930-1015	1030-1115	1115-1200	1315-1400	1400-1445	1500-1545	1545-1630	Remarks
19	23 Aug	Stalking and Sniping		Recce reports, verbal messages, passing of orders		"Blitz" formation Drill and practice	"Blitz" formation 1530 tests in wooded country			Location: NORTH of Camp Area. Coy Comds to ascertain from BnHQ if GREN Range is in use Note: Lecture C&D Coys - 1/2 HQ Coy "Jungle Fruits at No 2 Range 1530-1600hrs
20	24 Aug	Minature of zeroing Officers	Range A L L	Practices weapons.	-	L. M. G. & Pistol	S. M. G. Practice	Completion		Location: C Coy. No 1 Range D " " 3 "
21	25 Aug	Bridge Crossing RAE Camp	Route March to Jungle Area		Patrolling	Test of "Blitz" formation Jungle		Route March Return to Camp		Locations: Jungle Trg Areas C Coy No. 1 D " " 2
22	26 Aug	R E S E R V E D								
23	27 Aug	Route march to Jungle Area		Coy Trg- Encounter		Attack	Coy Trg - Immediate Defence			Location: As for Serial 21 Night Patrolling
24	28 Aug	Coy Trg - Ambush ---		Route March - Return to Camp		O R G A N I S E D S P O R T				

NOTE : 0815 - 0830 hrs daily Coy Inspection - Smartening up drill.

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

APPX 16

MOVEMENT TO AMPHIBIOUS TRG CENTRE

COPY No. 16

PART I. GENERAL

1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will move from its present location to Special Trg Centre in accordance with Movement Table issued separately as Appx "A" commencing 1 Sep 43.

2. MOVEMENT OF MAIN BODY. will be in accordance with Appx "A"

3. SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO MOVEMENT

- (a) All Pug-rees with colour patches WILL be removed and placed in Universal Kit Bags.
- (b) ALL ranks will be warned by Coy Comds of the seriousness of idle gossip, rumour-mongering etc.
- (c) Coy lines, kitchens, latrines etc, will be thoroughly combed out and ALL papers, envelopes, letters etc, DESTROYED BY BURNING UNDER SUPERVISION.

4. CLEANLINESS OF COY LINES

C.O. directs that particular attention be paid by ALL OFFRS to the absolute cleanliness of unit lines prior to marching out. Certificates by Coy Comds certifying that they have personally inspected respective areas will be submitted to reach Bn HQ 2 hours prior to movement from unit lines.

5. DRESS.

ALL Ranks will wear K.D. Slacks, Shirts, Pullovers, Hat fur felt, gaiters.

6. EQUIPMENT. Marching Order in accordance with Adm Instn No. 29. Surplus blankets will be returned under Q.M. arrangements.

7. LATRINES.

Seats ONLY will be sealed with earth or some other suitable material such as hessian.

8. PERSONAL ANTI-MALARIA KIT.

ALL ranks will be issued with "Betty" and "Mary" prior to movement from this area. It will be the personal responsibility of ALL offrs and NCOs to ensure that ALL anti-malarial precautions are fully carried out in the new trg area.

9. BAGGAGE.

- (a) Offrs are responsible for their own personal baggage which will be carried in Coy vehs.
- (b) Other Ranks - Kit bags will be carried by Coys in bulk. It is anticipated that surplus offrs baggage and Kit bags will be taken away at the Special Trg Area. NO PERSON will contact any Kit Store relative to baggage or ANY other matter.

10. DISCIPLINE.

- (a) It should not be necessary to repeat "Standing Orders for troop trains.
- (b) The town of CAIRNS is out of bounds to ALL RANKS.
- (c) O.C. Coy parties will submit Nominal rolls to O.C. Trains.

11. STRIKING OF TENTS & ACCOMODATION STORES. - under Coy arrangements.

12. DUMPS - Accom Stores etc will be stacked in categories already allotted. Dumps must be at least 15 yds apart so that more than one vehicle can load at a time.

13. DETACHED TROOPS.

2/8 Aust Dental Unit under Capt HUGH will move with Road Party under Capt BALFOUR. 1x3 ton veh will be allotted (See Appx "A")

PART II. CONSIST OF BN GROUPS (to be read in conjunction with Appx "A")

1. ADVANCE PARTY. 1 Offr 8 ORs (Serial No. 1)

O.C. Capt. GRAHAM  
 Btmn  
 HQ Coy. Cpl Wignore Bn HQ. Pte Masters  
 Pte Matthews  
 " Clohesy D Coy Cpl Tuff.  
 " Jurd  
 " Ferryman

Stores - HQ Coy cooking gear complete. 1 R.D. tant complete with other accom. stores as required.  
Rations - Unconsumed portion ration 1 Sep 43 plus one days reserve.  
Personal Baggage - complete with bedboards.

2. STORES PARTY - SERIAL NO. 2  
 O.C. Capt BALFOUR.

1 Offr 65 ORs 2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
 1 " 4 ORs 2/8 Aust Dental Unit

<u>Personnel on Coy vehs.</u>				<u>Q.M. Vehicles</u>	
HQ Coy	1	NCO	11	ORs	HQ Coy 1 NCO 13 ORs (To incl 11 from 5Pl. 2 from 6 Pl).
A Coy	1	"	8	"	
B "	1	"	8	"	<u>Officers Mess and Canteen Veh.</u>
C "	1	"	8	"	HQ Coy 2 ORs (Sjt Ginn & Sjt James)
D "	1	"	8	"	
Bn HQ	-		24	" (RPs)	

Allotment of Vehs. - will be issued separately.

Rations & Baggage - as for Advance Party

Role - Loading and guarding of stores. 2 men per veh.

Timings - Personnel report T.O. ready to move 0500 hrs 1 Sep 43.

3. REAR PARTY - SERIAL NO. 3.

2 Offrs 18 ORs  
 O.C. Lieut J.S. LAIDLAW  
 2i/c Lieut S.H. HANSEN  
 HQ Coy 3 ORs to include 1 Hygiene, 1 Q.M., 1 Btmn.  
 A Coy 1 NCO 3 " to include 1 Btmn.  
 B " 1 " 2 "  
 C " 1 " 2 "  
 D " 1 " 4 " to include 1 cook.

Transport. 9 Vehs to report 4 Sep. Vehs will lift Rear Party and 1st line amm.

4. TRAIN PARTIES (in accordance with Appx "A")

(a) Rations. Each O.C. train will draw for one days "Train Ration" not for consumption except in an emergency. This ration will be delivered to O.C. Train at WONDECLA and taken over by AMSC at destination.

<u>DISTRN:</u>	<u>Copy No</u>		
C.O.	1		
2 i/c	2		
Adjt	3	<u>Distn (contd)</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
2/Adjt	4	OC A Coy	11
I.O.	5	OC B "	12
R.S.M.	6	OC C "	13
Q.M.	7	OC D "	14
R.M.O.	8	File	15
2/8 Dental Unit	9	War Diary	16 & 17
OC HQ Coy	10	Spere	18 & 19

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

MOVEMENT TIME TABLE

APPENDIX "A"

Serial	Destination	Composition	Transport	Depart From	Load Time	Depart	Arrive	O.C.	
1.	Advance Party 1 Sept. 43	1 Off 8 Ors 1 Veh.	Road	Bde HQ	1800 hrs 31 Aug 43	0500hrs 1 Sept 43	1100 hrs 1 Sept 43	Capt GRAHAM.	
2.	Stores Party 2 Sept. 43	2 Off 69 Ors 32 Vehs	Road	Unit Lines	1800 hrs 1 Sept 43	0600hrs 2 Sept 43	1100 hrs 2 Sept 43	Capt BALFOUR.	
3.	Rear Party 5 Sept 43	2 Off 13 Ors 9 Vehs	Road	Bde HQ	1800 hrs 4 Sept 43 Bde T.O. to notify homes.	5 Sept 43	5 Sept 43	Lieut LAIDLAW.	
4.	No 1 Train 1 Sept 43	HQ Coy-174 A Coy 63 Bn HQ 3 Tot. 240	Rail	Unit Lines 1715 hrs 1 Sept 43	Movement Red Lynch Trg Area				Major McDONALD
					Wondoola 1815 hrs 1 Sept 43	1830 1 Sept 43	0020 hrs 2 Sept Red- Lynch	14 x 3ton	
5.	No 2 Train 1 Sept 43	A Coy 16 B Coy 93 Bn HQ 33 C Coy 94 Tot 236	Rail	Unit Lines 1900 hrs 1 Sept 43	Wondoola				Major CAPES
					2000 hrs 1 Sept 43	2015 1 Sept 43	0205 hrs 2 Sept	14 x 3ton	
6.	No 3 Train 2 Sept 43	D Coy 85 2/2 Fd Coy 2/II Aus Inf Bn	Rail	Unit Lines 2315 hrs 1 Sept 43	Wondoola 0015 hrs 2 Sept 43				Capt DUFFEY

MOST SECRET

RAIL MOVEMENT TIME TABLE

APPENDIX "B"  
To Admin Instn No.

This Time Table supersedes Serials 4, 5 & 6 Appendix "A" of Admin Inst. No. 30

Serial	Train	Date	Composition of train	March out Unit lines	Entrain Place Time	Departure time	Detrain Place Time	Number of vehs. Movement RED LYNCH to TRG AREA	O.C. Train and Convoy	REMARKS
10	P 5	2 Sep 43	HQ Coy 165 A Coy 72 Bn HQ 7 Total 244	0045 hrs	W O N	0145 hrs	0200 hrs	R E D 0855 hrs	15 x 3 ton	Maj. H.H. McDONALD. Meal at MAREEBA
11	P 7	do	A Coy 15 B Coy 94 C Coy 94 D Coy 19 Bn HQ 24 Total 244	0245 hrs	D E C L	0345 "	0400 hrs	L Y N C 0215 "	15 x 3 ton	Maj. H.C. CAPES Meal at MAREEBA
12	P 1	do	D Coy 70 2/2 Fd Coy 50 2/11 Bn 145 Total 245	1715 hrs	A	1815 "	1830 hrs	H 0100 "	5 x 3 ton 28 Bn party	Supplied by 2/11 Aust Inf Bn. Capt DIFFEY O.C. 2/8 Bn Party Evening Meal prior to leaving present location.

ENTRAINING OFFR. ALL TRAINS - Lieut S.H. HANSEN - Recce WONDECLA RY STA 1500 hrs 1 Sep 43.  
Contact R.F.O. and take over train for O.C.'s trains.

*M. Dwyer* Capt.  
A/Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPY 17

W.D.

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 31

30 Aug 43

PRECAUTIONS MALARIA AND SCRUB TYPHUS

1. MALARIA. All personal anti-malarial measures will be strictly observed. Mosquito repellent will be applied to all exposed parts of the body by personnel whose duties necessitate their exposure during the hours between sunset and sunrise. Application of Mosquito Repellent will be carried out every three hours and the repellent will always be kept easily accessible in boots for use by troops prior to landings.
2. SCRUB TYPHUS. The following precautions will be carried out by 1500 hours 1 Sept 43 and will be repeated each five days. Coy Comds will personally supervise.

Mite Repellent Lotion (Betty) will be applied as follows:

Turn shirt and trousers inside out. Spread garments flat. Take enough lotion to make very light film on open hands - rub hands together, then rub hands quickly over the garments, covering a square foot or so with each smear. If film on hands is very light, it may be necessary to cover each article two or three times. Aim to cover evenly without over treated patches. Full treatment may easily take 15 minutes. With sox heavier smears may be used. Lotion should be worked into wool from top to instep by rubbing and washing action at the rate of nearly a teaspoonful to each pair.

If no table or similar board available, shirt and trousers can be handled like sox with particular attention to legs, waist, neck and sleeves.

If underclothes are worn they should be treated like sox and the required lotion left over should then be applied to the shoulders and sleeves of the shirts and the legs of trousers. The object is to impregnate the clothing in contact with the skin with lotion at the dosage quoted.

Use  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz of lotion for shirt, trousers, and two pair of sox. This will be effective for more than five days in dry weather, will not easily be removed by rain, but in wet districts the first dosage tried should be 1 oz.

Washing the clothes with soap removes the lotion.

To be read in conjunction with 2/8 Bn Admn Instn No. 30.

Extract from 6 Aust Div Mov Order No. 1

*16* *[Signature]* Capt.  
A/Adit. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPY 18

2/8 Aust Inf Bn,  
30 Aug 43.  
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REPORT ON MODIFICATIONS TO TRG.

JUNGLE v. OPEN COUNTRY

On the transition from previous training to that carried out in jungle conditions certain modifications were found to be necessary.

These modifications were not in any way at variance with the normal and accepted principles of war but were rendered necessary by the problems occasioned by the altered circumstances.

With regard to Rifle Coys the obscure conditions of the jungle placed considerable obstacles in the way of control and the gaining of infm, and as a result emphasised even more than previously the necessity for both individualism and team work.

While these terms are apparently contradictory, such is by no means the case, the crux of the matter being that each individual must of necessity be ever alert, wary and prepared to act, if occasion demands, without orders.

Team work is essential to the successful work of the rifle Secs and to ensure this and to assist control, the use of the group system was adopted.

By this method the task of the Sec Comd is facilitated through his exercise of control over his three group leaders rather than 8 or 10 individuals, while each group of itself constitutes a small but compact fighting unit armed with one automatic weapon.

The rapid gaining of infm stressed above presents a greater problem than heretofore and it was necessary to adopt a battle drill for Sec, Pl and Coy to be employed on contact to overcome this difficulty occasioned by the lack of observation in thick country.

Due again to this cause, the adoption of a system of automatic defence at any halt was found to be essential.

With regard to the Specialist Pls. Signals bulked larger in the scheme of things than previously with the accent on line comn. due to the unreliability of 108 Sets occasioned by the blanketing effect of the thick country.

Semaphore signalling also was again brought up to date.

The provision of sp. fire due to lack of observation was found a difficult matter, with the result that map shooting by 3" Mors together with remote control was experimented with, with satisfactory results.

The augmented Pioneer Pl concentrated on training in bridge building, demolitions and booby traps, construction and improvement of tracks - a task for which their experience in N.T. stood them in good stead.

In conclusion the main points may be summarised as follows -

- (i) Physical Fitness - all ranks must be sufficiently fit to enable them to cover long distances on foot carrying all arms, amm and food for at least 3 days.
- (ii) Skill at arms - more necessary than ever due to the difficulty of amm supply - every shot must tell.
- (iii) Indiv. fd. craft and control - absolutely essential if successful combined effort is hoped for.
- (iv) Preservation of health - adequate instn in and policing of anti-malarial measures together with appreciation of personal hygiene - the retention of sleeping gear on the man and experimentation in the carrying thereof and good balancing of loads.

*W.S. Sanders* Lieut-col.  
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

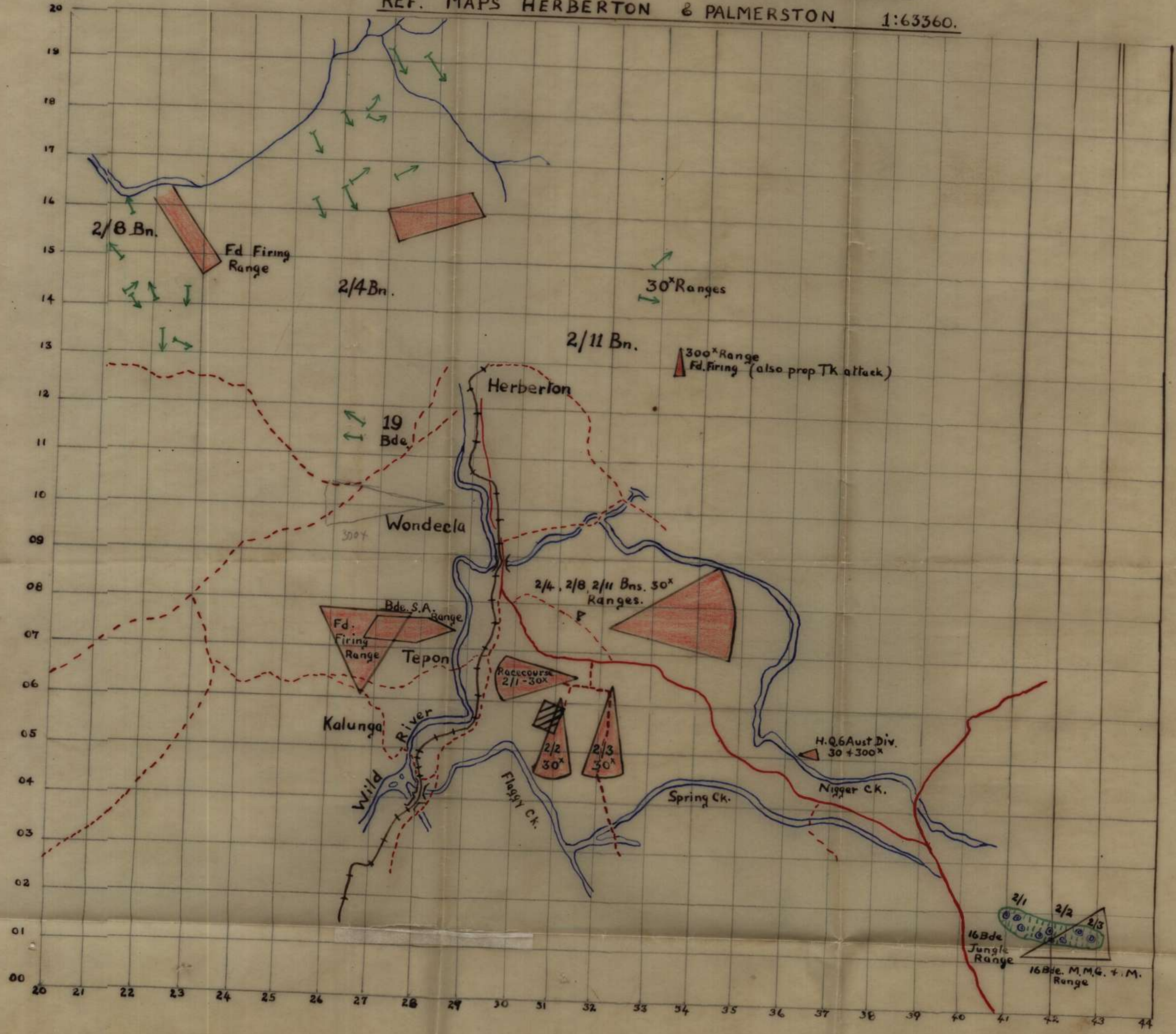


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APPX 3

# RANGES 6AUST DIV. AREA

REF. MAPS HERBERTON & PALMERSTON 1:63360.



STALKERS RANGE ———→  
JUNGLE COURSE ———→  
MORTAR + GRENADE RANGE ———→

— Scale —  
 — 1 Inch to 1 Mile —

