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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 44 To 2 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
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| MAPEE | 1 Dec | 0030 | Reveille | | |
| | | 0130 | Approach march for night attack exercise. | | |
| | | 0400 | Bn attack exercise was concluded. Coys consolidating posn. | | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | | |
| | | 0930 | Exercise - approach march commenced to camp area. Major H.G. SWEET marched out to IHQ Tactical School BEENLEIGH. | | |
| | | 1230 | Arrived camp from training area. | | |
| | | 1330 | Midday meal | | |
| | | 1430 | Afternoon was devoted to cleaning stores and equipment and coy adm. | | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade. | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal. | | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess | | |
| | | 1900 | Musical entertainent was provided by the YMCA over the public address system. | | |
| | | 2 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | | | | Bde Staff Exercise commenced by movement to training area. Major W.A. PIKE took comd of Bn for the purpose of the exercise. Object of exercise was to exercise Adjut, IO, Sig Offr, coy comds and 2 i/c coys in Staff Duties. |
| 0800 | Coy parades and inspections. Duty coy B Coy. Kit inspections and general coy adm took place. | | | | |
| 1200 | Weather - overcast | | | | |
| 1230 | Midday meal | | | | |
| 1330 | Organised sports in coy areas. Bde Staff Exercise continued. YMCA Representative Mr M.H. WHARTON rejoined the unit ex leave. | | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 2 Dec 44 To 4 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
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| MAPEE | 2 Dec | 1645 | Sick parade | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess. | | |
| | | 1930 | Pictures were shown in the Bde area. | | |
| | 3 Dec | | | Night - overcast | |
| | | | 0600 | Reveille. Continuation of 15 Aust Inf Bde Staff Exercise. | |
| | | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | | 0830 | Coy parades and inspections. Duty coy A Coy. | |
| 0845 | | | Padre H. SHOTTON conducted Church Parade. RC Church Parade held in 24 Aust Inf Bn area. | | |
| | | | With the exception of duty personnel the day was devoted to rest and recreation. | | |
| 1000 | | | Swimming party 160 ORs, OC Lt SPINK left for the BARRON RIVER. | | |
| 1100 | | | Major General A.J. BOASE, 11 Aust Div, Brig H.H. HAMMER visited the Bde Staff exercise. | | |
| 1200 | | | Weather - fine and clear | | |
| | 1230 | Midday meal | | | |
| | 1430 | Personnel participating in Bde Staff Exercise returned to camp area. | | | |
| | 1645 | Sick parade | | | |
| | 1715 | Evening meal | | | |
| | 1800 | Retreat | | | |
| | 1815 | Officers mess | | | |
| 4 Dec | | | Night - overcast | | |
| | | 0600 | Reveille | | |
| | | 0615 | Sick parade | | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 4 Dec 44 To 5 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | | |
|--------|-------|-------|--|--|-------------|--|
| MAPEE | 4 Dec | 0800 | Coy parades and inspections. Orderly Offr Lt H. JACOBS Duty coy C Coy. A and B Coys moved out to bivouac area for a 2 day coy exercise. D Coy conducted pl fd firing exercise at the fd firing range. HQ Coy continued specialist training in the camp area. MMG pl conducted range practice. | | | |
| | | 1000 | A New cadre for prospective NCOs was commenced under WO 1 K. ANDERSON. Bde IO Capt C.H. BAUMAN visited the area to interview the Adjutant Capt R.L. MATHEWS. Bn IO and 1 OR visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde to attend a conference on Bde Staff Exercise conducted on 2-3 Dec 44. | | | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | | | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | | | |
| | | 1330 | Continuation of training as for the morning. Pioneers continued on working on crates for the Unit stores in preparation for a move. | | | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal. | | | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat - B Coy mounted guard. | | | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess | | | |
| | | 1900 | All officers engaged in the Bde Staff Exercise visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde to attend a conference on the exercise conducted by BM Major R. SCHMEDGE MC. | | | |
| | | | | Night - clear and fine. | | |
| | | | 5 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | | | |
| | | 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Orderly Offr Lt D. SPINK. Duty Coy B Coy. C and D Coys moved out for a two day bivouac to carry out coy | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 5 Dec 44 To 6 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
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| MAPEE | 5 Dec | 0800 | training in Bn training area. A and B Coys continued coy training in bivouac area - grenade throwing and rd firing exercises. | | |
| | | | HQ C oy carried out specialist training in camp area. Cadre for potential NCOs was continued. | | |
| | | 1000 | Bde LO Capt C.H. BAUMAN and TO Capt R. FRASER visited the area to interview the Adjt Capt R. MATHEWS and TO Lt R. MARSH. | | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | | |
| | | 1330 | Continuation of training as for the morning. | | |
| | | 1400 | Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar visited the area and accompanied by the CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC inspected the Bn area. | | |
| | | 1500 | Lt F.O. SMITH rejoined the unit ex hospital. Kit inspection for all personnel nominated for the Bn advance was conducted by the OC Major W.A. PIKE. | | |
| | | 1600 | A and B Coy returned to camp from bivouac area. | | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat Guard mounted by HQ Coy. | | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess Night - clear and fine. | | |
| | | 6 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | 0700 | Breakfast | | | |
| | 0800 | Coy parade and inspection. Ord Offr Lt H. JACOBS Duty Coy HQ Coy. The cadre for prospective NCOs continued under WO 1 ANDERSON. A Coy conducted range practices on classification range. C and D Coys trained in the Bn training and bivouac area. D Coy exercise on rd firing range. | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 6 Dec 44 To 7 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 6 Dec | 0800 | C Coy carried out grenade throwing practice. HQ Coy specialist training. | |
| | | 1000 | Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar accompanied by Bde ID Capt C.H. BAUMAN visited D Coy training area to inspect the coy exercise. | |
| | | 1100 | 3 reinforcements marched into the unit. SC 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt F. WRAY visited the area to interview the CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC and Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Continuation of training. B Coy conducted range practice on 30 yd range. CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC conducted an Orderly Room. | |
| | | 1400 | Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC accompanied by the Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS and 1 OR made a recce of the Bde Training area in preparation for Bn exercise on 11 to 15 Dec. | |
| | | 1500 | Lt E.A. DAVEY returned to unit ex 2/2 AGH. | |
| | | 1600 | C and D Coys returned to camp after a two days bivouac in trg area. Unit cricket team played a cricket match against HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde in 11 Aust Div comp and won by 1 wicket and 6 runs. | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess | |
| | | 1900 | Training films were shown to HQ Coy at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde. YMCA provided musical entertainmet over the loudspeaker system. Night - clear and fine. | |
| | 7 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 44 To 8 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 7 Dec | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Orderly Officer Lt D.G. SPINK , Duty coy A Coy. Coy training carried out in training areas. Cadre for potential NCOs was continued. | |
| | | 1015 | HQ Coy carried out specialist training within coy area. Bde IO Capt C.H. BAUMAN visited the unit and conferred with the Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Continuation of training as for the morning. | |
| | | 1400 | IO Lt N.H. KELLY and 1 OR prepared night compass march for use during Bn exercise 11 - 15 Dec 44. | |
| | | 1600 | Bde IO Capt S.R. HEDLEY visited the unit and conferred with the Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS and IO Lt N.H. KELLY. | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat . A Coy mounted guard and duties for 8 Dec. Orderly Officer Lt H. JACOBS. | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess | |
| | | 8 Dec | 0600 | Night - clear and fine. Reveille |
| 0615 | Sick parade | | | |
| 0700 | Breakfast | | | |
| 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Training carried out in coy training areas. Cadre for potential NCOs was continued. | | | |
| 1000 | Bde Comd Brig H.H HAMMER DSO and Bar accompanied by the BM Major R. SCHMEDGE MC visited the CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC and | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 8 Dec 44 To 10 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 8 Dec | 1000 | inspected the Bn area. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Continuation of training as for the morning. | |
| | | 1600 | Heavy rain commenced to fall and continued throughout the night. | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat. HQ Coy mounted guard and duties - Orderly Offr Lt D.G. SPINK. | |
| | 9 Dec | 1815 | Officers mess. | |
| | | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. All coys were engaged on coy adm and kit inspection. Pioneers continued making cases for stores. | |
| | | 1000 | Bde LO Capt C.H. BAUMAN visited the Adjut Capt R. MATHEWS. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal. | |
| | | 1330 | Sports afternoon. Coys arranged sports in in own areas. | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 10 Dec | 1800 | Retreat . C Coy mounted guard and duties. Orderly Offr Lt H. JACOBS. |
| 1815 | Officers mess .An issue of beer was made to troops from unit canteen. | | | |
| 1900 | Pictures were shown in the Bde area. | | | |
| | Weather - fine. | | | |
| 0630 | Reveille | | | |
| 0645 | Sick parade | | | |
| 0730 | Breakfast | | | |
| 0830 | Coy parades and inspection. | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 10 Dec 44 To 11 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 10 Dec | 0845 | OD Church Parade was conducted by Chaplain H.T. SHOTTON. RC Church Parade held in 24 Aust Inf Bn area. | |
| | | 1000 | All officers attended a pistol shoot practice at the 30 yds range. Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar visited the area and attended the pistol practice. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Rest afternoon. Preparations were made for the Bn LOAT from 11 Dec to 15 Dec. | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1745 | Atebrin parade | |
| | | 18000 | Retreat | |
| | | 1815 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1900 | Musical entertainment ^{new} was provided by YMCA. Night - clear and fine. | |
| | | 0530 | Reveille | |
| | | 0545 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0630 | Breakfast | |
| 0700 | Coy parades and inspection. Duty coy HQ Coy. | | | |
| 0715 | Bn parade and inspection by CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC . | | | |
| 0745 | Bn moved out to training area for LOAT exercises as per syllabus. Lt J.R. ROE and Lt H.J. JACOBS remained on duty in the camp. | Appx D1 | | |
| 1000 | Bde LO Capt C.H. BAUMAN visited the training area to interview the Adjt Capt R. MATHEWS. | | | |
| 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | | | |
| 1330 | Midday meal. Continuation of Bn in attack exercise. | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 11 Dec 44 To 13 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 11 Dec | 1730 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | |
| | | 2200 | Reveille | |
| | | 2330 | Commencement of Bn exercise - night approach march and dawn attack. | Appx D 2 |
| | | | Night - clear and fine. | |
| | 12 Dec | 0007 | Bn moved to assembly area for night attack exercise. | |
| | | 0415 | Unit crossed start line and moved on to objectives and consolidated. | |
| | | 0630 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC, Adjt Capt R. MATHEWS, QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER, TO Lt R. MARSH visited 15 Aust Inf Bde to attend lecture on amphibious warfare. Party then proceeded to CAIRNS to attend conference. | |
| | | 1000 | 15 Aust Inf Bde IO Capt C.H. BAUMAN visited Bn trg exercise. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - hot | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Work continued on the consolidation of defensive positions. | |
| | | 1400 | Major WA.PIKE held an O Group conference to issue further orders for defensive positions and an outline of patrol planning. | |
| | | 1530 | All officers and NCOs attended a conference for a discussion on the Bn exercise. | |
| | | | RM Capt L.W. MIDDLETON inspected the hygienic conditions within the area. Medical inspection for the latest draft of reinforcements. | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess. | |
| | | | Night - clear and fine. | |
| | 13 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 13 Dec 44 To 14 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
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| MAPEE | 13 Dec | 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Duty coy B Coy. Training carried out as per syllabus. | | |
| | | | Lt R. ROLFE returned to unit from hospital. Pioneers continued to build crates for unit stores. | | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - fine | | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | | |
| | | 1330 | Continuation of training. Canteen supplies, including cigarettes and tobacco were purchased for unit. | | |
| | | | Unit cricket team, playing 11 Aust Div HQ were defeated by 33 runs. Tk/A pl moved out for practice shoot SHANTY CREEK Range 14 Dec. Major W.A. PIKE visited classification range to witness practice shoot by C Coy. | | |
| | | 1600 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC, Adjt Capt R. MATHEWS, QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER and TO Lt R. MARSH returned to unit from conference at GAIRNS. | | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade. 15 cases of diarrhoea reported in unit. | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess. | | |
| | | 14 Dec | 0500 | Stand to by Bn in bivouac area. Coy positions inspected by Major W.A. PIKE. | |
| | | | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | 0700 | | Breakfast. CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC and Adjt Capt R. MATHEWS arrived in bivouac area. | | |
| | 0730 | | Conference of coy comds held by CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC. Personnel in the unit were warned for draft. | | |
| | 0800 | | Coy parades and inspection. Duty coy C Coy. Trg as per syllabus. | | |
| | | 0930 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC and Adjt Capt R. MATHEWS left to visit practice shoot by Tk/a pl on SHANTY CREEK range. | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 14 Dec 44 To 16 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 14 Dec | 1200 | Weather - fine and clear. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1300 | Bn commenced move back to camp area. Coys moved independently and were played into the camp area by the regtl band. | |
| | | 1630 | All personnel back in camp area. | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal. | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | |
| | 15 Dec | 1815 | Officers mess | |
| | | | Night - fine and clear. | |
| | | 0530 | Reveille | |
| | | 0545 | Sick parade. | |
| | | 0630 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0730 | Coy parades and inspections. Orderly Offr Lt H. JACOBS Duty coy D Coy. | |
| | | 0745 | Bn parade. Unit moved to 11 Aust Div Recreational Ground for 15 Aust Inf Bde Ceremonial Parade. A March past was held, the salute being taken by 15 Aust Inf Bde Comd, Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar. | |
| 16 Dec | 1200 | Weather - fine and clear. | | |
| | 1215 | Bn returned to camp area. | | |
| | 1230 | Midday meal | | |
| | 1330 | Kit inspection held for all personnel. Packing of unit stores continued. Generally cleaning of the area carried out during the afternoon. | | |
| | 1615 | Sick parade | | |
| | 1715 | Evening meal. | | |
| | 1800 | Retreat | | |
| 16 Dec | 1815 | Officers mess | | |
| | 0600 | Night - clear and fine. Reveille | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 16 Dec 44 To 16 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 16 Dec | 0615 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0745 | Coy parades and inspection. Orderly Offr Lt H. JACOBS. | |
| | | 0805 | Bn parade and move to assembly area for Bde Ceremonial Parade on 11 Aust Div Sports Ground. | |
| | | 0940 | Arrived assembly area for parade. YMCA provided tea. | |
| | | 1010 | Bde ceremonial parade and inspection by Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar. | |
| | | 1145 | Arrived assembly area after ceremonial parade. YMCA provided tea and biscuits. | |
| | | 1230 | Arrived back in camp area. Weather - overcast | |
| | | 1300 | Midday meal CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC held a conference of all officers and advised arrangements for movement overseas. | |
| | | 1400 | Packing of unit stores continued and pioneer pl continued making crates. An intra coy cricket match was organised for B Coy. Inter coy football matches were played between A and D Coys. Troops were engaged in cleaning and blancoing equipment, gaiters and generally cleaning clothes. | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess | |
| 1900 | Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS and QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER attended a conference at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde re A and Q arrangements for the movement overseas. Pictures were shown in the Bde area. | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 17 Dec 44 To 18 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MAPEE | 17 Dec | 0630 | Reveille | |
| | | 0645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0730 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0830 | Coy parades and inspection. Orderly Offr Lt R. R.OLFE Duty Coy A Coy. | |
| | | | RC Church Parade held in 24 Aust Inf Bn area. | |
| | | | "Q" Staff and pioneer pl continued packing and crating unit stores - work proceeded all night. | |
| | | 1000 | Bde TO visited the area to interview the Adjt Capt R.MATHEWS. Officers and Sjts Mess gear was packed away for movement and arrangements were made for the offr to use 24 Aust Inf Bn Offrs Mess. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1300 | Midday meal. As all cooking gear had been packed away arrangements have been made to use 24 Aust Inf Bn kitchens for future meals. | |
| | | 1330 | Movement of stores to TOLGA Station was commenced and continued all day and night. | |
| | | | Lt N. BIDGOOD rejoined the unit ex First Aust Army MR and FS School. | |
| | | 1800 | Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS held a conference of all coy comds and adm arrangements for Bde Ceremonial parade were discussed. | |
| | | 1900 | Embarkation rolls and embarkation numbers were prepared in preparation for movement overseas. | Appx D 3 |
| | | 18 Dec | 0530 | Reveille |
| 0630 | Breakfast | | | |
| 0800 | Coy parades and inspections. | | | |
| 0815 | Bn parade. | | | |
| | Remainder of unit stores moved by convoy to CAIRNS for loading on board ship. | | | |
| 0835 | Bn moved off to the assembly area for the Bde Ceremonial Parade. | | | |
| | 0915 | Arrived assembly area. Tea was provided by the YMCA. | | |

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| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
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| MAPEE | 18 Dec | 1015 | Bde Parade was inspected by GOC 11 Aust Div Maj Gen A.J. BOASE CBE. | | |
| | | 1045 | Brigade marched past and the salute was taken by GOC 11 Aust Div Maj Gen A.J. BOASE CBE. | | |
| | | 1145 | Bn arrived assembly area after the march and a milk issue was provided from regtl funds. | | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - overcast | | |
| | | 1245 | Arrived back in camp. | | |
| | | 1300 | Midday meal at 24 Aust Inf Bn. | | |
| | | 1400 | Adjut Capt R.L. MATHEWS held an O Group conference to discuss works programme for 19 Dec 44. | | |
| | | | | 11 Aust Div Legal Officer Major T.F. YORK visited the area to interview the Asst Adjut Lt J.R. ROE re courts martial to be held on 19 Dec 44. Lt D.A. HOGAN was appointed defending officer for the prisoners. | |
| | | 1600 | Advice received that the movement of personnel had been postponed. The unit is now on 12 hours notice to move. | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | | |
| | | 1815 | Officers mess at 24 Aust Inf Bn. | | |
| | | | | 2 mobile steam cookers arrived on loan to the unit until unit moves. Night - overcast | |
| | | 19 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| 0615 | Sick parade | | | | |
| 0700 | Breakfast | | | | |
| 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Orderly Offr Lt A.DAVEY Duty Coy C Coy. Coys commenced clearing up coy areas, stacking bush timber in heaps. Salvage stores were returned to RSD TOLGA. Tk/A guns were sent to | | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 19 Dec 44 To 20 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
|--------|---|--------|---|--|--|
| MAPEE | 19 Dec | 0800 | 15 Aust Inf Bde Pool. | | |
| | | 0900 | Surplus training ammunition was transferred to 24 Aust Inf Bn. | | |
| | | 1200 | Bn HQ continued the preparation and documentation for the move. Weather - overcast | | |
| | | 1330 | All surplus blankets apart from 1 per man were returned to RQ Stores. 1 pair of boots AB were recalled from each man, leaving personnel with 1 pair jungle boots and 1 pair of boots AB. | | |
| | | 1445 | Work continued on cleaning coy areas. A storm with heavy rain flooded the camp area and washed away portion of the camp road. | | |
| | | 1500 | Telephone advice received from SC 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt F. WRAY that first two trains would probably leave at 2330. | | |
| | | 1700 | Advice received that movement at 2330 had been cancelled. | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat . Officers mess. Officers continued to mess at 24 Aust Inf Bn. Bottled beer was issued from the canteen on the basis of 1 bottle per man. | | |
| | | 1830 | Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS held a conference with all coy comds to discuss arrangements for movement. | | |
| | | 2300 | Addendum to 15 Aust Inf Bde Admin Order 2 was received which set out train times and march table for the move.. Night - overcast | | |
| | | 20 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0615 | Sick parade | | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | | |
| 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Orderly Officer Lt R. BALZER Duty Coy D Coy. Salvage stores were returned to RSD TOIGA. Coys continued the preparations for movement and cleaning of Bn area. | | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 20 Dec 44 To 21 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|--------|--------|---|--|
| MAPEE | 20 Dec | 0800 | Lt A.B. BALL was instructed to arrange for extra canteen supplies for for the troops for Xmas dinner. | |
| | | 1000 | Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar held a conference of all COs. Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC attended. Mapee Camp Staff Officer visited the area to inspect the accomodation stores. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - cloudy. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1300 | Advice was received from SC Captain F. WRAY that the drafts leaving here would be re organised into 3 trains at REDLYNCH Staging Camp for movement to TOWNSVILLE. | |
| | | 1330 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC held a conference of coy comds which was attended by Major W.A. PIKE, Capt R.L. MATHEWS, Capt A.C. JACKSON, Capt L. HOCKING, Lt E. GRIFF, Lt F.J. NORRIE ^{MC} , Lt N.H. KELLY and Lt J.R. ROE. Lt V. PASSLOW MC visited the area to interview the Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS. | |
| | | 1400 | Kit inspection by all coys. | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade | |
| | | 1700 | Evening meal. | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat . Offrs mess held at 24 Aust Inf Bn Officers Mess. | |
| | | 1900 | Pictures were shown in the Bde area. | |
| | | 2230 | First draft of 8 offrs and 101 ORs marched out for movement to REDLYNCH Staging Camp. | |
| | | 2300 | Second draft of 6 offrs and 218 ORs marched out for movement to REDLYNCH Staging Camp. | |
| | | 21 Dec | 0430 | Night - clear and fine. First draft of unit from MAPEE arrived REDLYNCH Station and |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 21 Dec 44 To 22 Dec 44

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|----------|---|--------|---|--|
| REDLYNCH | 21 Dec | 0430 | marched to 16 APSC and settled in. | |
| | | 0500 | Second draft arrived at REDLYNCH and move to 16 APSC. | |
| | | 0600 | Reveille for rear party at MAPEE. | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0800 | Parade - area cleaned and later a security check was made of all coy areas by IO Lt N.H. KELLY and Int Section personnel. | |
| | | 1200 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1400 | Check of all equipment of rear party. | |
| | | 1700 | Evening meal | |
| | | 2130 | Rear party consisting of 10 offrs and 117 ORs marched out for movement to REDLYNCH Staging Camp. | |
| | | 22 Dec | 0445 | Rear Party of 10 offrs and 117 ORs arrived at 16 APSC and were settled into tents. |
| 0700 | Breakfast | | | |
| 0800 | 6 offrs and 218 ORs left REDLYNCH under comd of Major W.A. PIKE for TOWNSVILLE. | | | |
| 0830 | Parade and inspection of rear party personnel and party consisting of Lt J.G. McINTOSH and 30 ORs who acted as advance party to the unit at 16 APSC. Remainder of the morning was devoted to washing clothes and generally cleaning up. | | | |
| 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | | | |
| 1230 | Midday meal | | | |
| 1330 | A swim parade was held, all personnel moving to the BARRON RIVER for a swim. | | | |
| 1600 | Personnel were paid, money being obtained from Fd Cash Office REDLYNCH. | | | |
| 1730 | Evening meal | | | |
| 1800 | Officers mess. | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 22 Dec 44 To 23 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-----------|--------|-------|---|--|
| REDLYNCH | 22 Dec | 1900 | Pictures were shown in the camp area. | |
| | | 2100 | Major W.A. PIKE and party of 6 Offrs and 218 ORs arrived at 19 APSC JULAGO. Night - overcast and showery. | |
| REDLYNCH | 23 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0830 | Parade and inspection of packs and weapons. Personnel were engaged in cleaning tent lines before moving out. | |
| INNISFAIL | | 0900 | 11 offrs and 147 ORs embused for movement to CAIRNS Railway Station. | |
| | | 1030 | Personnel entrained for movement to TOWNSVILLE. | |
| | | 1400 | Midday meal at INNISFAIL | |
| | | 1500 | Continuation of journey. | |
| CARDWELL | | 1900 | Evening meal | |
| | | 2330 | Arrived TOWNSVILLE and received orders to proceed to the wharf for embarkation, CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC held conference of all offrs to discuss plans for embarkation. | |
| JULAGO | 23 Dec | 2359 | Moved to wharf. Night clear and fine. | |
| | | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0700 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0800 | Coy parades and inspection. Advance party strength was 20 offrs and 528 ORs. Personnel were issued with clothing and equipment to replace all shortages. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Coys held adm parades. | |
| | | 1500 | Warning order for embarkation of unit was received and a request made for 16 extra copies of nominal rolls to be handed to 19 APSC. | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 23 Dec 44 To 25 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|------------|--------|-------------------------|---|--|
| JULAGO | 23 Dec | 1730 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1930 | Personnel entrained for movement to TOWNSVILLE Wharf. | |
| | | 2100 | Embarkation commenced on TSMV DUNTRON for movement of the unit to BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. | |
| TOWNSVILLE | 24 Dec | 0015 | Remainder of Unit arrived from REDLYNCH Staging Camp by train and prepared for embarkation. | |
| | | 0200 | All troops were now on board ship and all WOV stores had been loaded. Bn strength being 31 offrs and 675 ORs. | |
| AT SEA | | 0530 | Unit sailed for BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. | |
| | | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0700-0800 | Breakfast in three sittings. | |
| | | 0930 | Boat drill. All personnel were told ships standing orders and the daily routine which would be followed. | |
| | | 1000 | All coys were engaged on coy adm. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1200 - 1300 | Midday meal in three sittings. | |
| | | 1400 | Coy parades and inspection. Atebrin parade. Embarkation Cpmforts Fund issues were made to all troops. | |
| | | 1500 | Bn and Coy Orderly Rooms were established. | |
| | | 1700 - 1800 | Evening meal in three sittings. | |
| | | 1800 | Officers mess | |
| | | 1900 | Musical entertainment was provided by the YMCA over the ships amplifying system. | |
| | | | | OC Troops Lt Col W.E. HOLMES held a conference of all officers and explained ships standing orders and the routine to be observed on board ship. |
| | | Night - clear and fine. | | |
| | 25 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 25 Dec 44 To 26 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
|--------|--------|-----------|--|--|--|
| at sea | 25 Dec | 0700-0800 | Breakfast | | |
| | | 0930 | Boat drill | | |
| | | 0945 | Coy parades and inspection. Atebrin parades. Being XMAS Day the troops were given a day of rest. | | |
| | | 1100 | Padre H.T. SHOTTON conducted an OD Church Parade which was followed by Communion. | | |
| | | | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC held a conference with all coy comds to discuss routine for shipboard parades and training. | | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | | |
| | | 1200-1300 | Midday meal | | |
| | | 1330 | Musical programme was broadcast over the ships amplifying system. | | |
| | | 1700-1800 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1800 | Officers mess. | | |
| | | 1900 | Unit band provided musical entertainment during the night. Padre H.J. SHOTTON conducted a service in the officers lounge. | | |
| | | | Night - clear and fine. | | |
| At Sea | 26 Dec | 0600 | Reveille | | |
| | | 0700-0800 | Breakfast | | |
| | | 0930 | Boatdrill and inspection by OC Troops. | | |
| | | 0945 | Coy parades and inspection. Lectures were given to 2 pl by IO Lt N.H. KELLY to D Coy by RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON and to A Coy by Sig Offr Lt E.S. ZERNER. | | |
| | | 1130 | Rest - musical entertainment was provided over the ships amplifying system. | | |
| | | | Adjut Capt R.L. MATHEWS held a conference with all coy comds to discuss training and general adm. | | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - overcast and showery. | | |
| | | 1200-1300 | Midday meal. | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 26 Dec 44 To 27 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|--|-------------|---|--|
| AT SEA | 26 Dec | 1400 | Atebrin parade. Coy parades and lectures were given by RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON to A Coy, by IO Lt N.H. KELLY to B Coy and by Sig Offr to 2 pl HQ Coy. | |
| | | 1500 | Rest period. | |
| | | 1700-1800 | Evening meal | |
| | | 1800 | Officers mess | |
| AT SEA | 27 Dec | 1830 | Musical programme was provided by the YMCA over the ships amplifying system. | |
| | | | Night - overcast. | |
| | | 0600 | Reveille | |
| | | 0700 - 0800 | Breakfast in three sittings | |
| | | 0930 | Boat drill | |
| | | 0945 | A practice was held for the procedure to be adopted for disembarkation, all personnel being placed position on deck. | |
| | | 1030 | I.O. Lt N.H. KELLY lectured to 3 pl HQ Coy on information known of BOUGAINVILLE. | |
| | | | RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON lectured to 2 pl HQ Coy on Tropical Diseases. | |
| | | | Sig Offr Lt E.S. ZERNER lectured to D Coy on message writing. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1200 - 1300 | Midday meal in three sittings. | |
| 1330 | Atebrin parade | | | |
| 1400 | Unit arrived at TOROKINA, EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY but as it was too late to commence disembarkation, stayed on ship overnight. | | | |
| 1500 | Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS held a conference with all coy comds to discuss procedure for disembarkation. | | | |
| 1515 | Mite lotion was applied to clothing by all personnel. | | | |
| 1600 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC accompanied by QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER and 1 OR went ashore to make arrangements for disembarkation. | | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 27 Dec 44 To 28 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------|--------|---|--|--|
| AT SEA | 27 Dec | 1600 | of the unit and unloading of stores. | |
| | | 1700-1800 | Evening meal in three sittings. | |
| | | 1800 1900 | Officers mess A concert was conducted on the Boat Deck by YMCA representative | |
| TOROKINA | 28 Dec | | Mr M.H. WHARTON. Night - clouds and showery. | |
| | | 0500 | Reveille | |
| | | 0645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0715 | Unit commenced disembarkation from TSMV DUNTHOON . Personnel were transferred to LCT and conveyed to landing point at TOROKINA POINT. | |
| | | 0830 | Movement by MT to camp site on PERIMETER ROAD was commenced. Bn HQ established at map ref TOROKINA 1" 560961. | |
| | | 0930 | Remainder of unit excl Lt R. MARSH, Lt E.A. DAVEY and Lt G.H. WILLIAMS with 20 ORs who were left on board as rear party arrived at camp site and proceeded to settle in. | |
| | | 1000 | Cup of tea was provided for all personnel by a party from 7 Aust Inf Bde. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - clear and sunny. | |
| | | 1300 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1400 | All coys were engaged in settling into the new area and generally cleaning up the camp. QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER visited transit stores dump and arranged for transportation of stores to unit area. | |
| | | Working party of 30 ORs from B Coy was sent to transit stores dump to load stores on to s trucks. | | |
| | 1630 | Sick parade | | |
| | 1715 | Evening meal | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 28 Dec 44 To 29 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------|--------|--|---|--|
| TOROKINA | 28 Dec | 1745 | Atebrin parade. | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | |
| | | 1900 | Unit WOV stores arrived in the area and were distributed to coys. Unit stores commenced to arrive, and a working party from HQ Coy under supervision of the Q Staff unloaded the trucks and stacked all stores in the RQ Store. Work continued all night on the stores. | |
| | | 2330 | Lt H. WALKER and 30 ORs from C Coy relieved the working party at transit stores dump. | |
| | 29 Dec | | Night - overcast and showery. | |
| | | 0630 | Reveille | |
| | | 0645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0730 | Breakfast | |
| | | 0830 | Coy parades and inspection. Duty Coy C Coy. All coys were engaged in erecting tents, cleaning the area and generally settling in. Unit stores continued to arrive in the area. QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER visited transit stores depot and the wharf unloading point to supervise transport of stores. | |
| | | 1100 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC visited HQ 3 Aust Div to interview the GOC Maj Gen W. BRIDGEFORD CBE MC. | |
| | | 1130 | Lt E.A. DAVEY returned to the unit ex transit stores dump. | |
| | | 1200 | Weather - overcast and showery. | |
| | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | 1330 | Afternoon parade and continuation of work as for the morning. | |
| | 1400 | IO Lt N.H. KELLY visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde to interview Bde IO Capt N.S. DUN and to collect maps of the area. | | |
| | 1500 | BM Major R. SCHMEDGE MC visited the area to interview the Adjutant Capt R.L. MATHEWS. | | |
| | | | Christmas hampers were issued to all personnel by the ACF. | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Dec 44 To 30 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------|--------|---|--|--|
| TOROKINA | 29 Dec | 1500 | Stretchers were issued on the basis of 1 per man. Lt A.B. BALL visited the canteen and arranged for an issue of 1 bottle of beer per man, on 30 Dec 44, also purchased 100 cases of Cocacola and a supply of cigarettes and tobacco. | |
| | | 1600 | Lt R. MARSH and Lt G.H. WILLIAMS returned to the unit with 4 ORs who had been acting as guards and escort party for unit stores. | |
| | | 1630 | Sick parade. | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal. | |
| | 30 Dec | 1745 | Atebrin parade | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat | |
| | | | Night - raining | |
| | | 0630 | Reveille | |
| | | 0645 | Sick parade | |
| | | 0730 | Breakfast | |
| | 0830 | Coy parades and inspection. Duty coy HQ Coy. All coys were engaged in erecting tents and cleaning the area and generally settling in. | | |
| | 1230 | Midday meal | | |
| | 1330 | Afternoon parade and continuation of work as for the morning. QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER visited salvage to obtain stores for the unit. QM also visited all Bns in area whilst endeavouring to locate unit stores lost in transit from the mainland. | | |
| | 1400 | Sig Pl completed laying L/T to all coys. Lt J.R. ROE assumed duties of IO. <i>Lt KELLY posted Pl Comd B Coy</i> | | |
| | 1500 | Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar accompanied by BM Major R. SCHMEDGE MC visited CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC and inspected the area. | | |
| | 1630 | Sick parade. RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON reported an outbreak of colds | | |

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 30 Dec 44 To 31 Dec 44

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | |
|-----------|--------|--------------|--|---|--|
| TO ROKINA | 30 Dec | 1630 | since the units departure from Australia. | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |
| | | 1745 1800 | Atebrin parade Retreat | | |
| | | | 2000 | A large inward mail, the first since leaving the mainland was received. | |
| | | 31 Dec | | Night - showery. | |
| | | | 0630 | Reveille | |
| | | | 0645 | Sick parade | |
| | | | 0730 | Brekfast. | |
| | | | 0830 | Coy parades and inspection. Clearing of area and erecting of tents continued. | |
| | | | 0900 | Voluntary Church Parade conducted in Chapel by Padre SHOTTON approx 250 attended. | |
| | | | 1200 | Weather - overcast | |
| | | | 1230 | Midday meal | |
| | | | 1330 | Afternoon parade. Erecting of tents completed - Pay, postal and canteen tents being prepared for occupation. QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER submitted indents for 1 set of clothing per man. | |
| | | 1500 | IO Lt J.R. ROE visited Bde HQ and conferred with IO Capt N.S. DUN. | | |
| | | 1600 | Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO and Bar accompanied by BM Major R. SCHMEDGE MC visited the CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC, and inspected Bn area. As a result of this visit the Bn area was restricted to give space to 24 Aust Inf Bn. | | |
| | | 1615 | Drains were dug throughout the area, Adm block completed and commencement of work on Q Block. | | |
| | | 1645 | Sick parade. CAP Orderlies attached to coys. | | |
| | | 1715 | Evening meal | | |

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|----------|--------|--------------|---|--|
| TOROKINA | 31 Dec | 1745 | Atebrin parade | |
| | | 1800 | Retreat . A Coy mounted guard and duties Orderly Offr Lt R. ROLFE | |
| | | 1830 1900 | RC Church Parade held in 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Chapel. The first of the picture shows to be held in the unit area each alternate week was screened. | |
| | | 1900 | CO Lt Col G.R. WARFE MC a conference attended by Bn O Group. Points discussed were discipline, works programme and hygiene. Weather - heavy rain fell throughout the night. | |
| | | | | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| | | | <i>W. P. [Signature] LT COL</i> | |
| | | | COMD 58/59 AUST INF BN | |

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APPENDICES DEC 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/82
3 Dec 44.

SUBJECT:- REPORT ON TRAINING 27 NOV - 3 DEC 44.

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

1. The following report on training is submitted in respect of the period 27 Nov - 3 Dec 44:-

2. OUTLINE OF TRAINING

(a) Rifle Coys

| | |
|--|--------|
| Battalion exercise | 2 days |
| Fd Firing exercise | 1 day |
| Grenade trg and erection of wire obstacles | 1 day |
| Weapon trg | 1 day |
| Adm and organized sport | 1 day |
| Church Parade, Picnic and Rest | 1 day |

(b) 1.2.3. Platoons

| | |
|--|--------|
| Battalion exercises | 2 days |
| Support for field firing exercises and Specialist training | 3 days |
| Adm and organized sport | 1 day |
| Church Parade, Picnic and Rest | 1 day |

(c) 4 Platoon

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Battalion exercises | 1 day |
| Specialist training | 4 days |
| Adm and organized sport | 1 day |
| Church Parade, Picnic and Rest | 1 day |

(d) Night training - All Coys

- (i) Night compass march - 5 legs.
- (ii) Battalion in night advance and night attack.

3. Standard of Training

(a) Battalion exercise in advance and attack was fair only, and much more training is necessary to perfect battle drill.

(b) Field firing exercise was fair only when conducted on a company basis, but when reduced to the scale of a platoon attack in order to facilitate control and supervision good results were attained and the standard of section leading was greatly improved.

(c) Range practices - No range practices were conducted during period under review, but B Coy practice on 25 Nov. not recorded in previous report is compared with previous practice as follows:-

Percentage Passed

| | <u>31 Nov</u> | <u>25 Nov</u> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Rifle | 54% | 71% |
| L.M.G. | 82% | 72% |
| C.S.M.G. | 49% | 83% |

(d) Specialist Training

Little progress in cadre was made by 1,2,3, Fls owing to participation in field firing exercise, but much benefit was derived from the latter and standard of shooting was high.

Good progress was made by 4 Fl and a high standard has been achieved.

(e) Night Training

The standard of night training showed considerable improvement in the night exercise conducted night 30 Nov - 1 Dec. The exercise was designed to train the Battalion in the principles of night advance and night attack, and to practice use of tapes, lights and guides. It is considered that very satisfactory results were obtained, and that sufficient progress has now been made in battle drill for night attacks to enable the next night exercise to be conducted under more difficult conditions.

i.e. Total darkness rather than moonlight.

4. Standard of Fitness

(a) Personnel were treated by RAP during the week with the following complaints:-

| | | | |
|-----------|----|------------------|----|
| PUD | 8 | SKIN | 13 |
| DIARRHOEA | 15 | ACCIDENTS | 11 |
| URTI | 1 | OTHER COMPLAINTS | 45 |

(b) General Fitness - very fair.

5. Preparation of Exercises by Officers

Tactical Exercise with Troops was prepared with the object of exercising the Battalion in the principles of night advances and night attacks, and copy submitted to 15 Aust Inf Bde on 30 Nov 44.

6. Specialist Training

vide paras 2 (b) (c), 3 (d).

7. Unit Cadres

(a) NCOs Cadre

The first NCO's cadre has now been completed with the following results:-

| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>FAILED</u> | <u>50%-65%</u> | <u>66%-80%</u> | <u>80%-100%</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 21 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 5 |

The second cadre will commence 4 Dec 44.

(b) Stretcher Bearers Cadre

Three days of the refresher cadre for stretcher bearers were completed during the week, and satisfactory progress is being made

(c) It is proposed to conduct a Battalion cadre for all 2" mortar personnel during the period 4-7 Dec 44.

8. TEST's and Discussions

Demonstrations and lectures were given to all Officers and NCOs on the following subjects:-

(a) Preparations for Night Attack.

A resume of points to note re briefing of guides, runners, and R.P.'s, location of Report Centres and general considerations was given by C.O.

A layout in miniature was prepared by Intelligence Officer with correct lighting and taping of line of advance, Assembly Area, P.U.P. and S.L. and explained to all Officers and acting Pl.Comds.

(b) Section in Attack.

This took the form of an ideal section with 21/c acting as section leader who first gave a "silly" demonstration bringing out points noticed during training. Correct procedure of inspection, passing on of orders, formations and actual attack were then demonstrated. A running commentary was given by C.O.

9. Discussions Before and After Exercises

(a) All Officers and NCOs attended a discussion on the Battalion Exercise in advance and attack, when the following criticisms were made:-

- (i) Insufficient information passed back to Coys.
- (ii) Poor dispersion of BnHQ.
- (iii) Orders passed on in too great detail, E.C., C.O.'s complete orders passed on and insufficient attention paid to own plan.
- (iv) Poor fire control by Junior Leaders.
- (v) Lack of intelligence in runners selected.
- (vi) Poor appreciation of ground by Junior Leaders.

10. Man Management

- (a) Normal footbath parades and inspections were held.
- (b) No bathing parades were held in bivouac area.
- (c) Some progress was made in camp construction, a start being made on four men's mess-huts. There is still little provision made for mess tables and forms. State of tent lines is very fair.
- (d) Normal kit inspections were held.

11. General

(a) Schools and Courses

Following results have been achieved by members of this Battalion at Schools and Courses.

| <u>Schools</u> | <u>Failed</u> | <u>50%-65%</u> | <u>60%-80%</u> | <u>80%-100%</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| INQ School of Mech | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| 2/1 Aust HQ Bn Range-taking school | - | - | - | 2 |
| Bde AASC school | - | - | - | 1 |
| 111Div Prov and 1 RP Trg Course | - | 2 | 3 | - |

(b) Training Stores and Ammunition

(i) The following trg stores are urgently required:-

- Blank Ammunition
- Miniature range targets.
- 2 pdr MK/A sub-calibre attachments.

(ii) Holding of 3" mortar Asm for training is very low, and no advice has yet been received as to when further indents are likely to be obtained.

(c) Education

Seven personnel have been selected to attend school for Illiterate and Near-Illiterates at 2/2 A.G.H. commencing 4 Dec 44.

(d) Sports

(i) Cricket

BnHQ won outright from 132 Bde W/Shops on 29 Nov 44.

(ii) Football

BnHQ played soft-ball with 15 Fd Amb on 26 Nov 44.
A and D coys played football on 29 Nov 44, A Coy won.

(iii) Picnic

40 Personnel attended picnic at Lake EAGHAN on 26 Nov 44.

(e) Skeleton Comds and Staff Exercise

Members of the Battalion took part in the skeleton comds and staff exercise conducted by 15 Aust Inf Bde 2-3 Dec 44.

12. Lessons Brought Out and Learnt.


Vide para 9.

The principal lessons brought out and learnt during the week were:-

- (a) Movement of Battalion in open warfare formations.
- (b) Fire control by Junior Leaders (during field firing exercise)
- (c) Preparations for and principles of night advances and attacks

13. Recommendations

- (a) 2" mortar personnel are not sufficiently trained, and a 4 d Battalion Cadre will be held commencing 4 Dec 44.
- (b) To enable maximum amount of training to be carried out it is intended that Battalion duties be reduced to a minimum and those required drawn from B class personnel, from all coys, thus gaining an additional day's training.

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Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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58/59 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION - TRAINING SYLLABUS - ALL COYS - 3 DEC - 10 DEC 44.

| Date | A COY | B COY | C COY | D COY | NIGHT TRAINING |
|--------|--|---|---|--|---|
| 3 Dec | CHURCH PARADE | | REST | TEWT FOR BN EXERCISE | |
| 4 Dec | BN EXERCISE : Lessons | | (a) Advance and first contact (b) Attack (c) Consolidation and exploitation (d) Night attack and consolidation | | |
| 5 Dec | BN EXERCISE | | Defence | | |
| 6 Dec | Long range patrolling from defensive position (Pl basis) lessons: (a) Patrol briefing and procedure (b) Setting and locating ambushes (c) Patrol reports. | | Range practice 300 yards classification range. | Grenade trg. Practice in throwing and firing live grenades | Night patrols (Platoon basis) |
| 7 Dec | Grenade trg Practice in throwing and firing live grenades | Range practice 300 yards classification range | Long range patrolling from defensive position (Pl basis) lessons: (a) patrol briefing and procedure (b) setting and locating ambushes (c) patrol reports | | Relief of Coy defensive position by night |
| 8 Dec | BN EXERCISE | | (a) Tactical movement of Battalion in open warfare formation. (b) Return to MAPEE camp | | |
| 9 Dec | COMPANY ADMINISTRATION | MAKE AND MEND | ORGANISED SPORT | | |
| 10 Dec | CHURCH PARADE | | REST | | |

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/82
10 Dec 44.

Subject : REPORT ON TRAINING - 4 DEC - 10 DEC 44.

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

1. The following report on training is submitted in respect of the period 4 Dec - 10 Dec 44.

2. OUTLINE OF TRAINING

(a) Rifle Coys -
Section trg 2 days
Platoon Trg and construction and assault of wire obstacles 1 day
Classification Range Practices and Grenade throwing 1 day
Weapon Trg, T's.O.E.T. Bayonet Trg and Bn Ceremonial Parade 1 day
Adm and Organised sport 1 day
Church Parade and rest 1 day.

(b) HQ Coy
Specialist Trg and recapitulation, support for Rifle Coy exercises 4 days
Bn duties and Bn Ceremonial parade 1 day
Adm and organised sport 1 day
Church parade and rest 1 day

(c) Night Trg
(i) Sec stalk
(ii) Night compass march (six legs)
(iii) MMG Night firing exercise (2 Pl only)

3. STANDARD OF TRAINING

- (a) Considerable improvement was noticeable in the standard of Sec trg and good control was exercised by Sec Leaders in attack exercises using live amm.
(b) Standard of Pl Trg was fair only, absence of Offrs and NCOs still hampering effective team work.
(c) Standard of weapon trg is still weak and little improvement was noticeable during the week.
(d) Results of range practices conducted on the 11 Aust Div classification range did not compare favourably with previous 30 yard range practices, mainly due to low scoring in the ~~comp~~ practice. Percentage passed :-

| | |
|-------|-----|
| A Coy | 46% |
| B Coy | 30% |
| C Coy | 29% |
| D Coy | 25% |

3 Pls practice on 30 yads range showed improvement, 65% passes being obtained.

(e) Specialist Trg

- (i) Specialist trg derived considerable benefit from participation in rifle coy field firing exercises.
(ii) The recruit cadres for training of specialist reserves were completed on 8 Dec and the trainees have returned to their coys. All specialist pls have now trained at least 20% reserves.
Because of the keen competition in the selection of personnel for the various pls from the best trainees, a high standard will be expected of all specialist pls.
(iii) On 8 Dec 2 Pl conducted a night firing exercise with the following objects :-

- (a) to practice a sec in engaging targets by night
- (b) to practice personnel in their drill duties as a fire unit by night
- (c) to practice NCOs in the use of fire control charts and in exercising fire control by night.

The battle procedure carried out during the exercise was of a high standard, and the standard of shooting was fair, all targets being well within the beaten zones.

4. STANDARD OF FITNESS

- (a) Personnel treated by RAP during the week compared with the previous week as follows.

| | Week ending 3 Dec | 10 Dec |
|------------------|----------------------|--------|
| P.U.O. | 8 | 6 |
| Diarrhoea | 15 | 5 |
| URTI | 1 | 2 |
| Skin | 13 | 4 |
| Accidents | 11 | 3 |
| Other complaints | 45 | 15. |

- (b) General fitness - good. Although a considerable number of personnel succumbed to the heat during the Bn Ceremonial Parade it is considered this was due to insufficient tutelage in the method of countering the conditions met rather than lack of fitness on the part of the members concerned.

5. PREPARATION OF EXERCISES BY OFFICERS

The NMG Night training exercise was prepared by OC 2 Pl and was of a satisfactory standard (vide para 3(e)).

6. SPECIALIST TRG

vide para 2(b), 3(e).

7. UNIT CADRES

- (a) NCOs cadre.
A second NCOs cadre has completed a weeks trg and satisfactory results are expected from the 24 students. Coy comds report considerable improvement in the standard of sec comds and potential NCOs as a result of the first cadre.
- (b) Stretcher Bearer Cadre
Ten days trg has been completed
- (c) 2" Mortar Cadre
A cadre for all 2 in mortar personnel was conducted during the period 4 - 8 Dec, and such satisfactory results were achieved that another cadre for the training of 100% reserves will be held 11 - 15 Dec. The field firing carried out by the cadre on 8 Dec was of a particularly high standard.
- (d) Cadre for Rifle Bombers.
A cadre to train one member from each sec in the handling of the Grenade discharger will be conducted during the period 13 9 15 Dec 44.

8. TWTS AND DISCUSSIONS

- (a) Demonstrations
On 9 Dec a demonstration was given by the C.O. to all offrs and NCOs on the construction and use of the Bangalore Torpedo. It is considered that demonstrations of this nature are particularly effective in teaching offrs and NCOs phases of infantry trg not normally covered by syllabus.
- (b) Lectures
On 8 Dec a lecture was given by the I.O. to all offrs on Patrol briefing and Patrol Reports, emphasis being laid on the 15 Aust Inf Bde instrs dealing with this subject, and a battle procedure for patrols and reports being laid down.
- (c) Normal discussions were held by coy offrs and NCOs at the conclusion of each days trg to deal with the lessons learnt during the day and prepare for the following days syllabus.

9. DISCUSSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER EXERCISES

- (a) Demonstrations were given by each coy prior to the sec exercises on advance, attack and defence, and that considerable benefit was derived from these was indicated by the satisfactory standard achieved when the exercises were carried out. Normal discussions were held after the exercises with tps taking part. Considerable enthusiasm was displayed on the sec in attack exercise, doubtless due to the use of live amm.
- (b) Discussions and quizzes were also held on Erection and Assault of Barbed Wire Obstacles and General principles and Characteristics of Inf Weapons.

10. MAN MANAGEMENT

- (a) Normal footbath parades and inspections were held
- (b) Bathing parades ~~will~~ be held at every available opportunity.
- (c) State of ~~coy~~ lines is now good. The attention given recently to ~~lectures held~~ for improved man-management by sec leaders is being reflected in the general improvement shown during the week. A most deireable feature in evidence was the competitive spirit which is being aroused between secs.

11. GENERAL

(a) Schools and Courses.

Following results have been achieved by members of this Battalion at schools and courses.

| <u>School</u> | <u>Failed</u> | <u>50-65%</u> | <u>80-100%</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 Aust Corps Cam Trg school | - | - | 1 |
| HQ S.A.S. | - | 1 | - |

(b) Education.

Educational activities were confined to the usual music recital at 11 Aust Div and a large increase in the number of books held in the Bn library.

(c) Sports

- (1) Cricket - Inter unit match with 15 Aust Inf Bde - won
- (11) Football - Inter coy match A & B coys.

(d) Offrs Range Practice - Pistols

A pistol practice for all offrs was held on 10 Dec at 30 yards range.

(e) Bn Ceremonial Parade.

The Bn Ceremonial parade conducted at 11 Aust Div sports ground on 8 Dec revealed that the standard of marching and frill is fair.

12. LESSONS BROUGHT OUT AND LEARNT

The following lessons were brought out during the weeks trg.

- (a) Man management by Sec Comds.
- (b) Control of secs in advance, attack and defence
- (c) Fire control and fire control orders in sec exercises using live amm.
- (d) Co-ordination of fire in sec def. posn by means of fire plans and sketch.
- (e) Construction and penetration of wire obstacles.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) To improve the standard of weapon trg it is recommended that one week be devoted to a Bn cadre on a bull-ring basis. It is considered that the trg received by NCOs at schools and cadres should now make such a course practicable.
- (b) It is requested that ~~such~~ efforts be made to procure the following ~~weapon trg text books~~

LMG OSMG RIFLE

2 in Mortar Grenade.

It is pointed out that it is almost impossible to expect any improvement in the standard of weapon trg when it is NOT possible to supply NCOs with the books necessary for preparation of their lessons.

- (c) It is intended to conduct a cadre for all rifle bombardiers during the period 13 - 15 Dec and in this way achieve the same results as were obtained from the 2 in mortar cadre.


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RETURN OF RANGE PRACTICES - 58/59 AUST INF BN

| Serial | Unit | Practice Fired | Camp strength of Unit. | Number fired | Number Qualified | Highest Score | Lowest Score | Average score for personnel qualified | Average score for personnel failed | Possible Score |
|--------|----------------|---|------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | 3 Pl HQ Coy | 30 yds Range Practice | 60 | 55 | 37 | 115 | 40 | 89.4 | 56.8 | 150 |
| 2. | A Coy | Grouping) 5 rds) 100 yds) Application) 5 rds) 200 yds) Snap 10 rds) 200 yds) | 98 | 59 | 27 | 79 | 73 | 62 | 39 | 100 |
| 3. | B Coy | " | 93 | 46 | 14 | 71 | 3 | 62 | 34 | 100 |
| 4. | C Coy | " | 91 | 69 | 20 | 75 | 10 | 58 | 34 | 100 |
| 5. | D Coy | " | 89 | 54 | 13 | 77 | 2 | 60 | 38 | 100 |

was done

Amended

*Previous syllabus
3-10 Dec to be
changed to 11-18
Dec*

60/59 ADJUTANT GENERAL - TRAINING SYLLABUS - BETA COYS 3 DEC - 10 DEC 44

| Date | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Other Trg | NCOS Trg | Night Trg | |
|-------|---|--|---|--|---|----------|--|------------------------------------|
| 3 DEC | CHURCH PARADE | | PICNIC AND REST | | Skeleton Staff Exercise. | | | |
| 4 DEC | <p>HOME SPHERE AREA, MOVING - Done and practice See in advance. Formations movement control. (IT 194, Sec 27, 20, 23, 25) MAP 33 Chap 111)</p> <p>DEFENCE - See in attack - Done and practice (IT 194, Sec 26, MAP 33 Sec 30)</p> | | <p>Weapons Training and T's O B T . Bayonet Training</p> | | <p>Field firing exercise SPIDER MARCH as prepared for week 27 Nov - 2 Dec</p> | | <p>Squad drill A & B Coys</p> <p>Fire control orders</p> | <p>Sec stalk (MAP 33 Chap 111)</p> |
| 5 DEC | <p>HOME SPHERE - Throwing and firing live grenades.</p> <p>DEFENCE - FI in advance, action on first contact (IT Chap II IT 204, Sec 28)</p> | | <p>HOME SPHERE AREA, MOVING - Done & practice See in advance. Formations movement control. (IT 194, Secs 27, 20, 23, 25) MAP 33 Chap 111)</p> <p>DEFENCE - See in attack Done & practice (IT 194, Sec 26 MAP 33 Sec 30)</p> | | | Do | <p>C & D Coys</p> <p>Section stalk (MAP 33 Chap 111)</p> | |
| 6 DEC | <p>MORNING - Classification range practice Rifle.</p> <p>AFTERNOON - Construction & assault of wire obstacles (IT Appx F Para 11 Eng all (33))</p> | <p>MORNING - Construction & assault of wire obstacles. (IT Appx F Para 11 Eng)</p> <p>AFTERNOON - Classification range practice Rifle.</p> | <p>HOME SPHERE - Throwing and firing live grenades.</p> <p>AFTERNOON - FI in advance - action on first contact. (IT Chap II I.T. 194, Sec 28)</p> | | | Do | <p>C & D Coys</p> <p>Night compass march six legs)</p> | |
| 7 DEC | <p>Done and practice - Occupation of defensive post. (IT Chap XIX IT 194, Sec 43 MAP 33 Sec 31)</p> | | <p>Morning - Classification range Rifle.</p> <p>Afternoon - Construction and assault of wire obstacles (IT Appx F Para 11 Eng)</p> | <p>Morning - Construction and assault of wire obstacles</p> <p>Afternoon - Classification range practice Rifle</p> | | Do | <p>A & B Coys</p> <p>night compass march six legs.</p> | |

| Date | A Coy | B Coy | C Coy | D Coy | Signs Trg | HQS Trg | Night Trg |
|--------|--|-------|--|-------|---|---|--------------|
| 8 Dec | Morning - An ORIGINAL PARADE - 15 AM AT THE Parade Ground. | | | | Lecture by I.O. Patrol Reports. | Squad Drill & fire control orders. | |
| | Afternoon - Weapon training and F.A.O.B.E. Bayonet Training | | Demo & practice Occ- upation of sec def post (1st Coy 19 Dec 1944 Sec 41 Dec 33 Sec 32) | | | | |
| 9 Dec | COY ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISED SPORT | | | | Demo Construction and use of Bangalore Torpedoes | | |
| 10 Dec | CHURCH PARADE AND SERVICE | | | | | | |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/27
Dec 44.

Subject : WEEKLY CATERING REPORT - WEEK ENDING 1 DEC 44.

C.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
Catering Adviser 11AUST DIV.

1. RATIONS
 - (a) Potatoes are still very poor in quality and in short supply.
 - (b) Apples received during the week were of very poor quality.
 - (c) Mince Meat and Eggs bought through supplementary allowance helps considerably to build up Breakfast ration.
 - (d) Rations received other than the above commodities were of better quality.

2. COOKS

Cooking throughout the unit is of a high standard.
Cooks who operated the field bakery during the recent exercise are to be commended on the excellent job done under adverse conditions.

3. HYGIENE
 - (a) Newly constructed butchers shop is in need of a drain in order that floor may be thoroughly cleansed.
 - (b) Sandscap and Brooms which are essential to kitchen hygiene are not available. This matter has been brought to notice in previous reports and to date neither item has been forthcoming.

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2" MORTAR CADRE 4 - 7 DEC 44.

PREPARED BY LIEUT J.H. PIMM.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|
| DATE | 0830 - 0915 | 0915 - 1000 | 1015 - 1100 | 1100 - 1200 | 1330 - 1415 | 1415 - 1500 | 1500 - 1545 |
| 4 Dec | Scope of work during cadre General notes re mortar-Role | Lesson 1. Introduction of mortar and bombs. | Lesson 2. Stripping and cleaning. | | Lesson 3. Loading and firing. Action on misfire. | Battle sight and aiming. Use of aiming mark for indirect fire. | |
| 5 Dec | | LESSON 4. Elementary tactical handling. Selection of fire positions. | | Lesson 5. Smoke | Practice in laying and aiming. | Field targets. | Practice in judging distance to 500 yds. |
| 6 Dec | Discussion on carriage of amm. in the Pl. Trial carry with full equipment. | LESSON 6. I.E. and firing safety rules. | Ps.G.E.T. | Recapitulation. | | 2 skeleton Pl exercises. (to be prepared) Orders. | |
| 7 Dec | | LESSON 4. Elementary tactical handling. Selection of fire positions. | | | Practice in laying and aiming. | | Cleaning in preparation for field firing. |
| 8 Dec | | Field firing. | Laying of smoke screen. | | Target practice. | | |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn
Dec 44.

Nos 108 - 113

by

LIEUTENANT - COLONEL C.R. WARRE

COMMANDING 58/59 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

108. DUTIES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Orderly Officer to mount Retreat | 6/12/44 | Lt D.G.SPINK |
| " " " " " | 7/12/44 | Lt H.J.JACOBS |
| " " " " " | 8/12/44 | Lt D.G.SPINK |
| " " " " " | 9/12/44 | Lt H.J.JACOBS |
| " " " " " | 10/12/44 | Lt D.G.SPINK |
| Duty Coy to mount Retreat | 6/12/44 | D Coy |
| " " " " " | 7/12/44 | A Coy |
| " " " " " | 8/12/44 | HQ Coy |
| " " " " " | 9/12/44 | C Coy |

Note :- Only duty mounted by Duty Company will be Guard.

Officer to command Bde Leave Party 5/12/44 Capt C.C. CUTHBERTSON,
 " " " " " " " 8/12/44 Capt A.C.JACKSON.

109. UNIT CENSORSHIP.

In LHQ Field Censorship Report states that this unit is NOT observing correct procedure in regard to despatch of telegrams. Para 13 of GRC 371/44 is repeated and will be rigidly adhered to by members and Franling Officers.

" All communications from a member subject to unit censorship shall contain the full name of the sender and his full official address. This shall be written, in the case of a telegram, on the back; in the case of a letter or letter-card, on the top right-hand corner of the top page; and, in the case of a packet, parcel or newspaper, on a slip of paper enclosed therein. A member shall not use any address other than his official or receive any communication except through that address or request any person to send to him any communication except to that address: Provided, however, that in writing to a prisoner of war or neutral country, the addresses provided by Appendix E to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 shall be used."

It will be particularly noted that full name and address of sender will be written on back of telegram.

110. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB 83.

A member will take every possible care to prevent the loss, destruction or defacement of his AAB 83. Failure to take such care will be regarded as a serious offence and punished accordingly.

Any member losing his AAB 83 will (unless the CO is satisfied that the loss was not due to any negligence on the part of the member) be charged under AA 24 (2) (or, in the case of Officers, under AA 40), the fact of loss be sufficient to found a charge of "losing by neglect public Property issued to him for his use" (or of "neglect to the prejudice", as the case maybe) and to justify a conviction on such charge in the absence of a satisfactory explanation.

110. Continued.

Destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is also an offence in respect of which a charge will be laid under AA 24, AA 25 or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.

111. INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDANTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS.

1. The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for rebates of tax in respect of a taxpayer's dependants resident in Australia.
2. Where a member of the AMF has married while serving overseas, rebates may be claimed in respect of his wife, and of any children of the marriage, even if they are residing overseas. Such persons are, for this purpose, deemed to be domiciled in Australia.
3. No rebate will be allowed in respect of other dependants residing outside Australia.

112. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION.

APPLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF FOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

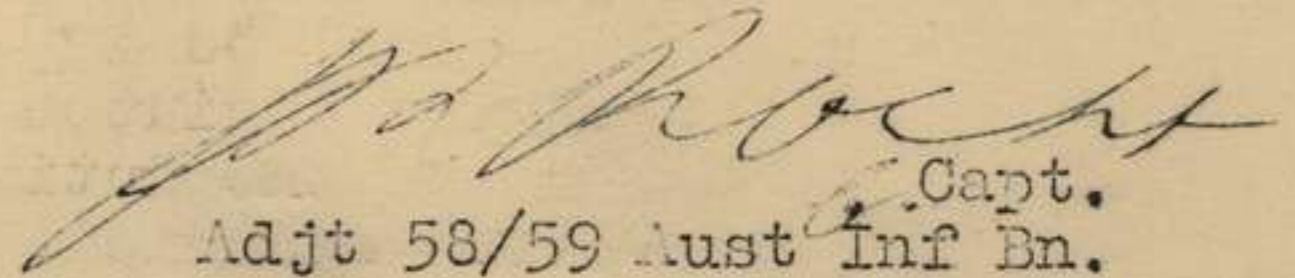
1. Approval has been given for the release of a limited number of AMF personnel for service with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, a United Nations organisation which has been established to assist in the rehabilitation of liberated areas in Europe, the Far East and the Pacific.
2. Any member of the AMF who is physically fit and between the ages of 25 and 50 may apply for an appointment on UNRRA staff and, if successful, will be required to serve either at UNRRA Headquarters, Washington, at a branch established in London, Sydney or elsewhere or in any area liberated by the United Nations.
3. Appointments to UNRRA staff will probably be of comparatively short duration as it is expected that the administration will function only during the immediate post-war period.
4. Salary will be dependant upon living costs in the area in which the appointee is posted and will be determined by the nature of the duties performed and the responsibility of the position occupied. All necessary allowance will be provided.
5. Although a knowledge of the country in which the appointee is to serve and proficiency in its language are valuable qualifications, they may be waived when the applicant possesses the required technical experience.
6. Successful applicants will commence their duties as required by UNRRA. A number will be required almost immediately.
7. UNRRA activities cover every aspect of relief and rehabilitation and the qualifications required vary in accordance with the division in which the applicant is desirous of serving.
8. The following requirements cover the more important activities of the administration, but members who have qualifications other than those enumerated, and which they consider would fit them for service with UNRRA, may submit applications:-
 - (a) Supply, - General administrative experience, knowledge of trade procurement and shipping, marketing and distribution experience. A knowledge of foreign languages is also required for this division.
 - (b) Industrial Rehabilitation, - Experience in industrial planning, maintenance repair, engineering.
 - (c) Agricultural Rehabilitation, - Experience in re-settlement projects, assistance to farmers, distribution of supplies for food production rehabilitation.

112. (Continued)

8. (d) Distribution, - General experience of distribution of large volumes of supplies, knowledge of countries, exchange.
- (e) Transportation and Warehousing, - General experience in these matters.
- (f) Welfare and Camp Administration, - Experience in social welfare work, child care, camp welfare, emergency feeding and shelter community organization.
- (g) Displaced Persons Rehabilitation, - Experience in community organization, movement of groups of people.

113. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES.

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battles or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.
2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.
3. This order has been directed by motives of consideration for the feeling of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.


Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

FOUND.

Watch and small sum of money found.

This can be claimed at Adjutant's Office.

9 Dec 44

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Ref First Aust Army R.O. Chapt 8 para 5.

1. Money on hand as at 1 Nov 44 - £884-8-3
2. Money distributed from Regimental Funds during month - £134-1-3
3. Money on hand as at 30 Nov - £760-0-0.
4. Amenities or money required. NIL
5. Amenities required through 1 Aust Corps DAD Amenities -
6 pressure lamps, 6 footballs (Aust Rules)
6. There is a shortage of matting for cricket wickets in the unit consequently we cannot arrange enough cricket matches. Grounds are available for football, softball and cricket in this area and have been utilised twice a week for inter coy games of football and inter unit games of softball and cricket.

Sporting Material on hand is as follows :-

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Cricket bats | 5 |
| Cricket sets - less bats | 4 |
| Hockey sticks | 7 |
| Softball clubs | 7 |
| " " balls | 9 |
| " " gloves | 7 |
| " " faceguards | 2 |
| Tennis quoits | 8 |
| Volley Ball nets | 9 |
| Quoits | 5 sets of 6 |
| Boxing gloves | 14 pairs |
| Punching bags - small | 2 |
| Sparring gloves | 2 pairs |
| Medicine balls | 7 |
| Rugby balls | 9 |
| Football pumps | 2 |
| Basket ball nets | 4 |
| Basket balls | 2 |
| Soccer balls | 2 |

Cricket

Bn cricket team played 3 matches during the month in 11 Aust Div competition.

Football

2 inter-Bn and 8 inter-coy matches of Aust Rules were played, 324 personnel participating in the various games.

Softball

2 inter-unit matches were arranged, 20 personnel participated. Tps were very interested in all matches arranged, and are very keen on football and cricket matches. Bn could organise at least 4 inter coy cricket matches each week if matting was obtainable.

77 ENTERTAINMENT

Pictures have been shown once each week during Nov and have proved to be very popular 90 % of the unit has attended each week. 2 small concerts have been organised within the unit and have proved very successful. It is intended to organise more during Dec. 2 picnics have been arranged on Sundays, one to LAKE EACHAM-TOR

for 40 personnel and the other to the BARRON RIVER for 160 personnel. They were very popular and it is egritted that more could not be arranged.

8. PHILANTHROPIC SOCITIES

YMCA has provided musical entertainemnt each evening over a pulic address system.

2 recreational huts have been maintained with all indoor games, reading and writing materials.

Refrshments have been provided at each football or cricket match and also to troops in bivouac area.

Library was maintained during the month.

Geo. L. ...
Lt Col
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS
PREPARED BY LT-COL G.R. WARREN
REF MAP DINBULAH 1 in to 1 MILE

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/82
10 Dec 44.

1. TROOPS TAKING PART

58/59 Aust Inf Bn less cadre personnel and camp security guard.

2. DATE - 11 Dec 44.

3. PLACE
24 Aust Inf Bn Trg Area squares 3433, 3434, 3534, 3533.

4. OBJECT
To exercise the Battalion in the principles of adv and attack.

5. LESSONS

- (a) The issuing of orders by sub-unit comds.
"An order must contain only what the recipient needs to know"
(FSR Vol 11 Sec 14).
- (b) Preparation for the attack. "A period of preparation for an attack is always necessary to allow for reconnaissance by commanders; the formation of their plans; the issue of orders; the deployment of the troops..... To shorten this period..... must be the constant aim of commanders and staff. (FSR Vol 11 Sec 56.)"
- (c) Exploitation and consolidation. "The exploitation of a success depends mainly on the leadership of the subordinate commanders."

6. OPENING NARRATIVE

The 54 Japanese Regiment is advancing north along the CAIRNS - ATHERTON railway and has occupied TOLGA. Tac R reports that an enemy force of approx one bn has moved WEST in the direction of BONES KNGB and WORSLEY.
15 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to move from its present posn at WAPEN and stop the enemy advance, the 58/59 Aust Inf Bn was given the task of occupying the WORSLEY RIDGE sq 3334, 3434, 3433 with a view to preventing further enemy mov on the right flank.

7. SITUATION 1.

The Bn has reached cross rds 398395 and the "O" Cp has been called forward for the issue of orders, which in outline are:

| | |
|--|--|
| <u>Summary</u> | <u>Bn in diamond formation</u> |
| Adv Gd | A Coy with under comd one sec WMGs and one det morts |
| Main Body | R Cp, Bn HQ, O Cp, HQ Coy, A Ech tpt, D Coy. |
| Flank Gds | Right B Coy Left C Coy. |
| Route - 398395 - 396377 - 388378 - 387362 thence on bearing of 236 degrees N to WORSLEY RIDGE. | |
| <u>S.P.</u> X rds 398395. | |
| <u>H Hour</u> 110830K. | |

8. SITUATION 2.

When the Adv Gd reached creek at 348342 heavy WMG fire and mortars fire was encountered from features 345337, 342346, 341340 and the Adv Gd suffered heavy casualties. The Adv Gd comd estimated the enemy str at two coys, and advised that they had apparently just occupied their posns as they had been hastily digging in until engaged with his mortar and machine guns. The CO decided on a Bn attack and after his recce met his O Cp to issue the following orders

Three coys fwd, one res.

Fwd Coys RIGHT B Coy with under comd one det mortars
Objective Knoll 342346
Limit of exploitation - creek 34 easting grid.

CENTRE D Coy with under comd one sec WMGs
Objective Knoll 341340
Limit of exploitation 34 easting grid.

LEFT C Coy with under comd one sec WMGs.
Objective Knoll 345337
Limit of exploitation creek WEST and SOUTH of feature.

F.U.P.

- (a) Location Ridge 351342
- (b) Action deploy into battle formation
- (c) Route to S.L. Direct.

S.L. Creek

H HOUR 1230 K

ROUTE Direct to objective

RATE OF ADV 100 yds in 2 mins for 400 yds then 100 yds in 3 mins.

- RES (a) A Coy
 (b) Mov - when ordered by C.O.
 (c) Probable role - exploit N.W. along ridge.

INF WEAPONS

- (a) WMGs (i) One sec under comd C Coy
 (ii) one sec under comd D Coy
Task Consolidation and counter attack role.
- (b) Mortars (i) one det under comd A Coy.
 (ii) one det under comd B Coy
 (iii) six dets Bn res.

| No of dets | Area | Task | AVN | RATE | TIMING |
|------------|--------|------|-----|--------|-------------------------|
| 2 | 351342 | | HE | Normal | H plus 10 to H plus 20. |
| 2 | " | | HE | " | " |
| 2 | " | | HE | " | " |

(c) TR/A Remain on wheels huts 350348

INTERCOMM

Battle HQ Behind D Coy
 Bn HQ Rear 351343
 I/T to fwd coys
 W/T Nil.

9. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

0630 hrs Reveille
 0730 Bn Parade leave WAPES camp
 0800 Arrive X rd 398395. CO issues orders for adv
 0830 Adv to WORSLEY RIDGE commences.
 1100 Adv Cd comes under fire while crossing creek at 348342. Adv Cd comd engages with mortar & WMG. C.O. makes recce.
 1130 CO issues orders for attack
 1230 Attack commences
 1430 Exercise ends. Return to bivouac area 351342.

arrangements generally will correspond with provisions of
 26 Nov. The following amendments will, however

Para 2 - Incl on list of pers excl from LOAT

- (i) All cadre personnel
- (ii) duty coy will provide guard for NAFEE camp -
1 Sjt 2 Cpls 12 ORs. Pers will return to camp
after evening meal each day and relieve old guard
who will move to trg area next morning.
- (iii) one O.R. from each rifle coy and two from HQ Coy
will remain in camp 11 Dec for loading of kitbags being
sent to kit store. Report QM 0800 hrs.

Para 3. A Ech tpt is allotted as follows :

C.O. 1 4 x 4 1/2 ton
1 Pl 1 " "
1 4 x 4 15 cwt
2 Pl 1 4 x 4 ton
3 Pl 1 4 x 4 ton

B Ech tpt will not be allotted to coys but will be
controlled by tpt Offr, who will arrange mov of all
B Ech stores in conjunction with QM.

Para 8 Offrs Mess, YMCA, and canteen will not be est until
AM 12 Dec. Until then Bn HQ personnel will remain with
HQ Coy.

Para 12. Bn parade and inspection 110730H.

(b) RATIONS

- (i) Midday meal 11 Dec will be carried on man.
- (ii) Evening meal 12 Dec will be prepared in bivouac area 351342
where QM will establish kitchens subsequent to 1230 hrs
- (iii) Breakfast 13 Dec will be cooked in bivouac area 351342 and
moved to new bivouac area in hot boxes. B Ech will move to
new area AM 13 Dec.
- (iv) YMCA will provide hot drink in bivouac area 111430H

(c) DRESS

Battle order less amn and mosquito net, plus shirt.


Lt-col
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

Appx D 2

PREPARED BY LT-COL G.R. WARFE

REF MAP DIMBULAH 1 in to 1 MILE

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/82
// Dec 44.

1. TROOPS TAKING PART.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn less personnel detached for specialist trg and duties.

2. DATE Night 11/12 Dec.

3. OBJECT
To practice the Battalion in night approach march and night attack (IT 37 Sec 81-5, FSR Vol 11 Secs 80,82. INT No 3.)

4. LESSONS
- (a) Use of lights, tapes, guides and report centres (INT No 3 Part 1)
 - (b) Necessity for strict control in night operations. "At night superiority in discipline and in training has even better opportunity to exploit its full value than by daylight."
(IT 37 Sec 84)
 - (c) Consolidation before dawn. "The success of consolidation will depend on forethought and the discipline of the troops to avoid the confusion which must otherwise occur". (IT 37 Sec 85)

5. OPENING NARRATIVE

15 Aust Inf Bde is situated in WORSLEY, EMERALD, BONES KNOB area with 58/59 Aust Inf Bn bivouaced vicinity 351343, when infm is received that an enemy force of one Bn with light tanks is moving EAST from DIMBULAH in the direction of CARBEEN. Just before last light on 11 Dec Tac R observed a small force digging in in the vicinity of the bend in the track 328412. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn has been ordered to occupy a def posn astride the road vicinity 328412 with a view to preventing further enemy mov EAST. On the night flank 24 Aust Inf Bn has been ordered to advance along the CAIRNS - ATHERTON RD with a view to occupying a def posn vicinity CARBEEN.

6. SITUATION 1.

The COs orders issued at 351343 at 111900K included :-

- (a) Fwd Tps
 - (i) Right - A Coy with under comd one det mortars
Objective - 332412
Limit of exploitation - 300 paces NORTH of track.
 - (ii) Left - B Coy - with under comd one sec MMGs, one det mortars, one sec Tk/A.
Objective - 328414
Limit of Exploitation - 300 paces NORTH of track.
 - (iii) Role of Fwd Coys on Objective - Consolidate before dawn.
- (b) Mov to Assembly areas
 - (i) Report centres est at huts 331400 indicated by two green lights.
 - (ii) Order of march :- B Coy with tps under comd
Bn HQ
A Coy with tps under comd
D Coy " " " "
C Coy " " " "
HQ Coy "
A ech.
- (c) ROUTE - S.P. to house 340378 (bearing 334° M) to road 340384 to assembly area GRAVEL PIT 331400. Indicated by white lights along axis of adv.
- (d) S.P. - Huts 350348
- (e) Timings - B Coy cross SP 112330K. Rate 100 yds in 3 min.

(f) Coy comds RV Report Centre 1 at 112315K to receive orders to move.

4. ACTION AT ASSEMBLY AREAS

- (a) Report in and be guided to assembly posn
- (b) Receive hot drink from YMCA
- (c) Final check on weapons eqpt adm.
- (d) Final smoke.

5. MOVE FROM ASSEMBLY AREAS TO FUP

- (a) Report centre and guide meeting point at hut 330407.
- (b) Order of march as above.
- (c) Route - NW along creek to hut 330407, indicated by lights, thence NORTH along tape to FUP 330408.
- (d) Formation - Column of route - 2 mins between coys.
- (e) Timings - B Coy leave assembly area 120330. Rate 100 yds in 4 mins

6. ACTION AT FUP

Deploy along tapes

7. H HOUR 120415K

8. BEARING 20° M

9. RATE OF ADVANCE 100 yds in 4 mins.

10. RES

- (a) Composition
 - (i) Right - C Coy with under comd one sec MMGs one det mortars one sec Tk/A.
 - (ii) Left - D Coy with under comd one det mortars.
 - (iii) Mov - 400 yds rear of fwd coys.
 - (iv) Objective - C Coy 335409
D Coy 325412
 - (v) Probable role for C Coy - move at first light to def posn 346408.
 - (vi) Posn of HQ Coy - 331406.

11. MMGs

Allotment one sec under comd B Coy
" " " " C Coy.

12. MORTARS

Allotment - One det under comd each A, B, C & D Coys
four dets Bn Res.

13. Tk/A

One sec under comd B Coy
" " " " C Coy

14. PNRS

Protective patrol fwd of FUP. Withdraw to flank at H hour and join HQ Coy.
Probable role - construction of bridges along track.

15. FLANK PROTECTION - own responsibility

16. MOPPING UP - " "

17. A ECH

Move from ass area on success. Meet guides at 330407.

18. GUIDES

Three guides per coy will report to I.O. at Report centre 121030K

112130K
121030K

ADM

- 19 Normal plus
- 20 RAP 330408
- 21 RATIONS - Breakfast will be moved from bivouac area to def posn by 120600K.
- 22 B Ech
 - (a) Commence mov to 330407 120600K.
 - (b) Route - huts 350348 - hospital - 357383 - GRAVEL PIT - then along axis of adv.

INTERCOMM

- 23 Battle HQ - 50 yds behind B Coy until FUP, then 50 yds behind fwd coys on axis of adv.
Loc ation on success - 330409 indicated by two blue lights
- 24 L/T - All coys
- 25 W/T one 108 set to A. B coys and Battle HQ.
- 26 Success - A Coy Red, red.
B Coy Green, green.
- 27. Lights on objective. - coys will flash back lights at 10 sec intervals from posn of coy HQ on objective (until L/T laid).
A Coy red B Coy green
C Coy white D Coy orange

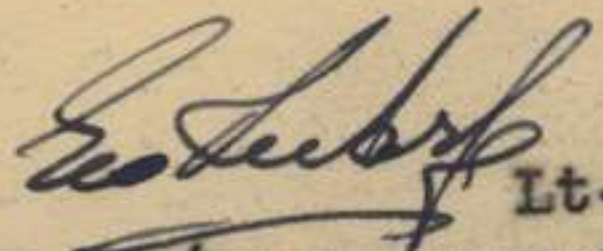
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

| | |
|---------|---|
| 112330K | leave bivouac area 351342 |
| 120230K | arrive ass area 331400 |
| 120330K | depart ass area. |
| 120400K | arrive FUP 331408 |
| 120415K | H Hour |
| 120430K | Reach objective track 3241,3341. Commence consolidation |
| 120530K | C Coy move to 346408 |
| 120600K | Mess and move of B Ech. |

DISPOSNS OF DEF POSNS

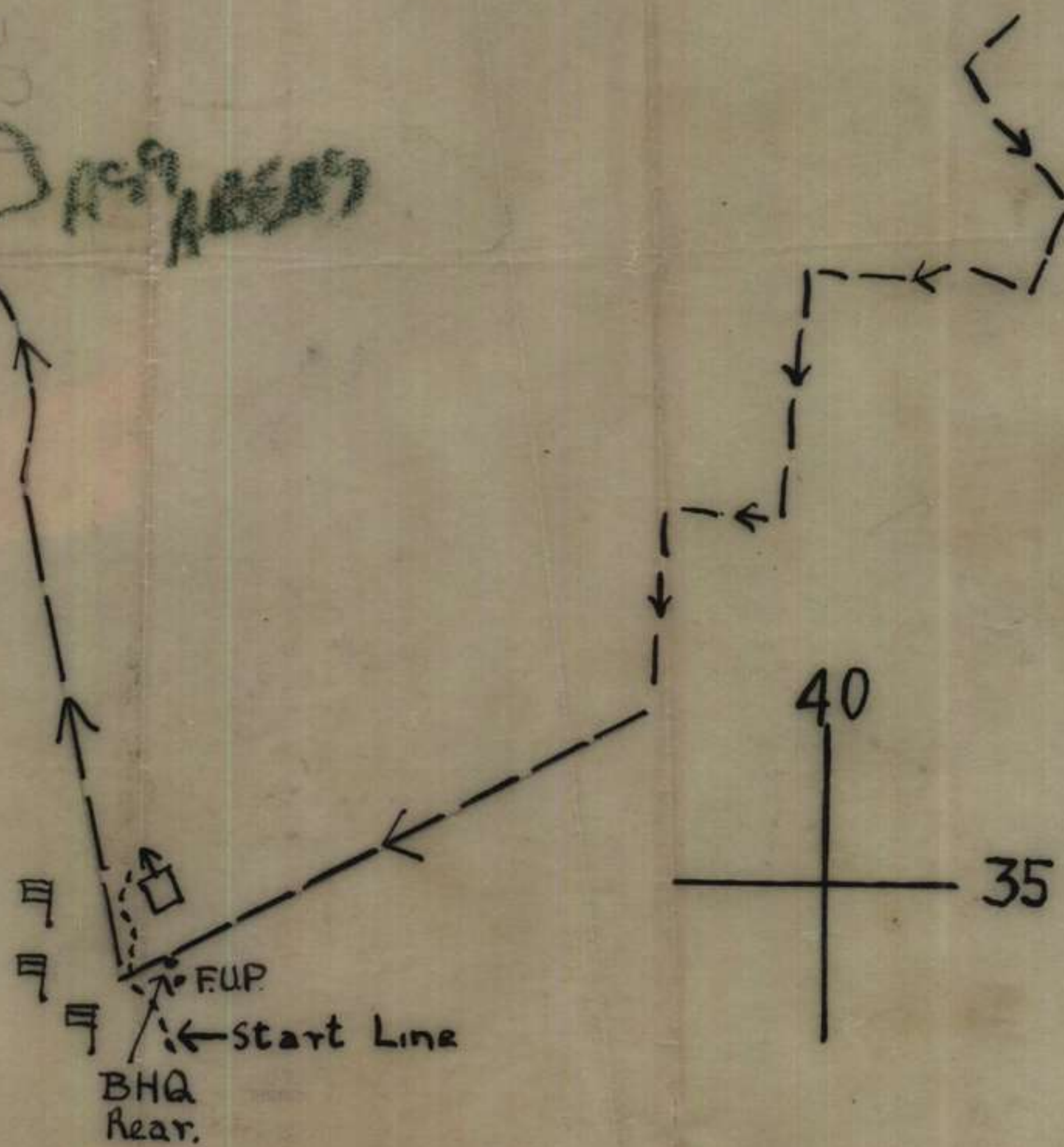
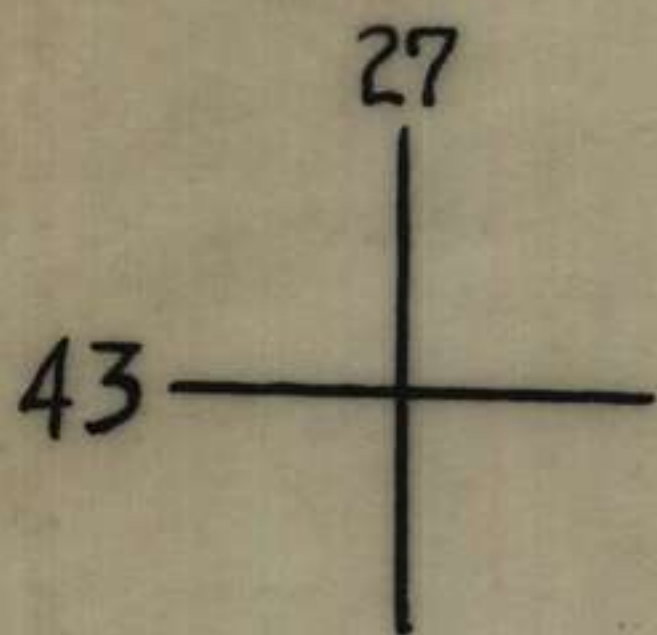
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|--------|--------|
| A Coy | 332412 |
| B Coy | 328414 |
| C Coy | 346408 |
| D Coy | 325412 |
| HQ Coy | 331406 |
| BHQ | 330408 |
| B Ech | 330407 |

ADM No change.


 Lt-col
 Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

SUPERIMPOSE OVER ~ Dimbulah - 1 inch to 1 mile.

58/59 AUST. INF. BN. EXERCISE AREA.



INT. SEC. 58/59 AUST. INF. BN.

B. Jordan PTE.

10 Dec '44

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Nos 108 - 113

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
Dec 44.

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G.R. WARFE

COMMANDING 58/59 AUST INF BN

108 GAITERS AMERICAN PATTERN

- (a) No action will be taken to cut down gaiters American pattern when issued.
- (b) Disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.

109 PARKING OF ARMY VEHICLES

The parking of Army vehicle in an authorised army vehicle park whether in charge of Provost or not, does NOT absolve the driver from his responsibility and duty pursuant to Standing Orders for Drivers.

If a driver leaves a vehicle unattended in an authorised Army Vehicle Park he is responsible for any loss of or damage to that vehicle and its components during his absence.

110 ANGAU - APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT SERVICES

1. Applications are invited from members of the AMF for appointment to the District Services of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU). This Unit is a formation of the AMF and carries on the functions of the former civil administrations of the territory of PAPUA and Mandated territory of NEW GUINEA.
2. Australian New Guinea (comprising both the abovementioned territories) has been divided into a number of districts for the purposes of administration, and each district is administered by a District Officer and staff including Assistant District Officers and Patrol Officers. The positions for which applications are invited are those of patrol officers in the district establishments. The duties of such officers relate to all aspects of administration of the areas under control and the extension of government influence amongst the native population.
3. The age of applicants should be 20-25 years, but applications will be considered in cases of special qualifications from applicants not over 35 years of age.
4. Applicants who have passed the Leaving Certificate or senior examination of any state or have qualified for matriculation at any Australian University, or who have attained at least an equivalent standard, will not be required to pass any educational or intelligence test before being considered for selection. In other cases, an applicant may be required to pass a special test before his application is dealt with.
5. Applicants will be medically examined before selection.
6. Selected applicants will be appointed to ANGAU on probation until they have completed a period of not less than 12 months field training and taken a course of about 15 weeks duration at an army school of administration. Appointees who satisfactorily complete this field training and course will be confirmed in their appointments.
7. Appointment to ANGAU on probation will be in the rank held by the applicant at the time of selection, provided that selected applicants of a rank higher than that of Lieutenant will be required to accept a reduction in rank to Lieutenant. Selected applicants below the rank of Lieutenants will be eligible for promotion during the period of field training. Upon satisfactory completion of the field training and course, appointees will be posted to ANGAU in the rank of Lieutenant.

8. It is desirable that applicants should be prepared to make service in the Civil Administration of Papua and New Guinea their career. Selected applicants who are ultimately confirmed in their appointment to ANGAU will be eligible for appointment to the Public Services of the Civil Administrations of the Territories when such administrations are reconstituted. The terms and conditions of appointment to the civil administrations will be a matter for future government definition.

111 ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

- (a) All personnel will be warned that in addition to any punishment that may be awarded the member will suffer the following forfeitures:-
- (i) Forfeiture of all active and deferred pay including the amount paid as an allotment for the whole period of the members absence without leave
 - (ii) Forfeiture of all dependant's allowance as outlined in GRO F218/43
 - (iii) Cancellation of proficiency pay for a period of six months where applicable
 - (iv) A debit against recreational leave either accrued or anticipated for the number of days absent without leave.

112 AWARDS BY COMMANDING OFFICERS AND COMPANY COMMANDERS.

Amendments to A.M.R.&.O have been notified in Statutory Rule 154 of 18 Oct 44.

1. Without giving an accused the right of election for trial by Court Martial, a CO may award a deduction from ordinary pay allowed to be made by a CO by AA 138(4) to make good any loss or damage occasioned by an offence :-
 - (i) on private soldiers - not exceeding £3
 - (ii) on NCO's - not exceeding £5.A CO may still award against a private soldier, such a deduction from ordinary pay exceeding £3, but not exceeding £5, having first given him the right of election of trial by Court Martial.
2. A Company Commander may award against a private soldier only a deduction from ordinary pay not exceeding £3 to make good any loss or damage occasioned by an offence.
3. Serial amendments to AMR & O 418 and 423 may be anticipated but the above powers may be exercised as from 18 Oct 44.

R. M. Adams Capt
Adjnt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

14 Dec

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HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/27
Dec 44.

Subject: WEEKLY CATERING REPORT - WEEK ENDING 7 DEC 44.

C.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Catering Adviser 11 Aust Div

1. RATIONS
 - (a) Vegetables. Potatoes which are always in great demand have been cut to a minimum and are substituted with rice. The reason for this is the very poor quality of potatoes available, 75% of potatoes received at D.I.D. during the past week have been condemned by C.A.S.C. This state of affairs is likely to exist until stocks of new potatoes are available.
 - (b) Rations, received other than above commodity have been of a reasonable standard.
2. HYGIENE

Camp kitchen hygiene throughout the unit is of a high standard. This standard should be maintained as all kitchens have a sufficient quantity of materials needed for same, with the exception of sandsoap which is still unobtainable.
3. COOKS

Unit cooks have been doing a highly satisfactory job with rations received. Menus are varied as much as possible, thus making the meals more palatable for the troops.

A Wilson
WO II
Caterer 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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58/59 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS - ALL COYS - 3 DEC - 10 DEC 44.

| Date | A COY | B COY | C COY | D COY | NIGHT TRAINING |
|--------|--|---|---|--|---|
| 3 Dec | CHURCH PARADE | | REST | TEWT FOR BN EXERCISE | |
| 4 Dec | BN EXERCISE : Lessons | | (a) Advance and first contact (b) Attack (c) Consolidation and exploitation (d) Night attack and consolidation | | |
| 5 Dec | BN EXERCISE | | Defence | | |
| 6 Dec | Long range patrolling from defensive position (Pl basis) Lessons: (a) Patrol briefing and procedure (b) Setting and locating ambushes (c) Patrol reports. | | Range practice 300 yards classification range. | Grenade trg. Practice in throwing and firing live grenades | Night patrols (Platoon basis) |
| 7 Dec | Grenade trg Practice in throwing and firing live grenades | Range practice 300 yards classification range | Long range patrolling from defensive position (Pl basis) lessons: (a) patrol briefing and procedure (b) setting and locating ambushes (c) patrol reports | | Relief of Coy defensive position by night |
| 8 Dec | BN EXERCISE | | (a) Tactical movement of Battalion in open warfare formation. (b) Return to MAPEE camp | | |
| 9 Dec | COMPANY ADMINISTRATION | MAKE AND MEND | ORGANISED SPORT | | |
| 10 Dec | CHURCH PARADE | | REST | | |

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

44/27

17 Dec 44

Subject : WEEKLY CATERING REPORT - WEEK ENDING 15 DEC 44.

C.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
Catering Adviser 11 AUST DIV.

1. RATIONS

Vegetables received during the week were of very poor quality, and serious shortage of potatoes makes it very difficult for the cooks to prepare a substantial meal.

2. HYGIENE

Hygiene arrangements in the Battalion bivouac area were satisfactory.

3. COOKS

Two cooks have completed the HQ School of Army Cooking and Catering, and were classified as TS II cooks; two more cooks have commenced Course 2 of the same School.

Wilson

W.O.II
Caterer 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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58/59 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS - RIFLE COYS - 18 Dec - 24 DEC 44.

| DATE | A COY | B COY | C COY | D COY | NIGHT TRAINING |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| 18 Dec A.M. | BRIGADE CEREMONIAL PARADE 11 AUST DIV SPORTS GROUND | | | | |
| P.M. | Preparation for night Adv & occupation of defensive posn. Move to bivouac area. Night firing & supp weapons. | Bayonet Trg. Assault Course. Demo and practice Sec in attack. Occupation of defensive posn. | OSMG practice 30 yds range. Zero rifles, armourer in attendance. | Military Sports embracing T's OET. Tabloid basis with each sec participating. HQ enter one team. | B, C & D Coys Sec compass traverse. Navigation log report. Officers - Lecture, Messages, Sig Officer. |
| 19 DEC A.M. | BRIGADE CEREMONIAL PARADE 11 AUST DIV SPORTS GROUND | | | | |
| P.M. | Bayonet training Assault course. Demo & Practice Sec in attack. Occupation of defensive posn. | Preparation for night adv & Occupation of defensive posn. Move to bivouac area. Night firing and support weapons. | Military sports, embracing T's OET. Tabloid basis with each Sec participating as a team. Coy HQ enters one team. | OSMG Practice 30 yds range. Zero rifles, armourer in attendance. | Trg. Films C & D Coys. A Coy sec compass march Navigation log report. |
| 20 DEC A.M. | Inspection. Falling in. Rifle exercises. Marching. Controlled by Sec leaders officers supervising. MTP 18 Secs 39 40 45 46 51 52 53 54 55 56 60 61 62 63 64 78 79 83 84 85. | | | | |
| P.M. | Coy organised sport. Swim. Clean Eqpt for G.O.C's PARADE. | | | | |
| 21 Dec A.M. | G.O.C's PARADE 11 Aust Div Sports Ground | | | | |
| P.M. | OSMG Practice 30 yds range. Zero rifles Armourer in attendance. | Military Sports Embracing T's OET Tabloid basis with each Sec participating as a team. Coy HQ to enter one team | Preparation for night adv & occupation of def posn. Move to bivouac area. Night firing with support weapons | Bayonet training Assault course. Sec in attack and occupation of defensive posn | Training films A & B Coys. Officers Demo of Coy Ord Room procedure. |

| DATE | A COY | B COY | C COY | D COY | NIGHT TRAINING |
|----------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| 22 DEC A.M. | TRIAL PACK MARCHING ORDER BN MUSTER PARADE | | | | |
| P.M. | Military Sports embracing T's OET Tabloid basis with each sec participating as a team. Coy HQ enter one team. | OSMG Practice 30 yds range. Zero rifles Armourer in attendance. | Bayonet trg Assault course Demo & practice Sec in attack - occupation of defensive posn. | Preparation for night adv and occupation of defensive posn. Move to bivouac area. Night firing with support weapons. | A & HQ Coys Sec compass traverse and Navigation log. |
| 23 DEC A.M. | MILITARY TABLOID SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP | | | | |
| P.M. | Kit Inspection. Administration. All personnel in camp to BARRON RIVER. FOOTBALL AND CRICKET | | | | |
| 24 Dec | CHURCH PARADE. PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS DAY | | | | |

APPENDIX "A"

1. HQ Coy Syllabus submitted separately.
2. Refs for night adv and occupation of Coy def position
FSR Vol 11 Page 143 Sec 73
" " " " 154 Sec 80
" " " " 164 Sec 84

IT Part iv 1944 Page 18 Sec 5
MTP No 3 1940 Page 4 Sec 5
" " " 1943
3. Refs for sec in attack, Sec occupation of defensive position
IMT 1941 Page 27 Sec 12
IT 1944 Chap 3 Secs 40 - 43 - 50 - 51 - 59 - 73.
" " " 5 Sec 100.

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HQ COY TRAINING SYLLABUS 18 - 23 DEC @4

| DATE | 1 Pl | 2 Pl | 3 Pl | 4 Pl | 5 Pl | 6 Pl |
|----------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|------|------|
| 18 Dec | AM BN CEREMONIAL PARADE 11 AUST DIV SPORTS GROUND | | | | | |
| | PM Det to A Coy night exercise. Morse Lamp Reading. | One Sec A Coy night exercise. Recapitulation T.O.E.G.D. | 2 dets A Coy night exercise. Recapitulation EMD. T.O.E.M.D. | Gun Drill Maintenance | | |
| 19 Dec | AM BN CEREMONIAL PARADE 11 AUST DIV SPORTS GROUND | | | | | |
| | PM Det to B Coy night exercise. Stripping Bren, OSMG mag filling | One Sec B Coy night exercise. Recapitulation T.O.E.G.D. | 2 dets B Coy night exercise. Mag Filling Stripping Bren & OSMG | Bren OWEN. | | |
| 20 Dec | AM W/T & R/T Field exercise | Range practice | 30 yds range | Gun Drill Mechanism | | |
| | PM COY ORGANISED SPORT | | CLEAN EQPT FOR G.O.C's PARADE | | | |
| 21 Dec | AM CEREMONIAL PARADE 11 AUST DIV SPORTS GROUND | | | | | |
| | PM Det to C Coy night exercise. Morse Practice. Discussion on Fd Exercise | One Sec C Coy night exercise. Sec drill night firing. Practice for Military sports | 2 dets C Coy night exercise. Competitive! Det Drill | Map reading Gun Drill | | |
| 22 Dec | AM TRIAL PACK. MARCHING ORDER MUSTER PARADE | | | | | |
| | PM Det to D Coy night exercise. Aldis lamp-Description-use. Lamp reading | One Sec D Coy night exercise. Section drill night firing. Prac for Military sports | 2 dets D Coy night exercise. Battery Drill | Examination of equipment | | |
| 23 Dec | AM COY ADMINISTRATION | | | | | |
| | PM Bn TABLOID SPORTS (DEMONSTRATION BY 2, 3 and 4 Pls) | | | | | |
| Night Training | Lamp reading exercise in the field 23 Dec 44. | | | | | |

BATTALION DUTIES (WHEN NOT ON CEREMONIAL PARADES)
SHARPENING TOOLS - CONSTRUCTING CRATES FOR STORES

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HQ, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
Dec 44.

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|-------|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
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| " 3 | Lecture by I.O. Country of destination. | Weapon Trg LMG Lessons 7 & 8. | Lecture by LMG offr Characteristics & employment of LMGs. | Organised sport and P.T. | Lecture by Coy Comds. Man Management | |
| " 4 | Military Quiz. (Pl Competition) | Map Reading. System of reference (MRRFS). | Lecture by Mortar officer, Characteristics & employment of 3" mortar. | TsOET - Rifle, OSNG, LMG. | Lecture by Asst Adj. Administration | C Coy LMG practice. |
| " 5 | Map Reading Relief and its representations (MRRFS). | Weapon Trg - 2" Mortar Lesson 1. Grenade lesson. | Lecture by Tk/A Comd - Characteristics & employment of Tk/A platoon. | Organised sport and P.T. | Lecture by Q. Supply. | D Coy LMG practice. |

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SYLLABUS OF SHIPBOARD TRAINING - SPECIALISTS

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|-------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Day 1 | Lecture by Sig O. Message Writing R/T procedure. | Specialist Weapon Training. | Education Officer. CAB discussions and Quiz. | Organised sport and P.T. | - | |
| " 2 | Lecture by I.O. Security & Cen- sorship. | ditto | Lecture by RMO. Tropical Diseases. | ditto | Lecture by Adjut. Combined Ops. | |
| " 3 | Military Quiz. (by Pl Comds) | ditto | Lecture - Air Photos. | TsOFT. | Lecture by Cov Comds. Man-manage- ment. | MMG prac- tice. Live amn. |
| " 4 | Lecture by I.O. Country of destination. | ditto | Lecture - Patrols & patrol reports. | TsOFT. | Lecture by Adjut. Administration | |
| " 5 | Lecture by Int Cpl. Est of OPs, OP Logs. | TsOFT. | Lecture by RSM. Amn. | Organised sport and P.T. | Lecture by M. Supply. | |

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Message Instructions

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A2879 RESTRICTED (.) from brig HAMMER (.) please convey my congratulations to all ranks on their magnificent bearing throughout today's review by GOC 11 aust div (.) it was a grand show

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
44/82
19 Dec 44.

Subject; REPORT ON TRAINING - 11 DEC to 17 DEC 44.

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

1. The following report on training is submitted in respect of the period 11 - 17 Dec 44.

2. OUTLINE OF TRAINING.

- (a) Rifle Coys -
- | | |
|--|--------|
| Battalion Exercises | 2 days |
| Patrolling | 1 day |
| Classification Range Practice (B and C Coys) and Grenade Throwing and Firing | 1 day |
| Rehearsal for Brigade Ceremonial Parade | 1 day |
| Preparations for Movement | 1 day |
| Adm and Organised Sport | 1 day |
- (b) HQ Coy less 4 platoon -
- | | |
|---|--------|
| Battalion Exercises (see note) | 4 days |
| Rehearsal for Brigade Ceremonial Parade | 1 day |
| Preparations for Movement | 1 day |
| Adm and Organised Sport | 1 day |
- NOTE. 3 platoon conducted Battery Shoot by day 14 Dec.
- (c) 4 Platoon -
- | | |
|---|--------|
| Battalion Exercise | 2 days |
| Platoon Tactical Exercise | 1 day |
| Range Practice Tk/A Range | 1 day |
| Rehearsal for Brigade Ceremonial Parade | 1 day |
| Preparations for Movement | 1 day |
| Adm and Organised Sport | 1 day |
- (d) Night Trg -
- (i) Bn night advance and night attack.
 - (ii) Night patrolling
 - (iii) Mortar platoon - night field firing practice.

3. STANDARD OF TRAINING.

- (a) Standard of training throughout the Battalion is showing steady improvement, and considerable keenness was displayed by all troops participating in Battalion exercises. The Battalion defence exercise was of a particularly high standard.
- (b) Results of classification range practices conducted during the week (Appx A) compare favourably with previous results:-

| | Percentages passed week ending - | |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------|
| | 10 Dec | 17 Dec |
| B Coy | 30% | 66% |
| C Coy | 29% | 57% |

The continued improvement in results of range practices emphasises the necessity for constant firing.

- (c) A high standard was achieved of Battalion Drill during rehearsals for the Brigade Ceremonial Parade.

(d) Night Training

- (i) Many faults were demonstrated during battalion night exercise, but battle drill is improving with each exercise conducted.
- (ii) Night patrolling exercises brought out weaknesses in map reading and use of compass on the part of NCOs.

(e) Specialist Training

Specialist platoons participated in the battalion exercises. Results of 3" mortar practices were satisfactory, and good results were obtained, by Tk/A platoon at SHANTY CREEK range, 70% hits being obtained on a moving target at 400 yards.

4. STANDARD OF FITNESS.

- (a) Personnel treated by RAP compared with previous week as follows :-

| | Week Ending | |
|------------------|-------------|--------|
| | 10 Dec | 17 Dec |
| P U O | 6 | 8 |
| Diarrhoea | 5 | 8 |
| Urti | 2 | 2 |
| Skin | 4 | 18 |
| Accidents | 3 | 1 |
| Other complaints | 15 | 34 |

NOTE. Increases in incidence of skin and other complaints is probably due to strenuous nature of bn exercises.

- (b) General fitness - good, except for recent reinforcements, in whom considerable improvement will be necessary to reach the standard of the remainder of the battalion.

5. PREPARATION OF EXERCISES BY OFFICERS.

- (a) Battalion exercises were prepared by CO with the following objects :-

- (i) to exercise battalion in advance and attack,
- (ii) to practice the battalion in night approach march and night attack,
- (iii) to exercise battalion in defence.

- (b) Tactical exercise submitted by 4 platoon brought out the following lessons, and was of a satisfactory standard :-
Tk/A Battle Procedure incorporating (i) Protection of Bn on march, (ii) Protection at Assembly Area, (iii) Role in attack, (iv) Night occupation, (v) Range practice.

- (c) OC A Coy prepared tactical exercise to train rifle coys in relief of Coy defensive positions by night. This exercise was not carried out due to change in syllabus.

6. SPECIALIST TRAINING.

Vide paras 2 (b) (c) (d), 3 (e).

7. UNIT CADRES.

- (a) NCOs Cadre

The second NCOs Cadre was completed on 16 Dec with the following results :-

| Students | Fail | 50%-65% | 66%-79% | 80%-100% |
|----------|------|---------|---------|----------|
| 22 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 |

C.I's report is attached (Appx B).
A satisfactory reserve of potential NCOs has now been obtained.

(b) Stretcher Bearers Cadre

Owing to participation in Battalion exercises and ceremonial parades little progress was made in stretcher bearers Cadre, and it is intended to commence the course again as soon as conditions allow.

(c) 2" Mortar Cadre

100% reserves for 2" mortar were trained by Cadre conducted 11 - 15 Dec. Results again were pleasing, and 2" mortar personnel have become very enthusiastic over their weapons. Report attached (Appx D).

(d) Rifle Bombers Cadre

One member from each rifle section was selected for a three day Cadre, and particularly good results were achieved in the firing practice. Report attached (Appx C).

8. TEWTS and DISCUSSIONS.

(a) No TEWTS were conducted by battalion during the week, but discussions were held with all officers and NCOs after battalion and company exercises, (see para 9).

(b) Demonstrations

CO conducted a demonstration and practice for all officers on firing of very flares, (14 Dec 44).

9. DISCUSSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER EXERCISES.

The following points were raised at discussions with officers and NCOs after battalion exercises :-

(a) Advance and Attack

- (i) necessity for L/T communications between mortar and MMG positions and Battle HQ,
- (ii) need for speed in recee and issuing of orders on part of all commanders,
- (iii) failure on part of specialist platoons to conform to formations of rifle coys to which they are attached,
- (iv) Control during attack - good.

(b) Night Approach and Attack.

- (i) move to assembly area - good,
- (ii) confusion in move to FUP due to insufficient lighting lack of connecting files between coys,
- (iii) guides and report centres must volunteer infm,
- (iv) coys must report when ready to move from FUP,
- (v) compass reading bad - check men must be appointed to ensure direction correct,
- (vi) connecting files must be maintained between coys.

(c) Defence

- (i) digging in requires strict supervision and organisation of works if programme is to be completed in time allotted,
- (ii) good appreciation of ground by coy and platoon comds in selection of positions,
- (iii) poor map reading during patrolling - one platoon wasted at least an hour due to bad appreciation of route from map,
- (iv) need for offensive action in patrolling - when patrol clash, most vigorous comd is invariably successful.

10. Man Management

(a) Normal footbath parades and inspections were held, and bathing parades when circumstances allowed.

- (b) State of coy lines satisfactory.
- (c) Control by section and platoon comds is continuing to show improvement and sub units are steadily developing teamwork.
- (d) Normal kit inspections were held.
- (e) Under present conditions it is not possible to maintain an adequate standard of clothing for the battalion.

11. GENERAL.

(a) Schools and Courses

Following results have been achieved by members of this battalion at schools and courses :-

| <u>School</u> | <u>Failed</u> | <u>50%-65%</u> | <u>66%-79%</u> | <u>80%-100%</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| FAA Regt Trg School | | | | |
| MMG Wing | - | - | 1 | - |
| JL Weapon Trg Wing | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| RSMs and CSMs Wing | - | - | 1 | - |
| FAA AASC School | - | - | 1 | - |
| LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering | - | - | 2 | 2 |

(b) Education

No new educational activities were commenced during the week.

(c) Sports

- (i) Cricket - inter unit match with HQ 11 Aust Div - lost. B Coy inter platoon match 16 Dec.
- (ii) Football- A Coy played B Coy 16 Dec.
- (iii) Coy organised sports were held 16 Dec.

(d) Brigade Ceremonial Parade

It is considered that rehearsals for the Brigade ceremonial parade have been most beneficial to the battalion in developing not only improvement in foot drill, marching and rifle exercises but also in bearing, dress, steadiness on parade, and the fostering of a brigade Esprit der corps.

12. LESSONS BROUGHT OUT AND LEARNT.

- (a) Vide para 8. The lessons intended to be learned in the battalion exercises were satisfactorily brought out during the weeks training.
- (b) Patrolling exercises revealed a poor standard of map reading on the part of NCOs.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (a) It is intended to continue Cadres for training of rifle bombers until all personnel in rifle sections have been trained.
- (b) At the first available opportunity it is intended to conduct a battalion cadre for platoon sergeants dealing with (i) weapon training instruction, (ii) minor tactics, (iii) Military Law, (iv) map reading.
- (c) It is requested that vacancies for NCOs map reading schools be allotted to this battalion.

- (d) It is strongly recommended that rounds observer MMG be obtained for use not only in MMG training, but for operations also. From past experience it has often been found necessary to employ MMG as sub sections rather than sections, with the result that fire effect cannot be assured by means of a combined sights rule. Moreover the nature of the country in which operations take place is such that observation of strike is not possible, and some artificial method of ranging is necessary. Tracer ammunition is not suitable for this purpose, and it is considered that rounds observer are the only satisfactory method of ensuring fire effect at medium and long ranges.
- (e) Recommendations arising from the 2" mortar cadre are contained in Appx D.

Lt-col.
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

RETURN OF RANGE PRACTICES - 58/59 AUST INF BN

| Serial | Unit | Practice Fired | Camp Strength of Unit | Number Fired | Number Qualified | Highest Score | Lowest Score | Average Score for personnel qualified | Average score for personnel failed | Possible Score |
|--------|-------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | B Coy | Rifle - Grouping 5 rds, 100 yds Application 5 rds, 200 yds Snap 10 rds, 200 yds | 94 | 44 | 29 | 83 | 17 | 66 | 43 | 100 |
| 2 | | LMG - Grouping 5 rds, 100 yds Application 5 rds, 200 yds Automatic 30 rds, 200 yds | 94 | 44 | 37 | 94 | 42 | 82 | 48 | 110 |
| 3 | C Coy | Rifle - as above | 97 | 69 | 38 | 82 | 13 | 61 | 37 | 100 |
| 4 | | LMG - as above | 97 | 70 | 58 | 109 | 44 | 92 | 58 | 110 |

58/59 AUST INF BN

REPORT ON GRENADE DISCHARGER CADRE 130800 to 141230K

1. CO Lt H.J.C.WALKER Instructors - Sjt ROBERTSON D Coy
 Cpl MANN B "
 Col BRUSH B "

2. Attended by :- 1 man each rifle coy section except 15 platoon,
 Total 33.

3. Syllabus: Lessons: 36 m Grenade
 Quiz period
 Lessons: Discharger No 1 Mk I.
 Discharger firing positions.
 Firings: Each man fired 80 yds kneeling
 110 " sitting
 140 " kneeling
 170 " sitting
 200 " kneeling
 140 " standing

 Lecture: Use of smoke
 Demo : Use of smoke
 Lecture: Use of HE and smoke in attack
 Demo : Section in attack HE and smoke
 Demo : Use of mortar tail unit cover to
 carry grenade to keep it dry in
 discharger. Some of squad practiced.

4. Reports: Most troops displayed considerable nervousness on
 firing first grenade and before firing in standing
 position with and without mortar tail unit cover
 over discharger. This disappeared after firing two
 or three grenades and all became quite confident.
 Pte OLSEN B Coy displayed outstanding ability.

5. Conclusions: All obtained valuable firing practice, improved
 knowledge and became confident and more accurate
 in the use of grenades and discharger. The cadre
 was well worth while.

(Signed) H.J.C.WALKER Lt.

58/59 AUST INF BN
REPORT ON 2" MORTAR CADRE

1. DURATION. 4-8 Dec and 11-18 Dec 44.
2. ATTENDANCE. 6 personnel from each of the rifle coys.
3. INTRODUCTION. From the outset, especially amongst the older members of the battalion, it was noticeable that an anti 2" mortar complex existed, and there seemed to be very little confidence in the capabilities of the weapon. I took steps to stamp out the above ideas, and after repeated demonstrations and personal handling, it was noticed that greater confidence was shown in the weapon.
4. TACTICAL HANDLING.
Weakness in the selection of fire positions, and tactical handling were noticeable during the first days of each cadre, but a marked improvement was shown by the end resulting in almost faultless selections by all. A syndicate of four personnel was used in the teaching of the tactical uses, each syndicate in the squad criticising the other in turn - some interesting discussions occurred between the syndicates.
5. FIELD FIRING.
Enthusiasm was shown by all during the cadre, and the field firing showed marked interest. No mortar shyness was shown during the actual firing and approx 800 bombs were fired during the field firing practice, comprising smoke screens, supporting barrages, and signal flares.
6. RECOMMENDATIONS.
(a) It was noticed that during firing and with the hot sun shining directly on the sights, that the bubbles in the battle sights became smaller and smaller and at one stage finally disappeared. The day was particularly hot, and probably due to the terrific heat the liquid inside the sealed levels expanded sufficiently to diminish the bubbles. On the application of cold water the bubbles re-appeared to a degree. The only way to avoid such a condition would be to keep the sights covered whilst not in use and never leave them for any period of time exposed to the sun.
(b) A discussion on the carriage of mortar and amm with the battle pack disclosed a fact that 15 bombs could be carried a considerable distance. Providing a section had normal strength, more bombs could be distributed and thereby carried. No 1 and 2 of the mortar would be laden with approx 73 lbs, i.e., almost the same as the Bren gunner.
7. CONCLUSION.
In conclusion I consider that all personnel regained confidence in the mortar and everybody appeared quite willing to become a mortarman in his own platoon.

(Signed) J.H.PIMM Lt.

War Diary

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

19 Dec 44

This is to certify that VX 120240 S/Sjt BURLISON A.R.
has been appointed as an official photographer for the movement
of this unit to the new destination, and authority is given for
him to take photographs on behalf of the Battalion.



Lt Col
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

19 Dec 44

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Lt Col
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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ADDENDUM TO 15 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER 2

Copy No. 10

19 Dec 44

MOV OF FIRST FLIGHT UNIT TO DESTINATION

1 ANNOUNCEMENT

Appendix "A" to 15 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 2 of 16 Dec 44 is cancelled, attached appendices A1 and B are substituted.

2 DETRAINMENT

RTO RUDLYNCE will supervise detrainment.

3 STAGING

- (a) ~~All personnel of the First Flight will be staged at 16 BASCO CAIRNS.~~
- (b) ~~16 Aust Personnel Staging Camp are arranging reception and staging pending onward movement.~~
- (c) OGS of unit parties etc will be responsible to Lt-Col G R BARRIE, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn for the administration and discipline of their commands. *Only some stage at Cairns.*

4 OG TRAINS

The following officers are appointed OG trains and will visit RTO TOLGA at the times shown, to obtain instructions and allocate accommodation:-

| | | | | | |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Train No 1 | Maj S H MITCHELL | 24 Aust Inf Bn | to RTO TOLGA | at 202215K | <i>Okfel. Cairns</i> |
| " " | 2 Maj W A PIKE | 58/59 | " " " " | " " 202345K | <i>120</i> |
| " " | 3 Capt R BOWDEN | 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | " " " | " " 211615K | |
| " " | 4 Capt H S DUN | HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde | " " " | " " 212215K | |

5 TRAIN ROLLS

Each OG unit party will be in possession of 5 copies of a nominal roll, one copy of which will be handed to OG train 15 minutes prior to departure of the train.

6 MOVEMENT FROM STAGING CAMP TO DEPARTURE POINT

Onward movement will be arranged by Movements, CAIRNS and 16 BASCO.

7 CAIRNS SUPPLIES

15 Aust Inf Bde Liaison Officer at CAIRNS will advise OG First Flight of action to be taken to obtain canteen supplies for the voyage.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 162110 K

J. Henderson
Capt
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendix "A1" to 15
 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 2
 of 16 Dec 44

DETAILS OF MOVEMENT FIRST FLIGHT

| SERIALS | UNIT | STRENGTH | TRAIN 1 | TRAIN 2 | TRAIN 3 | TRAIN 4 | PREVIOUSLY MOV'D AS ESCORTS | PREVIOUSLY MOVED BY MT |
|---------|-------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde | 67 | | | | 60 | 6 | 1 |
| 2 | 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 47 | | | | 45 | 2 | |
| 3 | 266 Aust LAD | 4 | | | | 4 | | |
| 4 | sec 3 Aust Div Pro | 17 | | | | 17 | | |
| 5 | det 3 Aust Div Postal | 2 | | | | 2 | | |
| 6 | 14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt | 37 | | | | 37 | | |
| 7 | 24 Aust Inf Bn | 78 | 75 | | | | 3 | |
| 8 | 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | 78 | 75 | | | | 3 | |
| 9 | 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 750 | 110 | 218 | 194 | 178 | 14 | 36 |
| TOTALS | | 1080 | 260 | 218 | 194 | 343 | 28 | 37 |

MOVEMENT TABLE FIRST FLIGHT

| SERIAL | DESCRIPTION | EPD TOLGA | ETA REDLYNCH | TRAIN | REMARKS |
|--------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|--|
| 1A | Train 1 | 202330K | 210420K | 17P | |
| 2A | " 2 | 210100K | 210610K | 19P | All personnel stage at 16 AFSC REDLYNCH |
| 3A | " 3 | 211735K | 212320K | 9P | |
| 4A | " 4 | 212330K | 220420K | 17P | |

MT MOVEMENT TABLE

Issued with 15 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 2 dated 16 Dec 44

Ref Map DI BJLAI 1 in to 1 mile

ROUTE SP -- K rds 398396 -- rd junc 396376 -- rd junc 388378 -- rd junc 387362 -- thence SOUTH on main rd to
TOLGA RLY STA.

SP -- Corner MARSTON RD 414394

Speed and Density -- 20 MPH 40 VPH

| <u>TRAIN NO</u> | <u>UNITS in order of march</u> | <u>PERS TO BE LIFTED</u> | <u>NO OF VBHS 3 ton</u> | <u>TIME MT REPORTS AT UNITS</u> | <u>TIME OF LEAD PAST SP</u> | <u>HEAD OF COLN ARR IVS TOLGA STA</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | 75 | 5 | 202200K | 202230K | 202250K |
| | 24 Aust Inf Bn | 75 | 5 | | | |
| | 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 110 | 7 | | | |
| 2 | 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 218 | 14 | 202335K | 210005K | 210025K |
| 3 | 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 194 | 13 | 211610K | 211640K | 211700K |
| 4 | HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde | 60 | 11 | 212200K | 212230K | 212250K |
| | 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 45 | | | | |
| | 266 Aust LAD | 4 | | | | |
| | det 3 Aust Div Pro | 17 | | | | |
| | det 3 Aust Div Post | 2 | | | | |
| | 14 pl 2/1 Aust Cd Regt | 37 | | | | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 178 | 12 | | | | |

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.F. T.51—Sheet 1
(Revised July, 1943)
(To be prepared in sextuple)
(a)

1. STRENGTH RETURN on Embarkation and Disembarkation of 58/59 AUST INF BN (Complete unit, portion of unit or draft) (b)

(Serial No. (c).....) on moving from.....on.....19.....to.....

To be rendered by Officers Commanding Units for complete Units, Portions of a Unit, or drafts (of a strength of 5 or over (d)) for Embarkation. A separate form to be rendered for all Parties. If Advanced Party this should be stated.

| DETAIL | Personnel (of which a complete nominal roll must be rendered with this Form). | | | | | | | | Animals | | Tons, d.w. (e) | | | REMARKS (including Full Particulars of any Casualties) |
|---|---|------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|----------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| | Officers | Warrant Officers | S/Sgts. and Sgts. | Corporals | Privates | Total Other Ranks | Nurses (A.A.N.S.) | Total All Ranks | | | S.A.A. | A.A.F.F.2 Equipment | Baggage | |
| Strength Authorised to be Embarked | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strength as Entrained for Port of Embarkation | 31 | 8 | 44 | 45 | 597 393 | | | 727 721 | | | | | | |
| Casualties en route for Port of Embarkation | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 13 | | | | | | |
| Strength actually Embarked | 31 | 8 | 44 | 44 | 587 579 | | | 777 706 708 | | | | | | |
| Casualties during the Sea Voyage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strength actually Disembarked for Service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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- (iv) By Embarkation Staff Officer at Port of Disembarkation.

The particulars required below will be entered by the Embarkation Staff Officers.

EMBARKED at.....per.....on.....19.....

DISEMBARKED at.....on.....19.....

SIGNATURES:

[Signature]

O.C. Furnishing Return

E.S.O. (Port of Embarkation)

O.C. Troops (for Signature on Disembarkation)

E.S.O. (Port of Disembarkation)

- (a) To be disposed of as set out overleaf. (b) Delete as necessary.
- (c) On Embarkation from Australia, if Unit is allotted to Expeditionary Force this number (as laid down in Order of Battle) should be given.
- (d) For Parties of less than Five, A.A.F. T.50 Embarkation Card will be used.
- (e) In these Columns will be entered the weights of accompanied stores, Equipments, etc., which are not shipped loaded in vehicles, and which will, therefore, require transport on landing.

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|---|---|------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|----------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| | Officers | Warrant Officers | S/Sgts. and Sgts. | Corporals | Privates | Total Other Ranks | Nurses (A.A.N.S.) | Total All Ranks | | | S.A.A. | A.A.F.F.2 Equipment | Baggage | |
| Strength Authorised to be Embarked | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strength as Entrained for Port of Embarkation | 31 | 8 | 44 | 45 | 579 593 | | | 721 721 | | | | | | |
| Casualties en route for Port of Embarkation | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 13 | | | | | | |
| Strength actually Embarked | 31 | 8 | 44 | 44 | 579 581 | | | 706 708 | | | | | | |
| Casualties during the Sea Voyage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strength actually Disembarked for Service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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EMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL 58/59 AUST INF BN

AUTHORITY FOR NOVE

Date

| Serial No | Army No | Rank | Surname | Other Names |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | VY102607 | Capt | JACKSON | Albert Charles |
| 2. | NY113231 | Lt | BREWSTER | Donald James |
| 3. | VY118687 | Lt | McINTOSH | John George |
| 4. | NY119987 | Lt | ROLFE | Richard |
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| 6. | NY22629 | Pte | WINTFIELD | Walter Henry |
| 7. | T28559 | Pte | LANCASTER | Harld Arthur |
| 8. | SY31904 | Pte | MacDONALD | Joffrey |
| 9. | SY39906 | Pte | HICKS | Ronald Francis |
| 10. | V44290 | Pte | WRIGHT | Clarence George |
| 11. | V44602 | Pte | NEAL | Thomas |
| 12. | V48019 | Pte | MILBURN | John Joseph |
| 13. | V48043 | Pte | McINERNEY | Arthur Thomas |
| 14. | V48185 | Pte | BINCH | David William |
| 15. | V48252 | Pte | IZARD | Joseph |
| 16. | V48784 | Pte | McKENNA | James William |
| 17. | QX52162 | Pte | MacDONALD | Neville |
| 18. | QX54440 | Pte | LLOYD | David Clinton |
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| 20. | QX58983 | Pte | LAMBERT | Herbert |
| 21. | QX59693 | Pte | KEATING | James Maurice |
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| 23. | QX61322 | Pte | WATSON | Norman Arthur |
| 24. | S61362 | Pte | PARRY | Herbert Charles |
| 25. | VY93537 | Pte | WILLIAMS | John Alexander |
| 26. | VX94617 | Pte | BUCHANAN | James Stuart |
| 27. | T102261 | Pte | WATSON | Colin Douglas |
| 28. | T102281 | Pte | MUNDAY | Gilbert Raymond |
| 29. | VY102573 | Cpl | CHERRY | Keith Andrew James |
| 30. | VY102593 | Sjt | FERGUSON | James Bryce |
| 31. | T102675 | Pte | LATHAN | Ronald Harry |
| 32. | VY102830 | L/Sjt | LAN | William John |
| 33. | VY102836 | Sjt | LYLE | John Lorne |
| 34. | VY102868 | Pte | PARSONS | Charles Joseph |
| 35. | Q105489 | Pte | FRIEBERG | Charles William |
| 36. | VY111772 | Sjt | FARRELLY | Ronald Patrick |
| 37. | S112360 | Pte | SAVAGE | Arthur Vincent |
| 38. | VY113034 | Sjt | HANNAN | John Bernard Vincent |
| 39. | VX113659 | Pte | PINNUCK | Thomas |
| 40. | S114643 | Pte | HOCKING | Donald Stanley |
| 41. | VX115974 | Pte | McLEES | Leonard Samuel |
| 42. | VY117867 | Pte | BELL | Wesley John |
| 43. | VY120240 | S/Sjt | BURLISON | Albert Royston |
| 44. | N130769 | Pte | CLARKE | Jeffrey James |
| 45. | VY131501 | Pte | JONES | William Allan |
| 46. | Q133245 | Pte | MOORE | Henry Norman Joseph |
| 47. | VY135617 | Pte | RICORDAN | Edward James |
| 48. | VY135622 | L/Cpl | LYONS | Harold Ian Eustace |
| 49. | VY135623 | Pte | PARKER | Alfred George |
| 50. | VY135624 | Pte | PAYNE | Henry William |
| 51. | VY135701 | Pte | CARROLL | Ernest Roy |
| 52. | VY135706 | Pte | FORDEN | Archibald David |
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| 54. | VY136320 | Pte | MITCHELL | Leslie John |
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| 56. | Q138663 | L/Cpl | HANSEN | Harold |
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| 58. | VY140015 | L/Cpl | PICKERING | Edmond |

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| 60 | Q148254 | Pte | MAGEE | Stanley Edward |
| 62 | VV147559 | L/Cpl | PATTERSON | William Ronald |
| 63 | VV148692 | Pte | HEARD | Garnet |
| 64 | Q153753 | Pte | LAWRENCE | Colin Thomas |
| 65 | NY154184 | Pte | REYNOLDS | Douglas Gerald |
| 66 | NY154537 | Pte | PHILLIPS | Charles Walter |
| 67 | NY155714 | Pte | BLAKE | Joseph |
| 68 | NY176681 | Pte | HAYES | Patrick |
| 69 | NX176692 | Pte | EVANS | Ernest William |
| 70 | NY176984 | Pte | WATERS | John |
| 71 | NY176988 | Pte | UPTON | Brian Joseph |
| 72 | NY178623 | Pte | MacRAE | Kenneth Phillip |
| 73 | N182031 | Pte | HUIR | Geoffrey James |
| 74 | NX190390 | Pte | GOODLOCK | Clarence Keith |
| 75 | NX190578 | Pte | JAEGER | Colin Joseph |
| 76 | NX192373 | Pte | GRAY | Maxwell George |
| 77 | NX192460 | Pte | WEEKS | John Thomas |
| 78 | NX193254 | Pte | McNAMARA | Colin Vincent |
| 79 | N200504 | Pte | FOSTER | William Charles |
| 80 | NX202617 | Pte | ROBINSON | Kenneth John |
| 81 | NY202704 | Pte | STUART | Richard Frederick |
| 82 | V220551 | Pte | LUSH | George Hamilton |
| 83 | V220554 | Pte | PETTY | William Leslie |
| 84 | V246686 | Pte | HENRY | Leslie James |
| 85 | Q265803 | Pte | BARNES | Leslie Frederick William |
| 86 | V310727 | Pte | BAILEY | Frank Burton |
| 87 | V322106 | Pte | LEWIS | Thomas |
| 88 | N410860 | Pte | TOWNSEND | Charles Richard |
| 89 | N427478 | Pte | RAY | Eric |
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| 91 | N443370 | Pte | MILLER | Stanley William |
| 92 | N466732 | Pte | MURPHY | Dennis Charles |
| 93 | V505387 | Pte | HARRIS | Geoffrey Vermont |
| 94 | V509343 | Pte | MARTIN | Rupert Walter |
| 95 | V515766 | Pte | PURCELL | Ralph George |
| 96 | VX102543 | Woll | ADCOCK | Bernard John Cahill |
| 97 | VX102822 | Sjt | JOHNSTON | Leonard Herbert |
| 97a | NX202618 | Pte | LINEHAN | Roy Arthur |
| 97b | NX202717 | Pte | MILLINGER | Alan Rupert |

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| 99 | VX114134 | Capt | HOCKING | Leslie James |
| 100 | VX144109 | Lt | BALL | Allan Bradshaw |
| 101 | VX144709 | " | PINE | Jack Huggett |
| 102 | VY9368 | Pte | TRUDGEON | Henry Charles David |
| 103 | TY15789 | " | JOHNSON | Frank Henry |
| 104 | QY22122 | " | TULLIPAN | Ronald William |
| 105 | VY22661 | " | TROBE | Donald |
| 106 | SX30759 | " | EDWARDS | Francis Robert Harold |
| 107 | SX30747 | L/Cpl | TIFFS | Keith Stanley |
| 108 | SX30770 | Pt | OTTO | Ivon Albert |
| 109 | SX30786 | " | COX | Clifford |
| 110 | SX32903 | " | GOURLAY | John James |
| 111 | SY37267 | " | ATE | David William |
| 112 | SY38130 | " | HANLEY | Douglas Ray |
| 113 | VX4051 | " | OVENS | Colin Thomas |
| 114 | VX41132 | " | LOVE | Keith William |
| 115 | V44397 | " | CRESSWELL | Henry |
| 116 | V44461 | " | FOOTS | Harold John |
| 117 | V45601 | " | ASSAD | Joseph |
| 118 | V45871 | " | STOOPER | William Joseph |
| 119 | V45927 | " | JONES | Robert Maxwell |
| 120 | V49224 | " | JESSUP | Ivo Edwin |
| 121 | V51434 | " | BRADY | Ronald Gordon |
| 122 | V53898 | " | DUNCAN | John Alexander Desmond |
| 123 | VX56453 | " | HELBURN | Alexander |
| 124 | V58058 | " | TICKS | David John |
| 125 | V58078 | " | OUSTY | Ivan George |
| 126 | S58544 | " | EVANS | Rox Kevin |
| 127 | VX58924 | " | HOLLAND | Ronald James |
| 128 | VX60700 | " | POPE | William Daniel |
| 129 | VX60731 | " | WATSON | Leslie Henry |
| 130 | V62236 | " | FURTARO | Frank Peter |
| 131 | V69233 | " | GOULD | Ronald John |
| 132 | VX82051 | " | STANDING | Harry |
| 133 | VX89725 | Sjt | BUSH | John Wallace |
| 134 | VX89778 | WOLL | HONE | Clarence Herbert |
| 135 | VX93541 | Pte | GENILL | Arthur John |
| 136 | VX93876 | " | TERLICH | Douglas |
| 137 | V94788 | " | ILIFFORD | Charles William |
| 138 | VX102597 | " | GARVIE | George William |
| 139 | VX102811 | Sjt | HICKS | Murray Dunstan |
| 140 | VX102826 | S/Sjt | KIRK | Lawrence Charles |
| 141 | VX102827 | Pte | FITSON | Drummond |
| 142 | VX102848 | " | MURRAY | James Henry |
| 143 | VX113915 | " | HILLS | Edwin Thomas |
| 144 | VX113032 | " | GOLDSMITH | Alexander James |
| 145 | VX113047 | " | RILEY | John Alfred |
| 146 | V113368 | L/Cpl | MORGAN | Alfred Edmund |
| 147 | S115051 | Pte | BUCKLEY | Maurice William |
| 148 | V1135534 | Sjt | GOLDSMITH | Frank |
| 149 | VX138107 | " | SCHARTZ | Clifford Ernest |
| 150 | VX118711 | Pte | HULL | William Horace |
| 151 | VX122091 | " | HILLS | James Thomas |
| 152 | VX128248 | " | SHORTS | Kenneth William |
| 153 | V129719 | " | WIXON | Fredrick Noel |
| 154 | V132216 | " | HUSKIND | David Stephen |
| 155 | VX137955 | Cpl | STONE | Alfred Thomas |

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| 156 | VX139772 | Cpl | AUDITY | John Martin |
| 157 | VX140175 | Pte | BUCK | Rodney Milton |
| 158 | VX140139 | " | DELLAR | John |
| 159 | VX140161 | Sjt | HAYNES ON | James Alexander |
| 160 | V15416 | Cpl | McCORMACK | John Baxter |
| 161 | VX147195 | L/Cpl | McCIUSKY | Allan William |
| 162 | VX148319 | Cpl | HANN | Alfred Thomas |
| 163 | VX148397 | Pte | HAGBE | Clarence James |
| 164 | VX148398 | " | WYD | Philip James |
| 165 | VX148720 | " | PEROTT | Victor Francis |
| 166 | VX149595 | Cpl | BRUSH | Leonard Norman |
| 167 | V163152 | Pte | McKENZIE | Colin Edward Dean |
| 168 | VX175622 | " | HILLIEN | Francis Patrick |
| 169 | VX175625 | " | REYNOLDS | Allan Baynes |
| 170 | VX177338 | " | HORTON | Geoffrey Stuart |
| 171 | VX177445 | " | CARR | Allan Norman |
| 172 | VX179003 | " | WILSON | Keith James |
| 173 | VX190303 | " | WARD | John Carlyle |
| 174 | VX192305 | " | TRACY | James Mathew |
| 175 | VX192492 | " | ROSS | Jack |
| 176 | VX192384 | " | HIRST | John |
| 177 | V190890 | " | TALBOT | Leo |
| 178 | VX202649 | " | GIGG | Stuart Ogilvie |
| 179 | VX203117 | " | KERR | William John Aitken |
| 180 | VX203326 | " | DARGAA | John Francis Patrick |
| 181 | V230561 | " | CANTON | James Rickard |
| 182 | V296125 | " | RILEY | Cassell Fredrick |
| 183 | V310568 | " | ALLAN | William |
| 184 | V320886 | Cpl | FISHER | Maxwell |
| 185 | V322105 | Pte | LEWIS | Robert |
| 186 | V331537 | " | O'BRIEN | Thomas Joseph |
| 187 | V51225 | " | SPRING | Albert Leslie |
| 188 | V503718 | " | ROSTWART | Edward Charles |
| 189 | V504668 | " | McCOY | Douglas James Oliver |
| 190 | V514400 | " | SMITH | Philip Henry |
| 190a | QX55598 | " | PEARCE | Victor Gerald |
| 190b | V296222 | " | AYENARD | John Francis |

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|-----------|----------|-------|------------|-------------------------|
| 191 | NX97 | Major | PIKE | William Alan |
| 192 | TX4464 | Lt | SMITH | Frank Ormiston |
| 193 | VX104532 | " | WALKER | Harold John Collins |
| 194 | TX9086 | Pte | GUY | Neil Nervyn |
| 195 | TX14976 | " | HENDERSON | Claude Alfred |
| 196 | SX19740 | " | WYTHE | Raymond John |
| 197 | SX19770 | " | TEE | Nervyn |
| 198 | SX19820 | " | PREISS | John Sylvester |
| 199 | V22419 | " | SPRIGG | Kenneth Murray |
| 200 | V23151 | " | O'SHEA | Patrick Francis |
| 201 | V27159 | " | JOHNSON | Keith George |
| 202 | SX30753 | " | BARRATT | Roger Albert |
| 203 | SX33110 | " | TALLEY | William Edward |
| 204 | VX33160 | " | RICHARDSON | Frederick |
| 205 | V48101 | " | SUCKLING | Leonard |
| 206 | VX50189 | " | TURNER | Eric Gordon |
| 207 | S51567 | " | PACKER | Reginald William |
| 208 | VX58065 | " | TAYLOR | Geoffrey James |
| 209 | VX58995 | " | HEMING | Maxwell John |
| 210 | VX59420 | " | BRYANT | Nervyn George |
| 211 | VX60058 | " | MACDONALD | Harvey Archibald |
| 212 | VX60918 | " | SMITH | Ronald Peter |
| 213 | VX61224 | " | BURY | Eric Aden |
| 214 | VX61307 | " | O'DONNELL | Frederick Henry |
| 215 | VX66231 | " | MARTIN | Charles Henry |
| 216 | V68976 | " | MEEK | Alfred Thomas |
| 217 | V69025 | " | JACOBS | Charles |
| 218 | V69115 | " | TREACY | James Leo |
| 219 | VX81979 | " | RIDLEY | Albert George |
| 220 | VX89327 | " | BUNGE | Wallace Arthur |
| 221 | VX89788 | Cpl | JONES | William Stanley |
| 222 | V92381 | Pte | MOLAN | Kevin |
| 223 | VX93207 | " | THOMSON | Allan John |
| 224 | VX93332 | " | ANTHONY | Neil Valentine |
| 225 | VX94248 | " | RUSSELL | Leonard James |
| 226 | VX102232 | " | HENSHAW | Raymond John |
| 227 | VX102583 | S/Sjt | DOYLE | Henry Lawrence |
| 228 | VX102585 | Cpl | DUGDALE | Lawrence John |
| 229 | VX102596 | Sjt | GARDINER | Roy James |
| 230 | VX102896 | " | SULLIVAN | James |
| 231 | VX102918 | Cpl | WINNELL | Norman Percival |
| 233 | VX113022 | Pte | COLINS | Leslie James |
| 234 | V115880 | " | BALSHAW | Robert |
| 235 | VX131502 | Cpl | JONES | Rupert Henry |
| 236 | VX135893 | Pte | BUNGE | John Vinced |
| 237 | V136596 | " | DYER | Nervyn William Lawrence |
| 238 | VX137517 | Cpl | HUNTER | Thomas Joseph |
| 239 | VX137523 | Pte | VYNER | Stanley Louis |
| 240 | VX137968 | " | WYATT | Raymond Robert |
| 241 | V138565 | " | WALKER | Ivan Colin Vivian |
| 242 | V138807 | " | HILL | Richard Joseph |
| 243 | VX139768 | " | SHEWIN | John Percival |
| 244 | VX140228 | " | MOORE | Stanley Franklyn |
| 245 | VX140443 | S/Sjt | HAMPOND | Victor Walter |
| 246 | VX140446 | Pte | DAVIS | William Louis |
| 247 | VX141675 | " | MARGREAVES | Raymond Patrick |
| 248 | VX141681 | Sjt | TREMELLAN | Henry Albert |
| 249 | VX143726 | Pte | WHELAN | Stanley James |
| 250 | VX143897 | " | HENGER | Robert Wesley |

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|-----------|----------|------|-------------|------------------------|
| 251 | VX145599 | Pte | WILSON | Leslie James |
| 252 | VX147158 | " | TULVEY | George John |
| 253 | VX147197 | " | MARTIN | Frederick John |
| 254 | VX147256 | " | MARTIN | Albert John Stephen |
| 256 | VX148084 | " | HOLLIER | David Morris |
| 257 | VX148324 | " | DELANEY | Harold Francis |
| 258 | VX148746 | Sjt | JOHANNESSEN | Allen Thomas |
| 259 | VX148811 | Pte | PEARCE | Donald James |
| 260 | VX151117 | " | GILBERT | Geoffrey Bernard |
| 261 | VX153304 | " | McNALLY | Nervyn Edward |
| 262 | V155309 | " | O'LOUGHLIN | James Patrick |
| 263 | V155145 | " | IVOREY | George Albert |
| 264 | V155187 | " | McALLEN | Kevin Francis |
| 265 | VX155894 | " | HERR | Frederick John |
| 266 | V156988 | " | SMITHSBY | Maxwell Henry |
| 267 | VX165503 | " | ROLLO | Frank |
| 268 | V170299 | " | HARWOOD | James Patrick |
| 269 | VX171832 | " | PETERSON | Alfred Frank |
| 270 | VX176100 | " | PATON | John Oswald |
| 271 | VX190250 | " | LEGG | Charles |
| 272 | VX190254 | Cpl | CLDEN O' | Ian Hurst |
| 273 | VX192935 | Pte | GOVING | Daniel Alfred |
| 274 | VX193303 | Cpl | O'DONOHUE | Richard Jeremiah |
| 275 | VX201080 | Pte | WHALAN | Alan Robert |
| 276 | VX201355 | " | WALLACE | Gerald Sydenham |
| 277 | VX202156 | " | PATON | Alfred William |
| 278 | VX202748 | " | TRIST | David Ernest |
| 279 | VX202980 | " | WALSH | John Vincent |
| 280 | V216070 | " | SMITH | William Leo |
| 281 | V315657 | " | REEVES | Noel David George |
| 282 | V325508 | Cpl | EVES | Geoffrey Ernest Leslie |
| 284 | V437700 | Pte | DELANEY | Leo |
| 285 | V437712 | " | McMINNEY | Horace John |
| 286 | V467928 | " | WARK | Keith William |
| 287 | V515347 | " | SPENCER | Alan Keith |
| 288 | V515768 | " | WILSON | Desmond Albert |
| 288A | VX133591 | LT. | EWART | Robert Bruce |

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| 289 | TX5207 | Lt | DAVEY | Edward Arthur |
| 290 | VX51665 | Lt | GRIFF | Edwih Major |
| 291 | VX109161 | Lt | BIDGOOD | Morman Clive |
| 292 | VX114250 | Lt | SPINK | Douglas Graham |
| 293 | VX2460 | Sjt | WEEDON | Alexander Clive |
| 294 | T7397 | Pte | HOLLAND | Lance |
| 295 | T19361 | Pte | KING | Reginald Arthur |
| 296 | VX26764 | Sjt | ROBERTS | Victor Cole |
| 297 | T27419 | Pte | FULTON | Cyril |
| 298 | SX33050 | Pte | SCHRIEBER | Murray Leonard |
| 299 | SX33099 | Pte | TUTTY | Gordon Henry |
| 300 | S33600 | Pte | BECKMAN | Charles William Beaver |
| 301 | VX34465 | Pte | QUARTERMAINE | Alec |
| 302 | Q39112 | Pte | TREVOR | Richard Thomas |
| 303 | SX39715 | Pte | DOBIE | Glen James |
| 304 | SX39853 | Pte | WEISS | Stanley William |
| 305 | SX39855 | Pte | HICKS | William Joseph |
| 306 | SX39910 | L/Cpl | REED | George Albert |
| 307 | N43837 | Pte | NEWMAN | John Benedict |
| 308 | V43854 | Pte | McINTOSH | John |
| 309 | V44831 | S/Sjt | GREEN | Leonard Alfred Robert |
| 310 | V45862 | Pte | CONWAY | Michael Joseph |
| 311 | V55713 | Pte | LIVINGSTONE | Roy |
| 312 | QX58029 | Pte | TEDFORD | Eric Edgar |
| 313 | QX58085 | Pte | MILLAR | Thomas Parkins |
| 314 | QX60026 | Pte | YOUNIE | Alexander |
| 315 | QX61358 | Pte | JOSEY | Kevin Francis |
| 316 | V69047 | Pte | POWELL | Henry |
| 317 | V69138 | Pte | GREEN | Francis Leslie |
| 318 | V69142 | Pte | HEALEY | Bernard |
| 319 | V69142 | Pte | KEENAN | Sydenham Thomas |
| 320 | V39164 | Pte | LARKINS | Sydney William |
| 321 | VX94065 | Pte | BLOOMFIELD | John Edward |
| 322 | VX102555 | Cpl | BLACK | William John |
| 323 | VX102817 | Pte | INNES | Hugh MacGillivray |
| 324 | VX102825 | Cpl | KILLIEN | John Patrick |
| 325 | VX102872 | Pte | PELL | Albert Victor Bennett |
| 326 | T102903 | Pte | QUARRELL | Henry George |
| 327 | VX102905 | Woll | WALTON | John Cecil Fraser |
| 328 | NK110705 | Pte | SHERWOOD | Kenneth George |
| 329 | VX113016 | Cpl | ALDAG | Herbert James |
| 330 | VX113048 | Sjt | ROBERTSON | Keith Irvine |
| 331 | S114069 | Pte | MILLS | George |
| 332 | S114219 | Pte | LEE | Stanley Lionel |
| 333 | S114268 | Pte | SIMMS | Thistle Taylor |
| 335 | VX132349 | Sjt | CAHILL | Thomas |
| 336 | NK137666 | Pte | LEGGE | Kenneth Archibald Frederick |
| 337 | NK137684 | Pte | SCHAEFER | Connell Rex |
| 338 | VX138054 | Pte | PARKER | Robert William Joseph |
| 339 | VX139775 | Pte | WHITBOURNE | Arthur Benzley |
| 340 | VX140008 | Pte | THOMAS | Mervyn George |
| 345 | VX140013 | Cpl | FREYER | Thomas Ronald |
| 346 | VX140179 | Cpl | BACKWAY | George Daniel |
| 347 | VX140382 | Pte | HAY | Joseph |
| 348 | VX140383 | Pte | PAXMAN | Ernest Henry |
| 349 | VX141259 | Pte | TRIFFITT | Charles Milton |
| 350 | VX141679 | Pte | THORNE | Edgar John |
| 351 | VX144771 | Pte | LIMBRICK | Ernest George |

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| 352 | VX144773 | Pte | JOHNSON | Colin |
| 353 | VX144774 | Pte | SHARROCK | Keith Joseph |
| 354 | VX145799 | Pte | GUEST | John Henry |
| 355 | VX147043 | Pte | PIERSON | Kenneth Leo |
| 356 | VX147101 | Pte | JAMES | Reginald Earl |
| 357 | VX147102 | Cpl | KNIGHT | Leslie Arthur |
| 358 | VX147108 | Pte | WAKFER | Eric William |
| 359 | VX147156 | Pte | RAPFORD | Harold Edward |
| 360 | VX147697 | Pte | McKENZIE | Graham Henry |
| 361. | VX148739 | L/Cpl | DOVIE | Desmond James Henry |
| 362 | VX148762 | Cpl | WARBURTON | Reginald Thomas |
| 363 | VX148813 | Pte | BRODERICK | Charles Francis |
| 364 | NX153308 | Sjt | LAWRY | William |
| 365 | V160182 | Pte | LOOKER | Reuben Percy Albert |
| 366 | NX162174 | Pte | SCHUBERT | Irwin Victor |
| 367 | V165485 | Pte | CAMPBELL | Bernard |
| 368 | V165569 | Pte | WILLIAMS | Kevin Athol |
| 369 | V170260 | Pte | BEASLEY | Edwin Gordon |
| 370 | V170263 | Pte | BOLD | Charles Cooker |
| 371 | V170314 | Pte | LUPTON | Desmond Patrick |
| 372 | V170322 | Pte | MORRIS | Douglas George Alfred |
| 373 | V170337 | Pte | ROBB | Percy Raymond |
| 374 | NX172100 | Pte | SMITH | Cecil Thomas |
| 375 | NX175142 | Pte | RYAN | George John |
| 376 | NX176525 | Pte | WALLS | Hilla ry Hayden |
| 377 | NX176657 | Pte | WILSON | Ronald Arthur |
| 378 | NX177168 | Pte | RIELLY | John |
| 379 | V185192 | Pte | JEWETT | Harry Charles |
| 380 | NX190577 | Pte | BOURKE | Maxwell Patrick |
| 381 | NX190656 | Pte | McPHAIL | Cyril Hastings |
| 382 | NX191521 | Pte | ELPHICK | Percy Arnold |
| 383 | NX192280 | Pte | JENNINGS | Edward Charles |
| 384 | NX193289 | Pte | SPENCER | Henry George |
| 385 | NX193302 | Pte | CUPITT | Leslie George |
| 386 | NX192306 | Pte | EMINSON | Jack |
| 387 | NX202787 | Pte | ROBERTS | William John |
| 388 | V215258 | Pte | BERRY | Desmond George |
| 389 | V225151 | Pte | PETSHELL | Arnold Clarence |
| 390 | N261392 | Pte | DIXON | William George |
| 391 | V326218 | Pte | PASS | Thomas John |
| 392 | N372263 | Pte | AGNEW | Clyde Alwyn |
| 393 | N413539 | Pte | METCALFE | Joseph Henry |
| 394 | N445572 | Pte | HILL | Horace James |
| 395 | N462654 | Pte | ANDREWS | Cornelius George |
| 396 | N463762 | Pte | NORTHEY | Clarrie John Andrew |
| 396a | N464008 | Pte | TIERNAN | Kevin Walter |
| 396b | N465977 | Pte | TURNER | Reginald Francis |
| 396c | V511932 | Pte | MORROU | Jack |
| 396d | V514999 | Pte | KINGWELL | Edward James |
| 396e | VX143617 | Pte | FRAZER | Kevin Frederick Francis |
| 396f | VX142815 | Pte | MAHONEY | Francis |
| 396g | VX147044 | Pte | WALTON | Claud Kestle Noel Paul |

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| Serial No | Army No | Rank | Surname | Other Names |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 397 | TY5326 | Lt | STROSE | Harold James |
| 398 | Y39329 | Lt | ZIMMER | Eric Stanley |
| 399 | VY102647 | Capt | DUNSTER | Norman Alexander |
| 401 | WY104452 | Lt | HOGAN | Daniel Alyosius |
| 402 | MX123187 | Lt | BALZER | Rayston Christian |
| 403 | S5713 | Pte | THOMPSON | Richard Edward Sydney |
| 407 | S17006 | Pte | APFENZILLER | James Lawrence |
| 408 | W17561 | Pte | TABLE | Edward Stewart |
| 410 | V20771 | Pte | ZANKER | Herbert Albert |
| 411 | S24460 | Pte | PANFORD | Findlay Davey |
| 412 | Q24780 | Pte | HOPTON | Henry George |
| 415 | SX31423 | Pte | DARINETH | David John |
| 416 | SX33125 | Pte | BRADLEY | Ernest Joseph Francis |
| 418 | W34836 | Pte | REINBERG | Thomas Felix |
| 419 | SX39449 | Pte | OSBORNE | Robert Henry |
| 420 | SX39493 | Pte | TURNER | Allen Roy |
| 421 | W39565 | Pte | PONI | George |
| 422 | SX39851 | Pte | BRENSTER | Keith James |
| 423 | SX39854 | Pte | GREENHAI | Edgar Bush |
| 424 | SX39858 | Pte | MICHELLI | Harvyn James |
| 425 | SX39879 | Pte | CHAMPION | Harold John |
| 426 | N39896 | Pte | MURPHY | Hilton John William |
| 427 | NX43052 | Pte | ROBERTSON | Donald Douglas |
| 428 | V43927 | Pte | McCONVILL | Leonard James |
| 429 | V44114 | Pte | CRUTCHFIELD | Keith Leslie |
| 430 | V44156 | Pte | COLLINGS | Roland Gerrard |
| 431 | V44196 | Sjt | GALLAGHER | Brendon Daniel |
| 432 | V44203 | Cpl | HOUSSLOW | Keith Albert |
| 433 | V44293 | L/Cpl | WHITEHEAD | Gordon Reginald Charles |
| 434 | V44293 | Pte | WALSH | James Francis |
| 435 | V44442 | Pte | DEWIS | Leonard Harold |
| 436 | V44889 | Sjt | LEAR | George Hubert |
| 437 | V45072 | Pte | WOLHAGEN | Charles |
| 438 | V45554 | Pte | FISCHMAUER | George Henry |
| 439 | V45765 | Pte | REID | John |
| 440 | V45801 | Pte | GROVES | Albert Edward |
| 442 | V45815 | Pte | GREEN | John Ernest |
| 443 | V45944 | Pte | RAVINGS | Bernard John |
| 444 | V45954 | Pte | MANGAN | James Clarence |
| 445 | V45956 | Pte | HALE | Clive Oliver |
| 446 | V47836 | Pte | ARNEY | Keith Edwin |
| 447 | V47856 | Pte | BETT | Thomas George |
| 448 | V47858 | Pte | BOYDEN | Norman James |
| 449 | V47876 | Pte | CHAMBERLAIN | George Frederick |
| 450 | V47891 | Pte | CHATTERTON | Eric Albert |
| 451 | V47902 | Pte | DANKS | Arthur Smithers |
| 452 | V48000 | Pte | METHAN | Richard Patrick |
| 453 | V48030 | Pte | McKENZIE | Tarry |
| 454 | V48048 | Pte | OMNELLI | Peter Paul |
| 457 | V48135 | Sjt | WOLTERS | Cecil Alexander |
| 458 | QY49876 | Cfn | NOE | William Gordon |

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| 460 | S51458 | Pte | EVANS | John Wilfred |
| 461 | QX54442 | Cpl | CONNELL | Walter |
| 462 | QX54445 | Pte | DUBBIN | Edward Henry |
| 463 | QX54446 | Pte | FREW | Robert |
| 464 | QX55596 | Pte | LLOYD-JONES | Robert Alan |
| 465 | QX56386 | Pte | BURTON | Samuel Robert |
| 466 | QX58939 | Cpl | METHAN | Thomas Mannix |
| 467 | QX59147 | Pte | FROST | Maurice George |
| 468 | QX59149 | Pte | DUNCAH | Martin Thomas |
| 469 | QX59358 | Pte | SLEAFORD | Cecil Alfred |
| 470 | QX61184 | Pte | STAATZ | Leslie George |
| 471 | QX61225 | Pte | SCOTT | William |
| 472 | QX61470 | Pte | JOHNSON | Reginald Oliver |
| 473 | QX62017 | Pte | JAMES | Arthur John |
| 475 | VX69830 | L/Sjt | LYLE | Lois Blair |
| 476 | VX74334 | Pte | TALIACE | Francis |
| 477 | VX76448 | Pte | LAING | Ronald Desmond |
| 478 | VX84526 | Pte | McCOTTER | Francis |
| 479 | VX89726 | Pte | CALLEY | Donald Arthur |
| 480 | VX89792 | Pte | FENNEDY | Robert Leslie |
| 481 | VX90842 | Pte | WORTHINGTON | Leslie James |
| 482 | VX93038 | Pte | DOOLEY | Francis |
| 483 | VX93335 | Pte | VARCOE | Cyril Aubrey |
| 484 | T102428 | Pte | GOLDER | Stanley Kenneth |
| 486 | VX102568 | Sjt | BYRNES | Patrick Francis |
| 487 | VX102579 | Sjt | DAVEY | John Arthur |
| 488 | VX102582 | WO 11 | DOHERTY | John Patrick Joseph |
| 489 | VX102589 | L/Sjt | DUNSTAN | Bennett |
| 490 | VX102594 | Cpl | PINN | Percy |
| 491 | VX102595 | Pte | FOLLETT | Harold William |
| 492 | VX102801 | Sjt | GREENBERG | Stanley Arthur |
| 493 | VX102803 | Sjt | HANNA | Clarence Ernest |
| 494 | VX102831 | WO 11 | IEE | Edward Jack |
| 495 | VX102838 | Pte | WARRICK | Warwick Anthony |
| 496 | VX102840 | Cpl | WATSON | William Charles |
| 497 | VX102871 | Pte | PEARCE | Reginald Stan |
| 498 | VX102879 | Pte | PRICE | William Henry |
| 499 | VX102884 | Cpl | ROBINSON | John William |
| 500 | VX102885 | Sjt | ROYALS | Stanley John |
| 501 | VX102891 | L/Cpl | SMITH | Albert William |
| 502 | VX102899 | Sjt | THOROGOOD | Alan Ernest |
| 503 | VX102910 | Cpl | WHITE | Samuel George |
| 504 | Q105067 | Pte | TWYED | Leslie Ray Hilton |
| 505 | Q105760 | Pte | REHEBURN | Douglas Ernest |
| 506 | VX107739 | Pte | McINTOSH | Leslie Maxwell |
| 507 | S110210 | Pte | BRADLEY | Kenneth |
| 508 | S111184 | Pte | WELLY | Maxwell James |
| 509 | S112563 | Pte | IRELAND | Waynard Oliver |
| 511 | VX113026 | Pte | DUNCAH | Ian Roy William |
| 512 | VX113030 | Pte | GILES | Edward John |
| 513 | VX113033 | Sjt | HAINSWAN | Stanley Charles |
| 514 | VX113046 | Pte | PRICE | Francis Hortle |
| 515 | Q114192 | Pte | BRIGGS | Ernest William |
| 516 | NX115291 | Cfn | MARSH | Frederick Francis |
| 517 | NX118172 | Pte | LOSEBY | Robert Charles |
| 518 | VX118227 | Sjt | MURDOCK | George Keith |
| 519 | VX118710 | Pte | WILLIAMS | Fevan |
| 520 | VX118712 | Pte | O'DONNELL | Roger Edward |

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| Serial No | Army No | Rank | Surname | Other Names |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 521 | VX120243 | Pte | McINTOSH | Harold |
| 522 | VX120244 | Pte | McINTOSH | John Joseph |
| 523 | VX120819 | Pte | BLACKWELL | Trevor George |
| 524 | V121013 | Pte | GILLESPIE | Robert Henry |
| 525 | V121072 | Pte | PELL | George Andrew |
| 526 | V121158 | Pte | WILKIE | Alan Menzies |
| 527 | Q130393 | Pte | SMITH | Arthur Frederick |
| 528 | VX132346 | Pte | NORRIS | William |
| 529 | VX132353 | Pte | WALKER | Leonard Bertram |
| 530 | VX132537 | L/Cpl | WRIGHT | Vernon Lance |
| 531 | | | | |
| 532 | VX132628 | L/Cpl | GASTERSTADT | William Henry |
| 533 | VX132708 | Pte | HUTCHINSON | Charles |
| 534 | VX133790 | Pte | FARRELL | Sydney Allan |
| 535 | VX135536 | Pte | MILL | Ronald James |
| 536 | Q136433 | Pte | TUIFE | Michael Anthony |
| 537 | | | | |
| 538 | VX137586 | Pte | KIRK | Kenneth George |
| 539 | | | | |
| 540 | VX137961 | Pte | BUSSET | Kenneth John |
| 541 | VX137962 | Pte | McBRIDE | Keith Alexander |
| 542 | | | | |
| 543 | VX138102 | Pte | MORLEY | Walter Frederick |
| 544 | VX138105 | Pte | WHITE | Roy Alexander |
| 545 | Q138649 | Pte | GREENWELL | Victor |
| 546 | Q138682 | Pte | KOFLICK | Frederick |
| 547 | Q138914 | Pte | SMITH | William Abraham |
| 548 | VX139769 | Pte | BEST | Harry Noel |
| 549 | VX139771 | Pte | KERR | Roy Pearce |
| 550 | VX140014 | Pte | LANCASTER | Charles Vincent |
| 551 | VX140016 | Pte | SCHULTZ | Hessel Alexander |
| 552 | VX140219 | Pte | TELFORD | Ted Leslie |
| 553 | 553 VX140433 | Pte | SEARLE | Kenneth John Douglas |
| 554 | VX140436 | Pte | LISTER | Maxwell Keith |
| 555 | VX140454 | Pte | PRICE | Victor Edward Cyril |
| 556 | VX140455 | Cpl | PARKER | Eric William |
| 557 | VX140457 | Pte | GRIMES | John Joseph |
| 558 | VX140458 | Pte | POWER | John Joseph |
| 559 | VX140714 | Pte | BETIMAN | Alfred Leslie |
| 560 | VX140831 | Pte | STURZAKER | Leslie Norman |
| 561 | | | | |
| 562 | VX141673 | Pte | MILLS | John |
| 563 | VX141901 | Pte | DARPAGH | Raymond Samuel |
| 564 | VX143868 | Cpl | COSTA | Francis Joseph |
| 565 | Q144211 | Pte | POLLARD | Samuel |
| 566 | | | | |
| 567 | VX144772 | Cpl | ZAPPELLI | Joseph Callaghan |
| 568 | VX144776 | Pte | MULCONRY | William Daniel |
| 569 | VX145961 | Pte | TAYLOR | Maxwell George |
| 570 | VX147040 | Cpl | BRUTON | Robert David |
| 571 | VX147045 | Pte | WEBB | William George |
| 572 | VX147107 | Pte | O'BRIEN | William Arthur |
| 573 | VX147111 | Pte | McGINNESS | Arthur James |
| 574 | VX147152 | Pte | SLATER | Thomas Matthews |
| 575 | VX147157 | Pte | POOLER | Jeffrey |
| 576 | VX147160 | Pte | RODGERS | Leo Joseph |
| 577 | VX147196 | L/Cpl | CAHILL | Leslie Cyril |
| 578 | VX147678 | Pte | VALENTINE | Albert George |
| 579 | VX147943 | Pte | SMITH | Sydney Oswald |

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|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 581 | VX148136 | Ofn | BINI ON | William Albert |
| 582 | VX148201 | Pte | ARNEY | Herbert Rennie |
| 583 | VX148355 | Pte | WATSON | Frank |
| 584 | VX148735 | Pte | O'DOUB | Patrick John |
| 585 | VX148736 | Pte | PINNE | Norman Richard |
| 586 | VX148737 | Pte | GILLIGAN | John Alexander |
| 587 | VX148777 | Pte | TAYLOR | John Wesley |
| 588 | VX148818 | Ofn | CONDON | Raymond James |
| 589 | VX148860 | Pte | APPLEBY | Donald Arthur |
| 590 | VX148862 | Pte | POUSTE | Oscar Alyosius |
| 591 | VX148864 | Pte | BELL | Gordon Bryant |
| 592 | VX148939 | Pte | ROBINSON | Ivan Edward |
| 593 | VX149821 | Pte | WAGNER | Thomas Edward |
| 594 | VX149833 | Pte | SHAW | Walter George |
| 595 | W150700 | Pte | GILLISON | Lindsay |
| 596 | Q151730 | Pte | KLINGNER | Geoffrey |
| 597 | NX153305 | L/Cpl | SCHROEDER | Leonard Martin |
| 598 | NX153311 | Pte | DUFFY | Maxwell Roy |
| 599 | NV154183 | Pte | DIXON | Ted |
| 601 | NX155892 | Pte | PERCIVAL | Frederick Charles |
| 602 | V160216 | Pte | RIDDLE | Norman |
| 603 | V160223 | Pte | STIRLING | Alfred George |
| 604 | V160446 | Pte | DOHERTY | Gregory Thomas |
| 605 | NV164725 | Pte | ROBERTSON | Cyril |
| 606 | NV164921 | Pte | McAULEY | Kenneth Richard |
| 607 | N165183 | Pte | REARDON | James Richard |
| 608 | V165213 | Pte | HOARE | Norman William |
| 610 | NX167912 | Pte | UEN | James Arthur |
| 612 | NX172914 | Pte | ARDOUIN | Keith Albert |
| 613 | V180745 | Cpl | ROWLANDS | Eric Alexander Marcourt |
| 614 | V180752 | Pte | THOMPSON | Roy |
| 615 | N186988 | Pte | FINDLAY | William David |
| 616 | NV190259 | Pte | PARKER | Bernard James |
| 617 | NV190264 | Pte | JONES | Sydney |
| 618 | NV192281 | Pte | HEDGER | John Frederick |
| 620 | NX192962 | Pte | BRADSHAW | Bernard |
| 621 | N195987 | Pte | HART | Leslie Henry |
| 622 | N196173 | Pte | REID | Walter Eric |
| 623 | N196766 | Pte | AULD | John Lawrence |
| 624 | NX198307 | Pte | BELL | Donald Victor |
| 625 | N199958 | Pte | FORD | Lawrence John |
| 626 | NX202054 | Pte | NEWTON | Kenneth Clifford |
| 627 | NX203815 | Pte | FAULKNER | Stephen Charles |
| 628 | V206258 | Pte | LEVY | Lazarus |
| 629 | V235907 | Pte | PEARCE | Dudley Mervyn |
| 630 | N236026 | Pte | WEBB | Mervyn Ernest |
| 631 | V245134 | Pte | PHILLIPS | Alan Charles |
| 632 | V245625 | Pte | EGAN | Patrick John |
| 633 | V246046 | Pte | RUSSELL | Ernest John |
| 634 | V246127 | Pte | COGHELL | Charles Bremner |
| 635 | V250271 | Pte | WELLS | John Henry |
| 636 | Q257003 | Pte | STCCOMBE | Gordon Arthur |
| 638 | Q265975 | Pte | WINN | Charles Colin |
| 639 | Q266174 | Pte | RHODE | Leslie John |
| 641 | Q270470 | Pte | PENBERTHY | Charles James |

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|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 642 | Q270471 | Pte | CALLEN | Sydney Eton |
| 643 | Q270857 | Pte | FRASTON | Vivian James |
| 644 | Q271446 | Pte | SABITO | Francis |
| 646 | V281129 | Pte | GRAY | Charles James |
| 647 | V295557 | Pte | CULPITT | John Leslie |
| 648 | V300447 | Pte | WATSON | Wesley Gilbert |
| 649 | V305479 | Pte | PALLANT | Harry Keith |
| 650 | V307060 | Pte | BURKE | George Arthur |
| 651 | V310682 | Pte | FLETT | Howard Robert |
| 652 | V310933 | Pte | THOMPSON | Edward Booth |
| 653 | V316370 | Pte | SHORE | David Crawford |
| 654 | V316371 | Pte | SHORT | Douglas Theodore |
| 655 | V316417 | Pte | O'BRIEN | Michael James |
| 656 | V321808 | Pte | POIDEVIN | Leo Cecil |
| 657 | V322137 | Pte | LEIGHTON | John William |
| 658 | V325644 | Pte | RUDD | Keith Gordon |
| 659 | V330212 | Pte | BRETHERTON | Colin Stanley |
| 660 | V330608 | Pte | O'KEEFE | Patrick |
| 661 | N352193 | Pte | WEBSTER | Gordon Wallace |
| 662 | N404925 | Pte | DONALDSON | Victor Cecil |
| 663 | N451490 | Pte | ARROW | Roy Francis |
| 664 | N452120 | Pte | O'BRIEN | Thomas Leslie |
| 666 | N465573 | Pte | WOOD | Eric Lawson |
| 667 | N465865 | Pte | GUNDY | Walter Raymond |
| 668 | N466610 | Pte | CARLE | Arthur William |
| 669 | N467940 | Pte | MASON | Douglas Leslie |
| 671 | V505847 | Pte | HALL | Francis Walter |
| 672 | V59277 | Pte | MIBUS | Victor |

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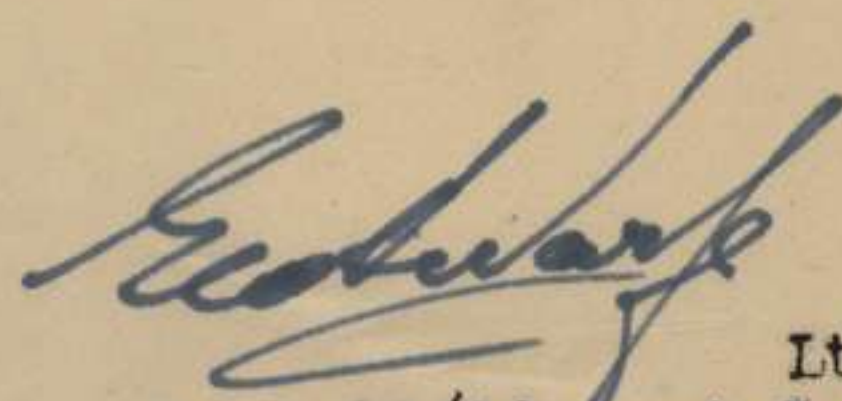
| Serial No | Army No | Rank | Surname | Other Names |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------------------|
| 674 | VX186 | Lt-col | WARFE | George Radford |
| 675 | B2/348 | Rep | HARTON | Max |
| 676 | TY4679 | Lt | ROE | John Rowland |
| 677 | VX106327 | Capt | MATHIAS | Russell Lloyd |
| 678 | VX114251 | Chapl. | SHOTTON | Hedley Thomas |
| 679 | NY114337 | Lt | NORRIE | Frederick John |
| 680 | NY129557 | Lt | KELLY | Neville Herbert |
| 681 | NY201329 | Capt | MIDDLETON | Lucas William |
| 682 | W38335 | Pte | McDONALD | John Colin |
| 683 | SX39880 | Pte | NEWLYN | Cecil John |
| 684 | V40556 | Pte | CROSBIE | Frederick Gerald |
| 685 | V44197 | Pte | GEYER | Christian |
| 686 | V44406 | Pte | COX | Sydney Harold |
| 687 | V45776 | Pte | PUGSLEY | James Donald |
| 688 | V46560 | Pte | BURKE | George |
| 689 | V47978 | Pte | KENNEDY | Edmund |
| 690 | QX54144 | Pte | ROBERTS | Thomas Frederick |
| 691 | QX54444 | Pte | RANDALL | Henry John |
| 692 | QX61200 | Pte | BIRD | Ronald Cedric |
| 693 | QX62686 | Pte | FIDD | Francis Neils |
| 694 | V65083 | Cpl | LODGE | Milton |
| 695 | VX89707 | Cpl | ANDERSON | James Locke |
| 696 | VX89769 | Pte | GRIFFES | George Henry |
| 697 | VX89868 | Cpl | SANDILANDS | Ralph Leslie |
| 698 | VX89823 | Cpl | McDONOUGH | Robert Peter |
| 699 | VX89890 | Pte | THOMPSON | Constantine |
| 700 | VX102912 | Pte | WILD | Hamilton Walter |
| 701 | VX102917 | Cpl | WILSON | Wallace William |
| 702 | VX1026268 | Sjt | MITCHELL | John Mathewson |
| 703 | S112137 | Pte | HINDER | Ronald Leonard |
| 704 | VX113028 | Sjt | EMMETT | Mervyn Edward |
| 705 | VX113031 | Sjt | GOEBY | Harry Stanley |
| 706 | VX118708 | Pte | MAYALI | George Edward |
| 707 | VX120239 | Pte | FORSTER | Alan Thomas William |
| 708 | NX123794 | Pte | CHAMBERLAIN | Harold George |
| 709 | VX135625 | Pte | STODDART | Donald Graham |
| 710 | VX137515 | Cpl | MILLS | Graeme Tamblin |
| 711 | VX137516 | WO 1. | PIGOT | Noel Francis |
| 712 | VX137518 | Cpl | CAVANAGH | James Henry |
| 713 | VX137521 | Sjt | PETTIT | Jack Edwick |
| 714 | VX137969 | Pte | ROSE | Stuart Cecil |
| 715 | VX138056 | L/Cpl | HICKEY | Harold |
| 716 | VX138109 | Pte | GORMAN | Walter Ronald |
| 717 | Q138564 | Pte | VICKERY | George James |
| 718 | VX140012 | Pte | ROBERTS | William John |
| 719 | VX140229 | L/Cpl | DUNCANSON | Raymond George |
| 720 | VX140232 | Pte | REDMOND | John Douglas |
| 721 | VX140434 | Pte | CRAIG | James |
| 722 | VX143896 | Pte | HILTON | Albert William |
| 723 | VX144780 | Cpl | McFARLANE | Lawrence George |
| 724 | VX147100 | L/Cpl | DUKE | Edmund Andrew |
| 725 | VX147182 | Pte | BURNS | Alan Lindsay |
| 726 | VX147565 | Sjt | TEATHER | Herbert George |
| 727 | VX148659 | Pte | GREIG | Arthur Owen |
| 728 | VX148701 | Pte | MILLS | Victor Goulburn |
| 729 | VX148702 | Pte | RANK | Robert John |
| 730 | VX148713 | Pte | McLEOD | John Thomas |
| 731 | VX148831 | WO 11 | WILSON | Arthur Clarence |
| 732 | VX148832 | Cpl | DAVIS | Archibald Roy |
| 733 | VX148833 | L/Cpl | COLLINS | James Richard |
| 734 | NX152536 | Pte | DISHER | Joseph Alexander |
| 735 | NX177499 | Pte | REDMAN | Gordon Arthur |

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|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|------------------|
| 736 | NX190305 | Pte | McDONNELL | Colin George |
| 737 | NX192932 | Pte | PARSONS | Ronald George |
| 738 | N196486 | Pte | MAKER | Allan James |
| 739 | V211423 | Cpl | ROBERTS | Neilsen James |
| 740 | Q272327 | Pte | DOWDEN | Neil William |
| 741 | V280026 | Pte | NOBBS | John |
| 742 | V310879 | Pte | BULL | Frank Leo |
| 743 | V331536 | L/Cpl | KETTELS | Leslie James |
| 744 | V335311 | Pte | DUNSTON | Art ur Clarence |
| 745 | V335359 | Pte | STEVENS | John Naughan |
| 746 | N455329 | Pte | CASEY | Peter James. |
| 747 | V68178- | Pte | HOPE | George Reuben |
| 748 | VX162869 | L/Cpl | PARSON S | Herbert Leonard |
| 749 | Q136331 | Pte | ANDERSON | Stanley Charles |
| 750 | VX147560 | Pte | KING | Albert Leslie |
| 751 | V250675 | Pte | McMANUS | Francis Hugh |
| 752 | V320972 | Pte | CARROLL | Geoffrey William |
| 753 | VX53620 | Pte | SPENCER | Norman Charles |
| 754 | VX93575 | Pte | JENKINS | Ronald Charles |
| 755 | N245676 | Pte | O'GRADY | Patrick Leo |
| 756 | V325673 | Pte | McCANN | Thomas Terrence |
| 757 | N447392 | Pte | HUSBAND | Patrick Joseph |
| 758 | S111915 | Pte | BURNETT | Douglas Roy |
| 759 | VX140237 | Pte | ASTON | George August. |

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| Serial No | Army No | Rank | Surname | Other Names |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 750 | VN102655 | Lt | WILLIAMS | George Henry |
| 751 | VN104470 | " | MARSH | Leslie Raymond |
| 752 | N20061 | Pte | SKINNER | Cecil John |
| 753 | V45809 | " | BETTS | Bruce Thomas |
| 754 | VN102544 | Sjt | ALWANDER | Alfred William |
| 755 | VN113018 | Cpl | BOCK | Harold Charles |
| 756 | VN132620 | Pte | PERCY | Wallace Gordon |
| 757 | VN140225 | " | GRAY | Richard Roy |
| 758 | VN144229 | " | McKENZIE | George Alexander |
| 759 | VN147808 | " | WARREN | John William |
| 760 | VN151721 | " | IMMS | Alexander |
| 761 | V166250 | " | TYRELL | William Clive |
| 762 | VN192301 | " | LE NOX | Leslie George |
| 763 | V265638 | " | MITCHELSON | Jack Boyce |


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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

29 Dec 44.

Subject:

VOYAGE REPORT HMAT DUNTRON
TOWNSVILLE-TOROKINA - 24-27 DEC 44.

3 AUST DIV

Copy to 15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

1. EMBARKATION.

(a) Considerable difficulties were experienced during embarkation due to insufficient information being made available ^{prior} to movement. For example whereas it was understood that the Battalion would embark as a unit, in fact embarkation was carried out in two waves, and each wave was required to produce 26 copies of nominal rolls of embarkation as it embarked, which was contrary to original instructions and necessitated complete stencils and rolls being prepared again by the first wave.

(b) Embarkation was completed on 23 Dec 44.

2. PERSONNEL EMBARKED.

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|-----|------|
| (a) HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) | 6 | Offrs | 55 | ORs. |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 2 | " | 44 | " |
| 26 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) | 4 | " | 74 | " |
| 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | 4 | " | 71 | " |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 31 | " | 675 | " |
| 3 Div Pre Coy | | | 17 | " |
| 14 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt | 1 | " | 53 | " |

(b) Embarkation strength returns submitted to Records were incorrect in following particulars :-

(i) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

Three ORs comprising stores escort party embarked with stores but nominal rolls were not handed to ESO -

VY144762 S/Sjt TAYLOR H.R.

V304179 Pte HEIMS H.J.

V122014 " DOWLING P.J.

Amended strength return should therefore be 4 Offrs 71 ORs.

(ii) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

Two ORs were reported AWL by company commanders prior to embarkation but were recorded as having embarked -

OX60700 Pte POPE W.D.

VY118712 " O'DONNELL R.E.

A further check on the ship failed to locate these personnel and amended embarkation strength return will therefore be 31 Offrs 675 ORs.

3. HEALTH.

Good, but 5 cases of PUC were reported from following units -

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) | 1 |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 1 |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 3 |

Following personnel were admitted to sick bay with PUC -

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) | 1 |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 1 |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 1 |

4. TRAINING.

Each morning and afternoon was divided into three forty-minute periods, and the boat deck was allotted in turns to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn rifle companies, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn HQ Coy, and other 15 Aust Inf Bde units.

Lectures were given as follows :-

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|----------------|--|
| RMO | Tropical Diseases |
| I.O. | Summary of Bougainville Ops. |
| Bde Educ Offr | Current Affairs and Role of Australian Army. |
| Sig Officer | Message Writing. |
| Coy Commanders | Map Reading. |

5. DISCIPLINE.

High standard - due to high morale and good control by all officers.

6. CASUALTIES.

Personnel admitted to sick bay :-

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|--------------------------|---|
| HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) | 1 |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 1 |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 1 |

7. LOSSES AND DEFICIENCIES.

Nil.

8. MESSING.

Messing arrangements were satisfactory, and meals good. Hot water provided for washing of dixies was, however, insufficient, and could not be changed due to lack of containers.

9. PAY.

Nil.

10. RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Protestant Church Parades were conducted by Padre on 24 and 25 Dec, and an evening song service on 24 Dec. Communion service was held after church parade on 25 Dec. R.C. Service was held 25 Dec. Attendances for all parades were good.

11. Ships Arrangements and Accommodation.

- (a) Good co-operation was received from ship. Christmas poultry was cooked by ships' staff and held in ship's refrigerator until units had disembarked.
- (b) Accommodation was satisfactory although Officer's accommodation was somewhat cramped due to three officers sleeping in each two-berth cabin.

12. FRESH WATER SUPPLY.

Satisfactory.

13. WEATHER CONDITIONS and EFFECT ON TROOPS.

Although some rain was encountered the seas were calm throughout the voyage and there was little seasickness.

14. AMUSEMENT and AMENITIES.

- (a) Music over ship's public address system.

- (b) Battalion band played daily at 1600 and 1830 hrs.
- (c) Concert and quiz session was held 1830 hrs 26 Dec.
- (d) Battalion library was opened on limited scale.
- (e) ACF comforts issue was received by each member.

15. ARRIVAL TOROKINA.

27 Dec 44.

16. DISEMBARKATION.

In marked contrast to embarkation, disembarkation was carried out most smoothly due to excellent shore to ship administration.

17. PERSONNEL DISEMBARRED.

28 Dec 44.



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
51/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **23/12/1944** **58/59 Bn** (Unit)

W.E. **II/1203** OFFRS. **33** O.R.'s. **769** OFFRS. **10** R.'s. **32** ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. |
| | - | - | 1 | * | | | | | |
| | 2 | - | 1 | * | | | | | |
| | 2 | - | 6 | Lieut.-Colonels | AAMC | 1 | - | - | - |
| | - | 4 | 24 | Majors | | | | | |
| | - | - | 1 | Captains | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| | 4 | 4 | 33 | | | 1 | | | |

| | DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|---------------------|
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | A. | A | B | | | | | | | | 33 34 |
| | 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. |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| VX102648 | Capt | CUTHBERTSON C C | 2/2 CCS | 16/12/44 | (Myositis) |
| NX76176 | Lt | BEAIE D R | 2/2 CCS | 19/12/44 | (Psoriasis) |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO **58/59 Bn** (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. **23/12/1944**

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

51/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/12/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 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 | VX186 | WARFE | G.R. | CO | Yes | | |
| Major | NY97 | PIKE | W.A. | A/2 1/c | Yes | | |
| Capt | NY113730 | MICHAEL | F. | OC D Coy | No | School | |
| " | NY101551 | DUN | N.S. | 2 1/c C Coy | No | 15 Aust Inf Bde | |
| " | VY102607 | JACKSON | A.C. | OC A Coy | Yes | | |
| " | VX114235 | ROBY | A.W. | 2 1/c D Coy | No | Leave | |
| " | VX102647 | DEMPESTER | N.A. | QM | Yes | | |
| " | VX114124 | HOCKING | L.J. | OC B Coy | Yes | | |
| Lt | VX51665 | GRIFF | R.E. | A/2 1/c D Coy | Yes | | |
| " | VX112185 | BETHUNE | J.F. | A/2 1/c C Coy | Yes | | |
| " | TX5326 | SHROSBREE | H.J. | A/OC HQ | Yes | | |
| " | VX114250 | SPINK | D.G. | 14 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | TX4679 | ROE | J.R. | A/Adit | Yes | | |
| " | TX5207 | DAVEY | W.A. | 17 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX102655 | WILLIAMS | G.H. | 3 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | NY133591 | EWART | R.B. | 13 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX1921 | JACOBS | H.J. | | No | Rear Details (B Class) | |
| " | VX104530 | WALKER | H.J. | 15 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX104470 | MARSH | L.R. | T.O. | Yes | | |
| " | VX104452 | HOGAN | D.A. | 2 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX23594 | LANE | G.R. | | No | 14 Pl 2/1 Cd Regt | |
| Lt/T-Capt | VX106327 | MATHEWS | R.L. | Ajdt | Yes | | |
| Lt | QX39329 | ZERNER | E.S. | 1 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX144709 | PIMM | J.H. | 11 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX115588 | BAIL | A.B. | 12 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX109161 | BIDGOOD | N.C. | 18 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | TX4464 | SMITH | F.O. | 16 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | NY119987 | ROLFE | R. | 9 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | VX118687 | McINTOSH | J.G. | 7 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | NY123187 | BALZER | R.C. | 5 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | NY129557 | KELLY | N.H. | I.O. | Yes | | |
| " | NY114337 | NOBLE | F.J. | 4 Pl | Yes | | |
| " | NY115251 | BREWSTER | D.J. | 8 Pl | Yes | | |
| Capt | NY201329 | MIDDLETON | L.W. | RMO | 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. |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Chap Rep | VX114251 B2/348 | SHOTTON H. WHARTON M. | 15 Bde YMCA | 16/2/44 3/12/44 | Padre YMCA Rep |
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23/12/44
Date of Despatch

R. Mathews
Signature of Commander

Adjt, 58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Capt.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/12/1944.

| 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 Assis. | | | | 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 | 1 |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Rivettors | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 26 | 26 | | Tailors | 2 | 2 | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Bollermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | | 6 | 6 | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | Drivers MT | 12 | 12 | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | W. Duty | 2 | 2 | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | Tk/A | 19 | 19 | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | S. Bearers | 21 | 18 | 3 |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | Storemen | 6 | 6 | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | R. Police | 6 | 7 | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | Batmen | 35 | 35 | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | Mess Duty | 3 | 3 | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILED BY XXXX NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | Hygiene | 4 | 4 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | | Riflemen | 397 | 377 | 20 |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 12 | 12 | | Mortar Nos | 73 | 73 | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | Orderlies | 32 | 32 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | Pioneers | 32 | 32 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | 10 | 9 | Coach Trimmers | | | | Provost | 1 | | 1 |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | MGC Nos | 23 | 23 | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | RSN | 1 | 2 | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | RQMS | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.D. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | CSM's | 5 | 5 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | CQMS's | 5 | 5 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | Pl Sjts | 24 | 21 | 3 |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tpin. Plant | | | | Total | 769 | 741 | 30 |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | | Engine Hand. I.C. | | | | Att by WE | 32 | 29 | 3 |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 1 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | | 17 | 16 | CARRIED FORWARD | | 57 | 56 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 801 | 770 | 33 |

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.

Date of Despatch 23/12/44

Signature of Commander

ANALYSIS OF W.Os & N.C.Os.

W.E.

Posted Strength

| Trade | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjts | Sjt | Cpl | Total | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjts | Sjt | Cpl | Total |
|---------------|-----|------|--------|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|--------|-----|-----|-------|
| Int Duties | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Sig " | - | 9 | - | 1 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Clerks | - | - | - | 2 | 6 | 8 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Tailor | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 7 |
| Tech Storemen | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Riflemen | - | - | - | - | 36 | 36 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| MMG Nos | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 26 | 26 |
| Mortar Nos | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Pioneers | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Provost | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| S/Bearers | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Tk/A Nos | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Drivers WT | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| R.S.M. | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| R.Q.M.S. | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| G.S.M's | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| C.Q.M.s. | - | - | 5 | - | - | 5 | - | 5 | 1 | - | - | 6 |
| Pl Sjts. | - | - | - | 24 | - | 24 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 5 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 67 | 111 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 21 | 9 | 31 |

ATTACHED

| Trade | WE | PS |
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| AAMC | | |
| Chiropodist | 1 | 1 |
| Hygiene | | |
| Inspector | 1 | 1 |
| Medical | | |
| Orderlies | 2 | 2 |
| AAOC | | |
| Shoemaker | 1 | 1 |
| AAFS | | |
| Postal Duty | 1 | 1 |
| AAPC | | |
| Pay Clerks | 2 | 2 |
| AACC | | |
| Caterer | 1 | 1 |
| Cooks | 23 | 20 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 29 |

ATTACHED

W.E.

Posted Strength

| Trade | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjt | Sjt | Cpl | Total | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjt | Sjt | Cpl | Total |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Chiropodist | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Hyg. Inspec. | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Med Orderly | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Shoemaker | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Postal | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Pay Clerks | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Caterer | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Cooks | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | 10 | - | 1 | - | 4 | - | 5 |
| TOTAL | - | 1 | - | 9 | 8 | 13 | - | 1 | - | 4 | 4 | 8 |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

52 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 12 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E.II / 124 3 . . OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | |
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| 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. | | | | |
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| | 2 | - | 1 | * | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | - | 6 | Lieut.-Colonels | AAMC | 1 | - | - | - | | | | |
| | - | 3 | 23 | Majors | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | - | 1 | Captains | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | - | 1 | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 3 | 32 | | | 1 | - | - | - | | | | |
| | | DETAIL | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | | A. | A B | | | | | | | | | | 34 |
| | | 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. |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 58/59 Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 30 / 12 / 1944

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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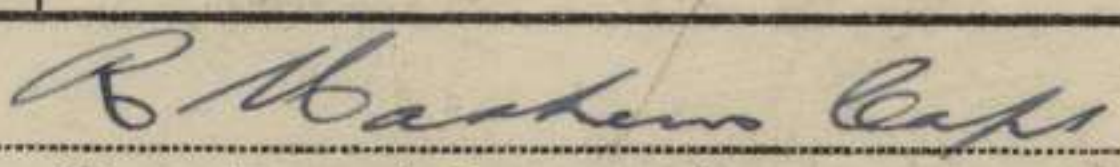
PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 12 / 1944 (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 | VX186 | WARFE | G.R. | CO | Yes | | |
| T/Major | VX7562 | SWEET | H.G. | | No | X listed 1/12/44 | |
| Major | NX97 | PIKE | W.A. | A/21/c | Yes | | |
| Capt | NX113730 | MICHAEL | F. | OC D Coy | No | School of MI 30/11/44 | |
| Capt | NX115823 | TILBROOK | J. | | No | X listed 4/12/44 | |
| " | NX101551 | DUN | N.S. | 2 1/c C Coy | No | Detached to 15 Bde | |
| " | VX102607 | JACKSON | A.C. | OC A Coy | Yes | | |
| " | VX114235 | ROBY | A.W. | 2 1/c D Coy | No | Leave | |
| " | VX102647 | DEMPSTER | N.A. | QM | Yes | | |
| " | VX102648 | CUTHBERTSON | C.C. | | No | X listed 16/12/44 | |
| " | VX114124 | HOCKING | L.J. | OC B Coy | Yes | | |
| Lt | VX51665 | GRIFF | E.M. | A/2 1/c D Coy | Yes | | |
| " | VX112185 | BETHUNE | J.F. | A/2 1/c B Coy | Yes | | |
| " | TX5326 | SHROSBREE | H.J. | A/OC HQ Coy | Yes | | |
| " | VX114250 | SPINK | D.G. | 14 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | TX4679 | ROE | J.R. | A/Adit | Yes | | |
| " | TX5207 | DAVEY | E.A. | 17 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX102655 | WILLIAMS | C.H. | 3 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | NX133591 | EWART | R.B. | 13 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | NX76176 | BEALE | D.R. | | No | X listed 19/12/44 | |
| " | VX1921 | JACOBS | H.J. | | No | Rear Details (B Class) | |
| " | VX104530 | WALKER | H.J.C. | 15 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX104470 | MARSH | L.R. | T.O. | Yes | | |
| " | VX104452 | HOGAN | D.A. | 2 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX105847 | GRAHAM | P.W. | | No | X listed 30/11/44 | |
| Lt-T/Capt | VX106327 | MATHEWS | R.L. | Adit | Yes | | |
| Lt | QX39329 | ZERNER | E.S. | 1 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX144709 | PIMM | J.H. | 11 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX115588 | BALL | A.B. | 12 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX109161 | BIDGOOD | N.C. | 18 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | TX4464 | SMITH | F.O. | 16 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | NX110987 | ROLFE | R. | 9 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | VX118687 | McINTOSH | J.G. | 7 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | NX123187 | BAIZER | R.C. | 5 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | NX129557 | KELLY | N.H. | I.O. | Yes | | |
| " | NX114337 | NORRIE | F.J. | 4 P1 | Yes | | |
| " | NX115231 | BREWSTER | D.J. | 8 P1 | Yes | | |
| Capt | NX201329 | MIDDLETON | L.W. | RMO | 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 | VX114251 | SHOTTON H. | 15 Bde | 16/2/44 | Padre |
| Rep. | B2/348 | WHARTON M. | YMCA | 3/12/44 | YMCA Rep. |
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30/12/44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Unit

53/44 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 30/12/1944

| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radigraphers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | Biggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 26 | 26 | - | Tailors | 2 | 2 | - |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Sty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | - | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | Drivers MT | 12 | 12 | - |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | W. Duty | 2 | 2 | - |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | Tk/A | 19 | 19 | - |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | S. Bearers | 21 | 18 | 3 |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | Storemen | 6 | 6 | - |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | R. Police | 6 | 7 | - |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | Ratmen | 35 | 35 | - |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | Mass Duty | 3 | 3 | - |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADE MEN | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | Hygiene | 4 | 4 | - |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | - | Riflemen | 397 | 374 | 23 |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 12 | 12 | - | Mortar Nos | 73 | 73 | - |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Mello Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | Orderlies | 32 | 32 | - |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | Pioneers | 32 | 32 | - |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 10 | 9 | 1 | Coach Trimmers | | | | Provost | 1 | - | 1 |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | MMG's Nos | 23 | 23 | - |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Linaman | | | | Cooks | | | | RSM | 1 | 2 | - |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | RQMS | 1 | 1 | - |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY WE | | | |
| MMLwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | CSM's | 5 | 5 | - |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | CQMS's | 5 | 5 | - |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | Pl Sjts | 24 | 21 | 3 |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | Total | 769 | 738 | 33 |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.E. | | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | Att by WE | 32 | 29 | 3 |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 1 | 1 | - | CARRIED FORWARD | 17 | 16 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 57 | 56 | 1 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 801 | 767 | 36 |

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.

30/12/44
Date of Despatch

R. B. ...
Signature of Commander

ANALYSIS OF W.Os & N.C.Os
Posted Strength

W.E.

| Trade | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjts | Sjt | Cpl | Total | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjts | Sjt | Cpl | Total |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Int Duties | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sig " | - | 9 | - | 1 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clerks | - | - | - | 2 | 6 | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tailor | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tech Storemen | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Riflemen | - | - | - | - | 36 | 36 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MMG Nos | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mortar Nos | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pioneers | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Provost | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| S/Bearers | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tk/A Nos | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Drivers WT | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| R.S.M. | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| R.Q.M.S. | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| S.S.M's | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| C.Q.M.s. | - | - | 5 | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pl Sjts. | - | - | - | 24 | - | 24 | - | - | - | 21 | - | 21 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 67 | 111 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 26 | 45 | 84 |

ATTACHED

| Trade | WE | PS |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| AAMC | | |
| Chiropodist | 1 | 1 |
| Hygiene Inspector | 1 | 1 |
| Medical Orderlies | 2 | 2 |
| AACC | | |
| Shoemaker | 1 | 1 |
| AAFS | | |
| Postal Duty | 1 | 1 |
| AAPC | | |
| Pay Clerks | 2 | 2 |
| AACC | | |
| Caterer | 1 | 1 |
| Cooks | 23 | 20 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 29 |

ATTACHED

W.E.

Posted Strength

| Trade | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjt | Sjt | Cpl | Total | WO1 | WO11 | S/Sjt | Sjt | Cpl | Total |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Chiropodist | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hyg. Inspec. | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Med Orderly | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Shoemaker | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Postal | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pay Clerks | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Caterer | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cooks | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | 10 | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| TOTAL | - | 1 | - | 9 | 8 | 18 | - | 1 | - | 8 | 7 | 15 |