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58/59 Infantry Battalion
April 1945, Field Returns &
Appendices

58/59 AUST INF BN CO 2.

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
16 Apr 45.

Ref Maps:- BARARA 1: 25000
RUMIKI 1: 25000
HIRU HIRU 1: 25000

INFORM.

1. Enemy. As for sitreps already issued.

2. Own Tps.

(a) The following tps are in sp 15 Aust Inf Bde:-

B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
2 Pd Regt less one tp
U Hy Bty
15 Aust Inf Bde Flammethrower Pl.

(b) 15 Aust Inf Bde is to attack and capture the HATAI track junc area on 17 Apr, with a view to opening up the lateral track to HATAI.

(c) 24 Aust Inf Bn with in sp two tps tks, 2 Pd Regt less one tp, U Hy Bty, and 15 Aust Inf Bde Flammethrower Pl, is to capture the garden area 892461, North along line LAWE creek to track junc 903472, with one coy to be astride track junc to reorganize east of the line of LAWE creek to incl garden area at 894464. On capture of objective 24 Aust Inf Bn is to patrol fwd to KINDARA, HIRU HIRU and OLD TOKINOTU, and if necessary to exploit fwd with tks against any enemy localities harassing its reorganization posn. 24 Aust Inf Bn is to be prepared to exploit fwd on 18 Apr to SINDOU creek.

(d) NG IB is to patrol to UMANU creek area sq 9044 and SINDOU creek area sq 8945.

(e) Twenty 25 pdrs and four 155 mm guns are to fire concentrations on known enemy localities in HATAI track junc area lifting to HIRU HIRU OLD TOKINOTU area, 895455 to 900460, as arranged by CO 24 Aust Inf Bn with Arty. Timings will be advised to patrols.

INTENTION.

3. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one tp tks will adv in rear of 24 Aust Inf Bn and occupy 24 Aust Inf Bn present area along line of SHINRU creek, with responsibility of def from SHINRU creek NW to incl SLATERS KNOLL.

METHOD.4. Fwd Tps.

(a) RIGHT: B Coy, with in sp one det mortars, one sec MMGs, one det Tk/A.

(b) LEFT: A Coy, with in sp one det mortars.

(c) Posns will be occ as already recd by Coy Comds.

5. BnHQ, HQ Coy Group plus B Tp 2/4 Armd Regt, will occ posns already recd via present 24 Aust Inf Bn BnHQ and HQ Coy sites.

6. Res.

D Coy with in sp one det mortars will occ present posn north of KERO creek with coy less one pl. One pl will relieve pl B Coy at present at SLATERS KNOLL at 173730L.

7. B Coy remains present posns DANARA and BARNES Xing.
8. Assembly Areas.
 - A Coy - On track 100 yds NW of 24 Aust Inf Bn B Ech area.
 - B Coy - On track 200 yds NW of A Coy.
 - HQ Coy, BnHQ - present posns.
9. Route. - via main track.
10. S.P. - KERO creek.
11. Start times.
 - (a)
 - B Coy - H hr
 - A Coy - H plus 10
 - BnHQ - H plus 25
 - HQ Coy - H plus 40
 - (b) H hr will be advised later.
12. HQ Coy Pls.
 - (a) 1 pl will move fwd independently and take over all existing comms from 24 Aust Inf Bn by 0700 hrs.
 - (b) PMGs.
 - (i) One sec in sp B Coy;
Task: cover frontage fwd of A, B Coys along line SHINRU creek.
 - (ii) one sec sited on either side of main track rear of HQ Coy posn,
Task: cover fwd along flanks HQ Coy and BnHQ.
 - (c) Mortars.
 - (i) one det in sp each of A, B, C, D Coys.
 - (ii) Bty four mortars will be sited two on each side of track in posns already recd by mortar offr south of BnHQ,
Task: DF tasks in accordance with trace attached as Appx "A".
 - (d) Tk/A.
 - (i) One det in sp B Coy,
Task: Tk/A protection along main track.
 - (ii) Pl less one det rear of HQ Coy area,
Task: protection of S tp 2/4 Armd Regt.
 - (e) Pnrs.
 - (i) Occ posns for def BnHQ as already recd.
 - (ii) Continue work on corduroying main track under direction 15 Aust Fd Coy.
13. Tks.
 - (a) S tp 2/4 Armd Regt will move with HQ Coy group into area already recd rear of HQ Coy.
 - (b) Tasks:
 - (i) be prepared to clear track fwd to 24 Aust Inf Bn or rear to D Coy should L of C be cut by enemy,
 - (ii) in def to protect rear and flanks of HQ Coy locality,
 - (c) One disabled tk from tp in sp 24 Aust Inf Bn will remain in A Coy area for approx four days - A Coy will be responsible for its protection whilst A Coy is in area.
14. Consolidation.

Will consist of improvements to existing 24 Aust Inf Bn posn, and wiring in the following priority:-

 - (a) three strand cattle fence,
 - (b) trip wire fwd of cattle fence,
 - (c) development to single apron fence criv on orders from this HQ.

15. Patrolling.

(a) Policy: During the Arty concentration prior to the attack, during the 24 Aust Inf Bn adv, and throughout the day, - to patrol to both flanks to protect 24 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Patrol 1: - A Coy.

Strength - One offr and one rifle pl.

Time Out - To be notified, be prepared to move 0715 hrs.

Route - SW from KERO creek along track blazed by A Coy patrol 16 Apr, to vicinity coconuts 868463, thence via track to clearing 885456.

Task - Patrol will clear the clearing east to end of clearing vicinity huts 887456, thence NE clearing area as it adv, and will contact one coy 24 Aust Inf Bn (coy and exact location to be advised later).

(c) Patrol 2: - D Coy.

Strength - one offr 12 ORs.

Time Out - To be notified, patrol will be prepared to move from D Coy area 0715L.

Route - SE along track to SHINRU creek, thence NE along SHINRU creek to track junc 890473, thence SE to cut the HATAI track vicinity 896489,

Task - To patrol NE and SW along either side of track to contact coys of 24 Aust Inf Bn (coys and locations to be advised later). Patrol will continue to keep area of track clear between those coys until advised by respective coy comds that they will take over responsibility.

(d) Patrol 3: - B Coy.

Strength - One offr and 12 ORs.

Time Out - To be advised, be prepared to move 0715 hrs.

Route - SE along track to SHINRU creek, thence NE to river bend 893476, due east via garden area at 896476 to vicinity garden 908477, thence SE to HATAI track KINDARA area.

Task - Investigate KINDARA area and patrol SW along either side of track to contact one coy 24 Aust Inf Bn vicinity 903472 - coy and exact location to be advised later. This patrol will continue patrolling vicinity track NE from that coy to incl KINDARA until advised by OC coy 24 Aust Inf Bn that he will take over responsibility. Return same route.

Guides - Two native guides from KINDARA will be provided by ANGAU to accompany this patrol - time of reporting to be advised.

(e) Patrol 4: - B Coy.

Strength - One offr and 12 ORs.

Time Out - To be advised, be prepared to move 0715 hrs.

Route - SE along track to SHINRU creek, SW along SHINRU creek 600 yds, thence SE to TOKINOTU 884463, thence continue SE via clearing and hut area Sq 8845, thence east to OLD TOKINOTU 896456, thence NW to contact coy 24 Aust Inf Bn (coy and location to be advised later).

Guides - Two guides familiar with OLD TOKINOTU will be provided from ANGAU, time of reporting to be advised.

(f) Recognition of Patrols by 24 Aust Inf Bn.

(i) Password for all patrols - TACK, countersign, HAMMER.

(ii) Patrols 1 to 4 will carry verex pistols and red flares - red flares will be fired when approaching 24 Aust Inf Bn coy locations. 24 Aust Inf Bn will identify themselves with green flares.

- (g) The policy and timings for patrols 1 to 4 will be such that they will be as far fwd as possible consistent with safety, prior to commencement of arty concentrations.
- (h) Points to which patrols are to proceed, and beyond which they will NOT proceed until after lifting of arty concentrations, will be advised later.

(1) Routine Patrols.

D Coy will provide patrols strength 1 NCO & ORs to move NE and east along FURIATA river and HUAI river. Routes, times out and in - as for similar patrols 16 Apr.

A and B Coys will send patrols strength 1 NCO and 6 ORs SA along main track north and south respectively, to contact rear of 24 Aust Inf Bn at following times :- 1000L, 1200L, 1400L, 1600L, 1800L.

C Coy same patrols as for 16 Apr.

AMM.

16. Med.

- (a) RAP with BnHQ.
- (b) ADS - at 24 Aust Inf Bn B Ech area, KERO creek.
- (c) SBs - same allotment.

17. Amn.

- (a) Present holdings accompany coys.
- (b) On man - normal.
- (c) Bn res - BnHQ area new site.

18. Supp.

- (a) 3 days SWP 1 day FOR will move fwd with coy groups.
- (b) Normal daily maintenance of fresh rations and SWP from DID GALVINS King via B Ech.

19. Eqpt.

- (a) Patrols moving out from present area prior to mov of bn will dump packs for mov fwd by jeep with coy stores.
- (b) Otherwise NO personal eqpt will be transported on jeeps.

20. Tpt.

(a) Allotment.

2 Jeeps and trailers will report Sig pl 0600 hrs to lift all sig stores fwd to 24 Aust Inf Bn.

4 Jeeps and trailers will report B Coy, 3 jeeps and trailers A Coy, at 0730 hrs, to lift all FI FQ stores, 4 days rations, amn, wire fwd to coy areas. Jeeps will remain under comd coys until all stores have moved to new areas, and then return to commence loading BnHQ and HQ Coy stores.

On conclusion mov BnHQ and HQ Coy stores, 1 jeep and trailer will report D Coy to lift necessary stores to SLATERS KNOLL for pl occ posn there.

Remaining jeeps and trailers will revert CM for normal maintenance.

- (b) Coy 2 i/c's, A/Adjt, and CCMS HQ Coy will remain present areas until all respective stores have been cleared.
- (c) T.O. will report Bn S i/c 0700 hrs and will co-ordinate tot plan.

21. P.C.

- (a) 2 RPs will mov with B Coy to A,B Coy area, and keep track clear of tpt unloading stores.
- (b) 2 RPs will mov with BnHQ to control traffic in new BnHQ site.
- (c) 2 RPs will control traffic at BnHQ and HQ Coy loading points.

22. WPs.

Hygiene Sgt will est WP at SHINRU creek by 1000 hrs. Water bottles will only be drawn from this point.

23. B Ech. - Remains present posn.

24. Routine 17 Apr.

- (a) All tps will shave evening 16 Apr.
- (b) Stand-to 0530-0630 hrs.
- (c) Breakfast 0645 hrs.
- (d) Rifle coy stores ready to move 0745 hrs.
- (e) BnHQ and HQ Coy stores ready to mov 0830 hrs.

INTERCOMN.

25. BnHQ. - Closes present area, opens new site at time to be advised.

26. Sig Pl - Will move fwd independently of bn and take over existing 24 Aust Inf Bn comms by 0700L. Cable to replace that taken over will be handed to 24 Aust Inf Bn by 0700L.

27. L/T. - to all coys.

28. Patrols

- (a) Patrol 1 - L/T, two sigs.
- (b) Patrol 2 - L/T, two sigs.
- (c) Patrol 3 - 208 set, two sigs.
- (d) Patrol 4 - 208 set, and L/T, four sigs.
- (e) Recognition of patrols by 24 Aust Inf Bn - vide para 15(f).

29. Synchronization. - 070600L.

ACK.

Issued by *DRLS*

Signed at *162215 L*

R. Mearns Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

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(A) 53/59 inf bn

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A B D HQ Coys ON RMO IO RSM TO YICA Psp

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Rptd 15 inf bde 24 inf bn B Sqn 2/4 armd regt
15 fd coy 2 fd arty

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CS CS (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) further to our CS CS (.) BATAI tr
will be closed for all wheeled vehicles daily except between
1400L ~~and~~ 1500L (.) one jeep and trailer only will be allotted
each B D coys for carrying of rations and other essential stores (.)
these vehicles will travel in convoy under bn TO (.) additional
vehicles only permitted to join convoy on authority CO (.)
all vehicles require pass from adjt (.) ask all infm

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A B C D HQ Coys CM TO Sig Offr			
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INFO TO RSM 2/4 Armd Regt 15 Inf Bde 24 Inf Bn 2 Fd Arty A Coy HQIB			

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0661 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) MOVEMENT ORDER (.) first (.) INFO (.)
 enemy unchanged (.) own pos (.) 24 inf bn being redispensed as follows
 (.) A Coy 903464 (.) one pl standing patrol 897467 (.) B Coy astride
 BUIN rd to incl BINDOW ck br (.) additional pos in sp (.) 9 tp 2/4
 armd regt remain present posn comes in sp 58/59 inf bn 210830L (.)
 second (.) INTENTION (.) 58/59 inf bn will defend area west of HATAI
 tr incl to PURIATA river and will constr jeep tr from KINDARA
 908476 SW along HATAI tr towards ANDERSONS JUNC and will protect
 constr of this tr (.) third (.) METHOD (.) A Coy with under cmd one
 det mortars will move from present posn and occ def posn vic track
 junc 894463 (.) Move will commence 210900L occ completed by 211200L
 (.) task patrol north and NW to PURIATA river as directed by this
 HQ improve tr from coy posn west to main BUIN rd and east to HATAI
 tr (.) fourth (.) B Coy with under cmd one sub sec MEGs one det
 mortars in sp 9 tp 2/4 armd regt will relieve A Coy 24 inf bn
 905473 at 210830L (.) task constr jeep tr from posn SW along HATAI
 tr towards ANDERSONS JUNC and protect constr (.) fifth (.) C Coy with
 under cmd one det mortars will move from BARARA 210800L and take
 over def SHINRU river by occ posn astride main BUIN rd vacated by
 A B Coys (.) task improve BUIN rd from SHINRU river

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to ANDERSONS JUNG(.) sixth(.) D Coy with under comd one sub sec
 MGA one det mortars one det tk/a will move from present posn NOT
 before 211000L and occ def locality at NE end of clearing 909476 by
 211400L(.) task constr of track from posn SW along HATAI tr to B Coy
 and protect constr(.) seventh(.) HQ Coy(.) 2 pl(.) one sub sec under
 comd each B D Coys(.) 3 pl(.) one det under comd each A B C D Coys
 (.) 4 pl(.) one det under comd D Coy will NOT move from present
 posn until ordered by this HQ(.) 5 pl(.) work under direction
 Lt DOWNING 15 fd coy on bad patch HATAI tr approx 1100 yds NE
 ANDERSONS JUNG commencing 210815L(.) at 220800L one MCC 7 ORs 5 pl
 will move to each B D Coys and come in sp for track constr(.) 1 MCC
 7 ORs will remain present posn and come in sp C Coy for tr constr
 220815L(.) 5 pl less above deta will construct tracks as directed
 by this HQ(.) eighth(.) priority of work(.) weapon pits sleeping
 bags clearing wiring(.) Coys will sup rd parties as follows(.)
 A Coy as from 211400L one pl on A Coy track(.) B Coy as from
 211300L one pl HATAI tr(.) C Coy as from 211330L one pl main BUIH rd
 (.) D Coy as from 220830L one pl HATAI tr(.) ninth(.) AMM(.) coys
 will move with M1 M2 stores daily maintenance ration 3 days SUP

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~~one day PCR res rations present am holdings sufficient wire for
 immediate needs balance of wire remains present area(.) tpt(.)
 one jeep and trailer will report A Coy 210900L 3 jeeps and trailers
 will report B Coy 210800L 4 jeeps and trailers will report C Coy
 210800L 2 jeeps and trailers will report D Coy 211000L(.) all tpt
 will remain under comd until move completed(.) Adjt CW Sig O will
 arrange with 24 inf bn for handover rations w re sig cable now in
 A Coy 24 inf bn posn and re use of tractor train should HATAI be
 become unjeepable(.) tenth(.) INTERCOMN(.) BnHQ remains present posn
 (.) I/T will be est to all coys(.) W/T allotment one 208 set to
 each A B D Coys(.) Ack all infm~~

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improvement lateral track until 1400L (.) AMH (.) seventh (.) med
 (.) BAF with BnHQ (.) eighth (.) am (.) Coys will move with present
 holdings (.) ninth (.) sups (.) coys will move with 3 days BWP 2
 days FOR res plus daily maintenance rations (.) tenth (.) wire (.)
 A C Coys will take over existing wire from A B Coys 24 inf bn under
 arrangements respective CHs (.) eleventh (.) stores (.) all F1 F2
 stores will be moved fwd (.) twelfth (.) Tpt (.) four jeeps and
 trailers will report C Coy 281430L and operate ferry service until
 all stores fwd (.) one jeep and trailer will report old A Coy posn
 294463 at 290630L for mov F1 stores (.) six jeeps and trailers will
 report old A Coy posn 291400L for mov F2 stores and res rations (.)
 ten jeeps and trailers will report BnHQ and HQ Coy 290900L and will
 operate ferry service to new posn until 291200L when ^{four} jeeps and
 trailers will report CH for mov B Ech to new posn (.) remaining six
 jeeps and trailers will ~~remain~~ continue BnHQ and HQ Coy ferry
 service until 291400L then will report A Coy (.) on completion mov
 A Coy stores six jeeps and trailers will revert BnHQ and HQ Coy
 until mov completed (.) thirteenth (.) TC (.) post two RPs at old
 BnHQ site and post two RPs at new BnHQ site from 290900L until
 mov completed (.) task (.) ensure road kept clear of

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vehicles loading and unloading (.) fourteenth (.) rd parties (.)
 B D Coys will each sup one pl for work on HATAI track (.)
 INTERCOMM (.) fifteenth (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ bnHQ closes present
 site reopens 201454 201000L (.) sixteenth (.) I/T all coys (.)
 seventeenth (.) W/T no change in allotment (.) eighteenth (.)
 synchronisation 200600L (.) ACK all infm

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A B C D HQ Coys CM RMO IO TO ^{FOR INFO} 15 inf bde
24 inf bn 57/60 inf bn B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt
2 fd arty A Coy NGIB

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3274 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Movement Order (.) INTM (.) first (.)
enemy no change (.) second (.) own tps (.) 24 inf bn is to adv
from present posns to line of UMANU creek as follows (.) A Coy
to western end of clearing vic 907459 leaving 260700L (.) D Coy
to eastern end of clearing vic 913456 leaving 260800L (.) B Coy
remains present posn (.) C Coy with in sp one tp tks det enge
is to adv from present posn to SINDOU creek 260800L and is to adv
along axis of main BUIH rd to UMANU creek incl 260930L (.) 57/60
inf bn elements already in posn HATAI track remain present posn (.)
one coy 57/60 inf bn is to relieve D Coy 58/59 inf bn vic KINDARA
approx 261500L (.) elements 57/60 inf bn are to occ posns vacated
by C Coy 24 inf bn from 260800L until relieved approx 261530L by
D Coy 58/59 inf bn (.) third (.) air force is to bomb and strafe
main BUIH rd and 50 yds on either side from 300 yds SE SINDOU ck
to incl UMANU creek from 260730L to 260930L (.) fourth (.) arty (.)
2 fd regt is to bring down arty concentrations same area ahead
of C Coy 24 inf bn adv from 260930L to 261630L (.) INTENTION (.)
fifth (.) 58/59 inf bn will adv in rear of 24 inf bn and occ
posns vacated by C D and A Coys 24 inf bn (.) METHOD (.) sixth (.)

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B Coy less one pl will move from present posn 260715L and relieve D Coy 24 inf bn at 895464 by 260800L (.) one pl B Coy will relieve A Coy 24 inf bn 898463 by 260700L (.) seventh (.) D Coy will be relieved by coy 57/60 inf bn not later than 261500L and on relief will adv and occ posn now occ by C Coy 24 inf bn vic 893458 (.) eighth (.) it will relieve elements 57/60 inf bn in temporary occ that posn as soon as possible after relief at KINDARA (.) ninth (.) bn less B D Coys remains present posn (.) tenth (.) no change inf weapons and para in sp or under comd (.) eleventh (.) patrols (.) C Coy patrols as already ordered will be carried out (.) ADM (.) twelfth (.) amn (.) B D Coys will move with present holdings (.) thirteenth (.) sups (.) seven days res rations now held B D Coy are will be handed over to 57/60 inf bn under arrangements respective CMs (.) CM will arrange for three days SWP two days FOR res to be in new posns by 261200L (.) fourteenth (.) wire (.) B Coy will hand over to 57/60 inf bn wire erected in present posn and will take over 24 inf bn wire erected in new posn under arrangements respective CMs (.) D Coy will hand over wire erected present posn to 57/60 inf bn and will be replenished by CM by 261200L (.) fifteenth (.) stores (.) B D Coys will move with all F1 F2 stores (.)

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sixteenth (.) tpt (.) one jeep and trailer will report 10 pl at A Coy posn 894463 260630L for movement stores (.) six jeeps and trailers will report B Coy 894474 260700L after dropping five days res rations at D Coy 24 inf bn 894464 at 260645L (.) route for tpt (.) via HATAI track to ANDERSONS JUNG thence SE to 24 inf bn B Ech 893462 thence north to new posn (.) two guides from B Coy will pick up tpt ANDERSONS JUNG 260635L (.) five jeeps and trailers will report D Coy KINPANA 261300L for mov stores to 893458 (.) seventeenth (.) carrs (.) two NCOs 16 ORs HQ Coy will report tpt offr 260630L (.) tasks (.) one (.) escort jeeps basis one per vehicle (.) two (.) unload jeeps at B Coy new posn 894464 and carry stores from that posn to posns being occ under direction 2 1/c B Coy (.) eighteenth (.) hygiene (.) coys will ensure old areas are left in clean and tidy condition (.) nineteenth (.) WP (.) stream crossing HATAI track 200 yds NE ANDERSONS JUNG (.) twentieth (.) road working parties (.) parties already arranged between bn 2 1/c and C D HQ Coy Comds will continue as usual (.) INTERCOMM (.) twentyfirst (.) bnHQ remains present posn (.) twentysecond (.) I/T (.) sig offr will lay line to new B Coy posn at 894464 and to pl B Coy at 894463 by 260600L and to D Coy at 894464 by 261400L (.) W/T (.) no change in allotment (.) ACK all info

<p>This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except } Wireless</p>	<p>If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER</p>	<p>Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority</p> <p style="text-align:center; font-size: 1.5em;">PRLS</p>	Time	System	Op
			THI or TOR		
<p>Signed <i>[Signature]</i> Capt Adj 58/59 inf bn.</p>			Time Cleared		

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
45/84
4 May 45

Subject : REPORT ON OPERATIONS - WEEK ENDING 29 APR 45

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

PART I

RECORD OF EVENTS

1. CHANGE IN DISPOSITIONS.

At the commencement of the week the Battalion was disposed with Battalion less three ^{SHINRU R. and 3 Coy} Coys in vicinity of HATAI track, as follows:-

BnHQ	SHINRU R.)	883470
HQ Coy (less dets)	SHINRU R.)	
A Coy		
B Coy	HATAI track,	904474
C Coy	SHINRU R.,	884467
D Coy	HATAI track,	907477

During the week the Battalion advanced to conform with the movement carried out by 24 Aust Inf Bn towards the HONGORAI River, and on 29 Apr was disposed as follows:-

BnHQ	SINDOU Creek,	899454
HQ Coy (less dets)	SINDOU Creek,	899454
A Coy	GARDENS,	904458
B Coy (less Pl)	LONGHURST D.Z.	895463
10 Pl	---	898464
C Coy	SINDOU Creek,	901453
D Coy	DAWE Creek,	894458

2. NATURE OF OPERATIONS.

Operations were confined to daily patrolling forward and to the flanks of Company positions, and development of the main BUIN Road and the HATAI track. One patrol contacted a strong enemy position vicinity 918474, and the action developed into a platoon attack and finally a Company attack, when the enemy withdrew. (vide Appx "A"). Throughout the period enemy patrols of a harrasing nature were encountered in the general area of squares 9147 and 9146.

PART II

LESSONS AND OPERATIONS

3. TERRAIN

The terrain encountered was uniformly flat, and vegetation comprised usual jungle with fairly thick secondary growth.

4. TACTICAL LESSONS - DEFENSIVE

(a) The ease with which fields of fire can be cleared was again brought out, together with the fact that positions occupied prior to clearing are often found to be too restricted after clearing has been completed. The answer is to be found in either pacing length and breadth of area to be occupied (it is considered that the normal area of a Company locality in this terrain will be 150 yards by 120 - 150 yards) or, where contact with the enemy is NOT imminent, in clearing prior to siting of pits.

4. TACTICAL LESSONS - DEFENSIVE. (Cont)

- (b) There has been observed a tendency to relax on protective precautions during the day, some platoon areas being deserted whilst platoons were engaged on road work or patrolling. Accordingly orders have been issued to the effect that at least one NCO and 4 ORs, with 1 LMC and 1 OSMG, will occupy each platoon position at all times during the day.

5. PATROLS.

- (a) In numerous clashes with the enemy, our patrols suffered a small number of casualties on nearly every occasion, due, it is considered that patrols have been moving too fast and too close to the track. Experiments have therefore been carried out, with the patrol moving 30 yards off the track, and one member 10 yards off the track. Moving silently, it has been found that NO patrol can move faster than 100 yards in ten minutes, or 600 yards per hour, if it is to accomplish this task without fear of ambush. On a basis of 9 hours being available for patrolling, one of which is devoted to rest, the maximum distance a patrol can cover in one day is therefore 4800 yards. To illustrate this - a B Coy patrol strength 1 Officer 13 ORs, moving in accordance with these instructions, approached and observed the dispositions of a 47 Inf Bn ambush at 913463 without the ambush being aware of its presence.
- (b) Patrols strength one NCO and six ORs have found it difficult to recover wounded and weapons should they suffer casualties; according minimum strength of patrols (excluding special recce patrols) will henceforth be one NCO and eight ORs.
- (c) A separate memorandum on patrolling tactics has been issued to all Officers and NCOs (Appx "B").

6. NAVIGATION.

Owing to Map inaccuracies traversing has become an integral part of all patrols, and by this means a reasonably accurate Map can be compiled and Coy Maps quickly amended.

7. ARTY SUPPORT.

- (a) The artillery support provided during the A Coy attack on the enemy position 913474 was extremely accurate, and caused the enemy to withdraw. The quick and effective Arty support (130 rounds were fired when the position was first encountered and 400 rounds prior to the attack on the following morning) employed against this position forcibly demonstrated the offensive use of Arty against enemy posts located by patrols.
- (b) The above action also brought out the value of Arty in establishing the exact location of the patrol.

8. TANK CO-OPERATION.

During the A Coy attack it was found that tanks can move practically anywhere in this type of country provided a rifle section moves ahead of them to guide and clear a path.

9. MAN-MANAGEMENT.

- (a) The tendency (noted earlier) to relax on Man-management once Coys have moved into the field has been overcome, and the incidence of skin and other controllable diseases has, if anything, dropped as compared with TOROKINA.
- (b) It has been found essential to lay down a time during which Platoon Commanders inspections - e.g., of dress, weapons and ~~grenades~~ - will be carried out. The period 0750 to 0815L daily is set aside for this purpose, Company Commanders inspecting Platoons in rotation.

Quarters

9. MAN-MANAGEMENT. (Cont)

- (c) To ensure that all troops have adequate opportunities for letter-writing, washing of clothes, etc, the basis of allocating tasks to Companies has been to have equivalent of one Platoon on patrolling, one on road works, and one resting in Company locality, providing sentries, improving localities, etc. Every man in unit receiving $\frac{1}{2}$ day rest every 3 days.

10. JEEP TRACK CONSTRUCTION.

- (a) A most important factor in operations during the week has been the ease with which Jeep tracks can be cut to Coys located at some distance from the main L of G.

A track 1000 yards long, and with temporary bridges over streams, can be cut by one rifle platoon plus a pioneer section in $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

Allowing six Jeeps and trailers to move to the position the first day, (with all Coy stores, rations, amn) and one Jeep and trailer each day thereafter (with maintenance rations and amn), the track will remain serviceable indefinitely.

- (b) During construction of main L of G there has been a notable tendency to leave uncorduroyed patches of road of apparently firm texture. This has invariably resulted in the road being badly cut about after wet weather, and has necessitated parties being subsequently sent back up to 3000 yards to corduroy lengths of road varying from 10 - 50 yards.

It is therefore considered that no matter how firm the road appears to be, and irrespective of engineer advice received the road should be completely corduroyed at the outset.

11. INTERCOMM.

A Company runner was wounded by enemy on an apparently "safe" track only 300 yards from BnHQ. It is obvious that runners must move in pairs even in rear areas, and in threes or fours in forward areas.

12. OUTSTANDING ACTS OF GALLANTRY.

During the 7 Platoon attack on the enemy position at 918474, the Platoon Commander, Platoon Sergeant and Senior Section Commander were all wounded, and a second Section Commander killed. The remaining Section Commander immediately took command of the Platoon, and, after reorganization under fire, withdrew the Platoon to a position from where the enemy could be fixed pending further aid. He showed extreme steadiness and outstanding leadership by reorganizing and holding the Platoon until the arrival of the remainder of his Company.

PART III

EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS

13. TENTS SHELTER HALF.

The tents shelter half now on issue are NOT long enough to provide a waterproof shelter for two men, and it is recommended that any further design adopted should be at least two feet longer.

W. M. Mayberry Lt-Col.
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

DESCRIPTION OF A COY ACTION AGAINST ENEMY LOCALITY 917474

1. At 0700 hrs on 24 April 7 Platoon moved out to establish contact with an enemy position located by B Coy patrol on the previous day. On reaching a creek at 917474 the Platoon was fired on and one member wounded, but the leading section established a fire position across the creek and fixed the enemy whilst the other two sections reconnoitred to the flanks. After 100 rounds of Arty fire had been brought down on the position these two sections attacked from the left flank, but the enemy position, which later proved to have contained at least 40 enemy in well camouflaged pill-boxes and fox-holes, was too strong and the attack halted after one section Commander had been killed, and the Platoon Commander, Platoon Sergeant and another section Commander wounded. The remaining section Commander reorganized the Platoon and withdrew to a fixing position pending the arrival of further support.
2. The remainder of the Company, with a troop of tanks in support, moved out at 1345L and during the afternoon further reconces were made of the enemy position, and Arty fire brought down on it, harrassing fire being continued throughout the night. After further contact AM 25 April reconce patrols reported the enemy position vacated at 1045L and the Company occupied it shortly afterwards.
3. The position was an extensive one containing over 40 well camouflaged pits, two large HQ pits, and Signal Cable. Arty fire had been particularly accurate, and a considerable quantity of weapons and equipment were abandoned by the enemy.
4. Casualties throughout the above actions were :-

OWN	1 killed	4 wounded
ENEMY	3 killed	1 wounded
5. LESSONS BROUGHT OUT.
 - (a) Arty support (vide para 7 in Report on Operations)
 - (b) Tank Co-operation (vide para 8 in Report on Operations)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

15
14 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ¹⁴ 7 / 4 / 1945 ... 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. / 120 / 3 ... OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 69 + 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
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
	-	-	1	*					
	1	-	2	*					
	-	2	10	Lieut.-Colonels	AMC	1	-	-	-
	-	8	28	Majors					
	-	-	1	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	1	10	42			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.		A B								43.
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 58/59 Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 7 / 4 / 1945.

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 7 / 4 / 194. 5 (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.
Maj-T/Lt-col	VX3272	MAYBERRY	W.M.	CO		Yes	
Major	VX7562	SWEET	H.G.	2 i/c		Yes	
"	NX97	PIKE	W.A.	OC C Coy		Yes	
Capt	NX115825	TILBROOK	J.	OC B Coy		Yes	
"	NX113730	MICHAEL	F.			No	Detached NG Details Depot
"	VX102607	JACKSON	A.C.	OC A Coy		Yes	
"	VX114235	ROBY	A.W.	2 i/c C Coy		Yes	
"	VX102647	DEMPSTER	N.A.	CH		Yes	
"	VX102648	GUTHBERTSON	C.C.	OC HQ Coy		Yes	
"	VX114134	HOCKING	L.J.	2 i/c A Coy		Yes	
"	VX102650	BAUMAN	C.H.	2 i/c B Coy		Yes	
Vx	VX51665	GRIFF	E.M.	OC D Coy		Yes	
"	VX112128	BETHUNE	J.F.			No	X List NG Trg School
Lt-T/Capt	VX114250	SPINK	D.G.	2 i/c D Coy		Yes	13/3/45
Lt	TX5326	SHROSBREE	H.J.	A/Adjt		Yes	
"	TX4679	ROE	J.R.			No	Rear Details
"	TX5207	DAVEY	E.A.	16 Pl		Yes	
"	VX102654	PROBY	L.S.	17 Pl		Yes	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	C.H.	3 Pl		Yes	
"	CX42214	COOLMAN	C.F.	Posted but		not yet arrived with Unit.	
"	NX133591	EWART	R.B.	15 Pl		Yes	
"	NX76176	BEALE	D.R.	Supernumary		Yes	
"	VX104532	WALKER	H.J.C.	13 Pl		Yes	
"	VX104470	MARSH	L.R.	T.O.		Yes	
"	VX104452	HOGAN	D.A.	2 Pl		Yes	
Lt-T/Capt	VX106327	MATHEWS	R.L.	Adjt		Yes	
Lt	CX30329	ZERNER	E.S.	1 Pl		Yes	
"	VX144706	PIMM	J.H.	11 Pl		Yes	
"	VX115592	BALL	A.B.	10 Pl		Yes	
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	N.C.	18 Pl		Yes	
"	TX4464	SMITH	F.O.	14 Pl		Yes	
"	NX119987	ROLFE	R.	4 Pl		Yes	
"	VX118687	McINTOSH	J.G.	7 Pl		Yes	
"	VX89390	WHEELER	A.B.	I.O.		Yes	
"	NX123187	BALZER	R.C.	5 Pl		Yes	
"	NX129537	KELLY	N.H.	12 Pl		Yes	
"	NX114337	NORRIS	F.J.			No	Detached 15 Bde as I.O.
"	NX113231	BREWSTER	D.J.	8 Pl		Yes	
"	VX111772	FARRELLY	R.P.	A/I.O.		Yes	
"	VX102582	DOHERTY	J.P.	Supernumary		Yes	(D Coy) NO. NG School of Exp
"	VX102603	HANNA	C.E.	Supernumary		Yes	(C Coy) 2 221 19/4/45
"	VX102636	LYLE	J.L.	A/CH		Yes	
"	VX113048	ROBERTSON	K.I.	9 Pl		Yes	
"	VX32453	PUTNAM	P.F.	Supernumary		Yes	(B Coy)
Capt	NX201329	MIDDLETON	L.W.	IMO		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	SHUTTON H.	15 Bde	16/2/44	
Rep	B2/348	WHARTON M.	YMCA	3/12/44	
Capt	NX202093	McDONAGH	10 th Sec	63 Aust	Dental Unit
				8/1/45	

14 / 45
Date of Despatch

R. Mearns Capt
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 4 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
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								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
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)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Drivers MT	12	12	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								W duty	2	2	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Tk/A Nos	19	19	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								R Police	6	6	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Mess Duty	3	3	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Storeman	6	6	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Botan	35	35	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				S Bearers	21	20	1
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1		Rifleman	397	350	47
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	12	12		Mortar Nos	73	73	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Orderlies	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				MMG Nos	22	22	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Pioneers	32	32	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Provost	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				RCMS	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E. XXXXXXXXX			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CCMS	5	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				CCMS	5	5	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pl Sjts.	25	22	3
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				TOTAL	769	717	52
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				attached	32	37	
Plumber				Moulders				Farrlers	1	-	1				
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	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	754	52

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.

7/4/45
Date of Despatch

Robertson Cap
Signature of Commander

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

Trade	W.E.						Posted Strength					
	WO1	WO11	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	Total	WO1	WO11	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	Total
Int Duties	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sig "	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Clerks	-	-	-	2	6	8	-	-	-	1	6	7
Tailor	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
Tech Storemen	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Rifleman	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	34	36	34
MG Nos	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	2
Mortar Nos	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	3	5	3
Pioneers	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	3	4	3
Provost	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
S/Bearers	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	1	2	3	3
Tk/A Nos	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	3	4	3
Drivers MT	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
B.S.M.	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	2
R.O.M.S.	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	2
C.S.M.s	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	4	-	1	5	10
C.O.M.s	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	5	10
Pl Sjt	-	-	-	24	-	24	-	-	-	22	-	22
TOTAL	1	6	5	32	67	110	1	6	5	29	53	83

Trade	Attached	
	WE	PS
AAMC	-	-
Chiropodist	1	1
Hygiene	1	-
Inspector	1	1
Medical	-	-
Orderlies	2	2
AACC	-	-
Shoemaker	1	1
AAPS	-	-
Postal Duty	1	1
AAPC	-	-
Pay Clerks	2	2
AACC	-	-
Caterer	1	1
Cooks	23	28
TOTAL	32	37

ATTACHED

Trade	W.E.						Posted Strength					
	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	-	-	-	1	-	1
Caterer	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	2
Cooks	-	-	-	5	5	10	-	-	-	4	5	9
TOTAL	-	1	-	9	8	18	1	-	-	8	8	17

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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15 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/4/1945 53/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/3 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				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	-	-	1	*									
	1	-	2	*									
	-	2	10	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1	-	-	-				
	-	86	2826	Majors									
	-	-	1	Captains									
	-	-	1	Lieutenants									
	-	-	1	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	1	308	4240			1	-	-	-				
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		A B									4341
		E.(1)		43									
		E.(2)		41									

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 114337	PL	NORRIE. FJ	recon'd to HQ	26/3/45	Authority: - F.H.A
			15 Bde as L.O.		HMS 3317 of 5 apr 45
YX 102582	PL	DOHERTY J.P.	HQ S. Force	19/4/45	Authority: - F.H.A
			at 3 miles		B 34/2131/Ing of 4 apr 45

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 53/59 Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 14/1945.

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

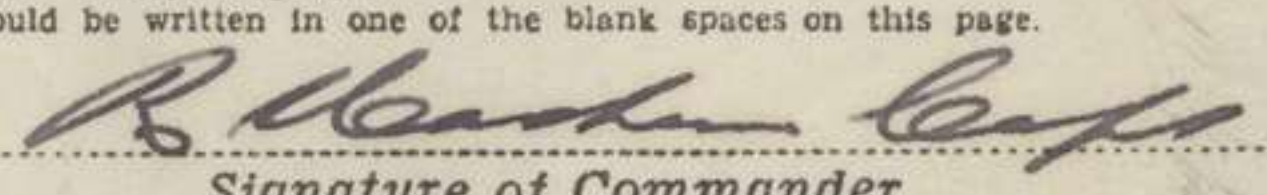
**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14/ 4 /1945 .**

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, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers	4	4	
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								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
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 Nos	19	19	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								R Police	6	6	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mess Duty	3	3	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storemen	6	6	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Babmen	35	35	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								S Bearers	21	20	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Rifleman	397	344	53
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1		Mortar Nos	73	73	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	12	12		Orderlies	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				MMG Nos	22	22	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				Pioneers	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Provost	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RGM	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				XXXXXXXXXX			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CSMs	5	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				CCMSs	5	5	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				P1 Sjts	25	21	4
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				TOTAL	769	710	59
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	-	1	attached	32	37	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	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	747	59

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

4/4/45

Date of Despatch


 Signature of Commander

ANALYSIS OF WOS & WCOs

21/4/45

Trade	W.E.					Total	Posted Strength					Total	Trade	WE	SRS
	WO1	WO11	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl		WO1	WO11	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl				
Int Duties	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	AAMC	-	-
Sig "	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4	Chironodist	1	1
Clerks	-	-	-	2	6	8	-	-	-	1	4	5	Hygiene Insp	1	1
Tailors	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	Medical Ord	2	2
Tech Storemen	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	AACC	-	-
Riflemen	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	33	33	Shoemaker	1	1
MG Nos	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	AAPS	-	-
Porter Nos	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	3	3	Postal Duty	1	1
Pioneers	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	1	3	4	AAPC	-	-
Provost	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	Pay Clerks	2	2
S/Bearers	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3	AACG	-	-
Tk/A Nos	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	Caterer	1	1
Drivers MT	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	Cooks	35	35
RSM	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	Total	32	37
RCMS	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-			
CSMs	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	4	-	-	1	5			
COMs	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	5			
P1 Sjts	-	-	-	24	-	24	-	-	-	21	-	21			
Total	1	6	5	31	67	110	1	5	5	29	57	96			

ATTACHED

Trade	W.E.					Total	Posted Strength					Total
	WO1	WO11	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl		WO1	WO11	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	
Chironodist	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hygiene Insp	-	-	-	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	2
Caterer	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Cooks	-	-	-	5	5	10	-	-	-	4	5	10
Total	-	1	-	9	8	18	1	-	-	8	9	18

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

16 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 4 / 1945 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c / 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			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.																											
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels																																			
1	-	-	2	Majors																																			
-	-	2	10	Captains				AAMC	1	-	-	-																											
-	-	6	26	Lieutenants																																			
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters																																			
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.																																			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.																																			
1		8	40						1	-	-	-																											

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	A B									41
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX114337	Lt	NORRIE F.J.	seconded to HQ 15 Bde as L.O.	26/3/45	Authority:- P.A.A. A.M.S.3317 of 5 Apr 45

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 58/59 Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 21 / 4 / 1945

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/4/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj-T/Lt-Col	VX3272	W. M. BERRY	W.M.	CO		Yes	
Major	VX7562	SWEET	H.G.	2 1/c		Yes	
"	NX97	PIKE	W.A.	OC C Coy		Yes	
Sgt	NX115825	TILBROOK	J.	OC B Coy		Yes <i>NO hospital</i>	
"	NX113730	MICHAEL	F.			No	Detached NG Details Dep
"	VX102607	JACKSON	A.C.	OC A Coy		Yes	
"	VX114235	ROBY	A.W.	2 1/c C Coy		Yes	
"	VX102647	DEMPSTER	N.A.	CM		Yes	
"	VX102648	CUTHBERTSON	C.C.	OC HQ Coy		Yes	
"	VX114134	HOCKING	L.J.	2 1/c A Coy		Yes	
"	VX102650	BAUMAN	C.H.	2 1/c B Coy		Yes	
"	VX51665	GRIFF	E.M.	OC D Coy		Yes	
"	VX112185	BETHUNE	J.F.			No	X list NG Trg School
Lt-T/Capt	VX114250	SPINK	D.G.	2 1/c D Coy		Yes	13/3/45
Lt	TX5326	SHROSBREE	H.J.	A/Adjt		Yes	
"	TX4679	ROE	J.R.			No	Rear Details
"	TX5207	DAVEY	E.A.	16 P1		Yes	
"	VX102654	PROBY	L.S.	17 P1		Yes	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	G.H.	3 P1		Yes	
"	OX42214	GOODMAN	C.F.	Posted but not yet arrived with unit			
"	NX133591	EWART	R.B.	15 P1		Yes	
"	NX76176	BEALE	D.R.	Supernumary		Yes	
"	VX104532	WALKER	H.J.C.	13 P1		Yes	
"	VX104470	MARSH	L.R.	T.O.		Yes	
"	VX104452	HOGAN	D.A.	2 P1		Yes	
Lt-T/Capt	VX106327	MATHEWS	R.L.	Adjt		Yes	
Lt	OX39329	ZERNER	E.S.	1 P1		Yes	
"	VX144706	PIMM	J.H.	11 P1		Yes	
"	VX115588	BALL	A.B.	10 P1		Yes	
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	N.C.	18 P1		Yes	
"	TX4464	SMITH	F.O.	14 P1		Yes	
"	NX119987	ROLEE	R.	4 P1		Yes	
"	VX118687	McINTOSH	J.G.	7 P1		Yes	<i>NO hospital</i>
"	VX89390	WHEELER	A.B.	T.O.		Yes	
"	NX123187	BALZER	R.C.	5 P1		Yes	
"	NX129557	KELLY	N.H.	12 P1		Yes	
"	NX113231	BREWSTER	D.J.	3 P1		Yes	
"	VX111772	FARRELLY	R.P.	A/T.O. 7 Pl.		Yes	
"	VX102582	DOHERTY	J.P.			No	NG School of Sigs x list
"	VX102803	HANNA	C.E.	Supernumary		Yes (C Coy)	19/4/45
"	VX102836	LYLE	J.L.	A/Adjt		Yes	
"	VX113048	ROBERTSON	K.I.	9 P1		Yes	<i>NO hospital</i>
"	VX32458	PUTNAM	P.F.	Supernumary		Yes (B Coy)	
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	
Rep	B2/348	WHARTON M.	YMCA	3/12/44	
Lt	VX8574	YORATH L.	2/4 Armd Regt	15/4/45	
Rt	NX70809	ROUGHTON DR	2/4 Armd Regt	25/4/45	
Lt	NX108721	DELOHERY RH	47 Armd Regt	23/4/45	

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21/4/45
Date of Despatch

R. W. ...
Signature of Commander

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21/4/1945.**

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	4	
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								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								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 Nos	19	19	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)								R Police	6	6	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mess Duty	3	3	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storeman	6	6	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batman	35	35	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								S Bearers	21	20	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
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Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1	-	Mortar Nos	73	73	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	12	12	-	Orderlies	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				MMC Nos	22	22	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10	-	Coach Trimmers				Pioneers	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Provost	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RCMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				CSMS	5	5	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				COMSs	5	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Pl Sits	25	21	4
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				TOTAL	769	705	64
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Attached	32	37	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	742	64

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21/4/45
Date of Despatch

Robertson
Signature of Commander

21/4/45

ANALYSIS OF WOS & WCOs.

Trade	W.O.S.					Total	Posted Strength					Total	Trade	WE	WPS
	Wol	Woll	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl		Wol	Woll	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl				
Int Duties				1	2	3				1	1	2	AAPC		
Clerks				2	6	8				1	6	7	Chironodist	1	1
Tailors				1	1	2				1		1	Hygiene Inst	1	1
Sub Storemen				1		1				1		1	Medical Ord	12	2
Riflemen					36	36					36	36	AACC		
MG Nos					2	2					2	2	Shoemaker	1	1
Water Nos					5	5					5	5	AAPS		
Pioneers					4	4					3	3	Postal Duty	1	1
Provost				1		1				1		1	AAPC		
S/Refrers				1	2	3				1	2	3	Pay Clerks	2	2
TK/A Nos					4	4					3	3	AACC		
Drivers IT					1	1					1	1	Caterer	1	1
RSN	1					1	1				1	1	Cooks	23	23
RONS		1				1	1	1			1	1	Total	32	37
CSNs		5				5	5	4		1	5	5			
CO's			5			5	5		5		5	5			
Pl Sjts				24		24	24			21		21			
Total	1	6	5	31	37	110	110	1	5	5	28	63	102		

ATTACHED

Trade	W.O.S.					Total	Posted Strength					Total
	Wol	Woll	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl		Wol	Woll	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	
Chironodist					1	1				1		1
Hygiene 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	2
Caterer		1				1	1					1
Cooks				5	5	10	1	1		4	6	10
Total	1	1	1	9	8	18	18	1	1	8	9	18

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 4 / 19455. 58/50 Pn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 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					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	-	-	1	*										
	1	-	2	*										
	-	2	10	Lieut.-Colonels	AANC	1	-	-	-					
	-	6	26	Majors										
	-	-	1	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	1	8	40			1	-	-	-					
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	41									4
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/4/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj-T/Lt-Col	VX3272	MAYBERRY	W.M.	CO		Yes	
Maj	VX7562	SWEET	H.G.	2 1/c		Yes	
"	NX97	PIKE	W.A.	CC C Coy		Yes	
Capt	NX115825	TILBROOK	J.			No Hospital	27/4/45
"	NX113730	MICHAEL	F.			No Det NG Details	Dep
"	VX102607	JACKSON	A.C.	CC A Coy		Yes	
"	VX114235	ROBY	A.W.	2 1/c C Coy		Yes	
"	VX102647	DEMPSTER	N.A.	CM		Yes	
"	VX102648	CUTHBERTSON	C.C.	CC HQ Coy		Yes	
"	VX114134	HOCKING	L.J.	2 1/c A Coy		Yes	OC B Coy
"	VX102650	BAUMAN	C.H.	CC B Coy		Yes	2 1/c B Coy
"	VX51665	GRIFF	E.W.	CC D Coy		Yes	
"	VX114215	BETHUNE	J.P.			No X list NG Trg	School
Lt-T/Capt	VX114250	SPINK	D.G.	2 1/c D Coy		Yes	13/3/45
Lt	TX5326	SHROSBREE	H.J.	A/Adjt		Yes	2 1/c H Coy
"	TX4679	ROE	J.R.	A/Adjt		No Rear Details	
"	TX5207	DAVEY	E.A.	16 Pl		Yes	
"	VX102654	PROBY	L.S.	17 Pl		Yes	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	G.H.	3 Pl		Yes	
"	OX42214	GOODMAN	C.F.	Posted but		not yet arrived with unit	
"	NX133591	EWART	R.B.	15 Pl		Yes	
"	NX76176	BEALE	D.R.	Supernumary		Yes	q p.e.
"	VX104532	WALKER	H.J.C.	13 Pl		Yes	
"	VX104470	MARSH	L.R.	TO		Yes	
"	VX104452	HOGAN	D.A.	2 Pl		Yes	
Lt-T/Capt	VX106327	MATHEWS	R.L.	Adjt		Yes	
Lt	OX39329	ZERNER	E.S.	1 Pl		Yes	
"	VX144706	PIMM	J.H.	11 Pl	10 p.e.	Yes	
"	VX115588	BALL	A.B.	10 Pl	11 p.e.	Yes	
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	N.C.	18 Pl		Yes	
"	TX4464	SMITH	F.O.	14 Pl		Yes	3/5/45 school
"	NX119987	ROLFE	R.	4 Pl		Yes	no 15 Bde leave thrown
"	VX118637	McINTOSH	J.G.			No Hospital	24/4/45 x det
"	VX89590	WHEELER	A.B.	T.O.		Yes	27/4/45
"	NX123187	BALZER	R.C.	5 Pl		Yes	
"	NX129557	KELLY	N.H.	12 Pl		Yes	no Rear details
"	NX113231	BREWSTER	D.J.	8 Pl		Yes	
"	VX111772	FARRELLY	R.P.	7 Pl		Yes	
"	VX102532	DOHERTY	J.P.			No NG School of Sigs	Xlist
"	VX102303	HANNA	C.E.	Supernumary		Yes (C Coy)	4 p.e. 19/4/45
"	VX102336	LYLE	J.L.	A/IO		Yes	
"	VX113048	ROBERTSON	K.I.			No Hospital	23/4/45
"	VX32458	POTNAM	P.F.	Supernumary		Yes (B Coy)	12 p.e. yes.
Capt	NX201329	MIDDLETON	L.W.	RMC		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	
Rep	B2/348	WHARTON M.	YMCA	3/12/44	
Lt	NX70809	ROUGHTON D.R.	2/4 Aust Armd Regt	25/4/45	
"	NX108721	DELOHERY R.A.	47 Aust Inf Bn	23/4/45	

23/4/45 5/5/45
Date of Despatch

R. Henderson Capt
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28 / 4 / 1945

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	1	1	-					Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers	26	26		Storemen, Technical	4	3	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				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)				Boilermakers	6	6		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Drivers WT	12	12	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Water B	2	2	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								TK/A Nos	19	19	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Police	6	6	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mess Duty	3	3	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storemen	6	6	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batman	35	35	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Bearers	21	20	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Rifleman	397	333	64
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1		Mortar Nos	73	73	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	12	12		Orderlies	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	10	10		Clerks, Technical				MMG NOS	22	22	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Pioneers	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Provost	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				PSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ROIS	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				PSM	5	5	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				COMS	5	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Pl Sits	25	21	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Total	769	699	70
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Attached	32	37	0
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	8017	8670	*

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

28/4/45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

ANALYSIS OF WOS & WOSs.

28/4/45

Trade	W.O.S.					Posted Strength					Trade	WE	WPS		
	WOI	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	Total	WOI	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt				Cpl	Total
Int Duties	1	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	AANC	-	-
Sig	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	4	4	4	Chiropracist	1	1
Clerks	-	-	-	2	6	3	-	-	-	7	7	3	Hygiene Insp	1	1
Tailors	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	Medical Ord	2	2
Tech Storemen	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	AACC	-	-
Riflemen	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	35	35	35	Shoemaker	1	-
ITG Nos	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	2	AAPS	-	-
Motor Nos	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	5	5	Postal Duty	1	-
Pioneers	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	3	3	3	AAPC	-	-
Provost	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	Pay Clerks	2	2
S/Dealers	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	2	3	3	AACC	-	-
Tr/A Nos	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	3	3	3	Caterer	1	1
Drivers MT	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	Cooks	3	3
RSM	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	Total	32	37
RO'S	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1			
OSMS	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	4	-	1	5	5			
CO'S	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	5	5			
Pl Sjts	-	-	-	24	-	24	-	-	-	21	21	21			
Total	1	6	5	31	37	110	1	5	5	28	63	102			

ATTACHED

Trade	W.O.S.					Posted Strength						
	WOI	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	Total	WOI	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	Total
Chiropracist	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
Hygiene Insp	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Med Orderly	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Shoemaker	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
Postal	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Pay Clerks	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1
Caterer	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	6	6	10
Cooks	-	-	-	5	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	9	8	18	1	-	4	9	9	18