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Islands

WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>31/51 INF BN (AIF).</u>	
			<u>WAR DIARY</u>	
			of	
			<u>NAURU - OCEAN ISLAND FORCE.</u>	
			<u>From 1 DEC 45 to 15 DEC 45.</u>	
			<p><u>Note.</u> 1. On 15 Dec 45 this Force, less one platoon departed from NAURU ISLAND for RABAU to rejoin the remainder of the Battalion and again come under command of 11 INF BDE (AIF).</p> <p>2. War Diary of the Platoon on NAURU, under direct command of First Aust Army, from this date will be submitted in a separate volume.</p>	

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NAURU - OCEAN ISLAND
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Month of DECEMBER 1945.

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LOCATION	DATE	TEXT	APPENDICES, REMARKS
NAURU Is.	1 Dec 45	<p><u>ARRIVAL OF CATALINA:</u> The RAAF Catalina arrived at 1428L today bringing fresh supplies, 16 bags of mail, Army Amenities films for screening during the week end at the BPC Location theatre. Passengers were Capt CUNDELL of Water Transport, Torokina, and W.O.I NEW of Army Amenities Film service. Capt CUNDELL will inspect the 42 Landing Craft Coy det and the L.C.15's, in connection with the transfer of the barges to the BPC.</p> <p><u>INT REPORT FROM RABAU:</u> Intelligence Report No.2 was received, with a record of activities of the Battalion at RABAU.</p> <p><u>OFFLOADING OF WITNESSES AT FAURO Is - WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION:</u> An instruction was received today by signal that the native witnesses and investigating officer departing by air for Bougainville, were to be offloaded at Fauro Island.</p> <p><u>WORKS:</u> Works Sheet for 1 Dec 45 is attached, showing allocation of 352 Koreans to BPC works.</p>	Appendix 1.
	2 Dec 45	<p><u>REST DAY - SUNDAY:</u> Sport was the objective today. In a cricket match on the airstrip a Nauruan team, which included many who were educated in Australia, defeated a team from Adm HQ of this Force. Some troops preferred swimming in the Boat Basin, a considerably cooler recreation.</p> <p><u>SCREENING OF NEWSREEL OF NAURU:</u> At the Army Amenities show tonight the Australian newsreel release from the Dept of Information showing the occupation of NAURU by this Force was screened. It depicted the fortifications of the island and some of the scenic attractions, noticeably ANEBARE BAY.</p> <p><u>ATROCITY WITNESSES:</u> Civil Administration fitted out the 5 Chinese and 7 Native</p>	

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NAURU Is.	2 Dec 45	witnesses leaving Nauru to attend investigations by the War Crimes Commission, Bougainville, tomorrow. <u>SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RATION ISSUE:</u> Advice was received by signal that for Xmas fare to be purchased from Army Canteens Services an allotment of 5 shillings per man had been made by HQ AMF.	
	3 Dec 45	<u>CATALINA DEPARTED:</u> The Catalina took off for Bougainville at 0625L, with a load of mail and personnel. <u>ATROCITY WITNESSES:</u> Lt. A. SPRILYAN, Intelligence Officer, was accompanied by the native and Chinese witnesses of atrocities committed at NAURU. Lt. SPRILYAN is also safe handing to the Crimes Commission the files completed by this Force relating to investigations into atrocities to Chinese and Natives at NAURU. It is expected that the party will return to NAURU on 10 Dec. <u>C. O.'s CONFERENCE:</u> The C. O. Lt Col KELLY informed the conference that the estimated time of arrival of the SS "TRIONA" from OCEAN Is is now given as 4 Dec, dependent on progress made in unloading and laying buoys. <u>BPC WORKS, NAURU:</u> 356 Koreans were employed today, with fresh water service, construction, and stowing cargo, engaging most of that number.	Appendix 2.
	4 Dec 45	<u>SHIPPING:</u> SS "TRIONA" arrived on her return from OCEAN Is. after unloading cargo and laying buoys. <u>BPC GENERAL MANAGER CONFERENCE WITH COMD:</u> Mr. Harold GAZE, General Manager of the British Phosphate Commission, who is on a visit of inspection from Melbourne, called on the C. O. Lt Col J. KELLY. He discussed the location of a native on OCEAN Is. on 2 Dec, survivor of a massacre of all natives performed by the Japanese.	

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NAURU Is.	4 Dec 45	<p><u>HANDLING OF CARGO AND MOORING OF BUOY:</u> Cargo was moved to and fro from the "TRIONA" to the Basin. The ship is engaged in mooring the main buoy opposite the Boat Basin. The two span buoys are already in position, anchored to the shore, so that the work consists of anchoring the mooring buoy to the bottom, and linking the anchor chain by cables to the two span buoys, at a sufficient depth to prevent obstruction of shipping. The task is identical with that performed at OCEAN Is. The Korean gang under 2 Aust Army NCOs of this Force remain on the "TRIONA" to carry out the work under BPC supervision.</p> <p><u>NATIVE SURVIVOR AT OCEAN ISLAND:</u> A memorandum addressed to Comd. Nauru Garrison was received from the District Officer, Ocean Island on 14 Dec, giving full details of this matter, but the outline was given by Mr. GAZE to Lt Col KELLY. The native was the only survivor of approximately 160 natives massacred by the Japanese. According to the native this was carried out after the cessation of hostilities in Aug 45. The native had remained hidden on the island ever since, living in a cave and coming out only at night. Even during the occupation of the island by the Aust Ocean Garrison (B Coy) he had not realised that the Japanese were gone. He thought that the ships were Japanese, bringing in more Japanese troops. It was only when he saw a Gilbertese indentured BPC labourer did he disclose his presence.</p> <p><u>JAPANESE ATROCITIES, NAURU:</u> A Nauruan lad, Thomas Deingoa, at present working at the Army bakehouse, made a statement today relating to the disappearance of the Europeans at Nauru. He revealed that he was informed by the Japanese guard that he had killed the Europeans with a bayonet. Useful information relating to Japanese officers was also obtained. A signal was despatched to Lt. SPRILYAN advising main points.</p>	

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NAURU Is	4 Dec 45	<p><u>WORKS PROGRAMME:</u> Nauru Force Works Sheet for allocation of Koreans for BPC tasks is attached.</p> <p><u>JAPANESE & AUST EQPT FOR TRANSFER:</u> A signal was received from First Aust Army today with reference to the handover of ordnance stores to the Civil Administration of Nauru and the British Phosphate Commission, Nauru. This advised that Capt. L. O. GREENHAM, of First Aust Army would be arriving at Nauru on 8 Dec to assist in determination of prices.</p>	Appendix 3.
	5 Dec 45	<p><u>ADMINISTRATION - ROUTINE ORDERS:</u> A Routine Order by Lt Col KELLY Serial 8, Nos 28/29 relating to Driving Licences and Postage of Prohibited Articles was promulgated today. Copy is attached as appendix.</p>	Appendix 4.
	5 Dec 45	<p><u>WORKS PROGRAMME:</u> 364 Koreans were employed today. See appendix.</p> <p><u>WORK ON TRIONA:</u> Work continued on laying buoys and handling cargo. The vessel is proceeding to Meketea in the Society Group to load phosphate.</p> <p><u>FORMAL ORS MESS:</u> In recognition of the assistance that troops of Nauru Force have been to the British Phosphate Commission in the rehabilitating installations at Nauru, and in creating some semblance of order in place of devastated ruins, not only by overseeing Korean gangs, but individually, and by working Chinese, especially on the handling of cargo coming ashore, the Commission donated sufficient fresh rations, fresh vegetables, and delicacies, with one bottle of beer per man, to allow for a special mess to be held this evening.</p> <p><u>SPORTING:</u> B Coy defeated D Coy at a cricket match this morning by 4 wickets. In the afternoon Adm HQ team had a win against an RAN team.</p>	Appendix 5.

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NAURU Is.	6 Dec 45	<p><u>SHIPPING:</u> Two Force NCOs and Korean gang disembarked tonight from the "TRIONA" as all offshore work at Nauru was completed late this afternoon when portion of the wrecked cantilever jetty which had been demolished was towed to sea over the edge of the steeply shelving reef. Portion of the wreck remains which will be used to build on for the erection of the new jetty on the original concrete piles which remain undamaged. The demolition work was carried out the Bn Pioneer Pl Sjt. The mooring of the main buoy was completed earlier in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>DEPARTURE OF "TRIONA":</u> The ship departed at 2030L tonight for OCEAN Is to unload timber. It is reported that MV "TRIENZA" which has Force personnel on board as guards, is moving to schedule through the Gilbert Group.</p> <p><u>BPC WORKS:</u> Koreans are engaged in clearing No.3 Unit cisterns and numerous other works. Details are shown in works sheet attached.</p> <p><u>CRICKET:</u> In a match this afternoon Adm HQ team defeated D Coy by 47 runs.</p>	Appendix 6.
	7 Dec 45	<p><u>C. O's CONFERENCE:</u> Lt Col KELLY discussed the matter of rations to be allocated for the pl remaining at Nauru. 7 days ration for the whole force are to be supplied by the DID to the "Q" Store so that the Sup Dep Pl can complete a tally of stocks for transfer to BPC and Civil Adm and of rations that may be shipped away.</p> <p><u>PACKING AND MARKING STORES:</u> Stores are being packed and marked ready for shipment to RABAU. The work is well advanced.</p>	

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NAURU Is.	7 Dec 45	<p><u>WORKS:</u> 362 Koreans are listed for employment on Nauru Force Work Programme of 7 Dec 45. 24 gangs are employed on BPC works. Copy attached.</p> <p><u>CRICKET:</u> B Coy again demonstrated its superiority in fielding a cricket team, by defeating the Adm HQ team by 8 wickets and 23 runs.</p>	Appendix 7.
	8 Dec 45	<p><u>WORKS PROGRAMME:</u> 354 Koreans worked on cantilever repairs, fresh water service, electrical salvage, building, cleaning phosphate bin, cleaning water cisterns, pipeline, and stowing cargo.</p> <p><u>CATALINA ARRIVAL:</u> The R.A.A.F. Catalina landed at 1440L bringing 38 cases of fresh meat, eggs, medical supplies, 19 bags of mail, 2 trunks films, and a case of amenities goods. The copies of the "Guinea Gold" for the past week, received by air courier, are much appreciated.</p> <p><u>PASSENGER ARRIVALS:</u> Mr. HALLIGAN, Under Secretary for the Department of External Territories, Canberra, and Capt. L. O. GREENHAM, AEME, HQ First Aust Army (AIF) arrived by the air service.</p> <p><u>ATROCITY INVESTIGATIONS:</u> It was anticipated that Lt. A. SPRILYAN would be returning from Torokina on this aircraft but advice was received by signal that he was detained, with the witnesses, for further detail in connection with the Atrocities Investigations.</p> <p><u>GUARD POSTS:</u> B Coy is at present supply personnel to man the two guard posts being maintained on the plateau, the first at the Loco Shed, at an important road junction, and the second at the Power House at BUADA, where a Japanese generator is supplying power for BPC use.</p>	Appendix 8.

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NAURU Is	8 Dec 45	<u>AMENITIES:</u> An Aust Army Amenities film was screened at the BPC Location to night. <u>FIELD RETURNS - ADMINISTRATION:</u> Field Returns W.3008 and 3009 were prepared today.	Appendix 9 +++
	9 Dec 45	<u>REST DAY - SUNDAY:</u> No work was carried out by Koreans today for BPC. <u>VALUATION OF EQUIPMENT:</u> Commencement was made by Capt GREENHAM to value equipment, Aust and Jap, for transfer. He was assisted by Capt. P.C. JAMES, O.C. Force remaining on Nauru. <u>SPORT:</u> A cricket match with a combined officers and serjeants team played and defeated a team from the BPC. In the afternoon a team from Adm HQ played a team of Nauruans and scored a victory, reversing the result of last Sunday.	Appendix 10
	10 Dec 45	<u>WORKS FOR BPC:</u> Work today by 354 Koreans included reconstruction of the conveyor from the No. 3 Plant to the Cantilever Jetty. The bed has been cleared by bulldozer and the prefabricated steel frame members are being assembled on the concrete and wooden bedding. From the plant to the seafront is possibly 800 - 1000 yards and considerable quantities of steel will be required for the project, which also entails reconstruction of the cantilever jetty. This conveyor is required because it will be a considerable time before the cantilever loaders are in commission, since it is a major project to repair shelling damage, and to replace the parts stripped by the Commission prior to the evacuation in 1942, and by the Japanese since; it is therefore unprofitable at the moment to rebuild the conveyor way direct to the bin at the loaders. In either case, the conveyor ways under the plant must be rebuilt.	

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NAURU Is	10 Dec 45	<p><u>DEPARTURE OF CATALINA:</u> The Catalina departed at 0623L with mail and personnel.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL DEPARTING NAURU:</u> 7 engineer personnel of 23 Fd Coy, 53 Fd Park, under Lt L BRACK of 23 Fd Coy RAE departed for Torokina for return to their units on completion of their task here and at Ocean Island. One medical evacuation was L/Cpl SINGLINE of 42 Ld Craft Coy to 2/1 A.G.H. (or C.C.S).</p> <p><u>CIVILIAN PASSENGERS:</u> Mr HALLIGAN, and Mr. GAZE departed on the first stage of their journey south. Mr. GAZE was accompanied by Mr. MILNE. They will take passage at LAE for travel by A.N.A. service to Sydney and Melbourne.</p> <p><u>CRICKET:</u> Despite the heat the game continues to be popular, and in a match this morning Adm HQ team once more defeated a team from D Coy.</p> <p><u>OCEAN ISLAND ATROCITIES:</u> A signal was despatched today seeking instruction whether the 3 Gilbertese witnesses held at Nauru are to be despatched by next aircraft to Torokina.</p>	
	11 Dec 45	<p><u>VALUATION OF EQPT:</u> Aust MT, spares, eqpt, all classes of Japanese ordnance stores and equipment are being valued by Capt. L. O. Greenham, and prices agreed with B.P.C. and Administration representatives. Schedules are to be drawn up.</p> <p><u>WIRELESS COMN SYSTEM:</u> Arrangements have been completed by the RAN and RAAF for the RAN to cease operation of the W/T station, to transfer the transmitter to RAAF (det 39 OBU), and for the RAAF to operate a schedule with New Guinea. Power will continue to come from the jeep type mobile generators, which are being transferred to the Civil Administration, and arrangements have been concluded for power to be supplied after they generators pass to the Administration.</p>	

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NAURU Is	11 Dec 45	<u>WORKS:</u> Copy of Nauru Force Programme is attached.	Appendix 11.
	12 Dec 45	<u>W/T LINK:</u> All army signals are now being passed by 39 O.B.U. det. <u>WORKS:</u> 358 Koreans were allocated today. <u>RAIN:</u> Westerly winds commenced today bringing scattered showers, at midday, and again at 1930L, yielding 30 pts, and further rain fell through the night. <u>ATROCITIES REPORTS:</u> Files of investigations by this Force into war crimes on NAURU against Chinese and Natives, were today handed to the Administrator, Mr. M. RIDGWAY. See appendix. <u>ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No. 3 - MOVEMENT:</u> This instruction was issued today, governing the movement to RABAUL, and the disposition of personnel in the holds of the MV "TRIENZA". Personnel for dispersal are being carried in the forward hold. Transport is allocated for taking to RABAUL and for the force remaining on NAURU. Three months rations are to be left for the force remaining. Postal service will be provided by the Nauru Civil Post Office. An appendix governs conduct of tps on board ship. <u>SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES BY AASC:</u> Approx 200 tons of AASC supplies not required by the BPC or Administrator of Nauru are to be shipped away on the "TRIENZA" to RABAUL. <u>BN XMAS CARDS:</u> Advice was received today from RABAUL that a supply of Xmas cards was being forwarded. (These were received on 29 Dec).	Appendix 12. Appendix 13 Appendix 14.

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Date	Narrative.	References & Appendices.
13 Dec 45	<p><u>WORKS:</u> Allocation of Koreans is no longer controlled by this HQ. No further works programmes are being prepared. The BPC director of Chinese labour has the responsibility of organising the gangs required. He acts through the BPC Chinese interpreter, MA NAI FAI, at present absent at Torokina, so that a Nauruan provides a stopgap.</p> <p>Garrison personnel continue to supervise the Korean gangs.</p> <p><u>VALUATION BY CAPT. GREENHAM:</u> A quantity of Jap grease surplus to BPC requirements amounting to 100x44 gal drums will be shipped to RABAU on the advice of Capt Greenham.</p> <p><u>SPORT:</u> This morning B Coy cricket team defeated a team from Adm HQ.</p> <p><u>RAIN:</u> Winds from west to NW brought 67 points of rain to 122359L.</p>	
14 Dec 45	<p><u>ARRIVAL OF "TRIENZA":</u> MV "TRIENZA" arrived from OCEAN ISLAND at 1430L having completed disembarkation of natives there yesterday. The recruiting and repatriation mission through the Gilbert Group took the ship to many islands, all marked by their lack of altitude, extreme flatness, and profusion of coconut palms.</p> <p>The Aust guard of Force pers totalling 13 are remaining on board. The carpenters have completed the work required for the passage of troops.</p> <p><u>ATROCITIES:</u> The sole survivor of the massacre at OCEAN Is, Gilbertese KABUNARE, arrived on the "TRIENZA" and is quartered in No. 3 Village with the other Gilbertese still remaining on NAURU.</p> <p>A report on the matter was received by the C.O. Lt Col J KELLY from Major WAKEFIELD, District Officer at OCEAN Is. KABUNARE will travel by air to Torokina for identification of the Japanese at FAURO Is.</p> <p><u>OFFICER VOLUNTEERS FOR OCCUPATION JAPAN:</u> There are no applicants for staff appointments by officer of this Force.</p>	

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Date	Narrative.	References & Appendices.
14 Dec 45	<p><u>RETENTION OF UNIT OFFICERS:</u> Following advice from RABAU that a shortage of officers in the Bn could not be remedied for a month or so, the C. O. instructed that applications be submitted for the retention of Lts. RIGBY, DEVLIN, and CUNNINGTON, all at present at NAURU but returning to RABAU, until the end of Jan in deferment of normal priority.</p> <p><u>VALUATION EQPT:</u> Capt. GREENHAM completed valuation today and schedules and reports are being prepared by clerical staff of the Force.</p> <p><u>INSPECTION OF VESSEL:</u> C. O. Lt Col J. KELLY, and Adj. Lt A. E. SMITH, visited the ship to make arrangements for the embarkation of troops on 15 Dec. A gang of Koreans was put to work to cleanse and disinfect the holds which need this treatment after the carriage of natives, men women and children to OCEAN Island.</p>	
15 Dec 45	<p><u>ARRIVAL OF CATALINA:</u> This flight is notable because it is the last flight to be made on the existing weekly schedule, and the last to serve the entire force before the reduction in strength is completed. Hereafter it is planned to operate a fortnightly service with a Catalina arriving on 29 Dec. The service will again be reviewed in January. The crew on this flight is substantially different from that which made the inaugural flight. Of importance this week from the point of view of the troops are the Xmas supplies being carried for the force remaining, in addition to the usual mail, 12 bags, which was rapidly sorted and carried out to the tps on the TRIENZA. Two films also arrived for screening. Owing to the weight of passengers including an Canteen Services officer and Lt. A. SPRILYAN returning with Chinese and Native witnesses from Torokina, the usual cargo of fresh meat and eggs was not carried. The plane landed at 1400L and the stores unloaded included two cases of tools for the BPC supplies by Ordnance Depot Torokina.</p>	

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WAR CRIMES:

Lt A. SPRILYAN returned with the native and Chinese witnesses excluding Gilbertese BUAKE and Gilbertese intrepeter DAVID MURDOCK.

He reported to Lt Col J. KELLY on the results obtained at FAURO ISLAND in obtaining admissions from Japanese.

The Chinese and natives spoke highly of the treatment they received from the P.I.B. at Torokina. The excellent fighting spirit and skill at arms of the native troops considerably impressed the visitors.

EMBARKATION OF TROOPS ON MV "TRIENZA":

The day of departure of the bulk of the forces of Nauru and Ocean Island Forces saw the now familiar routine of striking tents, packing of personal gear, and folding cots. This was carried out smoothly and the tps were then detailed to working parties to load camp gear and stores.

Some troops relieved the Korean gangs who had been working in the holds of the "TRIENZA". The vessel is moored to the buoy anchor chain laid by the "TRIONA" the previous week. The ship is empty apart from her fresh water ballast and fuel, and under the force of a strong NNW wind and a heavy swell, the vessel was pitching and rolling, and swinging on the moorings.

Others relieved the details in charge of the Korean gangs loading AASC stores and Japanese 44 gal drums of grease at the dockside. This work went on in reliefs continuously from the time of arrival of the vessel from Ocean Is.

Embarkation proceeded smoothly. The greater part of 'D' Coy was engaged in working stores into the vessel, while 'B' Coy commencing at 1400L embarked in groups under the supervision of the unit embarkation officer, Lt S. DEVLIN. Attached tps also moved on to the ship, while Adm HQ were the last to board, at approximately 1600L when the C.O., Lt Col J. KELLY and Int Offr, Lt A. SPRILYAN (who had arrived by air two hours previously) embarked.

Before boarding, the C.O. Lt Col KELLY, made farewell calls on the Administrator, Mr. M. Rdigway and the Phoscom Nauru Manager Mr. B. Kirik

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NAURU Is 15 Dec 45	<p><u>JAPANESE EQUIPMENT:</u> A quantity of equipment was loaded at Ocean Island, to be offloaded at NAURU, in accordance with the instruction of First Aust Army. However, Capt. L. O. GREENHAM examined the list and selected items of immediate value to the Aust Army, to be carried on to RABAU to be offloaded, namely English and Japanese 2 and 3-metre rangefinders and kindred articles, while searchlights and searchlight motors are among the equipment to be offloaded at NAURU. The total Jap equipment to leave NAURU for RABAU will amount to 4 tons.</p> <p><u>JAPANESE RADAR EQUIPMENT ON OCEAN ISLAND:</u> All 7 pieces of radar equipment from Ocean Island were offloaded at NAURU and have been transferred to the Civil Administration, by whom the gear was purchased.</p> <p><u>RE-ADDRESSED MAIL:</u> Signal QS.335 was despatched to First Aust Army and 3 Div requesting mail for 31/51 Bn and attached tps be diverted to RABAU. NAURU pers receive mail addressed to 004 'C' Det.</p> <p><u>DEPARTURE OF MV "TRIENZA":</u> The loading of the "TRIENZA" continued after the embarkation of troops, as the master of the ship decided that he would complete the loading of army stores listed provided the weather did not deteriorate. Personnel of the force remaining on NAURU were employed on various tasks to facilitate the embarkation and loading, particularly as MT drivers. At 2300L the "TRIENZA" departed for RABAU, which should be reached on the afternoon of 19th Dec. Signal QM.334 was despatched to First Aust Army advising the departure of the "TRIENZA" and loading - 12 offrs 261 ORs.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Unit equipment</td> <td>- 82</td> <td>ships</td> <td>tons.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AASC stores</td> <td>-196</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jap POL</td> <td>- 27</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jap Eqpt</td> <td>- 4</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	Unit equipment	- 82	ships	tons.	AASC stores	-196	"	"	Jap POL	- 27	"	"	Jap Eqpt	- 4	"	"	
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					Veh	Time & place reporting	
1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines 0700 hrs			
2	Tailor & Watchmaker	2	arranged by Q.M.	air strip 0700 hrs			report to Q Store
3	Repairing trucks	8	arranged by A.A.S.C.	air strip 0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arranged by Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs)			report Mr COLLINS Power House
6	Instal Diesel Eng and Coal Box Steam cooker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs)			report Mr GAUNT " "
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr LINDBERG " "
8	Salt Water pump & Electrical repairs	5	-	air strip 0630 hrs)			report Mr TINGMAN
9	Fresh Water service	12	Pte SWENDSON	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl No.1 boy report Mr MUIR
10	Fresh Water service	12	Cpl EDWARDS	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No.1 boy report Mr CAMERON
11	Electrical Salvage	14	Cpl McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl No.1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON Power House
13	Machine Shop Building	14	L cpl STONE	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No.1 boy 106 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
14	Chinese location Building	26	Cpl HATELY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No.1 boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
15	Erecting Steel Huts Power Supply & Sewerage	30	L cpl BIRD Pte KERRISK Cpl McCANN	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No.1 boys report Mr WOODS near Hiware Store
16	Cleaning No.3 Unit Cistern	40	Lcpl McDONALD Pte O'CONNOR Pte GIBBON	air strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl blacksmiths 35 41 188 report Mr HOYLE Golf Course
17	Cantilever Repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No.1 boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
18	Cleaning road to Married Quarters	15	2 sappers	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl 2 No.1 boys & 122 report Mr DILLON Golf Course
19	Clearing road to Married Quarters	20	Pte PECK	air strip 0630 hrs)	Engrs	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 1 No.1 boy report Mr DILLON " "
20	Firewood	11	Pte JEWELL	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl No.1 boy report Mr NEVILLE Boat shed
21	Transporting cargo C.E. Dept	20	-	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No.1 boy report Mr VENUS Boat Harbour
22	Stowing Cargo Hardware Store	30	Sgt SHEPHERD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No.1 boys report Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing Cargo Trade Store	7	-	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl No.1 boy report Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Spreading Shingle European M. room	10	Pte PAULETT	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No.1 boy report Mr ROGER Messroom
25	Potato Store No.1 unit	10	Pte McFUGH	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl No.1 boy report Mr WATSON Location
ME 26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLY	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No.1 boy report Mr CAMERON Power House

* Ptes NEARY & McDONALD

Lt. Adjt NAURU FORCE

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(a) Works Officer - Lt W.C. GREGORY

(b) Working hours Koreans 0700 - 1130
1300 - 1700

Work will be continuous except for breaks between
0845 - 1000 hrs 1130 - 1300 hrs and 1500 - 1515 hrs

(c) Where a task has a civilian overseer the A.M.F. personnel
allotted are a guard only to ensure work is NOT slackened.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1945 / 12 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 12 / 1945 **NAURU FORCE** (Unit)
31/51 AUST INT BN (AIF)

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

APPX 1(A)

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	*										
			1	*										
			6	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
			8											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	E.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
				A.	8									8
				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.
QX 34011	Capt	GIBARD B.W.	LTD BRISBANE	26/11/45	DEMOB AMR 184A (1) (n) Emplened NAURU 26/11/45 auth FAA sig AG17104 of 101000K
QX 45094	Capt	ROBERTS G.V.	LTD BRISBANE	"	DEMOB AMR 184A (1) (n) Emplened NAURU 26/11/45 auth FAA sig AG17104 of 101000K

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 **1 12** / **5** / 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, how employed.	Demob Indicator	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	NX 12214	KELLY	J.L.A.	Comd	Yes		N/N/2613	
Capt	NX101882	JAMES	F.G.O.	21st B Coy Gp	Yes		N/N/1903	
Lt	QX 34609	RIGBY	L.	F1 Comd	Yes		Q/N/189	
Lt	QX 34019	SMITH	A.E.	Adjnt	Yes		Q/N/144	
Lt	QX 48858	GREGORY	W.C.	F1 Comd	Yes		Q/N/136	
Lt	WX 26684	SPRILYAN	A.	I.O.	Yes		W/N/140	
Lt	NX116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	F1 Comd	Yes		N/N/188	
Lt	QX 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.C.	F1 Comd	Yes		Q/N/188	

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.	Demob Indicator
Capt	NX201043	RODRIGUEZ L.F.	19 Fd Amb	9/9/45	Med Offr	N/N/104
Capt	VX 94062	SWANEY	"	26/9/45	" "	V/N/101
Lt	VX 94155	BRACK L.J.	23 Fd Coy RAE	26/9/45	Engr Offr	V/N/84
Lt		TOWN H.	RAN Port Directorate	9/9/45		
Lt		BERNHARD F.I.	"	"	"	

J. Kelly Lt. Col.
Comd TAURU FORCE
Signature of Commander

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Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 12 / 1945 NAURU FORCE (Unit)
31/31 MUST INF BN (AIF) *APPX 100*

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II.					
			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			12	Sergeants		2			
			27	Corporals		2			
		3	167	Troopers, Privates, etc.		3			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*		3	209 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		7 *			*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	216									216
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2 OR	A.A.P.C.						
1 OR	A.A.C.S. HQ AMP						
11 OR	76 Tpt Pl						
5 OR	11 Inf Bde Sig Sec						
4 OR	16 Fd Coy RAB						
5 OR	23 Fd Coy RAB						
1 OR	53 Fd Park						
20 OR	19 Fd Amb (AIF)						
14 OR	42 Ldg Craft Coy AAFC						
29 OR	R.A.N. Port Directorate						
3 OR	R.A.A.F.						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / 12 / 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				Bangetakers		2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		11		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tk A Nos		13	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MMG Nos		13	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		3		Mortar Nos		14	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pioneers		6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen		11	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4		Coach Trimmers				Regt Police		2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Driver MT		1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Storemen		4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Orderlies		4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.F.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				IMG Nos &			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		1		Riflemen		114	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		2		Attached by W.E.			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.A.P.S.		1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.O.C.		6	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		2					
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		6		CARRIED FORWARD		25		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			216

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.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF RANKS AND TRADESMEN

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Posted</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
<u>Carpenters</u>	2 OR	
<u>Intelligence Duties</u>	2 cpl 2 OR	
<u>Signallers</u>	1 sgt 10 OR	
<u>Gunlayers</u>	2 OR	
<u>Rangefinders</u>	2 OR	
<u>Driver Mech</u>	2 OR	2 OR
<u>Driver H.T.</u>	1 OR	1 OR
<u>Clerks</u>	2 cpl 1 OR	
<u>Tk A Nos</u>	1 sgt 2 cpl 10 OR	
<u>M.M.G. Nos</u>	2 sgt 1 cpl 10 OR	
<u>Mortar Nos</u>	1 sgt 1 cpl 12 OR	
<u>Pioneers</u>	1 sgt 2 cpls 3 OR	
<u>Batmen</u>	11 OR	
<u>Regt Police</u>	1 cpl 1 OR	
<u>Driver M.T.</u>	1 OR	
<u>Storemen</u>	2 S sgt 2 OR	
<u>Orderlies</u>	4 OR	
<u>LMG Nos & Riflemen</u>	1 WO 11 6 sgts 16 cpls 91 OR	
<u>ATTACHED</u>		
<u>A.A. Postal Service</u>	1 cpl	
<u>A.A.C.C.</u>	2 sgt 1 cpl 3 OR	

DEMOB STATISTICS

Serial	Trade	Rank	Present Str	Priority Classifications under Demobilization Scheme							&	
				Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts		200 over
1945/12	<u>Trade Group 2</u>											
	Carpenters	OR	2			1	1					
	Intelligence Duties	cpl	2			2						
		OR	2			2						
	Signallers	sgt	1								1	
		OR	10	1		6		1		2		
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>											
	Gunlayers	OR	2			2						
	Rangefinders	OR	2			2						
	Drivers Mech	OR	2			2						
	Driver H.T.	OR	1			1						
	Clerks	cpl	2			1					1	
		OR	1					1				
	<u>Non-specialists</u>											
	Tk A Nos	sgt	1				1					
		cpl	2			1				1		
		OR	10			10						
	MMG Nos	sgt	2			1					1	
		cpl	1			1						
		OR	10			10						
	Mortar Nos	sgt	1			1						
		cpl	1			1						
		OR	12			10		1				1
	Pioneers	sgt	1			1						
		cpl	2			1				1		
		OR	3	1		1					1	1
	Batmen	OR	11	3		7		1				
	Regt Police	cpl	1							1		
		OR	1			1						
	Driver M.T.	OR	1			1						
	Storemen	S sgt	2			1					1	
		OR	2			2						
	Orderlies	OR	4			4						
	LMG Nos & Rflmn	WO 11	1							1		
		sgt	6			5					1	
		cpl	16			13		1		1		
		OR	91	23		51		4	4	4	5	
			209	28		142		7	7	6	12	6
												1

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				Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts	200 & over
1945/12			209	28	142	7	7	6	12	6	1
	<u>ATTACHED</u>										
	A.A. Postal Service	cpl	1		1						
	A.A.C.C.	sgt	2		2						
		cpl	1		1						
		OR	3		3						
			216	28	149	7	7	6	12	6	1

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				Str	Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts	200 pts & over							
1945/12	<u>76 Tot Pl</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>																		
	Driver Mech	OR	1			1													
		Cpl	2			2													
		OR	8			6				1									1
	<u>11 Inf Bde Sig Sec</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>																		
	Signallers W/T Op	OR	3			2		1											
		Cpl	2			1				1									
	<u>16 Fd Coy RAE</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>																		
	Mech MT	OR	1			1													
	Miner	OR	1			1													
	non-specialist	OR	2			2													
	<u>23 Fd Coy RAE</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 1</u>																		
	Operator Mech eqpt	OR	2			2													
	Mechanic	OR	1			1		1											
	Carpenter & Joiner	OR	1			1													
	non-specialist	OR	1			1				1									
	<u>53 Fd Park</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>																		
	Driver Mech	OR	1																1
	<u>19 Fd Amb (AIF)</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>																		
	Nursing orderlies	OR	2			1		1											
	Clerk	cpl	1			1													
	non-specialists	sgt	1					1											1
		cpl	4			1		1											1
		OR	12			8		2					1						1
	<u>42 Ldg Craft Coy</u>																		
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>																		
	Mechanic MV	OR	1																1
	non-specialists	sgt	2			1							1						
		cpl	5			2							2						1
		OR	6			4				1									
	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>																		
		Sgt	1			1													
		cpl	1			1													
	<u>A.A.C.S.</u>																		
		s sgt	1																1

Ser	Task	Labour Korean	Guards and Overseers	Time and place report Guards and Overseers		TRANSPORT		Remarks
						Veh	Time & place reporting	
1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines	0700 hrs			
2	Tailor & Watchmaker	3	arranged by O.M.	air strip	0700 hrs			report to Q Store
3	Repairing trucks	8	arranged by A.A.S.C.	air strip	0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arranged by Fd Amb	air strip	0700 hrs			423 424 incl 410 96 108 115 117 240 522 482 527 374 report Mr COLLINS
5	Power House and Ice House repairs	10	-	air strip	0630 hrs			incl 23 30 29 118 report Mr GAUNT Power House
6	Instal Diesel Engine & Coal Box Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip	0630 hrs			report Mr LINDBERG " "
7	Transport	9	-	air strip	0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 370 178 35 186 10 25 report Mr TINGMAN Power House
8	Salt water pump and Electrical repairs	6	-	air strip	0630 hrs			incl No.1 boy report Mr MUIR 3 Unit
9	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte SWENDSON	air strip	0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No.1 boy report Mr CAMERON
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24	Spreading Shingle Europeer Mess	10	Pte PAULETT	air strip	0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy & 122 530 report Mr WATSON Location
25	Potato Store No 1 Unit	10	Pte McHUGH	air strip	0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No. 1 boy report Mr CAMERON Power House
26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt B. CKLE	air strip	0630 hrs			

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					Veh	Time & place reporting	
1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines 0700 hrs			
2	Tailor & Watchmaker	3	arranged by Q.M.	air strip 0700 hrs			report to Q Store
3	Repairing trucks	8	arranged by A.A.S.C.	air strip 0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arranged by Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House Repairs	11	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 410 36 133 115 117 240 522 482 527 374 398 report Mr COLLINS
6	Instal Diesel Engine and Coal Box Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 23 30 29 118
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr GAUNT Power House
8	Salt Water pump and Electrical repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr LINDBERG " "
9	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte SWENDSEN	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 370 178 186 10 25 32 465 report Mr TINGMAN Power House
10	Fresh Water Service	12	Cpl EDWARDS	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr MUIR 5 Unit
11	Electrical Salvage	14	Cpl McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
13	Machine Shop Building	14	L cpl STONE	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report to Mr CAMERON Power House incl No 1 boy 105 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
14	Chinese location Building	26	Cpl HATELY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
15	Erecting Steel Huts Water Supply & Sewerage	30	L cpl BIRD Pte KYRISK Cpl McCANN L cpl McDONALD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No. 1 boys report Mr WOODS near Hardware Store
16	Cleaning No 3 Unit Cistem	40	Pte O'CONNOR Pte GIBBON	air strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys & 41 188 35 report Mr HOYLE Golf course
17	Cantilever Repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
18	Cleaning No 1 Bin	15	2 sappers	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr DILLON Golf course
19	Erecting Steel Lab. Quarters Location	20	Pte PECK	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON Location
20	Firewood	11	Pte JEWELL	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr NEVILLE Boat Shed
21	Fresh Water Service	20	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr VENUS Boat Shed
22	Stowing cargo Hardware Store	30	Sgt SHEPHERD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing cargo Trade Store	7	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Clearing around Location	10	Pte PAULET	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr WATSON
25	Potato Store No.1 Unit	10	Pte McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy and 122 530 report Mr WATSON Location
26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLEY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON Power House

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28. PROHIBITED ARTICLES SENT TO MAINLAND :

(a) Attention is again drawn to previous instructions issued in respect to prohibited articles sent to the mainland through army postal services.

(b) NO item of jap equipment will be despatched unless accompanied by a certificate declaring such item of no intelligence value and signed by the I.O. All parcels irrespective of contents will be submitted to the I.O. or Lt DEVLIN S.V. for inspection prior to despatch, such inspecting officer endorsing the outside of the parcel.

(c) In addition no package will be transmitted through Army Posts unless the regt No, Name and Unit of the sender is clearly marked on the outside of the package.

29. DRIVING LICENCES

(a) Members of the army who have been on service for three years or more, now holding any army driving licence and wishing to renew their civilian licence on discharge may arrange to have their army licence renewed and endorsed.

It should be understood that there is no obligation on the civil authorities to accept an army licence as proof of competency to operate a civilian vehicle.

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1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines 0700 hrs			
2	Tailor & Watchmaker	3	arranged by C.M.	air strip 0700 hrs			report to Q Store
3	Repairing trucks	8	arranged by A.A.S.C.	air strip 0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arranged by Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424 incl 410 96 108 115 117 240 52 482 527 374 398 report Mr COIL IN
5	Power House and Ice House Repairs	11	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 23 30 29 118 report Mr GAUNT Power Hse.
6	Install diesel engine and Coal Box Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr LINDBERG "
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 370 178 100 10 25 32 465 report Mr TINGMAN Power House.
8	Salt Water Pump and Electrical Repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 Boy report Mr MULR 5 Unit
9	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte STENDSEN	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 Boy report Mr CAMERON
10	Fresh Water Service	12	Cpl EDWARDS	air strip 0630 hrs	1 x 3ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 Boy report Mr CAMERON
11	Electrical Selvage	14	Cpl McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON Power House
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 Boy 100 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
13	Machine Shop Building	14	L cpl STONE	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 Boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
14	Chinese Location Buildings	26	Cpl HATELEY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 Boys report Mr WOODS near Hardware Store
15	Erecting Steel Huts	30	L cpl BIRD Pte KERRISK	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 Boys & 41 188 35 report Mr HOYLE Golf Course
16	Water Supply and Sewerage Cleaning No 3 Unit. Cistern	40	Cpl McCANN L cpl McDONALD Pte O'CONNOR Pte GIBBON	air strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 Boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
17	Cantilever Repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 Boys report Mr DILLON Location
18	Erecting Steel Lab Quarters Location	15	2 Sappers	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 Boy report Mr DILLON Golf Course
19	Cleaning No 1 Bin	20	Pte PECK	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 Boy report Mr NEVILLE Boat Harbour
20	Firewood	11	Pte JEWELL	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 Boy report
21	Work on board "ATHONA"	22	Pte ZANKER	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	Lt TOWN Boat Shed
22	Stowing Cargo Hardware Store	30	Sgt SHEPHERD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 Boys report Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing Cargo Trade Store	7	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 Boy report Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Clearing Cargo Boat Harbour	10	Pte PAULETT	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 Boy report Lt TOWN Boat Harbour
25	Potato Store No 1 Unit	10	Pte McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 Boy report Mr WATSON Location
26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLEY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 Boy report Mr CAMERON Power House
27	Loco Shed	3	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report to Loco Shed

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3	Repairing trucks	8	arranged by A.A.S.C.	air strip 0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tot lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arranged by Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House Repairs	11	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 410 96 108 115 117 240 522 482 527 374 398 report Mr COLLINS
6	Install Diesel Eng and Coal Box Steam Cocker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 23 30 29 118 report to Mr GUNN Power House
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 34 report Mr LINDBERG
8	Salt Water pump and Electrical repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 310 178 160 10 25 32 465 report Mr TINGMAN Power House
9	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte SWENDSEN	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr MUIR 3 Unit
10	Fresh Water service	12	Cpl EDWARDS	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
11	Electrical Salvage	14	Cpl McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON Power House
13	Machine Shop Building	14	L. cpl STONE	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy 106 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
14	Chinese Location Buildings	28	Col HATELY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
15	Erecting Steel Huts Water Supply & Sewerage	28	L. cpl BIRD Pte KERRISK	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr WOODS Hardware store
16	Cleaning No 3 Unit cistern	37	Cpl McCANN Pte O'CONNOR Lcpl McDONALD Pte GIBSON	" strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys & 41 188 35 report Mr HOWIE Golf Course
17	Cantilever Repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
18	Erecting Steel Lab. Quarters	15	2 sappers	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr DILLON Location
19	Mooring work	20	Pte PECK	air strip 0630 hrs	Engrs	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Lt TOWN Boat Harbour
20	Firewood	11	Pte JEWELL	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr NEVILLE Boat harbour
21	Work on board "TRIONA"	20	Pte ZANKER	air strip 0530 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0545 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Lt TOWN Boat Harbour
22	Stowing cargo H'ware Store	27	-	air strip 1530 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 1545 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Lt TOWN Boat Harbour
23	Stowing cargo Trade Store	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs		as for serial 20	incl No 1 boy, 236 237 346 report Mr WALK Trade Store
24	Work on board "TRIONA"	20	Pte McHUGH	air strip 0530 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0545 hrs	report Lt TOWN Boat Harbour
25	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLEY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON Power House
26	Water - Loco Shed	3	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 234 247 report Chan Fat Loco Shed
27	Survey Office C E Dept	2	-	air strip 0630 hrs			122 530 report Mr LACEY Gen. Office

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4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House repairs	11	-	air strip 0630 hrs			410 96 108 115 117 240 522 462 527 374 398 report Mr COLLINS
6	Instal Diesel Engine and Coal Box Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 23 30 29 118 report Mr GAUNT Power House
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 34 report Mr LINDBERG
8	Salt Water Pump and Electrical repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 370 178 186 10 25 32 465 report Mr TINGMAN Power House
9	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte STENHOUSE	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr MUIR
10	Fresh Water Service	12	Cpl EDWARDS	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
11	Electrical Salvage	14	Cpl McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON Power House
13	Machine Shop Building	14	L cpl STONE	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy 106 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
14	Chinese Location Buildings	28	Cpl HATELEY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
15	Erecting Steel Huts	30	L cpl BIRD Pte KERRISK	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr WOODS Hardware Store
16	Water Supply and Sewerage Cleaning No 3 Unit cistern	37	Cpl McCANN Pte O'CONNOR L cpl McDONALD Pte GIBBON	air strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys & 41 188 35 report Mr HOYLE Golf course
17	Cantilever Repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
18	Erecting Steel Lab. Quarters	15	2 sappers	air strip 0630 hrs	Engrs	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr DILLON Location
19	Cleaning No 1 Bin	20	Pte PECK	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON
20	Firewood	11	Pte JEWELL	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr NEVILLE Boat Harbour
21	Cleaning up gang	20	Pte ZANKER	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	
22	Stowing cargo H'ware Store	30	Sgt SHEPHERD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing Cargo Trade Store	7	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Painting Steel Houses	10	Pte PAULETT	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr NEVILLE
25	Potato Store	10	Pte McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr WATSON
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27	Lathe - Loco Shed	2	-	air strip 0630 hrs			234 247 report Chan Fat Loco Shed
28	Survey Office C.E. Dept	2	-	air strip 0630 hrs			122 530 report Mr LAGEY Gen Office
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3	Repairing trucks	9	arr AASC	air strip 0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arr Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House Repairs	11	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr COLLINS Power House
6	Instal Diesel Engine and Coal Box Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr GAUNT Power House
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr LINDBERG Machine Shop
8	Salt Water pump and Electrical repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr TINGMAN Power House
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11	Electrical Salvage	14	Cpl McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr CAMERON Power House
13	Machine Shop Building	14	L cpl STONE	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy 106 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
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15	Erecting Steel Huts	30	L cpl BIRD Pte KERRISK	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr WOOD Hardware Store
16	Water Suppl. & Sewerage Cleaning 10 3 Unit cistern	33	Cpl McCANN Pte O'CONNOR Lcpl McDONALD Pte GIBSON	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr HOYLE Golf course
17	Cantilever repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
18	Erecting steel Lab. Quarters	15	1 sapper	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON Location
19	Cleaning 10 1 bin	20	Pte PECK	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON
20	Firewood (Laundry & Messroom)	11	Pte JEWELL	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr NEVILLE Boat shed
21	Fresh water pipeline (M.E.)	20	Pte ZANKER	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr VENUS Boat shed
22	Stowing cargo H'ware Store	15	Sgt SHEPHERD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing cargo Trade Store	6	-	air strip 0630 hrs			338 No 1 boy not required report Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Painting Steel Houses	10	Pte PAULETT	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr RAMSAY
25	Potato Store	10	Pte McHUGH	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr WATSON Location
26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLEY	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
27	Lathe, Loco Shed	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			234 247 report Loco Shed
28	Survey Office			air strip 0630 hrs			122 530 report Mr LACEY
29	Mooring Work ex "TRIONA" Ptes NEAFY & McDONALD	15 354	Cpl CAHILL	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Capt ANDERSON Boat Harbour

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1945/13 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 12 / 1945 NAURU FORCE (Unit)
31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E. APPA 9

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	Lieut.-Colonels									
			1	Majors									
			6	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
			8										
		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.		8									8
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion 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.
WX 26684	Lt	SPRILYAN A.	HQ 3 DIV	3/12/45	Emplened NAURU for PAURO Is Detached for duty - investigating officer in connection war crimes NAURU proceeding to War Crimes Commission (auth FAA A918147 of 280930K Nov)

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 8 / 12 / 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 Demob Indicator	Date of Detachment.
Lt col	NX 12214	KELLY	J.L.A.	Comd	Yes	N/N/261D	
Capt	NX101882	JAMES	P.C.O.	2ic B Coy	Yes	N/N/190D	
Lt	QX 34609	RIGBY	L.	Pl Comd	Yes	Q/N/189	
Lt	QX 34019	SMITH	A.E.	Adjt	Yes	Q/N/144	
Lt	QX 48858	GREGORY	W.C.	Pl Comd	Yes	Q/N/136	
Lt	WX 26684	SPRILYAN	A.	I.O.	No	War Crimes Commission HQ 3 DIV	
Lt	NX116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	Pl Comd	Yes	W/N/140	3/12/45
Lt	QX 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.C.	Pl Comd	Yes	N/N/188	
						Q/N/188	

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.	Demob Indicator
Capt	NX201043	RODRIGUEZ L.F.	19 Fd Amb	9/9/45	Med Offr	N/N/104
Capt	VX 94062	SWANEY W.E.	"	26/9/45	" "	V/N/101
Lt	VX 94155	BRACK L.J.	23 Fd Coy	26/9/45	Engr Offr	V/N/84
Lt		TOWN H.	R.A.N. Port Directorate	9/9/45		
Lt		EBERHARD F.I.	"	"	9/9/45	

8 DEC 45

Date of Despatch

G. Kelly Lt. Col.
Commandant NAURU FORCE.
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 8 / 12 / 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				Bangetakers		2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		11		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tk A Nos		13	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				M.M.G. Nos		13	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		3		Mortar Nos		14	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pioneers		6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen		11	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4		Coach Trimmers				Regt Police		2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Driver MT		1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Storemen		4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Orderlies		4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				IMG Nos &			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		1		Riflemen		114	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		2		Attached by W.E.			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.A.P.S.		1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.C.C.		6	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		2					
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		6		CARRIED FORWARD		25		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		216	

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

8 DEC 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt. Col.
Comd NAUHU FORCE.
Signature of Commander

UNIT : NAURU FORCE - 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

W. 3009 for week ending 8 Dec 45

Serial 1945/13

DETAILS OF RANKS AND TRADESMEN

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Posted</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
<u>Carpenters</u>	2 OR	
<u>Intelligence Duties</u>	2 cpl 2 OR	
<u>Signallers</u>	1 sgt 10 OR	
<u>Gunlayers</u>	2 OR	
<u>Rangefinders</u>	2 OR	
<u>Driver Mech</u>	2 OR	2 OR
<u>Driver H.T.</u>	1 OR	1 OR
<u>Clerks</u>	2 cpl 1 OR	
<u>Tk A Nos</u>	1 sgt 2 cpl 10 OR	
<u>M.M.G. Nos</u>	2 sgt 1 cpl 10 OR	
<u>Mortar Nos</u>	1 sgt 1 cpl 12 OR	
<u>Pioneers</u>	1 sgt 2 cpls 3 OR	
<u>Batmen</u>	11 OR	
<u>Regt Police</u>	1 cpl 1 OR	
<u>Driver M.T.</u>	1 OR	
<u>Storemen</u>	2 S sgts 2 OR	
<u>Orderlies</u>	4 OR	
<u>LMG Nos & Riflemen</u>	1 WO 11 6 sgts 16 cpls 91 OR	
<u>ATTACHED</u>		
<u>A.A. Postal Service</u>	1 cpl	
<u>A.A.C.C.</u>	2 sgts 1 cpl 3 OR	

Serial	Trade	Rank	Present	Str	Priority Classifications under Demobilization Scheme								&	
					Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts	200 pts over		
1945/13	<u>Trade Group 2</u>													
	Carpenters	OR	2			1		1						
	Intelligence Duties	cpl	2			2								
		OR	2			2								
	Signallers	sgt	1										1	
		OR	10		1	6			1		2			
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>													
	Gunlayers	OR	2			2								
	Rangetakers	OR	2			2								
	Drivers Mech	OR	2			2								
	Driver H.T.	OR	1			1								
	Clerks	cpl	2			1							1	
		OR	1						1					
	<u>Non-specialists</u>													
	Tk A Nos	sgt	1					1						
		cpl	2			1					1			
		OR	10			10								
	M.M.G. Nos	sgt	2			1							1	
		cpl	1			1								
		OR	10			10								
	Mortar Nos	sgt	1			1								
		cpl	1			1								
		OR	12			10			1					1
	Pioneers	sgt	1			1								
		cpl	2			1					1			
		OR	3		1	1							1	
	Batmen	OR	11		3	7			1					
	Regt Police	cpl	1								1			
		OR	1			1								
	Driver M.T.	OR	1			1								
	Storemen	S sgt	2			1							1	
		OR	2			2								
	Orderlies	OR	4			4								
	LMG Nos & Rflmn	WO 11	1									1		
		sgt	6			5							1	
		cpl	16			13		1	1		1			
		OR	91		23	51		4	4	2	7			
			209		28	142		7	7	4	14		6	1

Serial	Trade	Rank	Present Str	Priority Classifications under Demobilization Scheme							&	
				Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts		200 pts over
1945/13			209	28	142	7	7	4	14	6	1	
	<u>ATTACHED</u>											
	A.A. Postal Service	cpl	1		1							
	A.A.C.C.	sgt	2		2							
		cpl	1		1							
		OR	3		3							
			216	28	149	7	7	4	14	6	1	

DATE : 8 DEC 45

Serial	Trade	Rank Present	Str	Priority Classifications under Demobilization Scheme									
				Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts	200 pts & over		
1945/13	<u>76 Gen Tnt Pl</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>												
	Driver Mech	OR	1		1								
		cpl	2		2								
		OR	8		6			1				1	
	<u>11 Inf Bde Sig Sec</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>												
	Signallers W/T Op	OR	3		2	1							
		cpl	2		1			1					
	<u>16 Fd Coy RAE</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>												
	Mech M.T.	OR	1		1								
	Miner	OR	1		1								
	non-specialist	OR	2		2								
	<u>23 Fd Coy RAE</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 1</u>												
	Operator Mech eqpt	OR	2		2								
	Mechanic	OR	1			1							
	Carpenter & Joiner	OR	1		1								
	non-specialist	OR	1				1						
	<u>53 Fd Park</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>												
	Driver Mech	OR	1								1		
	<u>19 Fd Amb (AIF)</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>												
	Nursing orderlies	OR	2		1	1							
	Clerk	cpl	1		1								
	non-specialists	sgt	1			1							
		cpl	4		1	1						1	1
		OR	12		8	2				1		1	
	<u>42 Ldg Craft Coy</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>												
	Mechanic MV	OR	1									1	
	non-specialists	sgt	2		1					1			
		cpl	5		2					2			1
		OR	6	1	4		1						
	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>												
		Sgt	1		1								
		cpl	1	1									
	<u>A.A.C.S. (HQ AMF)</u>												
		S sgt	1										1

WORKS PROGRAMME

10 DEC 45

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Ser	Task	Labour Korean	Guards and Overseers	Time and place report Guards and Overseers		TRANSPORT		Remarks
						Veh	Time & place reporting	
1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines	0700 hrs			
2	Tailors & Watchmaker	3	arranged by O.M.	air strip	0700 hrs			report to Q Store
3	Repairing trucks	9	arr. AASC	air strip	0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arr Fd Amb	air strip	0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House repairs	11	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			report Mr COLLINS Power House
6	Instal Diesel Engine and Coal Box Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 Hrs	report Mr GAUNT Power House
7	Transport	9	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			report Mr LINDBERG Power House
8	Salt Water pump and Electrical repairs	8	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			report Mr TINGMAN Power House
9	Fresh Water Service	10	Pte SWENDSON	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr MUIR
10	Fresh Water Service	10	Cpl EDWARDS	air strip	0630 hrs)			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
11	Electrical Salvage	14	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON
13	Machine Shop Building Chinese Location	14	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			incl No 1 boy 106 report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
14	Buildings & Painting	38	Cpl HATELEY	air strip	0630 hrs)	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
15	Erecting Steel Huts	35	L cpl BIRD Pte KERRISK Cpl McCANN	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr WOOD Hardware Store
16	Water Supply & Sewerage Cleaning No 3 Unit cistern	30	Pte O'CONNOR L cpl McDONALD Pte GIBBON	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr HOYLE Golf course
17	Cantilever Repairs	17	Cpl TODD	air strip	0630 hrs)			incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr THOMPSON Cantilevers
18	Erecting Steel Lab. Quarters	20	Cpl CAHILL	air strip	0630 hrs)	Engrs	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON Loc
19	Cleaning No.1 Bin	15	Pte PECK	air strip	0630 hrs)			incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON No. 1 bin
20	Firewood (Laundry & Mess room)	10	Pte JEWELL	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Boat Harbour
21	Fresh Water Pipe line (M.E.)	20	Pte ZANKER	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
22	Stowing cargo Hardware Store	15	Sgt SHEPHERD	air strip	0630 hrs)			incl No 1 boy report Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing cargo Trade Store	6	-	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Welding Gang	3	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			476 203 242 permanent gang report Mr HOSIE
25	Potato Store No 1 Unit	10	Pte McHUGH	air strip	0630 hrs)			report Mr WATSON Location
26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLEY	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON Power House
27	Lathe - Loco Shed	4	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			234 247 34 458 report Loco Shed
28	Survey Office	1	-	air strip	0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	122 report to Mr LACEY
29	Clearing up Gang	10	-	air strip	0630 hrs)			report Mr WATSON

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(a) Works Officer - Lt W.C. GREGORY

(b) Working hours Koreans 0700 - 1130
1300 - 1700

Work will be continuous except for breaks between
0645 - 1000 hrs 1130 - 1300 hrs and 1500 - 1515 hrs

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					Veh	Time & place reporting	
1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines 0700 hrs			
2	Tailors and Watchmaker	3	arr. Q.M.	air strip 0700 hrs			report to Q. Store
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12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON Power House
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26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Sgt BRACKLEY	air strip 0630 hrs)			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
27	Lathe - Loco Shed	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs)			234 247 34 458 permanent gang report direct to Loco Shed
28	Survey Office	1	-	air strip 0630 hrs)			122 report to Mr LACEY Gen Office
29	Clearing up gang	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs)	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr MARQUIS Boat Shed

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					Veh	Time & place reporting	
1	Water Carts	4	water cart drivers	tpt lines 0700 hrs			
2	Tailors and Watchmaker	3	arr. Q.M.	air strip 0700 hrs			report to Q. Store
3	Repairing trucks	9	arr. AASC	air strip 0700 hrs		arranged by A.A.S.C.	report to Tpt lines
4	Fd Amb Hospital laundry	2	arr. Fd Amb	air strip 0700 hrs			423 424
5	Power House and Ice House repairs	11	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report to Mr COLLINS Power House
6	Instal Diesel Engine and Steam Cooker	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report to Mr GAUNT Power House
7	Transport	9	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr LINDBERG report to Mr
8	Salt Water pump and Electrical repairs	8	-	air strip 0630 hrs			TINGMAN Power House
9	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte WHITE	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report to Mr MUIR
10	Fresh Water Service	12	Pte MURRAY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
11	Electrical Salvage	14	Pte CARTER	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON
12	Truck Drivers	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr CAMERON Power House
13	Machine Shop Building	14	Pte DEIGHTON	air strip 0630 hrs			report Mr TAYLOR Machine Shop
14	Chinese location Building	38	Cpl CAHILL	air strip 0630 hrs	2x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr RAMSAY Location
15	Erecting Steel Huts	35	L cpl BIRD	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr WOODS Hardware Store
16	Water Supply and Sewerage Cleaning No 3 Unit Cistern	30	Pte WAINRIB Pte VELLACOTT Pte PALMER Pte FOLEY	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl 2 No 1 boys report Mr HOYLE Golf course
17	Cantilever repairs	17	L cpl HALL	air strip 0630 hrs			incl 2 boys report Mr THOMPSON
18	Erecting Steel Lab. Quarters	20	Pte GEARY	air strip 0630 hrs	Engrs	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON Location
19	Cleaning No 1 bin	15	Pte CAMP	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr DILLON No 1 Bin
20	Firewood Laundry & Messroom	10	Pte BOTTRELL	air strip 0630 hrs	1x7 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	report Mr NEVILLE Boat Harbour
21	Fresh Water pipeline (M.E.)	20	Pte THURSTON	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	incl No 1 boy report Mr CAMERON Power House
22	Stowing cargo Hardware Store	15	Pte FULLERTON	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy Mr MARTIN Hardware Store
23	Stowing cargo Trade Store	6	-	air strip 0630 hrs			report to Mr WARK Trade Store
24	Welding gang	3	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	476 203 242 report Mr HOSIE
25	Potato Store No 1 unit	10	Pte ROBERTSON	air strip 0630 hrs			report to Mr WATSON Location
26	Chipping Transmission Poles	12	Pte O'SHANNESSEY	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report to Mr CAMERON Power House
27	Lathe - Loco Shed	4	-	air strip 0630 hrs			234 247 34 458 report Loco Shed
28	Survey Office	1	-	air strip 0630 hrs	1x3 ton	air strip 0645 hrs	122 report to Mr LACEY Gen Office
29	Cleaning up gang	10	-	air strip 0630 hrs			incl No 1 boy report Mr MARQUIS
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NAURU-OCEAN ISLAND FORCE

Interrogations

of

Native Witnesses

and

Analysis

19 Oct 45

1. David Murdock
2. Katangitang.
3. Kiatra (Kiatoa)
4. N'Anta
5. Charlie
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NAURU - OCEAN FORCE

INVESTIGATION OF ATROCITIES
on
OCEAN ISLAND

Analysis of investigations made on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS reveals the following :-

1. Six Europeans were on Ocean Island when the Japanese landed in August 1942. viz.

Mr. Cartwright	: Secretary to the Administration.
Mr. R. Third	: Wireless Operator.
Mr. L.W. Cole	: B.P.C. Official.
Mr. A.W. Mercer	: B.P.C. Official.
Father Pujebet	: R.C. Missionary.
Brother Brummell	: R.C. Missionary.

2. Within two days Messrs Cartwright, Cole, and Third were placed under arrest and imprisoned. Mr. Mercer evaded arrest for some days but eventually gave himself up due to lack of food. The two missionaries were not placed in custody.
3. From the outset the Japanese showed callousness and brutality towards the Europeans and natives alike. A form of sadism was displayed in dealings with the natives; beatings, threats, and cruelty were common. They took great delight in humiliating the Europeans who were also subjected to beatings and threats.
4. The Europeans soon became weak and emaciated, either because of poor diet or the effect of indignities, or both. They were forced into various forms of menial tasks - carrying of water in coolie fashion was a popular imposition.
5. Mr. Cartwright died on Good Friday 1943 as a result according to natives, of malnutrition and indignities suffered. Mr. Mercer followed in June 1943 of similar symptoms. Natives buried Mr. Cartwright's body in the European cemetery; of Mr. Mercer there are no details of interment.
6. The missionaries, although not imprisoned, were nevertheless treated harshly. Father Pujebet died of an operation in August 1943, performed by the No. 2 doctor. The cause of the operation is not known. Native witnesses claim that the missionary was in good health. Furthermore, in the event of sickness he would have gone to the natives for assistance. Four days prior to his death Father Pujebet had an argument with the Japanese Commander, Doyama, regarding the use of the mission church for military purposes. His refusal to agree to the request may explain his subsequent fate.

Investigation of atrocities - Ocean Island - cont.

7. Mr. Cole died in September 1943, again as a result of an operation by the No. 2 doctor (medical officer). His body was seen by a native witness being conveyed from a Japanese officer's quarters. Mr. Cole had in the past been subject to severe humiliation: on two occasions that are known he was beaten and bludgeoned at the direction of senior officers.
8. The fate of Mr. Third and Brother Brummell is not known. They were alive in September 1943, and from available information were taken to hospital for injections. They were not seen again.
9. Of atrocities committed against the natives, two examples were gleaned from the evidence. Approximately six months after the Japanese landed three natives were publicly beheaded on a charge of stealing. The whole native population was ordered to witness the execution.
10. In May 1943 three native prisoners were electrocuted on the anti-invasion obstacles at OONA POINT. No doubt to test the effectiveness of these obstacles, the three natives were dressed in military uniform and taken to the water's edge facing the wire. On the pretext that the occasion was an athletic event they raced to the wires. The electrical circuit was proved effective.
11. As to the instigators of these crimes responsibility rests with the senior officer although there are cases of cruelty outside authoritative sanction. It is apparent that brutal behaviour was more or less an accepted ritual, under official approval.
12. Personalities that stand out for especial mention are the Japanese commanders DANURA and DOYAMA, the No. 2 doctor, Japanese officers ICHI, OTUKA, and MIJASUKA, Corporal NISHIJIMA, and the Japanese interpreter TANIMTA. Of DANURA, witness states he was transferred to TARAWA after Mr. MERCER died and was succeeded by DOYAMA.

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The following investigation was conducted on NAURU ISLAND at the direction of the Military Commander by questioning natives of OCEAN ISLAND who had been transferred during Jap occupation of both islands. The natives questioned were DAVID MURDOCK, KATANGITANG and KIATRA, OCEAN ISLANDER, on 19 Oct 45.

On 20 Oct 45 three other witnesses, NANTA, CHARLIE, and MOTE, were interrogated.

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DAVID MURDOCK, Gilbertese, States :-

I left OCEAN ISLAND in Jul 43. I found the Japs to be very harsh and cruel.

There were six Europeans on the island:

Mr. CARTWRIGHT
Mr. MERCER
Mr. COLE
Mr. THIRD
Father PUJEBET AND
Catholic BROTHER.

The first four Europeans were imprisoned and were moved about various places of imprisonment. Father PUJEBET and the BROTHER were not imprisoned.

They were all treated harshly. I often saw Japanese officers beating Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MERCER, and Mr. COLE, but not Mr. THIRD, with sticks and struck on the face and jaw. They were very thin and unhealthy and suffering from all the indignities and lack of food. Mr. CARTWRIGHT died on GOOD FRIDAY 1943 as a result of starvation. He was buried in the European cemetery at OOMA, one of the natives present was Sjt Major NAPE. The grave was marked with a stone pillar. I know where the grave is.

Mr. MERCER died shortly after Mr. CARTWRIGHT, probably a few months. After Mr. CARTWRIGHT died the Japanese continued their ill treatment of the remaining Europeans. I saw Mr. MERCER a few days before his death, but did not speak to him. Other natives and Japs told us that Mr. MERCER had died. I was told he was buried by the Japs at TAPIWA.

A few months later I left for NAURU ISLAND. Prior to leaving I was questioned by the Japs in the Power House as to the whereabouts of certain parts which the BPC had buried. These parts were essential to start the Power House. I refused to give the information to the Jap commander, DOYAMA, who then called in soldiers, who beat me with an iron pipe, and threatened me with rifle and sword. I was ordered outside. I could not walk, but crawled out. Mr. COLE, who was waiting outside was called in and likewise questioned. I saw them beating Mr. COLE with the same iron pipe, 1½ inches diameter by 7 feet long. Mr. COLE's nose was bleeding. That was the last time I saw Mr. COLE.

Q. Were the other Europeans alive when Mr. MERCER died?

A. Yes, besides Mr. COLE, there was Mr. THIRD, whom I never saw ill treated and appeared to be in good health. Father PUJEBET and the BROTHER (BRUMELL) were on the island, but neither were imprisoned. I did not see the Clergy ill treated although I

heard of indignities against them.

- Q. Is there anyone else on the island who knows what happened to the remaining civilians ?
- A. Yes, KATANGITANG, who is at present on NAURU may know.
- Q. Were you illtreated prior to the incident you have mentioned (beating in the Power House).
- A. Yes, I was taken prisoner on the first day and then after questioning released.
- Q. Why did they arrest you ?
- A. Because I was mistaken for a European.
(Mr. MURDOCK is half-caste and has pronounced European features).
- Q. What questions were you asked ?
- A. Where was the Australian money, to which I replied I did not know.
A few months later I was questioned again as to the whereabouts of certain BPC machinery. I denied all knowledge and was beaten, with a stick. I was ordered not to leave my village at OOMA and was confined there.
- Q. Were you continually confined there ?
- A. Yes, except when under escort for working parties did not leave the village. We were engaged in digging trenches, building emplacements etc.
- Q. Do you know of any atrocities perpetrated against other natives, whilst you were there ?
- A. The Japs first landed in August 1942. About six months after they landed three Ocean Islanders - TAMOA, TOANIKARAWA, ROBERT, were beheaded in the native cemetery for stealing. All the native inhabitants of the island were ordered to witness this execution and were warned that a similar fate awaited those who did not attend. I did not see the first two, but did see ROBERT beheaded.
The Japanese commander, DANURA (TANIURA) was present and the executioners were soldiers, not officers.
(ROBERT CORRIE of BUTARITARI, MAKIN group in GILBERTS).
(Note - cf. evidence of BENJAMIN and RONGO).
- Q. Were the natives tried before execution ?
- A. Yes.

DAVID MURDOCK continues:

About May 1943 the Japs had completed the construction of an electric wire around OOMA Point. Three native prisoners, named KAUBABA, BANGAL and TAUANTANG, all Gilbertese, were taken from the native prison. These three natives were dressed in military uniform and taken to the water's edge, facing the wire.

The natives were told that it was a foot race as far as the wire and the winner of the race would gain the prize which was a trip to KUSAI in the Carolines. (At this time food was scarce on Ocean Island and prospects at KUSAIE were considered very bright).

The natives started the race and as they touched the wire they were electrocuted.

(Note- BAURO RATEITA states MERCER died July 43.
RONGO states MERCER dead at time of electrocution).

Q. Do you know the names of any Japanese witnessing this event ?

A. No. I will find out.

Q. What did they do the native bodies ?

A. I do not know.

Q. Who was the Japanese commander at this time ?

A. DOYAMA.

Q. Were there any other atrocities ?

A. Not that I know of, there may have been.

Q. Were Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Mr. MERCER dead before this happened ?

A. Yes, not long before.

Q. How did you find conditions on NAURU compared to OCEAN ISLAND ?

A. Much better, although the Japs were cruel on NAURU, it was much worse on OCEAN. Beatings and severity were much more common.

Q. What was the name of the boat you came over in ?

A. IKUDA MARU, about 7,000 tons. We left Ocean at 1700 hrs one day and arrived NAURU 0400 hrs the next morning.

Q. Who were the Japanese Commanders whilst you were on the island ?

A. (1) DANURA
(2) DOYAMA
MATAKE 2i/c.

Q. Did you see MATAKE perpetrate any cruelties ?

A. He may have, being second in command.

Questioning of KATANGITANG

a native of Ocean Island, who was brought over to NAURU by the Japanese approximately Sep 1943.

This native gave similar answers to the questions above.

Q. Were you ever maltreated on OCEAN ISLAND ?

A. Yes, once I went to retrieve a broken husk of paw paw in front of the No. 1 Jap Doctor's dwelling. He saw me and beat me with a hockey stick. I fell down after about twenty strokes. Three times I fell down, receiving about 60 strokes in all.

Q. When did you leave Ocean Island ?

A. About one or two months after MURDOCK.

Q. Were the remaining four Europeans alive when you left ?

A. The FATHER had died before I left. I do not know whether Mr. COLE or Mr. THIRD were alive or not. The BROTHER was alive.

Q. How did the FATHER die ?

A. I heard from the BROTHER that FATHER PUJEBET who was quite well and not sick had been taken to the hospital and operated on in the stomach. He was not seen again. The BROTHER told us that the Japs had killed the FATHER.

Q. Do you know where FATHER PUJEBET is buried ?

A. No.

Q. Can you remember the exact date when the FATHER died ?

A. No, a few weeks before I left.

Q. Did any further Ocean Islanders come over after you left ?

A. No, our ship was the last, about forty of us. It was a big ship.

Q. And who were the remaining Europeans ?

A. Mr. COLE and the BROTHER I saw. I did not see Mr. THIRD. =

Q. When was the last time you saw Mr. THIRD ?

A. About three months before I left.

Q. Did you ever see Mr. THIRD illtreated ?

A. No.

Katangitang

- Q. Did you see the other Europeans being illtreated ?
- A. I saw Mr. COLE being beaten and the others forced to do hard labour.
- Q. Do you know the names of any Japs who committed any cruelties ?
- A. No, I don't know their names, they were all cruel. The name of the officer who took the FATHER away was KOTSUA.
- Q. When was the last time you spoke to the FATHER ?
- A. About a week before he was taken away. He told me that this officer KOTSUA was continually pestering him, calling in at his house, searching through the trunks and rooms and often spitting in his face.
- Q. What actually did the BROTHER tell you ?
- A. He said that the FATHER had died, and he thought that he had been murdered.
- Q. What did KOTSUA do ?
- A. I don't know. He wore two stars.
- Q. How many natives remained on the island after you left.
- A. About 50 to 60 married, 160 single. We were told that the 50 married families were to go to the CAROLINES, while the 160 single were to remain. We were told they were going away a week after we left.

Witness: KIATRA (KIATOA)

Prior to interrogation of this latter witness, KIATRA, the following written statement was volunteered by him.

' Report by Kiatra, one of the boys in the last evacuation of natives from Ocean Island.

Sometime early in September 1943 five boys and myself were weeding between the houses at the Europeans settlement at TAPIWA.

Before midday that day I saw Mr. COLE was put on a stretcher and carried to a truck.

His stomach was bound with white cloth and blood was streaming from it.

When I saw Mr COLE he was dead and later a Jap soldier came and told us that he was dead after an operation by the No.2 doctor.

The five boys that were with me all stayed at Ocean Is.

Mr. COLE was taken away on the truck. I don't know where they buried him.'

Questioning -

Q. What is your name ?

A. KIATRA.

Q. When did you leave OCEAN ISLAND ?

A. September 1943.

Q. How many Europeans were alive when you left ?

A. Mr. THIRD and the BROTHER.

Q. When did you see Mr. THIRD last ?

A. One day before I left ?

Q. What condition was Mr. THIRD in then ?

A. In good condition.

Q. What was he doing when you saw him ?

A. I saw him drawing water at TAPIWA.

Q. Was Mr. THIRD in prison ?

A. Yes, he was under guard.

Q. Did you ever speak to Mr. THIRD ?

A. No, we not allowed to speak to Europeans.

Q. Do you know if Mr. THIRD tried to speak to natives.

A. I do not know.

Q. When did you see the BROTHER last ?

A. About a week before I left. He was free, not working.

Kiatra.

- Q. Did you speak to the BROTHER ?
- A. No.
- Q. Was the BROTHER in good health ?
- A. He was short of food, living on grass and in poor condition.
- Q. Was Mr. THIRD in good health ?
- A. He was well fed and in good condition.
- Q. What rations did Mr. THIRD get ?
- A. He was getting the same rations as the Japs.
- Q. How do you know this ?
- A. He was eating the same rations, because I saw him eating with them.
- Q. How many times did you see Mr. THIRD eating with Japs ?
- A. Two or three times.
- Q. At what place did you see Mr. THIRD eating with Japs ?
- A. At TAPIWA, not in prison, but with Jap soldiers in their barracks.
- Q. What do you know about Mr. CARTWRIGHT ?
- A. Mr. CARTWRIGHT died of starvation.
- Q. What do you know about Mr. MERCER ?
- A. I don't know what happened to him.
- Q. How do you know Mr. CARTWRIGHT died of starvation ?
- A. Because his body was getting thin.
- Q. Did you ever see Mr. CARTWRIGHT being beaten ?
- A. Yes, on one occasion whilst Mr. CARTWRIGHT was carting water for DOYAMA, he stumbled as too weak. A Japanese guard struck Mr. CARTWRIGHT with his fist a few times on the jaw. That was the only time.
- Q. Do you know where Mr. CARTWRIGHT is buried ?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know Father PUJEBET ?
- A. Yes
- Q. What do you know about FATHER PUJEBET ?
- A. He died of an operation of the stomach.

- Q. Was he sick at the time ?
- A. No.
- Q. How do you know this ?
- A. His body was fit.
- Q. Did you ever know of FATHER complaining of any internal complaint ?
- A. No.
- Q. Did FATHER PUJEBET mix freely with the natives ?
- A. Yes, he was always with the natives. He would have told us if he were sick and got us to look after him.
- Q. What do you think happened to Father PUJEBET ?
- A. Father PUJEBET had a quarrel with DOYAMA a few days before the operation. DOYAMA wanted to use the church for some Japanese purpose and FATHER PUJEBET refused. That was a few days before FATHER died.
- Q. How do you know they had a quarrel ?
- A. I heard that from some of the boys who worked for DOYAMA.
- Q. Did DOYAMA speak English or work with an interpreter.
- A. An interpreter named TANINTA who was a Japanese civilian brought over from the Carolines.
- Q. Was this TANINTA used for all questioning ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When did he land at OCEAN ?
- A. A few months after the Japanese landed in August 1942.
- Q. Was TANINTA a partner in any cruelties ?
- A. Yes, he used to go around the native villages and gather native girls and force them to go and be violated by Japanese officers.
- Q. Do you know how many girls were forced to do this ?
- A. I know the name of one girl. Her name was BAKAUER, daughter of a constable.
- Q. How do you know that FATHER PUJEBET died ?
- A. I heard it from the Japanese that he was cut open and killed.
- Q. Do you know the name of the Japanese who told you this.
- A. Cpl. WATA and Private SANO.

Kiatra

- Q. What were the actual words ?
- A. They said "We have killed the FATHER. The doctor cut him open".
- Q. Your impression was that the FATHER had been murdered?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know the names of the No. 1 and No. 2 doctors ?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know where the FATHER was buried ?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know a Japanese officer named KOTSUA ?
- A. No.
- Q. When was the last time you saw FATHER PUJEBET ?
- A. About a week before he died.
- Q. Did you speak to the FATHER at that time ?
- A. No.
- Q. When was the last time you saw FATHER PUJEBET ?
- A. About a week before he died.
- Q. Did you speak to the FATHER at that time.
- A. No.
- Q. When was the last time you spoke to FATHER PUJEBET ?
- A. I did not speak to him.
- Q. When was the last time you saw Mr. MERCER ?
- A. After Mr. CARTWRIGHT died but before FATHER PUJEBET died. He looked very sick.
- Q. Do you know Mr. COLE ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. When did you last see Mr. COLE ?
- A. I saw Mr. COLE the day he died ?
- Q. What was Mr. COLE doing at that time ?
- A. He was dead.
- Q. When did you last see him alive ?
- A. I last saw him at OOMA before he was transferred to TAPIWA.

Kiatra

Q. What was he doing then ?

A. Working with the rest of the civilians.

Q. Do you know how Mr. COLE died ?

A. No, except what I said before.

Q. How do you know the No. 2 Doctor operated ?

A. One of the soldiers told me ?

Q. Where did you see Mr. COLE's body being carried ?

A. From a Japanese officer's house. I saw the No. 2 doctor coming out of the house.

Q. What was the Japanese officer's name ?

A. His name was ICHI.

Q. Did you see any other Japanese officers there ?

A. ICHI and the No. 2 doctor were there beside six or seven soldiers.

Q. In what direction did the truck proceed ?

A. Towards OOMA.

Q. Were there any other natives there ?

A. Yes, five boys, but they remained on Ocean Island.

Q. What was the current opinion about Mr. COLE's death at that time ?

A. I do not know.

Q. Can you remember the last time you saw the BROTHER ?

A. About a couple of days before I left. He was quite well.

Q. How many Europeans were on the island when you left ?

A. Mr. THIRD and the BROTHER.

Q. What do you know of natives being executed ?

A. I was told that three were executed.

Q. Were you present when the three natives were beheaded ?

A. Yes, I saw them being beheaded.

Q. Do you know of any other atrocities committed on the island ?

A. No.

Witness: N'ANPA
Gilbertese.

- Q. What was your position with Mr. GARTWRIGHT ?
- A. I was telephone operator for Mr. GARTWRIGHT.
- Q. What did the Japs do when first arrived on the island ?
- A. They arrived in the boat harbour and asked for the Administrator. A native went up and Mr. GARTWRIGHT refused to go down and sent his native Sgt Major down to tell the Japanese to come and see him. The C. O. of the landing party went up to see Mr. GARTWRIGHT.
- Q. What did they do to the Europeans ?
- A. After they spoke to Mr. GARTWRIGHT they asked for the W/T operator to take the Japs to the wireless station. Mr. THIRD, who was with Mr. GARTWRIGHT, was called and went up with the Japs who wrecked the W/T station.
- Q. Where were the other Europeans at this time ?
- A. Mr. COLE was at the boat harbour. Mr. MERCER at OOMA. FATHER and BROTHER in their own place at TAPIWA.
- Q. How long after was it that they arrested the Europeans ?
- A. I do not know. After the Japs wrecked the wireless station I returned home.
- Q. When did you find out that the Europeans were in prison ?
- A. About two days later, with the exception of Mr. MERCER whom they could not find. He had cleared away into the bush. The PRIEST and BROTHER were not put in gaol.
- Q. Did they search for Mr. MERCER ?
- A. Yes, they knew he was on the island.
- (Here DAVID MURDOCK, who was acting as interpreter, interrupted saying that he fed Mr. MERCER for a week. After that he had no further food supplies and Mr. MERCER gave himself up. He was imprisoned with the rest).
- Q. Did you converse at any time with the Europeans whilst imprisoned ?
- A. Only after the death of Mr. GARTWRIGHT when the three Europeans were moving to TAPIWA. I spoke and asked them how they were. They said "We are well but don't like eating rice". A few days after I met them Mr. MERCER died.
- Q. How did Mr. MERCER die ?
- A. I don't know whether it was because of sickness or starvation. It must have been starvation as his body was painfully thin and sick looking.
- Q. What do you know of the death of Mr. GARTWRIGHT ?
- A. He died of starvation.
- Q. How do you know that ?
- A. He told us before the Japs arrived that he would not eat Jap food. I did not see him after he was imprisoned. I heard that Mr. GARTWRIGHT had died.

N'Anta

Q. Did you hear of the Japanese beating the Europeans ?

A. After Mr. CARTWRIGHT's death I saw the No.2 doctor go to the house where Mr. MERCER, THIRD, and COLE were imprisoned. An American four-engined 'plane was passing overhead and the Jap doctor pointed to the 'plane and at the same time drew his sword and brandished it menacingly at the Europeans.

Q. Where were you at this stage ?

A. I was houseboy to an officer named ICHI whom I think was of higher rank than a captain. He was comd TAPIWA Force. The air raid alarm was given and I ran to a shelter. En route I saw what I have just mentioned.

Q. Who was the overall commander at that time ?

A. DOYAMA.

Q. Do you remember the Japs threatening or abusing the Europeans at any other time ?

A. No.

Q. Do you know the names of any other officers there ?

A. No.

Q. Do you know the No.2 Doctor's name ?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of TANINTA ?

A. Yes, he was the interpreter.

Q. Do you know of any cruelties by him ?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any natives being electrocuted ?

A. I heard, but did not see it, but I saw two men beheaded.

Q. Do you know of any other atrocities ?

A. Yes, they used to beat the natives a lot.

Q. Were you beaten yourself ?

A. Yes, by a Jap soldier who beat me over the face.

Q. Do you know of any other natives who may be able to give further information ?

A. Yes. TARIA and MAUI. MAUI was houseboy to ICHI after I was evacuated and may know what happened thereafter. TARIA was also houseboy to the Japs. However, they have gone to TARAWA.

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
NAURU - COBAN FORCE.

INVESTIGATION OF JAPANESE ATROCITIES.
COBAN ISLAND.

Prior to the interrogation of witness, CHARLIE, a Gilbertese, by the Examining Officer, a record of which follows, the witness made a written statement which reads:-

"CHARLIE, Gilbertese, head boy of the Power House during the Jap occupation at COBAN ISLAND states :

One day Mr. COLE was led to the power house by a Jap officer (TUKA) and accompanied by Jap chief engineer (KIANA) (civilian) and TANINTA, interpreter.

We were working, overhauling one of the engines, eight of us native boys. Mr. COLE and the Jap officer had a long talk, but we could not hear because of the roar of the engines, later we saw the Jap officer jump on Mr. COLE and hit him many times on each side of the jaw. Then after that he led Mr. COLE round the back of the engines, and called us all to hit him. I was the first to be called so I walked up to where they were standing, when I came close my boss the chief engineer (KIANA) was angry to me and told me to go away, so I went back. They had a long quarrel with the officer (TUKA), and after a while we were called again by (TUKA), he drew out his sword and lifted it to us, so we all obeyed because we were frightened. (TUKA) ordered us to hit Mr. COLE on the jaw the same as he did, so we all did so.

Before we hit Mr. COLE his face was bleeding and one of his ears.

I was the first to hit Mr. COLE. I hit him first on the right jaw with the palm of my hand, after I hit two times, Mr. COLE asked me to stop, as his false teeth were broken, he took them out and put them in his pocket, after that I hit him four times more. All of us eight boys hit Mr. COLE six times each. "

CHARLIE, Gilbertese, states -

Questioned by Examining Officer -

- Q. How long had you been on OCEAN ISLAND ?
A. For five years.
- Q. When did you leave OCEAN ISLAND to come to NAURU ?
A. About August 1943 in the second last trip to NAURU.
- Q. What were you doing when the Japs landed on OCEAN ISLAND ?
A. I worked for a while in the workshop and then in the power house.
- Q. Who was in charge of the shop at this time ?
A. The power house and workshop were not used prior to the Japanese occupation. When the Japs arrived a Jap civilian (KIAMA) was put in charge.
- Q. Do you know the six Europeans who were on the island ?
A. Yes.
- Q. What condition were they in when the Japs arrived ?
A. They were all well.
- Q. Can you tell me briefly what happened when the Japanese arrived ?
A. I do not know as I was sick at the time and confined to my village at TABIANG.
- Q. When did you first see the Japanese ?
A. About a week after they landed they called for me and put me to work in the machine shop. Someone had told them that I used to work on motors and engines.
- Q. Were you ever subject to cruelty from the Japanese ?
A. Yes. I was once beaten on the face and jaw by a corporal TAKAS for leaving the machine shop.
- Q. Did you ever see other natives ill-treated ?
A. No. I saw the first two natives being beheaded. We were ordered from the power house to witness the execution.
- Q. Do you know anything about the electrocution of three natives ?
A. I heard of it but did not see it.
- Q. Do you remember the Japanese building a wire enclosure around OCEAN POINT ?
A. Yes, they built it so that they could stop any hostile landing.
- Q. How did the Japanese treat the natives ?
A. Very cruelly, they continually beat the natives.

CHARLIE
continuing.

Q. How did the Japanese treat the Europeans ?

A. I do not know. The only cruelties I saw was when I saw Mr. COLE beaten.

Q. Did you ever see the Europeans at all ?

A. Yes, I saw them once.

Q. When was that ?

A. About a month after the Japanese landed.

Q. Whom did you see at that time ?

A. Mr. CARTWRIGHT, COLE, THIRD, and MERCER.

Q. What were they doing at that time ?

A. I was ordered by a Jap to carry a box of clothing up to where the Europeans lived. At that time they lived in different houses so I carried the box to each house.

Q. In what condition were the Europeans at that time ?

A. They were thin looking.

Q. Were they guarded ?

A. Yes.

Q. Did any of the Europeans speak to you ?

A. Yes, Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked me if I had some cigarette papers. The Jap guard saw us speaking and immediately sent me away.

Q. Where were the BROTHER and FATHER PUJEBET at this time ?

A. At TAPIWA. They were not in prison.

Q. What do you know about the death of Mr. CARTWRIGHT ?

A. I hear he died of starvation. I heard this from the natives.

Q. Did any other Europeans die after Mr. CARTWRIGHT ?

A. I heard Mr. MERCER died. I don't know what caused his death.

Q. Did you ever pick up any of the Japanese language ?

A. Yes, a little.

Q. Did you ever hear them discussing the Europeans ?

A. No.

Q. Were there any further deaths after Mr. MERCER ?

A. When I arrived at NAURU I was told that FATHER PUJEBET was dead after the Japs had operated on his stomach.

CHARLIE

- Q. How many times did you see Mr. COLE ?
A. The third time was at the power house as I mentioned previously.

David MURDOCK, who acted as interpreter, was questioned at this stage and asked if the beating mentioned by CHARLIE was the same one MURDOCK had mentioned in his statement. MURDOCK stated that it was not, that it was earlier when he and Mr. COLE were beaten, as Mr. COLE lived at OOMA at this time, and on the same day that CHARLIE saw Mr. COLE beaten, he (Mr. COLE) was transferred to TAPIWA.

- Q. Were any other officers present when you saw Mr. COLE beaten ?
A. No, only the officer OTUKA.
- Q. Who was the senior Japanese commander at that time ?
A. DOXAMA.
- Q. Did you ever see DOXAMA at the power house ?
A. No.
- Q. How long was this OKIAMA on the island ?
A. About a month after the first Jap landing. He was on the island when I left. He was a civilian with the Jap phosphate company.
- Q. Were the Japanese civilians cruel at any time ?
A. Yes, they were as hard as the soldiers.
- Q. Do you know the names of any Japanese medical officers ?
A. No. When we were sick we went to our own native doctors.
- Q. Did you know a Japanese TANINTA ?
A. Yes, he was the interpreter.
- Q. Was TANINTA used for interpreting the time you saw Mr. COLE in the power house ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Where was OTUKA when you were beating Mr. COLE ?
A. Standing close by.
- Q. Was OKIAMA and TANINTA there also ?
A. Yes.
- Q. What did they do with Mr. COLE after the natives had finished beating him ?
A. They took him outside.
- Q. Did you ever see BROTHER BRUMSELL ?
A. Only a few times riding a bicycle.

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31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
NAURU - COEAN FORCE.

NOTE, Gilbertese, states -

I used to be houseboy for a Jap officer named MIJASAKA, who was C. Q. of TABIANG FORCE.

One day I was coming to work when I saw two married native women who used to work for the B.P.C. tied to posts on the verandah of MIJASAKA's house. They were naked. One Jap soldier was guarding them, who called all passers by to come and look at the women, presumably to cast shame upon the women. I do not know if the women were violated or not but I saw marks on their bodies. They were there, tied with their hands above their heads for twenty four hours. The Jap officer MIJASAKA remained in the house all the time.

Lots of Japanese soldiers came and watched the two women during the day, laughing and talking. Some of them put their hands on the womens' genital organs and breasts. When I left to go home that day about 6pm the women were still there. Next morning I came and they had gone.

Questioned by Cross Examining Officer.

Q. Do you know why the women were tied up ?

A. No, but I imagine it must have been at MIJASAKA's orders.

Q. Do you know of MIJASAKA violating the women ?

A. No, but he was a cruel man.

Q. Were you ever beaten ?

A. Yes, if I could not understand his orders he used to get Jap soldiers to beat me.

Q. Do you know the names of any Jap officers who used to visit MIJASAKA ?

A. No, I don't know, but other officers used to come there.

Q. Did you ever hear MIJASAKA discussing the Europeans ?

A. No.

Q. What do you know of the fate of the six Europeans ?

A. About two months after the Japs landed I was sent down with a working party from TABIANG to OCMA. We were under escort. On the road into OCMA I saw Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MERCER, and Mr. THIRD carting water in coolie fashion. The escort NCO, one Cpl. NISHIZIMA knocked over Mr. CARTWRIGHT's buckets and kicked him to the ground and trod on his back. He did the same to Mr. THIRD and Mr. MERCER. He laughed whilst doing these cruelties.

Q. Was Mr. COLE there also ?

A. Mr. COLE was a short distance away walking in another direction .

Q. What do you know of the deaths of the Europeans ?

A. I heard that Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Mr. MERCER had died of starvation.

Q. Do you remember a four engined bomber flying over COEAN ISLAND ?

A. Yes we thought it must be American because of the alarm.

A 137/4F

HQ First Army (AIF)

14 Nov 45

A. 26371

Subject: WAR CRIMES OCEAN ISLAND

HQ 3 Div

Copy: Nauru Force

Ref HQ 3 Div A12/34 of 25 Oct 45 NOT to NAURU FORCE.

1. Forwarded herewith are copies of investigation by Int Section 31/51 Inf Bn on atrocities committed by the JAPANESE on OCEAN IS.
2. Other relevant statements which are referred to in your memo A12/34 and HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde memo of 3 Oct 45 to your HQ are presumably in your possession.
3. It is considered that further interrogation is necessary to ascertain who are actually responsible for the various crimes.
4. Further statements and information is desired in relation to the following:-

(a) Mass Killing of Natives:

From statements it appears that Lt Comd SUSUKI issued the orders for the shooting of the natives and Ensign YAJI actually gave the fire orders.

It is understood that YAJI was transferred to TOROKINA and was held in No. 1 TOROKINA Compound. Other Jap who were in No. 1 TOROKINA Compound who can give information on the subject are -

1st/Lt SAKUMA
1st/Lt YAMAZUCHI
1st/Lt MIJAZAKA

These JAP may also be able to give information on atrocities referred to hereafter.

(b) Public Beheading of 3 Natives, TAMOA, TOANIKARAWA, ROBERT - On Charge Stealing.

It appears that these natives were beheaded by unidentified JAP soldiers in the presence of the JAP Comd who possibly ordered the execution.

The beheading was witnessed by the native population and natives whose statements are at present held.

(c) Electrocution 3 Natives - KAUBABA, BANGAL, TAUANTANG - To Test Efficiency Anti Invasion Obstacles.

This atrocity is referred to in statements by half caste MURDOCK and other natives. Statements conflict as to whether TOYAMA or TANIURA was in Comd at the time.

Police Officer OKICHI referred to in statement by MORNING STAR was present at the ceremony and perhaps

it may be possible to ascertain by interrogation of JAP his present whereabouts.

(d) Murder of Mr COLE, Father PUJEBET, and fate of Brother BRUMMELL

It is stated that both Mr COLE and Father PUJEBET died as a result of an operation performed by "No 2" doctor. This doctor may be either 1st/Lt OKADA MASA who was in No. 1 Compound TOROKINA or Ensign OTSUKA who was returned to JAPAN (see statement ARAI BUNTARA).

Other JAP involved are Comd TOYAMA, Jap officer ICHI (Comd TAPIWA Force), 1st/Lt KOTSUA, Cpl WATA, Pte SANO. The whereabouts of these JAPANESE are not known to this HQ.

Only information relating to Brother BRUMMELL is that he was last seen in Sep 43, subsequently admitted to hospital and died through injections given him by JAPANESE.

(e) Ill Treatment Mr CARTWRIGHT, MERCER and COLE.

Information from MURDOCK and other natives is to the effect that the ill-treatment was carried out by unidentified JAP soldiers in many instances under the direction of JAP Comd TOYAMA. Only other JAP named who could be responsible appear to be a JAP Officer OTSUKA and Cpl NISHIZIMA whose present whereabouts are not known.

(f) Ill Treatment of Native Women.

Referred to in statement by MOTE. 1st/Lt MIJAZAKA should be able to give information.

5. The following JAP who were on OCEAN IS during the whole period of the occupation should be able to make a statement :-

Sub/Lt (1st Class)	HIRAKI
" " " "	KIROHARA
" " " "	YOSHIDA
" " " "	ISHII
" " " "	HANAWA

Action is being taken to trace present whereabouts of JAP Comds TOYAMA and TANIURA.

6. It is requested that interrogation of all named JAP from OCEAN ISLAND at present in your area and any others who may be able to give information, be carried out to obtain further evidence on these crimes.

G. E. Wheeler
Lt Col
for Brig
DA & QMG First Army

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12 DEC 45

MPPX 14

NAURU FORCE ADM INSTR No 31. GEN

This instr deals with the preparation and embarkation of NAURU FORCE less one pl for mov to rejoin parent units.

2. GROUPINGS

(a) A force of one pl (Capt JAMES P.C.O., Lt GREGORY W.G. and 38 OR) plus one M.O. (Capt RODRIGUEZ L.S.) and 4 AAMO OR and one sgt AAPG will remain as NAURU FORCE.

(b)

(i) Members of the following units will move first available passair to rejoin parent units in TOROKINA.

23 Fd Coy RAE
53 Fd Park
42 Ldg Craft Coy AATnC (AIF)

(ii) Where mov of these personnel has not been completed prior to mov of the main body, air mov will be arranged by Capt P.C.O., JAMES.

(c) Members of the following units will embark for RABAU per M.V. "TRIENZA" as soon as possible after arrival of the vessel from OCEAN ISLAND (ETA NAURU 15 Dec)

31/51 Inf Bn (AIF) - less one Pl
11 Inf Bde Sig Sec
16 Fd Coy RAE
222 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
76 Gen Tpt Pl
19 Fd Amb (AIF) - less 1 Offr 4 OR
R.A.N.

3. RATIONS AND POL

(a) Seven day's voyage rations will be placed on board M.V. "TRIENZA" by 222 Sup Dep Pl (AIF), who will be responsible for issue on board.

(b) Refrigeration space will be available on the vessel for any fresh sups for consumption on the voyage.

(c) Two kitchens will operate on the vessel and will be under control of Lt CUNNINGTON, who will arrange to draw daily ration requirements from 222 Sup Dep Pl (AIF) on board.

(d) Three months supply of rations and POL will be transferred to the force remaining on NAURU.

(e) All unconsumed sups and POL will be transferred to Civil Administration and B.P.C. if required by them, prior to embarkation.

4. TPT

(a) One jeep and trailer, one Jap car and one Jap truck will remain with the force remaining on NAURU.

(b) One jeep and trailer (31/51 Bn) will be loaded for mov to RABAU.

(c) All remaining tpt will be transferred to Civil Administration and B.P.C. prior to embarkation.

5. STORES

- (a) All stores will be crated, such crates being clearly marked and numbered.
- (b) Sub-units will prepare Bills of Lading (AF G964) - seven copies to be lodged at GARRISON HQ by 1600 hrs Thursday 13 Dec 45.
- (c) The following cooking eqpt will be made available for use on the M.V. "TRIENZA". This gear will remain on the vessel on disembarkation at RABAU and will be replaced at RABAU,

	<u>31/51 Bn</u>	<u>222 Sup Dep Pl</u>	<u>19 Fd Amb</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Containers Oval	18	3	2	23
Containers Square	23	3	-	26
Spoons	12	3	4	19
Ladles	7	4	1	12
Bowls Hand	5	1	-	6
Knives	7	5	3	15
Forks	3	2	3	8
Stoves Soyer	5	1	2	8
Stoves Fowler	3	1	1	5

- (d) A detailed list of the stores to remain with the force on NAURU is att Appx 'A'.

6. CANTEEN

- (a) The garrison canteen closes at 1900 hrs 10 Dec 45 and after disposal of remaining stocks, credit balances will be refunded on 13 Dec 45.
- (b) Canteen sups for the force remaining will be purchased from B.P.C. stocks.

7. PAY

- (a) Sub-impres account will be transferred in the name of Capt P.C.O. JAMES.
- (b) Sgt SCOTT W.J., AAPC, will remain on NAURU.

8. POSTAL

All postal transactions will be through NAURU civil post office

9. EMBARKATION AND SHIP-BOARD INSTRS.

Instrs for embarkation and ship-board instrs are issued separately as Appx 'B'.

ACK

TIME OF SIGNATURE

METHOD OF ISSUE

[Signature]
Ad Lt NAURU FORCE

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Adm Instr</u>	<u>Appx A</u>	<u>Appx B</u>
Garrison HQ	1		1
B. Coy	2	1	2
D. Coy	3	2	3
det 16 Fd Coy RAE	4		4
det 42 Ldg Craft Coy AATnC (AIF)	5		
222 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	6		5
det 76 Gen Tpt Pl	7		6
det 19 Fd Amb (AIF)	8	3	7
RAN	9		8
CO	10	4	9
Adjt	11	5	10
Q.M.	12	6	11
Capt JAMES	13	7	12
File	14	8	13
War Diary	15/16	9/10	14/15

DETAILED LIST OF STORES TO REMAIN WITH NAURU FORCE

Controlled Stores

Rifles .303	30
Guns Owen	6
Guns Bren	3
Mags Bren	36
Walleys spare parts	
Bren .303 filled	3
Watches	3

Ordnance Stores

Soyer	1
Fowler	1
Balance Spring 4 lb	1
" " 25 lb	1
Bowls Hand	1
Forks Cook	1
Knives Cook	2
Ladles "	1
Machine Mincing	1
Spoons Cook	3
Dishes Meat	2
Dishes baking	4
Kettles Camp Oval	5
Containers Water	20
Steamer 12 gals	1.
" 8 gals	1
Choppers Meat	1
Axes felling	3
Clippers Hair	1
Scissors	1
Dishes	7
Buckets	7
Tents	10
Flys	10
Lights Hurricane	12
Pump semi rotary	1
Covers 7/proof 12X10	1
Grindstone Field	1
Kit Boot repair	1
Table F.S.	1
Jap Motor	1
Shirts	50
Trousers	50
Towels	50
Socks	7 doz
Packs	6
Haversacks	6
Braces L	6
Braces R	6
Straps Shoulder L	6
" " R	6
Straps supporting	6
Belts waist	6
Pouches Basic	12
Bottles water	6
Carriers W/bottle	6
Nets Mosquito	3

Ammunition

.303 S.A.A. Bandolier	2 cases
.303 S.A.A. Carton	3 "
9 m.m.	1 case
Grenades 4 secs	12 cases

Engineer Stores

Fly wire	6 rolls
Sisalcraft	1 roll
Arc Mesh	5 sheets
Generating Set 5 KVA	1
Refrigerator 118 c.ft	1
Gen set and Refrig to be valued in case taken over by B.P.C. or Civil Adm	

Transport

Jeep & Trailer	to be handed over to Civil Adm
Jeep No. 158256	
Jap 3 ton	to be handed over to RPC or Civil Adm
Jap car	to be handed over to RPC or Civil Adm

Amenities

Tea	5 drums
Milk	6 doz
Sugar	4 drums
Cordial powder	2½ cases
Table Tennis table	1
" " Bats	6
" " balls	2 doz
Chess Set	1
Checkers	1
Chess or Draught Board	1
Dominoes	1
Cards	6 pkts
Strategy	1
Draughts	1
Pencils	2 doz
Pen Holders	3 doz
Ink Powder	2 pkts
Tilly Light	1
Qty Envelopes and writing paper	
A.C.F. Radio Set	1
Urns	1
Sign	1
Aust flag	1
Dart Board	1
Blotting pads	2
Paper Holders	2
Library	

Sporting Gear

Cricket Bats	3
" Stumps	6
" Balls	3
" Balls	1 set
" Mats	2
Gloves Wicket keeping & Inners	1 pr
" Batting	3 prs
Pads Wicket keeping	1 pr
" Batting	2 prs
Rugby Ball	1
Soccer Ball complete	1
" " bladder	1
Sports Shoes	1 doz
" Shorts	1 "
Batminton Bats	4
" Net	1
Tennis Net	1
" " fittings	1
" Balls	2 doz
Medicine Ball	1
Circlous Rings	1
French Chalk	1 lb
Tennis racquets with presses and covers	6
Volley Balls	1
Shuttlecocks	1 doz

ORDERS FOR EMBARKATION AND SHIP-BOARD INSTRS

- EMBARKATION -

1. Embarkation will commence as soon as possible after completion of loading of stores. Embarkation offr will be Lt RIGBY L.
2. TPT
 - (a) Trucks will be requisitioned by GARRISON HQ from B.P.C. for conveyance of personnel of the following units to the boat basin:-

31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)
 19 Fd Amb (AIF)
 11 Bde Sig Sec
 16 Fd Coy RAE

- (b) Allotment of personnel to each 3 ton truck is 20.

3. SHIPS ACCN

(a)	<u>Hold 1</u>	High Priority personnel (181 pts and over)	29		
		R.A.N.	29		
		11 Bde Sig Sec	<u>5</u>		63
(b)	<u>Hold 2</u>	D. Coy	-		78
(c)	<u>Hold 3</u>	Dn HQ (incl Sigs and Pioneers)	28		
		16 Fd Coy RAE	4		
		222 Sup Dep P1 (AIF)	12		
		76 Gen Tpt P1	<u>10</u>		54
(d)	<u>Hold 4</u>	B. Coy	54		
		19 Fd Amb (AIF)	<u>12</u>		<u>66</u>
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- (e) Troops will embark in order of Holds 1 to 4 and will be allotted to barges in order of embarkation. Lt. DEVLIN will be I.C. loading personnel on to barges.
 - (f) Offrs will be allotted cabins on embarkation.

- SHIPBOARD INSTRS -

4. DAILY ROUTINE

Reveille	0630 hrs
Breakfast	0730 hrs
Sick parade	0815 hrs
Water bottle & Atebrin pde	0845 hrs
Midday meal	1230 hrs
Evening meal	1715 hrs
Water bottle pde	1800 hrs

5. KITS AND QUARTERS

- (a) All kits will be laid out in accordance with Standing Orders.
- (b) Senior NCOs will be appointed I.C. respective holds and are responsible that all kits are correctly laid out and quarters swept and cleaned by 0945 hrs daily.

6. DRESS

- (a) Boots or sandshoes will be worn at all times.
- (b) Personnel accommodated on upper decks will not wear studded boots and will, if possible, wear soft shoes.

7. OUT OF BOUNDS

The following places are out of bounds :-

- (a) All upper decks
- (b) Offrs and crews quarters
- (c) All storerooms
- (d) Bridge

Notices will be displayed and any breaches of this order will be treated seriously.

8. MESSING.

- (a) Personnel accommodated in upper deck cabins will mess in the ship's dining room.
- (b) All tps in No 1 and No 2 holds will mess with No 1 kitchen on the main deck. All tps in Nos 3 and 4 holds will mess with No 2 kitchen on the main deck.
- (c) Refuse bins will be provided in messing areas and individuals will not throw scraps overboard.

9. WATER

- (a) Fresh water must be strictly conserved, and no fresh water will be drawn except on parades as laid down, under supervision NCOs I.C. holds, and for cooking as authorised by Lt CUNNINGTON or S. sgt ASHWORTH.
- (b) Piquets will be est on all fresh water pts to prevent illegal use of fresh water.
- (c) Sea water only will be used for ablution purposes.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1945 14 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/12/1945

NAURU FORCE (Unit)
31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. APPX 15.

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	*									
			6	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
			8										
		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.	8										8
		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 15/12/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment.
Lt col	NX 12214	KELLY	J.L.A.	Comd	Yes	Indicator N/N/261D	
Capt	NX101882	JAMES	P.O.O.	21c B Coy	Yes	Indicator N/N/190D	
Lt	QX 34609	RIGBY	L.	P1 Comd	Yes	Indicator Q/N/189	
Lt	QX 34019	SMITH	A.E.	Adjt	Yes	Indicator Q/N/144	
Lt	QX 48858	GREGORY	W.C.	P1 Comd	Yes	Indicator Q/N/136	
Lt	WX 26684	SPRILYAN	A.	I.O.	No	War Crimes Commission HQ	3 DIV
Lt	NX116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	P1 Comd	Yes	Indicator W/N/140	3/12/45
Lt	QX 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.C.	P1 Comd	Yes	Indicator N/N/188	
						Indicator Q/N/188	

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.	Demob Indicator
Capt	NX201043	RODRIGUEZ L.F.	19 Pd Amb	9/9/45	Med Offr	Indicator N/N/104
Capt	VX 94062	SWANEY W.E.	"	26/9/45	" "	Indicator V/N/101
Lt		TOWN H.	RAN PORT DIRECTORATE	9/9/45		
Lt		EBERHARD F.I.	" "	"		

15 DEC 45

Date of Despatch

g Kelly
Signature of Commander

Lt. Col
Comd LAURU FORCE.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/12 /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				Bangetakers		2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Boughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		11		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tk A Nos		13	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				M.M.G. Nos		13	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		3		Mortar Nos		14	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pioneers		6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen		11	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4		Coach Trimmers				Regt Police		2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Driver MT		1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Storemen		4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Orderlies		4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				LMG Nos &			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		1		Riflemen		114	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		2		Attached by W.E.			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.A.P.S.		1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.C.C.		6	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		2					
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		6		CARRIED FORWARD		25		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		216	*

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.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt. Col
Commander NAURU FORCE

DETAILS OF RANKS AND TRADESMEN

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Posted</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
<u>Carpenters</u>	2 OR	
<u>Intelligence Duties</u>	2 Cpl 2 OR	
<u>Signallers</u>	1 sgt 10 OR	
<u>Gunlayers</u>	2 OR	
<u>Rangefinders</u>	2 OR	
<u>Driver Mech</u>	2 OR	2 OR
<u>Driver H.T.</u>	1 OR	1 OR
<u>Clerks</u>	2 cpl 1 OR	
<u>Tk A Nos</u>	1 sgt 2 cpl 10 OR	
<u>M.M.G. Nos</u>	2 sgt 1 cpl 10 OR	
<u>Mortar Nos</u>	1 sgt 1 cpl 12 OR	
<u>Pioneers</u>	1 sgt 2 cpls 3 OR	
<u>Batmen</u>	11 OR	
<u>Regt Police</u>	1 cpl 1 OR	
<u>Driver M.T.</u>	1 OR	
<u>Storemen</u>	2 s sgts 2 OR	
<u>Orderlies</u>	4 OR	
<u>LMG Nos & Riflemen</u>	1 WO 11 6 sgts 16 cpls 91 OR	
<u>ATTACHED UNDER W.E.</u>		
<u>A.A. Postal Service</u>	1 cpl	
<u>A.A.G.C.</u>	2 sgts 1 cpl 3 OR	

Serial	Trade	Rank Present	Str	Priority Classifications under Demobilization Scheme									
				Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts	200 pts & ow		
1945/14	<u>Trade Group 2</u>												
	Carpenters	OR	2		1	1							
	Intelligence Duties	Cpl	2		2								
		OR	2		2								
	Signallers	Sgt	1								1		
		OR	10	1	6			1	2				
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>												
	Gunlayers	OR	2		2								
	Rangefinders	OR	2		2								
	Drivers Mech	OR	2		2								
	Driver H.T.	OR	1		1								
	Clerks	Cpl	2		1							1	
		OR	1					1					
	<u>Non-specialists</u>												
	Tk A Nos	sgt	1			1							
		cpl	2		1					1			
		OR	10		10								
	M.M.G. Nos	sgt	2		1							1	
		cpl	1		1								
		OR	10		10								
	Mortar Nos	sgt	1		1								
		cpl	1		1								
		OR	12		10		1						1
	Pioneers	Sgt	1		1								
		cpl	2		1					1			
		OR	3	1	1							1	
	Batmen	OR	11	3	7		1						
	Regt Police	cpl	1							1			
		OR	1		1								
	Driver M.T.	OR	1		1								
	Storemen	S sgt	2		1							1	
		OR	2		2								
	Orderlies	OR	4		4								
	LMG Nos & Rflmn	WO 11	1								1		
		Sgts	6		5							1	
		Cpls	16		13	1	1			1			
		OR	91	23	51	4	4	2		7			
			209	28	142	7	7	4		14		6	1

Serial	Trade	Rank Present	Priority Classifications under Demobilization Scheme							& 200 pts over	
			Str Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts		
1945/14		209	28	142	7	7	4	14	6	1	
	<u>ATTACHED</u>										
	A.A. Postal Service	Cpl	1		1						
	A.A.C.C.	Sgt	2		2						
		cpl	1		1						
		OR	3		3						
			216	28	149	7	7	4	14	6	1

Serial	Trade	Rank	Present	Str	Under 100 pts	100-149 pts	150-159 pts	160-169 pts	170-179 pts	180-189 pts	190-199 pts	200 pts	over
1945/14	<u>76 Gen Tot Pl</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>												
	Driver Mech	OR	1		1								
		Cpl	2		2								
		OR	8		6				1			1	
	<u>11 Inf Bde Sig Sec</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>												
	Signallers W/T Op	OR	3		2		1						
		Cpl	2		1				1				
	<u>16 Fd Coy RAE</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 2</u>												
	Mech M.T.	OR	1		1								
	Miner	OR	1		1								
	non-specialist	OR	2		2								
	<u>19 Fd Amb (AIF)</u>												
	<u>Trade Group 3</u>												
	Nursing orderlies	OR	2		1		1						
	Clerk	Cpl	1		1								
	non-specialists	Sgt	1				1						
		cpl	4		1		1					1	1
		OR	12		8		2				1	1	
	<u>42 Ldg Craft Coy</u>												
	Trade Group 2												
	Mechanics	OR	X										
	non-specialists	sgt	1								1		
		cpl	5		2						2		1
		OR	6		1	4		1					
	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>												
		Sgt	1		1								
		cpl	1		1								
	<u>A.A.C.S. (HQ AMF)</u>												
		S sgt	1										1

Re: ATROCITIES TO CHINESE, NAURU
ATROCITIES TO NATIVES, NAURU.

HQ Nauru Force
Central Pacific.

IGN. Int. 5.
16 Dec 45.

War Crimes Commission,
HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF).

1. Herewith four (4) copies of each Statutory declaration completed by witnesses on 16 Dec 45, at NAURU, in accordance with the instructions conveyed by Lt. A. SPRILYAN, Int Offr, 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
2. The following Chinese have completed declarations which are enclosed herewith :-
 1. Cheng Sung Mei, Administration cook.
 2. Cheung Chong, C.C. 1692.
 3. Chong Kong, C.B. 1444.
 4. Leung Ping, C.C. 1757.
 5. Leung Cheong, C.C. 305.
 6. So Kam C.C. 1280. (relating to cases of WU KAM and NG LEE).
3. The following Nauruans and Gilbertese have completed declarations pertaining to the evidence which they have given with regard to atrocities against natives :-

Case of DOAJARUK

 1. Aremwa.
 2. Bagaga.
 3. Bernicke.
 4. Jone.
 5. Deingabeya.

Case of DEIWANOPE

 1. Eidogodage
 2. Kiraut
 3. Awiom
 4. Jordan
 5. Bugayo

Case of RUKA

 1. Kautoa

Case of BORAING and Rape of Nauruan Girl.

 1. Eitungure
 2. Japhet
 3. Itimata
4. Four (4) copies of declaration of each witness are enclosed herewith.
5. A further minor case of illtreatment of natives is revealed in interrogation, with affidavit verifying, of Thomas DEINGOA, Nauruan. Interrogation and affidavit verifying are enclosed herewith.
6. No evidence can be obtained from the Nauruan people to support charges of rape against MATAKE Tai of HOMBU Unit.

P. C. O. James Capt.
Comd. NAURU FORCE.

Encl.

Receipt ack 191245 - AG. 1481 by 23 Bde.

Re: INVESTIGATION OF FATE OF EUROPEANS, NAURU.

HQ. Nauru Force
Central Pacific.

IGN. Int 6.
16 Dec 45.

War Crimes Commission,
HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF).

1. Herewith four (4) copies of each statutory declaration completed by witnesses on 16 Dec 45 at NAURU, relating to the disappearance of the five Europeans on 25/26 Mar 43.
2. Declarations have been completed by the following witnesses pertaining to the evidence which they have given :-
 1. Jordan
 2. Bernicke.
 3. Dunkairog
 4. Gieman
 5. Itimata (this witness is considered unreliable).
 6. Gustav Rasch
 7. Chan Foo, Chinese.
3. Lt A. SPRILYAN advised on 15 Dec that declarations were completed at Torokina by:-
 1. Alfred Harry
 2. Buake
 3. Baibuke
 4. Teinamati
 5. Victor
 6. Wong Lup Chung.
4. Further evidence relating to the case, and implicating ATORI, Japanese guard, is contained in record of interrogation and affidavit verifying, of 4 Dec 45, sworn on 12 Dec 45, by Thomas DEINGOA, Nauruan.

An original affidavit is attached hereto. A copy is being forwarded to First Aust Army (AIF).
5. In these matters this HQ is working in close cooperation with the Civil Administrator of NAURU.
6. Incidental information relating to the case is contained in statements enclosed herewith forwarded for information, by :-

Nagakawa (Korean)
Matsuta
Murata.

P. C. O. James Capt.
Comd. Nauru Force.

Encl:

(Receipt ack AG 1481 of 23 Inf Bde, T00 191245).

Re: ATROCITIES INVESTIGATION
NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS

HQ. Nauru Force .
IGN. Int 8.

16 Dec 45.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF).

1. Massacre of Natives at OCEAN ISLAND.

Herewith copy of Statement of Interrogation and appendix, of the surviving native, KABUNARE, Gilbertese, prepared by District Officer, Ocean Island, Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony, and of his memorandum to Comd Nauru Garrison dated 13 Dec 45.

2. Original copy of this file has been forwarded for action to War Crimes Commission, 3 Aust Div (AIF), Torokina, by this air courier, etd NAURU 170630L.

3. Native KABUNARE is travelling passair to Torokina 17 Dec for interrogation and indentification of Japanese responsible.

4. Illtreatment of Europeans and Natives, OCEAN ISLAND.

Gilbertese witnesses of atrocities and ill treatment (see Nauru Force Intelligence Report No.2 supplement) are travelling passair to Torokina 17 Dec, three in number - Mote, Charlie, and Katangitang.

5. In vestigation of Fate of Europeans, NAURU.

Copy of statement of interrogation of Thomas DEINGOA, Nauruan, on 4 Dec 45, is enclosed herewith. Original sworn by affidavit has been forwarded to War Crimes Commission, 3 Aust Div (AIF).

6. Illtreatment of Nauruan, Thomas DEINGOA, NAURU.

Copy of statement of interrogation of Thomas DEINGOA on 4 Dec 45 is enclosed herewith. Original with sworn affidavit verifying has been forwarded to War Crimes Commission, 3 Aust Div (AIF).

P. C. O. James Capt.
Comd. Nauru Force.

Encl.

Re: ATROCITIES at OCEAN ISLAND.

HQ. Nauru Force,
Central Pacific.

IGN. Int 7.

16 Dec 45.

War Crimes Commission,
HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF).

1. Statement of Surviving Witness to Massacre.

Statement of interrogation of the Gilbertese native, KABUNARE, by the District Officer, Ocean Island, of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony, and appendix thereto, under cover of a memo dated 13th Dec 45 addressed Comd Nauru Garrison, is attached hereto.

A copy of the file is being forwarded for information to First Aust Army (AIF), by this air courier.

Witness KABUNARE is travelling to Torokina by air courier departing Nauru 170630L (ETD).

2. Witnesses to Ill Treatment of Europeans and Natives.

(a) The following Gilbertese witnesses are moving to Torokina passair departing Nauru 17 Dec, for interrogation and return :-

1. Mote.
2. Charlie.
3. Katangitang.
(Kabunare).

3. Witness KIATOA is not available at Nauru. He stowed away during repatriation voyage of MV. TRIENZA from Nauru to Gilbert Islands.

4. Four (4) copies of each statutory declaration completed by the following Gilbertese at Nauru the 16 Dec 45 are enclosed herewith :-

1. Mote
2. Charlie
3. N'anta
4. Katangitang

5. Will you please acknowledge⁺ by signal the safe receipt of our memos Int 5,6,7, and enclosures.

P. C. O. James Capt.
Comd. Nauru Force.

Encl:

+ Ack received from 23 Inf Bde.

HQ. Nauru Force
IGN. Int 8.

16 Dec 45.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF).

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P. C. O. James Capt.
Comd. Nauru Force.

Encl.

INVESTIGATION OF ATROCITIES
OCEAN ISLAND

Name of Witness:

RONGO RONGO. Ellice Islanders.

Before the Japanese landed at Ocean Island I was working for the Civil Administration as a clerk. After the Japanese landed I worked as a clerk for the Japanese Company.

The Europeans lived in single quarters of the B.P.C. near where I worked.

- Q. How many Europeans were there ?
A. Five.
- Q. Who was the first Japanese commander ?
A. TANIURA. His HQ was in the B.P.C. Manager's house at Ooma.
- Q. What other officers were at the HQ ?
A. Plenty of them. BENJAMIN was houseboy and interpreter.
- Q. Did you see any officer who made a habit of visiting the Europeans ?
A. A number of them used to visit the Europeans and strike them at each visit.
- Q. Did the Europeans work every day ?
A. Not in the early stages, but later they had to draw water and carry it in drums, clean the messroom, and clean the garden of the HQ house. I saw them being hit while they worked.
- Q. Where was the food cooked for the Europeans ?
A. At first the Japanese had only one messroom and the Europeans food came from there. It was the mess at HQ. After other messes were in use their food still came from the same mess.
- Q. How many times a day did they receive food ?
A. I can't very well tell. Sometimes they refused the food, other times they threw it away.
- Q. Who brought the food to them ?
A. After a few months it became the practice for the Gilbertese boys from the messroom to take the food to them. TABOIA, my wife's brother, was No. 1 Boy at the Mess, and now and then he would tell us how they, the Europeans, were getting on. TABOIA is now in the Gilbert Group or at Ocean Island.
- Q. Who was the first European to die ?
A. Mr. CARTWRIGHT. TABOIA told me Mr. CARTWRIGHT died of starvation. He was terribly thin, with a long beard; would not eat rice.
- Q. Do you remember the next one to die ?
A. Mercer.
- Q. Did TABOIA say why MERCER died ?
A. Starvation.
Mr COLE and Mr THIRD were also very thin.
- Q. Was the food enough to keep them in good condition ?
A. No, not enough, they were worked hard every day and badly treated.

Rongo Rongo
cont.

- Q. Do you remember the names of any Japanese soldiers who guarded the Europeans at work ?
A. No, I don't remember their names.
- Q. Do you know the unit from which they came ?
A. No.
- Q. Do you know KOTSUA ?
A. No.
- Q. Do you know WATA or SAN0 ?
A. No.
- Q. Do you know the interpreter ?
A. TANINTA.
- Q. Did he ever visit the Europeans ?
A. I heard that he one time gave the Europeans cigarettes. He spoke a little English. He worked for the company and may have gone to KUSAIE with the natives.
- Q. Do you know a Japanese named ICHI ?
A. Yes, he was in command of the unit stationed at TAPIWA. He may be a captain.
- Q. Do you know a Cpl NISHIZIMA ?
A. No.
- Q. Who was commander at TABIANG ?
A. He was a captain, rather stout. His men were reputed to be bad, annoying people at their houses.
- Q. Did you ever hear of two women tied up on the verandah ?
A. Yes, I saw them.
- Q. How long were they tied ?
A. Two days and two nights. Just after sunset they had lit a small fire to cook some fish, and a guard caught them. Orders had been given that no fires were to be lit because of aircraft or ships and they disobeyed the order.
- Q. Did they recover ?
A. Yes, they went home, sick from lack of food, but they recovered.

EXECUTION OF GILBERTESE:

- Q. Why were the three Gilbertese executed ?
A. The Japanese alleged that they stole rice.
- Q. Who gave the order for their execution ?
A. OSAKI, in charge of native affairs; he was promoted after they were killed. He was not a lieutenant, probably a hesocho.
Note: confusion exists between OSAKI (Otsaki) and OTSKA (Otuka or Otsuka).
MATAKE was commander, a Tai, then after TANIURA left. He was only there a short time before he was transferred to NAURU.
- Q. Who was the commander after MATAKE ?
A. TOYAMA.
- Q. Were you present when the Gilbertese were executed ?
A. Yes.

Cf
Kabunare
Benjamin
Charlie

Rongo Rongo cont.

- Q. Were all the officers there ?
 A. Yes, the whole Japanese and native population was there except those on duty.
- Q. Was MATAKE there ?
 A. Yes.
 There were only two Gilbertese executed the first ti
- Q. What were the names of the Gilbertese ?
 A. TONIKARAWA
 TEMOA
- Q. Did one Japanese killed the two Gilbertese ?
 A. No, there was a Japanese for each Gilbertese.
- Q. What are there names ?
 A. One was OSAKI.
 The other was an NCO, with anchor and wreath emblem. He came from another unit on Ocean Island and was there when I left.
 OSAKI left earlier. We were told he was going to JAPAN. He didn't have any stars when he left Ocean Island.

THIRD GILBERTESE EXECUTED:

- Q. Did you see the execution of the third Gilbertese ?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were all the officers present ?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Who was the No. 1 officer present ?
 A. Maybe TOYAMA.
 SUZUKI - he had no stars then - did the execution (but see BENJAMIN). Later he was promoted. He left Ocean Island before I did.
- Q. What was the name of the Gilbertese ?
 A. ROBERT.
- Q. Why was he executed ?
 A. He was accused of breaking a porthole in a barge. I also heard a story that ROBERT, who was the mechanic on the barge along with the Japanese crew, was blamed for the theft of some rations that were stolen. TETAKI was a companion of ROBERT on the barge. He was on NAURU but has returned.
- Q. Do you think TANIURA was commander when ROBERT was executed ?
 A. I think TOYAMA.
- Q. Did you see GILBERTESE ELECTROCUTED?
 A. No.
- Q. Did any Gilbertese see that happening ?
 A. No.
 I heard it from a Japanese who spoke English. There were six Gilbertese and this Japanese told me that I mustn't say anything about it but he believed that the Japanese were going to take out these prisoners and try them on the electric wire.
 This Japanese appeared to be sincere. He resembled a European, with features like a European.
- Q. What was his name ?
 A. A long name, I cannot remember. He was a chemist for the Japanese company, testing phosphate and so on. He told me he had been in America.

Rongo Rongo cont.

- Q. How many Gilbertese were electrocuted on the fence?
A. Six.
- Q. What did the Japanese do with the bodies?
A. I don't know because noone was allowed to go near. I heard that they were tried out as a landing party.
- Q. Who was the commander of Ocean Island then?
A. TOYAMA I believe.
- Q. Was Mr. MERGER alive then?
A. No, he was dead. Mr. COLE and Mr. THIRD were alive.
- Q. Was MATAKE 2 i/c to TOYAMA?
A. No, I believe that MATAKE had left sometime before TOYAMA arrived. (Compare BENJAMIN).
- Q. Did you hear any other Japanese talking of the electrocution?
A. No.
- Q. Do you know the name of the No. 1 Doctor?
A. No, I don't know the name of any of the doctors.
- Q. Who was the next of the Europeans to die?
A. I think Mr. COLE.
- Q. Did Mr. COLE die before the Priest?
A. No, I think the priest died first.
- Q. Did you hear why the Priest died?
A. I heard he had pains in the stomach. He was taken to hospital and operated on by the doctor in charge.
- Q. Did you hear this story when the priest died?
A. Three days afterward.
- Q. Did any natives work in the hospital?
A. JONE (recently repatriated from NAURU) and two others. They were working in the hospital before the priest died but I can't remember whether they were there when the priest died.
- Q. Did you hear of any other Europeans dying in the hospital?
A. No.
- Q. How many were alive when you left Ocean Island?
A. Three -
Mr. COLE
Mr. THIRD.
BROTHER - he was shoe repairer.
- Q. Were the Japanese cruel to Mr. THIRD at the time you left?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever see Mr. THIRD eating with the Japs?
A. No.
- Q. Were any of the Japanese officers or soldiers friendly to Mr. THIRD?
A. I saw him visit the office sometimes without a guard.

Rongo Rongo cont.

Q. Why wasn't he working ?
A. He was working at the wireless station repairing it.

Q. Was Mr. THIRD living with Mr. COLE the, just before you left Ocean Island ?

A. No. Mr. THIRD had a house at OOMA and Mr. COLE was taken to TAPIWA.

Q. Did you hear how Mr. COLE died ?

A. I heard he was stabbed with a bayonet.

One day at noon BENJAMIN came along and said the Europeans were going to be killed at 5 pm. I went along with him and saw a man taken out of a house with his eyes blindfold, so that we couldn't recognize him. There were three Japanese but I couldn't see who they were. It was a long distance. I believe one may have been OSAKI.

Q. You said there were three still alive when you left. Do you think this was one of the three Europeans ?

A. This was a few days before we left. The man was dressed in white and had a beard, and we knew from these things that he was not a Japanese.

Q. Where was this place ?

A. Near where the Europeans lived.

Q. Did Mr. THIRD have a beard before then ?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you think it was Mr. THIRD ?

A. No, I believe it was Mr. COLE.
We were a long way off.

Q. Did you hear of any officer who used to spit in the Priest's face ?

A. No.

Q. Do you know an officer OTUKA ?

A. Yes, that is OTSKA.

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Australian Military Forces

In the Investigation of
War Crimes committed by
the Japanese against
Europeans and natives at
Ocean Island.

I, RONGO, a native of the Ellice Island Group in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony and formerly resident at Ocean Island in the said Colony and now resident at Nauru Island, a member of the Nauruan native constabulary being duly sworn make oath and say as follows :-

1. The answers to the questions contained in the paperwriting hereto annexed and marked with the letter 'A' are a true record of the answers I made on the 21 December 1945 and such answers are the truth and the questions contained in the said paperwriting marked 'A' are a true record of the questions I was asked at the time I made the said answers.
2. I was residing at Ocean Island prior to and during the Japanese occupation of that island until moved by the Japanese to Nauru and I was working for the Japanese phosphate company.
3. I reside at Nauru and am a member of the native constabulary of the Nauruan Administration.

Rongerongo R.
Deponent

Signed and Sworn by the
abovenamed Deponent RONGO
before me at NAURU this
Thirtieth day of December
One thousand Nine hundred
and Forty Five.

Shugway
Administrator of Nauru.

INVESTIGATION OF ATROCITIES

OCEAN ISLAND

Administr-
ation
Office
22 Dec 45

BENJAMIN: Gilbertese, Witness:

- Q. Where do you come from ?
A. From KUSAIE, to Ocean Island just before the declaration of war in the Pacific.
- Q. What was your work at Ocean Island before the Japanese landed ?
A. I was attending school.
- Q. What did you do after the Japanese landed ?
A. I worked under the Japanese officer OTSKA in the Civil Administration.
- Q. Who was the first Japanese commanding officer ?
A. TANIURA.
- Q. Did he have 1, 2, or 3, stars then ?
A. Three stars.
- Q. Where did he go from Ocean Island ?
A. To TARAWA.
- Q. Who took over comd from TANIURA when he left ?
A. MATAKE, he was under TANIURA before.
- Q. How long was MATAKE on Ocean Island before TANIURA left ?
A. MATAKE landed there with the first Japanese, when over 400 landed, I think.
- Q. Have You seen this man MATAKE since you left Ocean Island?
A. Yes, on NAURU. He was a battalion commander.
- Q. What rank was this man OTSKA ?
A. There was a man OTSAKI, first Seningojo, senior NCO, then promoted OTSAKI Hesocho .
There was a second Japanese named OTSKA, Sotaicho in charge of the office of civil affairs, while OTSAKI attached to the same office, but moved around outside. (Sotaicho and Hesocho are the same rank, but the first indicated 'lieutenant' independent of the man's name).
- Q. Do you know an officer named OTUKA ?
A. Yes, that is the same man OTSKA.
- Q. Did you ever see this man illtreating the Europeans ?
A. No.
- Q. Did you ever hear of him illtreating the Europeans ?
A. No.
- Q. You know some Japanese officers would beat the Europeans ?
A. That would be OTSAKI. There were Japanese soldiers who guarded the European there. OTSAKI would go on his rounds every morning, and sometimes visit the Europeans. He was very cruel to the Europeans. He took his orders from OTSKA and moved around giving them to the natives.
- Q. Will you tell us the name of the No. 1 Doctor ?
A. I forget his name, the No.2 was IRANO, with one or two stars.
- Q. Did you hear of an occasion when this No. 2 doctor drew his sword and waved it at the Europeans ?
A. No.
- Q. Do you know of any Europeans taken to the hospital at any time ?
A. No.

Administration
Office
22 Dec 45

Witness: Benjamin

Q. Where do you come from?
A. From KUSAIE, to Ocean Island just before the declara-
tion of war in the Pacific.

Q. What was your work at Ocean Island before the Japanese
landed?
A. I was attending school.

Q. What did you do after the Japanese landed?
A. I worked under the Japanese officer OTAKA in the
Civil Administration.

Q. Who was the first Japanese commanding officer?
A. OTAKA.

Q. Did he have 1, 2, or 3 stars then?
A. Three stars.

Q. Where did he go from Ocean Island?
A. To TARAWA.

Q. Who took over command from OTAKA when he left?
A. MATSUDA, he was under OTAKA before.

'A'

In the Investigation of War
Crimes committed at Ocean Island.

This is the first sheet of the paperwriting marked 'A'
referred to in the annexed affidavit of Benjamin, native
of Kusaie, sworn before me at Nauru this Thirtieth day
of December 1945.

Benjamin

Deponent

M. Ridgway
Administrator

(each sheet similarly
marked).

Q. Do you know an officer named OTAKA?
A. Yes, that is the name of OTAKA.

Q. Did you ever see this man illustrating the Europeans?
A. No.

Q. Did you ever hear of him illustrating the Europeans?
A. No.

Q. You know some Japanese officers would beat the Europeans?
A. That would be OTAKA. There were Japanese soldiers
who guarded the Europeans there. OTAKA would go on
his rounds every morning, and sometimes visit the
Europeans. He was very cruel to the Europeans.
He took his orders from OTAKA and moved around giving
them to the natives.

Q. Will you tell us the name of the No. 1 Doctor?
A. I forgot his name, the No. 2 was IRANG, with one or two
stars.

Q. Did you hear of an occasion when this No. 2 Doctor drew
his sword and waved it at the Europeans?
A. No.

Q. Do you know of any Europeans taken to the hospital at
any time?
A. No.

- Q. What did you hear of the death of Father PUJEBET ?
 A. I heard that he was sick and taken to the hospital.
- Q. Did you talk with any of the boys who worked at the hospital about this ?
 A. Yes, I heard it from ASUELU, and Ellice Island boy. He did not work at the hospital. I believe he is now in TARAWA.
- Q. What did ASUELU say ?
 A. He told me that Father PUJEBET had been sick and operated on by the Japanese doctor.
- Q. Did he say which doctor did the operation ?
 A. No.
- Q. Which doctor do you think did the operation ?
 A. I think the No. 2 because of Japanese custom for the No. 1 doctor to watch.
- Q. What happened to the Father after the operation ?
 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you see him walking around after the operation ?
 A. No. I believe he died under the operation. I did not see him after that.
- Q. Do you know Cpl WATA, Pte. SANO, or Cpl. TAKAS.
 A. No, I don't remember them.
- Q. What was the position of the officer KOTSUA ?
 A. I cannot remember the name.
- Q. Do you remember the officer MIJASAKA ?
 A. No. I don't know that name.
- Q. Do you remember the Comd TABIANG FORCE ?
 A. Yes, a fairly stout man. I don't know his name.
- Q. Do you remember two women tied up at his house ?
 A. No.
- Q. Do you remember they were tied up for lighting a fire after dark ?
 A. No.
- Q. For what officer was MOTE houseboy ?
 A. For the comd TABIANG FORCE, the fat man.
- Q. You remember the execution of the two Gilbertese, TEMOA and TONIKARAWA ?
 A. Yes. I was not there, I was afraid. I heard from OTSAKI that anyone guilty of crime would be executed.
- Q. Did the Japanese give orders that everyone was to attend ?
 A. Yes.
- Q. What officer accused the two Gilbertese of theft ?
 A. I don't know,
- Q. Did you hear which officer cut off the heads ?
 A. I believe OTSAKI.
- Q. Who was the No. 1 officer present at the execution ?
 A. I don't know. I think Toyama.
- Q. Was MATAKE on the island then ?
 A. I can't remember.
- Q. The two were executed six months after the landing in August 42.
 A. I think MATAKE was there after TOYAMA came.

- Q. Did you see ROBERT executed ?
A. Yes.
- Q. What Japanese soldier cut off ROBERT's head ?
A. He was a bugler at TOYAMA's HQ. He was a Heiso. I knew the name at Ocean Island but I forget it now.
- Q. SUZUKI was the man who cut off ROBERT's head ?
A. No, that is not correct. I don't remember an NCO named SUZUKI. I knew the name of the bugler.
- Q. Was he still a bugler when you left Ocean Island ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Who was the officer present at the execution of ROBERT who gave the order.
A. Either OTSAKI or OTSUKA or both.
- Q. Who was the officer senior to them present ?
A. There were a lot of officers present but I believe TOYAMA was there.
- Q. Was OTSAKI at Ocean Island when you left ?
A. No, he left Ocean Island before I did. He told me he was going to Japan.
- Q. Was OTSKA there when you left Ocean Island ?
A. Yes, in the same position. The office was called KUNZEBU.
- Q. How many Japanese worked in the office ?
A. OTSUKA
KAI Heiso
SIMIS Heiso
Another man, I can't remember his name. The staff was made up of heisos.
- Q. Were there any soldiers under command.
OTSUKI had a squad - perhaps 40 men. They were stationed at Ooma village. They were building tank traps. I don't know their serjeant.
- Q. How many natives were electrocuted ?
A. I heard three.
- Q. Did you hear of any native who saw the electrocution ?
A. I believe there was one, but I don't know his name.
- Q. What unit do you think was in charge of that section of the wire.
A. It may have been a construction unit.
- Q. Where was the wire where the natives were electrocuted ?
A. On the beach around Ooma Point.
- Q. What was the unit stationed there ?
A. OTSAKI had the section of soldiers at Ooma at the B.P.C. buildings.
OTSUKA's section was in the village at Ooma.
- Q. Did you hear any Japanese soldiers talking about the electrocution after it took place ?
A. No, I don't remember.
- Q. Do you remember a Japanese at the hospital ARA Heiso ?
A. Yes, I think he may have been an orderly.
- Q. What was the billiard room used for ?
A. That was the office of OSUKA. OSAKI used to come there, for orders.
- Q. Could OSUKA speak Gilbertese ?
A. Yes, with faults, but not as well as MATAKE.
- Q. Do you know the Japanese SUKAIISO ?
A. No.

Cf. Evidence
of Kabunara
para 13.

- Q. Was the officer SUZUKI there ?
A. Yes, he was 2 i/c to TOYAMA, that is, he came after I left, I was told by other natives later.
- Q. Who was 2 i/c to TOYAMA when you left ?
A. I don't know his name.
- Q. Do you remember seeing one European bayoneted ?
A. Yes, but I don't know who he was, we were a long way off.
- Q. Who was with you ?
A. Rongo. Noone else.
- Q. How long was this before you left Ocean Island ?
A. A fair time. I don't remember how long.
- Q. What Europeans were alive when you saw this ?
A. There were two died Before the bayoneting.
- Q. Was the father still alive when the man was bayoneted ?
A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you ever see The Father moving around the roads ?
A. No, I went one day with Ki Heisc to his quarters, he was quite well.
- Q. Did you see the Brother ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Was he dead when you left Ocean ?
A. I don't know.
One day, as I said above, we saw the Father and then we saw the Brother. He had a bad foot?
- Q. Did you see Mr. Cole after you saw the man bayoneted ?
A. No, I only saw the wirelass operator.
- Q. Was Mr. Third still alive when you left ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Were the Father and Brother alive when you left Ocean ?
A. I don't know.
- Q. When you saw the man bayoneted how many Japanese were there with him ?
A. Three.
- Q. How do you know it was a Europeans?
A. He had a white coat and a long beard. The Japanese were dressed in green uniform. When we saw the man bayoneted we ran away.
- Q. How many Japanese put the bayonet into the man ?
A. I think one man.
- Q. Did one man have a sword ?
A. One man had a sword, in the scabbard. I think it was an officer but we were a long way off.
- Q. Are you sure of the man having a sword ?
A. Yes.
- Q. What did you hear in the office that made you go to have a look.
A. During lunchtime I overheard a converstion between OSAKI and one of the Heisos that they were going to kill one of the white men. They didn't say why they were going to kill him or how. JOHN, (an Ellice Islander repatriated from NAURU on the 'TRIVENZA' to TARAWA.

- Q. Why did you go to have a look ?
 A. I knew the European were living at TAPEWA.
- Q. Were Mr. COLE and Mr. THIRD living in the same house ?
 A. Yes, in one big house.
- Q. What work were they doing ?
 A. I saw Mr. THIRD cutting firewood and carrying water.
 I don't know what Mr. COLE was doing.
- Q. Was Mr. THIRD working at the Wireless Station ?
 A. No, I don't know.
- Q. How long did you wait before the man was brought out and bayoneted ?
 A. We weren't there long when we saw a man coming out of a house followed by the Japanese.
- Q. Whose house was it ?
 A. The house where the two lived.
- Q. Was there a car or truck outside the house ?
 A. No, I didn't see one.
- Q. Do you know the officer ICHI ?
 A. Yes, the place where the Europeans were was under ICHI's control.
- Q. Was ICHI living there ?
 A. About 3 or 4 houses away.
- Q. Was he comd of TAPIWA Force ?
 A. Yes.
- Q. How many men were under his command ?
 A. About 50.
- Q. Do you know a man named OKIAMA ?
 A. Yes, he was a member of the Company.
- Q. What was the name of the Japanese company ?
 A. I don't know.
- Q. What type of man was ICHI ?
 A. Bad, would strike a man for any little fault.
- Q. Was he there when you left Ocean Island ?
 A. Yes.
- Q. What ship did you come to Nauru ?
 A. Nantako Maru.
- Q. Do you know the Japanese named BUNTARO ARAI ?
 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever see food carried to the Europeans ?
 A. Yes. They ate very little.
- Q. What caused Mr. MERCER to die ?
 A. Starvation, bad treatment, overwork.
 7.30 to 11.00 morning.
 again in the afternoon.
- Q. Did you ever hear any talk of the doctor giving injections ?
 A. No.
- Q. Can you tell us anything else that will be of use to us ?
 A. The Europeans were very badly treated.

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In the Investigation of
War Crimes committed by the
Japanese against Europeans
and natives at Ocean Island.

I, BENJAMIN, native of Kusaie, and now living at Nauru
Island, being duly sworn make oath and say as follows

1. I am a native of Kusaie but moved to Ocean Island
prior to the Japanese occupation of that island
in 1942 whence I was moved by the Japanese to
Nauru Island during the latter part of the year
1943. I am now resident at Nauru Island.
2. During the Japanese occupation I worked for the
Japanese whilst I was on Ocean Island.
3. The questions contained in the paperwriting
hereto annexed and marked 'A' are a true record
of the questions I was asked at the office of the
Administration of Nauru on the twenty second day
of December 1945 and the answers to those questions
contained in the said paperwriting are a true
record of the answers that I gave and the answers
that I gave are true.

Benjamin,
Deponent

{ Signed and Sworn by the
{ abovenamed Deponent, Benjamin
{ before me at Nauru this
{ Thirtieth day of December
{ One thousand Nine hundred
{ and Forty Five.

W. J. G. J. G.
Administrator of Nauru.

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Relating to TWO AIRMEN at TAIL PIECE.

From the body near the road I went over to the tail piece near the coconut tree (about 100-120 yards from the body) and saw some Koreans searching in the wreck for foodstuffs.

I saw SAKURA Tai stand on the tail plane.

(1) I saw one dead body lying near the wreck. SAKURA put his foot under the body to turn it over, and saw the pistol belonging to the American, which he picked up. This body had fallen away from the plane and was burning. His hair was burnt off but his head was not broken.

I could not see any badges.

He was a man of 5' 9" or more, thickly built.

He seemed to have a bullet right through the chest.

I do not remember seeing a leather jacket or yellow life preserver on him but everything was burnt on him.

(2) The other American right in the tail of the wreck, jammed in. The Japanese got a pick to open a hole to bring him out, and then dragged him out on the end of the pick.

He was a sergeant dressed in khaki with long trousers and rubber soled boots and wearing socks. He wore a leather jacket and yellow life preserver. He wore no helmet or cap but his hair was dark brown, near black.

He was of medium height and solid build.

He had a wound on the side of the jaw.

A Japanese private soldier took silver wings badge from the chest of the American.

The name above the wings on his jacket started with the letter 'K'.

Inside his shirt he had one revolver and two knives.

He had one ring of white metal on his finger.

SAKURA went into the wreck and took some papers from a rack, they appeared to be maps, also a stick like a plain hardwood walking stick.

(3) I went away for a time and came back. Five Japanese were there working on the burial.

The grave they dug was about 3 feet deep. The Sgt was buried first and covered with some soil so that he couldn't be seen, and then they got shovels and placed the burnt one in a half drum, which they lifted and dumped the contents in the same hole with the Sgt. They filled the hole and levelled the soil flat with the ground around. There was only one hole. I didn't see any sticks on the place.

American aircrew Nauru.

MITSU, Nauruan boy.

Relating to AMERICAN AIRMEN at NOGE PORTION.

I went up topside to where the front piece of the plane landed near the phosphate diggings. The engines were not buried in the ground, and one propellor was undamaged.

I saw one body burnt, without clothes, on the ground under the plane.

Two privates and an ensign or senior NCO were there. They took the body and put it on the burning machine.

The Japanese commander inspected the wreck and went away.

An alarm was given that one American 'plane was coming in again and I left the place.

The American was probably burnt to ashes on the machine.

RAUKI, Nauruan lad.

RELATING TO AMERICAN AIRMEN who fell near CANTILEVER.

I heard Japanese say that there was one more American in the 'plane who fell on the coast near the cantilevers.

This completed the interrogation.

Intelligence Section
31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
HQ Nauru Force.
28 Dec 45.

Re: AMERICAN AIRCREW MEMBER
B. 25 CRASHED NAURU 30th JUL 44.
MACHINE GUNNING BY JAPANESE.

HQ. Nauru Force,
30 Dec 45.

IGN. 51.

HQ First Army (AIF).

Copy to: 23 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).

1. On 30th Jul 44 a United States North American B. 25 Mitchell was brought down by a direct hit of an anti aircraft shell over Nauru.
It was one of 8 aircraft making the raid on Nauru.
2. The shell hit the centre of the aircraft and cut it in two. The forward part with the pilot in his seat (quoting from the diary of Ma Nai Fai, Chinese interpreter fell on the hilltop, while the aft part with the rest of the crew fell into the airfield.

Ma Nai Fai gives the date as 30 Jun 44.
3. Atoll Commander TARAUA by signal 15 Dec advised that the records of HQ United States Army Forces Middle Pacific A. P. O. 958 showed that six officers and enlisted men were reported killed in action at Nauru on 9 Dec 43 or 30 Jul 44.
4. Body of man killed on 9 Dec 43 has been recovered by Nauru Force and reburied. An officer member of the B. 25 crew who was thrown out was also recovered and reburied. By digging, portion of one of the B. 25 crew was discovered on 19 Dec 45. It appears that the remains are those of a crew member of the B. 25 who was burned and that another crew member is buried in the same grave. A Nauruan boy, MITSU, states that the body of one American, presumably the pilot, was thrown by Japanese back on the burning nose piece and may be expected to have been reduced to ashes.
5. One American remains to be accounted for. Chinese and native witnesses say that this crew member is buried in front of Nauru Force HQ close to the main road, at the northern end of the airstrip. Digging has met without success to date as during the time since the American was buried the appearance of the ground has been much changed.
6. Two witnesses, Nauruan boys, brothers, RAIKI and MITSU, who went to the place independently, give evidence that they saw the body before it was buried, saw the Japanese inflicting indignities upon it, and saw the grave dug by the Japanese several hours later. MITSU gives a detailed description of the American's appearance and dress. Both state that the top of the head was lifted back as though it had been struck with something, possibly a bullet, and MITSU states that there was a parachute, removed by the Japanese by order of 1st Lt SAKURA, a coy commander.
7. RAIKI states that he heard from soldiers of SAKURA's unit that they fired at the American as he dropped and turned over in the air. As all those who were not on

duty were taking shelter during the raid, only Japanese personnel could state to what extent the parachute opened. RAIKI indicated the point a few hundred yards away from which he understood the Japanese machine gun to be firing.

8. RAIKI was informed by Japanese that this American was an officer and the navigator of the B.25, that he was wearing badges of rank on each shoulder, and an aircrew badge over his breast pocket. When the two Nauruans reached the body a crowd of Japanese were already gathered, including SAKURA, and the American was dressed in an undershirt and undershorts, with no shirt or jacket, so that the body had either already been stripped by the Japanese, or the badges were found on the body of Lt. CHEROPOVITCH who fell clear, near the cantilever loaders on the beach, and was buried on the side of a tank trap, where he fell.

9. SAKURA was on the scene early and interested himself in the tail wreckage, removing papers, probably maps. Witnesses state that SAKURA was commander of SANGHUTAI at the time, but changes in command of the subunits on Nauru were very frequent so that it is possible that he had comd of another coy at that time.

When the Japanese forces were embarked at Nauru for Torokina in Sep 45 one battalion commander was 1st Lt SAKURADA, with whom the 'SAKURA' referred to may be identical.

10. Both witnesses speak with assurance on details of this matter, having appeared to interest themselves closely through natural curiosity of youth.

Their testimony was unsolicited and their knowledge of the subject was discovered only by accident in the course of enquiries seeking the location of the graves of the aircrew members.

11. Evidence is slender for treatment of the incident as a war crime.

Upon your instruction, if it is desired, a closer investigation can be made.

Please advise.

12. Copy of witnesses' statement enclosed herewith.

P.C.D. JAMES, Capt.
Comd. Nauru Force.

10 Dec 45

MA NAI FAI, B.P.C. Chinese Interpreter, states:

1. I heard that the crew of the single engined aircraft which crashed on 9 Dec 43 near the A.I.F. barracks in BUADA District, consisted of one American, who was buried by the Japanese.
2. The aircraft which crashed on 30 Jul 44 was a North American (B.25 Mitchell).
3. It contained 7 men.
4. The front portion with the engines which fell on the hill contained 3 men. It was burning in the air and after it hit the ground.
5. The tail fell in the north end of the airstrip in the present AIF camp area.
The rear gunner was still in his seat, there were 2 others still in the plane, and one fell about 50 yards away.
6. Three were buried in one hole near the wreck.
7. The Koreans took boots, clothes, and articles such as chocolate and oranges from the Americans. I don't know about identification tickets or wrist bands.
8. One man who fell clear was buried near the road.

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21 Dec 45.

RONGO RONGO, Ellice Islander, Policeman of Nauru.

1. I remember that one American aircraft crashed in BUADA during the American raid on NAURU on 9 Dec 43.
2. I believe AKIMOTO Heiso who was stationed in BUADA in charge of the messroom, mentioned that there was only one, the pilot, in the plane.
3. I heard from KIATOA that the American parachuted down, alive. I don't know whether it was true or not. The airman was caught in a tree, while the plane had crashed and was on fire. The pilot drew his pistol and shot a Japanese on the ground through the leg, and then shot himself. KIATOA did not say what the Japanese did with the body.
4. I was out fishing when the big American plane crashed, and saw it do so.
I hear from TABUNIKOTO that two of the Americans (one or two) parachuted down.
Their shoes, clothes, cigarettes, and photos were taken.

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SEARCH FOR GRAVES OF
AMERICAN AIRMEN
NAURU

19 Dec 45.

ITUBWA, Nauruan, States:

1. CHEROPOVICH fell from midair and landed near the Cantilevers, on the bank of the tank ditch. He was buried where he fell.
2. I went to the tail portion of the plane and saw broken pieces of bodies taken out of the plane. I did not see them buried, but heard that it was on the beach.
3. I did not hear any names of the Americans.
4. I heard that there were two men in the single engined fighter which crashed near BUADA.

JOCKINAL, Nauruan, States:
Govt Stores Clerk

1. I was near No. 2 Jetty in a shelter and saw a plane break in two.
2. I went to the old native cemetery (where the two flag poles of the Aust Force HQ area are placed) and saw some Japanese digging a hole.
3. The body was in shorts only - with the headphones still on the head. His head was fractured. I saw them bury him - about 3 feet deep - with only white underpants on.
4. Some Chinese and some Gilbertese were on lookers. I did not recognize the Gilbertese.
5. I did not go to the tail piece of the plane.
6. I did not hear details concerning the front piece of the plane.

Ray HARRIS, Nauruan, Electrician, States:

1. The Aircraft broke in two - the engine fell on Verity Hill topside, and the tailpiece fell at the north end of the airstrip, at the location of the present Army camp.
2. Natives were not allowed to go near the piece on Verity Hill as it was within a guarded area.
3. I was told by native boys that there were three American bodies in the area of the tail portion, including one clad in shorts, near whom was a message log so that it was believed that he was the wireless operator. He may have been stripped of clothing by the Japanese.
4. Japanese came and moved the natives away.
5. I did not hear of any others apart from those three.

Re: AMERICAN AIRCREW NAURU

Detachment
31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
HQ Nauru Force
Central Pacific.

INTERROGATION of NAURUAN BOYS

MITSI GAROGI and RAIKI GAROGI, School boys.

At Intelligence Office, HQ Nauru Force, and at Site of American graves.

State:

- Q. You remember the day the American plane with two engines was shot down ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Where were you the day of the air raid ?
- A. MITSI - working at a Japanese messroom on the slope above the airstrip washing rice etc.
- RAIKI - down near the taxiway of the airfield near where the Korean unit is now encamped.
- Q. Will you tell me MITSI what you saw when the 'plane was hit ?
- A. We were in a shelter when we heard the 'plane hit the ground and the ammunition explode. When there was no more shooting we came out. I came down the slope towards where the tail piece landed on the flat (in this HQ area). I saw some Japanese gathered near the road in front of this camp area, and I saw an American.
- Q. Can you show me the place ?
- A. It is different now. I may not be able to point out the place.
- Q. How was the American dressed ?
- A. Someone took the ring, others took cigarettes, and another the wrist watch.
- Q. Was there a parachute ?
- A. Yes, SAKURA Tai told some soldiers to take it.

The airman had on undershirt and underpants and shoes, and a 'Mae West yellow jacket'. He may have had trousers but the Japanese may have taken them. He had no helmet and his head was broken.

Hair was fair or very light brown, not white. He had two gold teeth in centre and one gold tooth on each side of the front teeth. He was of medium height and medium build, possibly 5' 8" or 5' 9". The ring he wore was of white^ometal inset with a green stone, deep green in colour. I did not see any identity discs or wrist band. His head was broken and the scalp lifted right back. I did not see any badges of rank.

Japanese were 'abusing' the body by turning their heels in the flesh.

American aircrew Nauru.

I saw the grave being dug, it was deep so that looking at the Japanese digging in the hole you could just see the tops of their heads. He was buried about 5 in the evening, several hours after he was killed.

About a week later the Japanese dug two pumpkin patches beside the grave, so that the grave would lie between the two.

(Mitsi then indicated on the ground the location where he considered the grave would be found. All traces of the grave and of the pumpkin beds were obliterated unwittingly by preparation of a drive way from the road to this HQ when the area was first occupied on Sep 16 1945.).

RAIKI:

Q. What did you see when you came up to the body ?

A. When I came up here on eof the Japanese, SAKAMI, whose rank gave him two stripes on his cap, took a knife from the back pocket of the American's shorts. The American had no belt. I then left.

Japanese told me that the American buried near the road was a lieutenant, because he had two bars on each shoulder, but they did not know they system of American rank. I did not see the bars myself. They said he was the navigator of the aircraft, and on top of his breast pocket below his name he wore the silver wings badge.

I heard from some of the soldiers of SAKURA's Unit that they fired at the American as he turned over in the air falling. The parachute did not open fully.

The way the top of the head was lifted back it looked as though it had been struck by a bullet. I understood from the Japanese that their machine gun was firing from near the European school building (at present used as Aust Army hospital) near the beach.

SAKURA was commanding SANCHUTAI at the time.

JAMES AKIBWIB

I came down on my bicycle accompanied by DEINGOA. Near the place where the American body was I picked up the cover of a very small book, only two or three inches long, brown in colour, with writing "Psalm" Also "21-22" I think. I took it home but at present I am unable to find it.

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To: District Officer Ocean Island

From: Comd Nauru Force (AIF)

IGN 46. unclassified. Atrocities Ocean Is. First Army signal 29 Dec advises natives and interpreter will return earliest(.) Air courier landed Nauru 291445L but no personnel or infm received relating to matter. Air service fortnightly. Classfa natives who may have infm and believed located in Gilbert & Ellice Colony is (.) John BIDRO of NUKURAE houseboy to OTSAKI was with BENJAMIN of KUSAIE when overheard OTSAKI intention kill one European before sunset (.) TEKAMATA of NAMUMEA Ellice Gp was second OTSAKI houseboy.(.) ASUELU of WAITUPU Ellice Gp nephew Govt constable Ocean ref PUJEBET (.) TABOIA of ATONIMARAWA formerly BPC labourer Ocean was head messroom boy under Jap ARA fed Europeans (.) KIATOA of TARAWA or BERA who was formerly gaoled Ocean stealing gave evidence at Nauru ref COLE killed by No 2 Doctor but stowed away TRIENZA Nov (.) Two hospital boys now

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aged 16 approx are RABUA ANELI of Ocean formerly worked BPC store
and another boy from TABIANG village (.) OTSAKI comd squad tps
at BPC OOMA and OTSUKA comd squad OOMA native village (.) In
office under OTSUKA was Sub Lt HIRAKI aged about 40 with white
patches in hair (.) cruel man possibly implicated (.) NAURU (.)
Capt TAKEUCHI comd Nauru and Lt SASAKI believed implicated killing
Nauru Europeans are being brought from Japan to Aust Army Atrocit-
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Ref: ATROCITIES INVESTIGATION NAURU.

HQ. Nauru Force
30 Dec 45.
IGN. Int 47.

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

1. No further infm has been obtained at NAURU.
2. Copies of our Int memos 5, 6, and 8, of 16 Dec 45 to War Crimes Commission, 3 Div, are attached hereto and speak for themselves. Ack was received from 23 Inf Bde of memos and enclosures.
3. 23 Bde A12/34 of 22 Dec to First Army, passed for action by First Army AG 19701 of 271100K, requested forwarding all original atrocity reports. Our IGN 40 of 282100L in reply is attached hereto.
4. No natives were returned by air courier arrived Nauru 29 Dec. BUAKE is therefore still at TOROKINA. First Army WC.12 of 29 Dec received 29 Dec advised SATO JIN held as criminal. No other infm received of progress. WC 12 also states "will advise earliest return native witnesses and interpreters".
5. With regard to the shooting at the falling American airmen there is only the statement of one Nauruan boy, and the evidence of several others that the scalp was lifted back.

 Capt.
Comd. NAURU FORCE.

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FROM **NAURU FORCE**

TO **23 INF BRIGADE TOROKINA**

(R) FIRST AUST ARMY

FOR INFORMATION TO

Originator's No.	Day.	Month.	In Reply To.	Day.
IGN 40	unclass	Atrocities	(.)	Ref 5
Month. your	A 12/34	of to	FAA	and 10
FAA	AG 19701	of	271100K	(.) 15
Nauru	first	Europeans	all	investigations 20
information	is	contained	in	folio 25
forwarded	12	Nov	to	3 Div 30
and	FAA	(.)	See	our 35
INT 796	of	7	and	INT 816 40
of	12	Nov	to	both 45
addressees	(.)	Second	Chinese	complete 50

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FOR INFORMATION TO

Originator's No.	Day.	Month.	In Reply To.	Day.	
in	file	dated	1	Dec	5
Month. under	cover	our	INT 855	to	10
FAA	and	3 DIV	(.)	Third	15
natives	complete	in	file	dated	20
30	Nov	with	our	INT 854	25
of	1	Dec	(.)	plus	30
our	IGN 5	of	16	for	35
Chinese	and	natives	our	IGN 6	40
for	Europeans	and	our	IGN 8	45
to	FAA	relating	evidence	DEING-0A	50

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FOR INFORMATION TO

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and	stat	declarations	witnesses	(.)	5
Month.	Island	(.)	Refer	our	10
report	19	Oct	enclosed	INT	15
REPORT	No 2	to	FAA	(.)	20
presume	passed	to	Commission	Bougainville	25
(.)	plus	our	INT 7	of	30
16	Dec	(.)	plus	statements	35
of	RONCO	end	BENJAMIN	by	40
air	courier	31	Dec	(.)	45
Also	report	shooting	deliberately falling	American	50

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TO _____

FOR INFORMATION TO _____ (4)

Originator's No. air	Day. crew	Month. member	In Reply To. falling free	Day. free drop	5
Month. away	from	crashing	aircraft	by	10
members	SAKURA	Tai	company	(.)	15
SAKURA	probably	SAKURADA	at	FAURO	20
(.)	Please	advise	whether	3 Div	25
remains	associated	War	Crimes	(.)	30
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Re: INVESTIGATION OF OCEAN ISLAND
WAR CRIMES.

HQ, Nauru Force,
30 Dec 45.
IGN. Int 48.

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).,
RABAU.

1. Interrogation statement of Gilbertese survivor, KABUNARE, prepared by District Officer, Ocean Is. and appendix thereto with covering memo from Major Wakefield, was forwarded to War Crimes Commission, 3 Aust Div, under cover of our Int 7 of 16 Dec 45 by air courier of 17 Dec 45.

Copy of interrogation is already held at your HQ.

Copy of our Int 7 memo, of which receipt has been ack by 23 Inf Bde, is attached hereto.

Copy of our Int 8 memo forwarding file to First Army (AIF) is also attached hereto.

2. Four Gilbertese moved to Torokina by air on 17 Dec and with David Murdock are still retained in that area.
3. Further information has been obtained from two natives, BENJAMIN of Kusaie and RONGO RONGO of Gilbert Group, at Nauru on 21 and 22 Dec, who made sworn affidavits of their evidence before the Administrator on 30 Dec.

Chief value of their evidence relates to the executions of the three Gilbertese, giving a lead on the Japanese performing the act of killing, and the commander responsible, implicating MATAKE Tai who was one of comd gp to meet our landing force at Nauru, and who is accused by the Nauruan people of the rape of a chief's daughter.

A new version is given of the death of Mr. COLE which links with the two others in some respects except that the "No 2 doctor" is not implicated.

Light is thrown on the activities of Sub Lts OTSUKA and OTSAKI with regard to cruelties to natives and Europeans.

Copy of statements of these two natives are attached. Sworn copies of the affidavits are being despatched 31 Dec to 23 Inf Bde and First Army.

4. In an R/T conversation with Major WAKEFIELD on 29 Dec infm was given him on the progress made, on which he was poorly informed, including the despatch of native witnesses to Torokina, and names of natives were given him who may have information of value. He was not aware that TANIURA and TOYAMA had been apprehended. He expressed a keen desire to hear the outcome of the investigation into the massacre, at which KABUNARE is witness, and any other developments in atrocity investigations relating to Ocean Is.

4. cont.

Copy of our signal IGN.46. of 30 Dec to District Officer, Ocean Island, relating to Gilbertese natives who may have infm, is attached.

5. In reply to 23 Inf Bde A 12/34 of 22 Dec to First Army passed by AG 19701 of 271100K to Nauru Force for action and advice signal IGN 40 of 28 Dec was despatched. This advised that all original reports and information had already been forwarded by this Force.

For copy of signal see our memo Int 47 of 30 Dec.

6. The following signals have been despatched from this HQ relating to this matter :

- a. IGN 23. of 211845L. to 23 Bde. Implicating MATAKE.
- b. IGN 24. of 221800L. to F.A.A. Similar infm. SITREP 4.
- c. IGN 28. of 231100L. to 23 Bde. confirmatory infm obtained from Benjamin relating to bayonetting one European.
- d. IGN 39. of 282000L. to F.A.A. SITREP 5. Repetition.
- e. IGN 40. of 282100L. to F.A.A. Reply to AG.19701. 23 Bde.
- f. IGN.46. of 301200L. to District Re native informants. Offr Ocean Is.

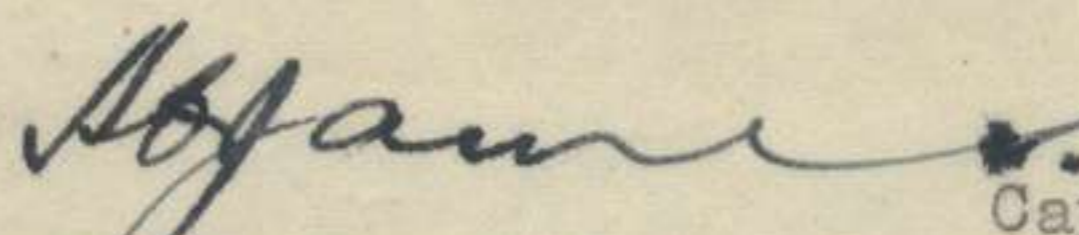
7. Forwarded herewith for preparation of your file on this subject are :

- i. Copy of Nauru - Ocean Force investigation report and interrogation statements dated 19 Oct 45.
 - ii. Copy of HQ First Army (AIF) memo A.26371 of 14 Nov.
- in addition to the following mentioned above :
- iii. Statement of RONGO RONGO.
 - iv. Statement of BENJAMIN.
 - v. Memo Int 7 of Nauru Force.
 - vi. Memo Int 8 of Nauru Force.
 - vii. Signal IGN.46 to District Office, Ocean Is.

8. The following documents are already held by you :

- i. Intelligence Summary, Ocean Island, 6 Oct 45.
- ii. Report dated 22 Oct 45 by Comd Ocean Is Garrison to C.O. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
- iii. Statements of NABETARI, MORNING STAR, Bauro RATIETA.
- iv. Report by District Officer dated 13 Dec 45, with statement of KABUNARE and Appendix.

9. Please ack by signal receipt of Int.47. and Int.48.


Capt.

Encl:

Comd. Nauru Force.

31/51 & 4
Re: AMERICAN AIRCREW, NAURU.

HQ. Nauru Force,
31 Dec 45.

IGN. Int. 57.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF).

Copy to: DISTREC HQ.

1. Referring to Distrec signal 17323 of 14 Dec requesting information in this matter, and our Int 879 of 151040L to First Army and Distrec NG in reply, this memo now presents all information that has so far been obtained by investigation by this HQ.
2. Our Memo IGN.51 to First Army and 23 Inf Bde also refers.
3. Signal of 15 Dec received by Administrator of Nauru from Atoll Commander Tarawa is shown as Para 1 of Appendix attached to this memo.
This lists the aircrew by number, name, and rank, reported killed in action at Nauru.
4. Signal of 21 Dec from Administrator of Nauru to British Resident at Tarawa, requesting crew composition of the two aircraft, is shown as Para.2. of Appendix hereto.
5. Location of CHEROPOVITCH was reported in our Int 483 Sitrep 12 of 25 Sep to First Aust Army.

Discovery of the body of the pilot of the single engined aircraft which crashed on 9 Dec 43, and infm regarding Lieut "R.J. COLLINS" (probably KEELING) was reported in our Int. 485 Sitrep 13 of 26 Sep 45.

6. Single Engined Aircraft, 9 Dec 43.

The grave was located in the middle of a pumpkin field, marked by a pine board or paling 3'6" tall bearing the inscription in Jap characters -
"American airmans grave" (ATIS interpreter Sgt. OTSUKA could not state whether this was singular or plural).

And on the reverse side -
" 9 Dec 43".

Only a small quantity of bones were recovered. There was no skull. It is reported that the plane was incinerated. Portions of yellow life preserver were buried with the body so that it would appear that the body was very badly smashed and possibly burnt.

Chinese witness MA NAI FAI states that he heard that the crew consisted on one American. MA worked close by. Gilbertese RONGO RONGO states that he heard from Japanese NCO AKIMOTO, who was stationed in the locality, that there was only one, the pilot, in the aircraft.

The body was reburied by Nauru Force in a cemetery opposite HQ Nauru along with Lt CHEROPOVITCH, and Pte. D. SHEPPER of 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF), and a white cross erected in Oct 45 bearing details known.

7. North American Mitchell, B.25, Serial No. 977.
30th Jul 44.

This aircraft was one of 8 raiding Nauru and was hit directly by a Japanese anti-aircraft shell (defences of Nauru included 4 twin barrel 5-inch AA mountings and a number of smaller calibre guns and automatic machine guns).

The aircraft broke in two portions, the front part which included the wing and engines fell on the plateau, and was incinerated, and the rear fuselage and twin rudders with twin machine gun mounting in ball turret, which fell at the northern extremity of the No. 1 air-strip in the area at present occupied by the camp lines of Nauru Force. This portion did not burn, apart from exploding ammunition, .50 calibre.

- i. Lt CHEROPOVITCH fell from the severed aircraft and landed near the cantilever loaders on the beach on the embankment of the anti tank ditch, where he was buried by the Japanese. His bones were badly fractured and it can be assumed that he was killed instantly.

His body was discovered during the search for bodies of murdered Europeans, identified by silver wrist band engraved with his name and number. This is buried in the coffin with his remains in the special cemetery and an inscribed white cross is erected over his grave.

- ii. One of the crew landed with the fore part of the aircraft on the plateau. Nauruan boy MITSU stated 28 Dec 45 that he saw three Japanese lift the body, which was without clothes and lying on the ground beside the wreck, and throw it on to the burning wreck.

This man may have been pilot, front gunner, or bombardier, but it is unlikely that any remains will be found at this stage.

- iii. The tail piece landed against a coconut tree, one body was thrown clear, pierced through the chest by a bullet, and burning presumably because of incendiary rounds having exploded. Apart from his personal description and the fact that it appears that he is the owner of a gold (wedding) ring, 14 ct., recovered with a few remains on 19 Dec 45, there are no means of identification.

He is described as thickly built, 5'9" or more tall. Jap officer SAKURA took a pistol from the body. His hair was burnt off.

To bury him the Jap party lifted him on shovels into a half drum and placed the remains in the grave already partly filled to cover the remains of another sgt member of the crew.

- iv. Jammed in the tail of the wrecked fuselage was a sgt crew member, whose body was dragged out by the Japanese after whole had been opened with a pick.

Personal description is -

medium height, solid build, hair dark brown. wearing khaki, long trousers, socks, rubber soled boots, leather jacket, yellow life preserver, ring of white metal on one finger, carrying one revolver and two knives.

Wearing silver wings badge above breast pocket, insignia of rank on arm approximating tech Sgt, from selection made by witness, MITSU. MITSU

states that the name above the badge began with the letter 'K'.

The body was buried near the tree. This area was dug on 19 Dec 45 and bones recovered insufficient for one man, all fractured, including portions of the jawbone with teeth.

From the evidence it would seem reasonable to assume that this man was T/Sgt Frank Julius KAPLA, but there is nothing conclusive.

v. The fifth member of the crew fell from the disabled aircraft, wearing a parachute, and landed at the northern end of the airstrip, in front of present Nauru Force HQ. It is not known whether the parachute opened, but Nauruan boys RAIKI and MITSU report that the top of his head was lifted back as though, in their opinion, struck by a bullet, and RAIKI states that he was told by members of SAKURA's company that the Japanese fired at the body with a machine gun as it turned over falling.

When the boys arrived on the scene a crowd of Japanese had already gathered. SAKURA was there and ordered one of his men to collect the white parachute. The body was buried where it fell.

Closeby a Nauruan picked up the cover of a very small brown psalm book.

Personal description is that the airman was of medium height 5'8" or 5'9" and medium build, light brown or golden hair, with four gold teeth including two in the centre and one on each side.

He wore a ring on one finger of white metal with a deep green stone inset. He also wore a watch.

No identity discs or wrist band were seen by the boys.

Another Nauruan, JOCKINAL, also saw the body, buried clad only in white shorts

RAIKI states that Japanese told him that the American was an officer, with bars on his shoulders, and that he was the navigator of the aircraft, wearing a silver wings badge above his breast pocket.

Considerable digging has been carried out in the search for this body, as witnesses have found it most difficult to recognize the ground detail since occupation of this area by Nauru Force took place in Sep 45. MITSU has indicated a position, and it is hoped that the remains will be recovered.

vi. It is considered that this information should enable the United States authorities to identify all these men, and thus be assured of their fate, but it seems that remains will not be recovered for one or more of the deceased.

vii. Copies of witnesses statements are attached to our IG. 51 to First Army and 23 Inf Bde.

P.C.O. JAMES

Capt.

Comd. Nauru Force.

Re: AMERICAN AIRCREW, NAURU.

1. Signal Received by Administrator of Nauru.

15th Dec. Following from ATOLL COMMANDER TARAWA is passed for your action. Records at Headquarters United States Army Forces Middle Pacific A. P. O. 958 show that the following officers and enlisted men were reported killed in action at NAURU on 9th Dec 1943 or 30th July 1944.

1st/Lt Alexander CHEROPOVITCH	O/749559.
1st/Lt Karl Reon JAMES	O/742328
S/Sgt Benedict Theodore JASPER	16094647
T/Sgt Frank Julius KAPLA	35010421
1st/Lt John Arthur KEELING	O/685943.
S/Sgt Harry Lewis STOCKTON	39453932.

It is desired that all possible information including the approximate location of grave sites be given in order to facilitate recovery of remains when repatriation is begun.

2. Signal From Administrator of Nauru to Resident TARAWA.

21 Dec. Your telegram 15th Dec. Please ascertain from ATOLL Commander TARAWA composition crews in order assist search bodies. Crew of fighter plane crashed 9 December 1943 practically incinerated few bones extremities only recovered and no means of identification. Remains of Lieut CHEROPOVITCH recovered also remains of airman presumably tail gunner only means identification being gold wedding ring. All remains recovered reinterred in special cemetery.

Administrator.

3. Signal from Distrec NG, 17323 of 141700K to Nauru Force.

Navy Dept Washington requests information whether any available record U.S. aircrew shot down NAURU ISLAND in addition 749559 A.A. CHEROPOVITCH. Please investigate and advise urgently.

4. Signal from Nauru Force Int 879 of 151040L to Distrec NG.

Your 17323 of 141700K. U.S. aircrew. First. 9 Dec 43 single engined aircraft incinerated combined Navy Airforce attack. Jap infm to natives 2 crew members. Small quantity bones recovered from Jap grave at BUADA Lagoon and reburied Nauru Force in European cemetery. Second. 30 Jun 44. Aircraft believed B.25 bisected AA fire crashed pilot on plateau and 4 crew members on airstrip. Native diary records Japs recovered body from plane crash that day removed discs marked Lieut. R.J. Collins. Location body unknown. Third. During combined Navy attack plane crashed sea body not brought ashore. Fourth. CHEROPOVITCH reburied by Nauru Force in European cemetery. Fifth. Jap comd ex Nauru at FAURO ISLAND. Administration concurs..

Re: AMERICAN AIRCREW, NAURU.

HQ. Nauru Force,
31 Dec 45.
IGN. Int. 58:

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

1. Herewith file on this matter containing following -
 - i. Copy of our Int. 51 to First Army (AIF) and 23 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) of 30 Dec 45.
 - ii. Copy of statements of MITSI, RAIKI, AKWIB, ITUBA, JOCKINAL, Ray HARRIS, MA NAI FAI, RONGO RONGO.
 - iii. Copy of our Int. 57 to Distrec NG and First Army (AIF).
2. Forwarded for your information.
3. Would you please treat this file as War Diary copy for month of Dec 45 and include as such.

Rob James
Capt.
Comd. Nauru Force.

24 Dec.

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AMENITIES



Souvenir Number

XMAS, 1945

BRIGADE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As 1945 draws to a close in the field of sport we recall to mind many keen games which we have at times won, and on other occasions lost.

I am happy to say that the matches have always had a good clean spirit of competition, and the spirit to be retained in the Bde is that it matters not whether we win or lose, but how we run our race.

Many of our distinguished players are due for discharge and we look forward to new stars appearing. Appreciation is due to many of the older men of the Bde (to mention a few - Capt Hughes, Sgt Jeffery, S/Sgt Anderson, Cpl Philp, Sgt Ferroux, Sgt Briggs, Sgt King, Ptes Mitchell, Thompson, Reaps, Smith and many others) for their untiring efforts in organising teams and holding them together while the Bde was in action.

I am sure the fine fighting qualities displayed in battle were greatly developed in the field of sport, which also kept the men so fit under the arduous tropical conditions.

The Amenities Service has kept the Bde supplied with material, and with Lt Fletcher, followed by Lt Newton, we have been fortunate in having energetic organisers. With additional supplies in the New Year I hope to see every man keenly participating in more than one branch of sport, thus keeping himself fit both mentally and physically for his return to civilian life.

Give your active co-operation to your Amenities Officer and encourage the men in your unit to take up new games as the equipment becomes available.

J R Stevenson Brig

Comd II Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Rabaul
1945

FOREWORD

Since the cessation of hostilities, the work of A A Amenities Service has increased considerably, and during the de-mob period, they are faced with the greatly increased function of providing sport, entertainment, and general amenities for troops in occupied and dispersal areas.

Additional officers and NCO's have been taken into the service, and placed in areas where the greatest assistance in organizing sport, entertainment etc can be given.

It is anticipated that very shortly, plenty of all types of equipment will be arriving and that entertainment in plenty, such as Twin Head Cinema Plants, thrice weekly change of programmes, additional concert parties, and mobile broadcasting stations will soon be here.

But this is the Festive Season. You all have your various hopes and wishes, and it is safe to say that almost all of these are of HOME.

We would all like to be with our loved ones at this time of the year, but this could not be.

We sincerely hope that you will all unite in making this Xmas a happy one, and that all your wishes for the New Year will come true.

When you go home we hope you will not forget that the A A Amenities personnel have always tried to make your lot an enjoyable one, often beyond the scope of their normal duties.

C Elston Capt

Amenities Officer

11 Aust Div (AIF)

Rabaul
Xmas 1945

EDITORIAL

In producing this booklet, we have endeavoured to present a Souvenir that makes pleasant reading, drives away boredom and causes some cheerful barrack between the various branches of the service.

We wish you a happy Xmas, and hope that when you are back home this Souvenir Booklet will bring back memories of the brighter side of your army service, and in reminiscent mood you will say, "It wasn't such a bad show after all".

Lt E W Newton

Amenities Officer.

Rabaul
1945

SINGING SOLDIERS

I was listening to two "old soldiers" comparing the young soldier of this war with the soldier of the last. One remarked with a grin - "Anyhow they are just as keen on singing as we were". The remark struck a cord in my memory -- C J Dennis's "Ginger Mick" Here are a few verses from the "Singing Soldiers".

"When I'm sitting in me dug-out wiv me rifle on my knees

An' a yowlin, 'owlin' chorus comes a-floatin' up the breeze --

Just a bit o' "Bonnie Mary" or "Long way to Tipperary"
Then I know I'm in Australia, took an' planted overseas.

They've bin up agin it solid since we crossed the flamin' foam;

But they're singin' --alwiz singin' --since we left the wharf at home."

So I get it straight from Ginger in 'is letter 'ome to me

On a dirty scrap of paper wiv the writin' hard to see.

"Strike," sez he. "It sounds like scitin; but they're singin' while they're fightin';

An' they socks it into Abdul to the toon of "Nancy Lee".

An' I seen a bloke this mornin', wiv his arm blown to a rag,

"Umming "Break the Noos to Mother," while 'e sucked a soothin' fag.

"When I'm sittin' in me dug-out wiv the bullets droppin' near,"

Wrires Ole Ginger, an' a chorus smacks me in the flamin' ear;

Singing Soldiers (cont)

P'raps a song that Rickaris pulled, or p'raps a line of "Waltz Matilda"

Then I feel I'm in Australia, took and shifted over ere

Till the music sort o' gits me, I acts me top notes roam

hile I treats the gentle roean to a chunk uv "Ome sweet Ome".

They was singin' on the troopship, they was sinin' on the train

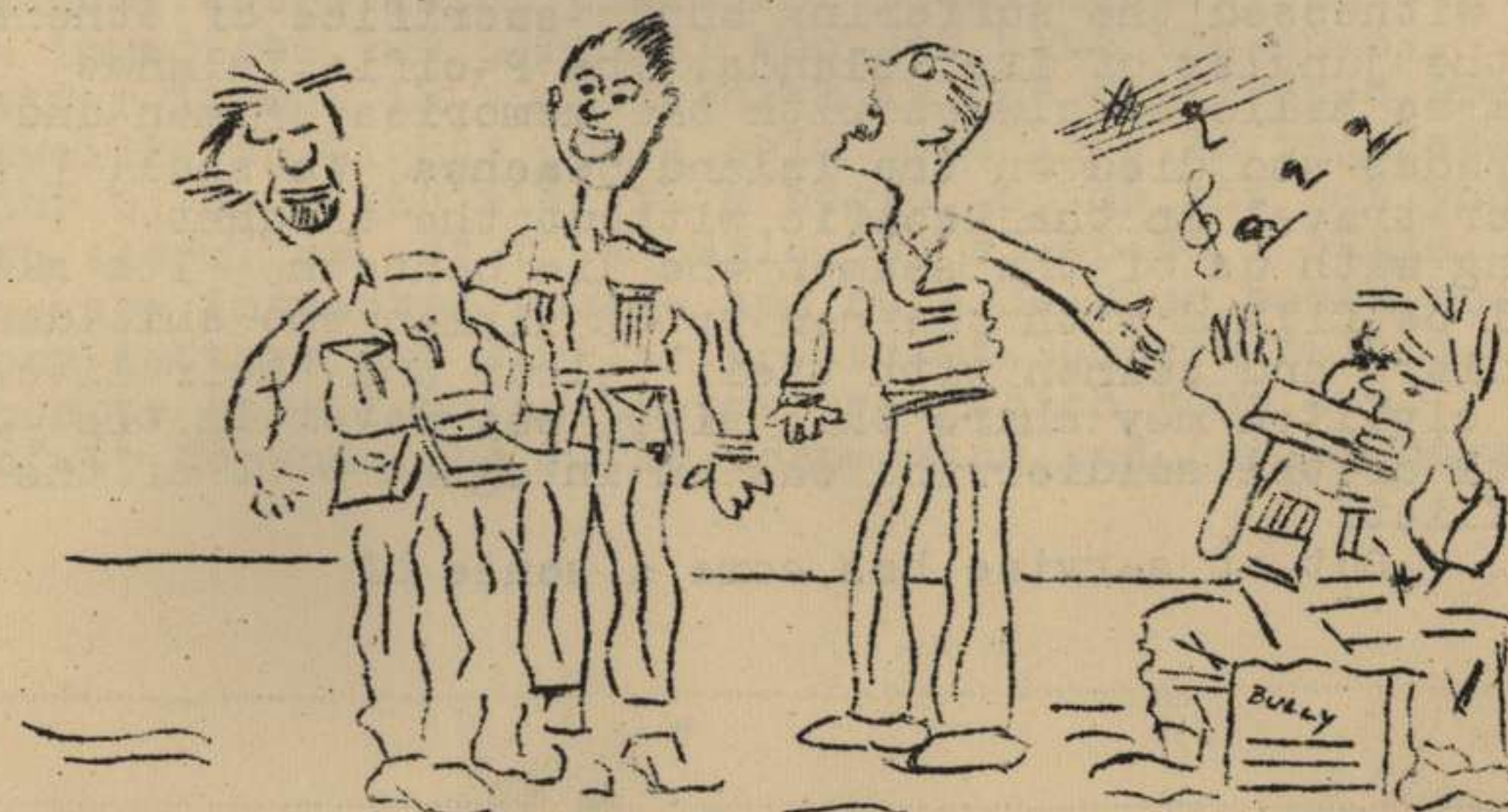
When they left their land behind er they was shoutin' a refrain,

An' all bet they have a chorus, gay an' glad in greetin' for us;

When their bit o' scappin's over, an' they lob back home again ..

An' the blokes that ain't returnin'..blokes that paid biggest price,

They go singin', siagin', singin' to the gates of Paradise.



PROFIT and LOSS

It will be many years before we can be sure what effect the army cooks have had upon the expectancy of life. There is every reason to think that the general simplicity of army life will have beneficial results.

It is debatable whether the psychological results of army service are equally beneficial. It is generally accepted that we need a period of mental and moral convalescence before we can fit comfortably into a civilian suit. It is certainly of value to think over our profit and loss account during the war years before we take off our uniform. It will help us to re-adjust ourselves and be tolerant in our attitude in civvy street.

As a B.M. I know would say, the following is tossed into the ring for what it is worth.

On the credit side I think we can claim that our years in the army have given us a depth of understanding of men, life, our country and its place in the Pacific, which we never could have gained outside the army and the islands. No civilian gets as close to the variety of men as we do. Further no civilian will look out on the waters of the Pacific with the same eyes and insight and memories as we who have fought and witnessed the suffering and sacrifice of others in the jungles of its islands. The Pacific Islands will be hallowed always with the memories of men and comrades who died on the island beaches. We shall never travel in the Pacific without the thought being with us of the seamen who lie beneath. Its skies will be filled with the memory of airmen who shielded soldiers and seamen with their valour and their lives. The civilian may share this view, but never in the depth of the soldier who was an integral part of the conflict.

Out of service has come a sense of

Profit & Loss (cont)

what matters in life. We know now that it is not places, but people who matter most. What the soldier has missed has not been the material amenities of civilisation, but the freedom to do what he wished in his own time, in company of his own choice. People have emerged as the supreme amenity.

It is my own view that even the emotions of the soldier have been purified. I, anyway, do not believe that the war has coarsened the Australian. He will return to the mainland with a deepened understanding a wider vision, and even finer feelings, despite the fact that war's business is to kill. In his treatment of the local Japanese there is no evidence of brutality - on the contrary.

Superficially, it would appear that the returned soldier will give the lead to the civilian in post-war Australia. Yet it is more than likely that his intellectual superiority, his finer feelings will be a dead loss. The Australian civilian is more likely to retain the hold or the leadership of Australia which was established during the war years. The easy going returned soldier will not be disposed to assert himself as a leader, nor will his army training fit him with a leader's capacities. The army is an institution which thrives best on following selected leaders. There is no place for individuality, unless in immediate and personal contact with the enemy. Self-reliance is a mood which is not cultivated. From Reveille to Lights out a soldier's life is regulated hour by hour. You rise to a bugle, you do not set your own alarm. You eat to a bugle, you sleep to a bugle. You are inspected inside and outside. Your boots and your letters get similar treatment. You are relied upon to care for the things upon which your own safety depends. The rifle inspection made every day.

and the atebirin parade leave you in no doubt that the army does not entrust its efficiency to person - al dispositions. The army demands certainties, not probabilities, and there is no way to obtain them but by supervision.

It is not surprising that years of being told what to do develops a mentality of waiting until you are told. It would be surprising if a soldier did not carry this waiting mentality into his civilian clothes. Every soldier must grasp this fact about himself before he leaves the army. On the day of his discharge he must realise he is back where he was before enlistment with the responsibility for his own life upon his own shoulders. He must go back to Australia, not to fit in, but to lead out. It would be a national tragedy if the precious experience gained from the war, his increased mental stature, his wider vision and deepened understanding were to be lost to Australia, because he was still waiting for someone to do something. It is the returned soldier's duty to re-adjust himself to civvy street, but not to be swallowed in it. The returned soldier of the last war was not a dominant influence in public life between the two wars. He was part of an exclusive minority movement. If the returned soldier of this war plays a big part in public life, no-one will be able to complain that a minority movement is running the country.

So many returned Australians cannot be a minority. If we pull together in peace as we did in war, then there will be a great number of Australian civilians pulling together.

ONE OF THE CHAPLAINS

Rabaul
1945

FOR HONOUR AND FOR HER

Somewhere a woman- thrusting fear away,
Faces the future bravely for your sake
Toils on from dawn till dark- from day to day
Fights back her tears nor hides the bitter ache
She loves you, trusts you, breathes in prayer your
name,
Soil not her faith in you by sin or shame

Somewhere a woman - Mother - Sweetheart - Wife
Waits betwixt fears and hopes for your return,
Her kiss - Her words - will cheer you in the strife
When death itself confronts you grim and stern.
But let her image all your reverence claim
When base temptations scorch you with their flame.

Somewhere a woman watches - filled with pride
Shrined in her heart you share a place with none
She toils, she waits, she prays, till side by side
You stand together when the battle's done.
Oh keep for her dear sake a stainless name
Bring back to her a manhood free from shame

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It was Timothy's first day at school. He walked to the teachers desk and announced " I aint got no pencil". Shocked at his expression the teacher exclaimed "Oh Timothy, " I have no pencil". A sympathetic look crossed the small boy's face, and he replied " You aint either? Well, we're both in the same fix".

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IF YOU'RE IT

If you can lounge around a game of two-up
In smoke-filled dens watch mugs lose quids at craps
You can volunteer and join a combat unit
With "X" men fit yourself to stoush the Japs

If you can organize a school of hazards
And post lookouts at advantageous cracks
You can organize a jungle ambush party
Lead bush patrols and reconnoitre tracks

If you've got guts enough to act ringmaster
With rough unruly mobs you can control
You can recon plan and build a defence system
And take control and hold it to the end

If you can spin and head them six times running
And from blokes who have had a run of outs
You can spin a few grenades among the slit-eyes
And turn their infiltrations into routs

If you can crouch outside and act nit-keeper
And keep a sharp look-out for raiding cops
You can as green-clad sentry guard your bivvy
With lead or steel make sure each raider drops

If you can fake a wheel or double-header
Or fix alarms to warn a gambling den
You can cunningly fit trip-wires with explosives
With booby traps knock rotten Tojo's men

If you can run like hell when dicks get busy
And slip away before they raid the joint
You can race across the beach from landing barges
And winkle Japs from fox-holes with the point

If you can flip the kip to your advantage
A jackpot crack - at dice good fortune hold
You can fan a temmy-gun or automatic
As camouflaged tree-snipers knock 'em cold

IF YOU'RE IT--(Continued)

If picked for chucker-out because you're hefty
And 'all in' is the rule when things get tough
You can educate raw rookies with the bayonet
And teach them 'blood and Guts' and make them tough

If you've a rotten trot and lost a fiver
And grinned and said your flaming roll has gone
You can overcome the hardships of the jungle
And if you're hit you'll smile and carry on.

If all these games you're confident of playing
And have the will to win-- and if you lose,
You can take it on the chin without a murmur.
You're fit to beat the jungle if you choose.

N.B.-- If the above characters refer to any living persons, so much the better.



11 BRIGADE REMINISCENCES

Sporting and Otherwise

To many of the old members of this Brigade the following should be of some interest, and we hope that the new lads, after reading of some of the Bde's sporting exploits will feel the same pride in their unit as the old-timers, many of whom are still with us. Early in the war, the Brigade was first camped at Miowera, 17 miles from Bowen, and consisted of the following Bns: 26 Bn, the wild and woolly men from the N.W. of Qld, under the leadership of Lt-Col H.W. Murray, VC, CMC, DSO, DCM, Croix de Guerre, who was one of the most highly decorated soldiers of World War 1; the chocolate and gold lads of 31 Bn, from the sugar centres around Ayr, Homehill, Bowen etc, under the command of Col F.R. North, CB, MC, ED; and 51 Bn from Cairns, Innisfail, and the Tablelands, led by Col W.H. Harris, MM.

Although the Bde unfortunately missed the earlier battles, many will remember the many battles honors that came our way, such as the Battle of the Bohle, Mt Louisa, Kissing Point and Nome.

While at Nome, 31 and 51 Bns became highlights in the Rugby Competition run on the Townsville Oval. This competition included Qld stars lock forward Bob Collins, Jack Ryrie, and Bill McLean. Stars from 31 Bn were Jasper Feeney, Jack Nelson, Frosty Benton, Harry Riley and Len Rigby (who is still with us and playing good football). 51 Bn were just as fortunate having 'Donkey' Lewis, Jack Seery, and Syd Turner.

Great was the excitement when it became known that the first big move was on. 26 Bn set off by rail to Kuranda, where the swimming in the Barron River was great ~~compensation~~ compensation for the jungle training which everyone was undergoing. 31 Bn went by rail to Ungena, and then by vehicle, along what was formerly a bullock track, to Jacky-Jacky

The trip

Sporting Otherwise (continued)

was long and tough, but the drivers proved that they knew their job well. A Coy 26 Bn made the trip to Iron Range by the same route, travelling over much unknown country, but Major Ralston and his merry men reached their goal and set up camp. 51 Bn held the fort at Yattee which suited many of the chaps in that show, Bde HQ was established on the hill over looking Freshwater and Strafford townships - a most delightful spot. Who will ever forget the Beer garden and the goodly supplies available every evening under the control of our veteran CSM Sandy Jock McPhail.

31 and 51 Bns amalgamated to form 31/51 Bn and 62 Bn, already at Merauke, made the third Bn in the Bde. The Bde Group settled down in Merauke in May 1943, and were about 7000 strong.

The Brigade Commander Brig J R Stevenson, set out to mould the troops into a real fighting team, which served them well in later tough spots.

The "Sport of Kings" was one of the highlights of our stay in Merauke. There were many Timor ponies, and keen sporting men who developed the Merauke Race Club to great heights. The hardy little ponies, either begged, borrowed or stolen from the Javanese, were trained and looked after like Melbourne Cup entrants. Army biscuits found their real use, and the ponies thrived on them. The race track was built round the football oval, and had 2 "lovely" hairpin bends, which were the bookies "delight", because many well-backed nags just didn't make the turn. 31/51 Bn had a strong string, Spargo's team being prominent; and Tom Hussey, the sporting man from over the river brought many favourites to light. The Watson-Muller string from 19 Pd Amb had a couple of good ones in War Hawk and Carriers Hope. The Bde 1st boys had perhaps the strongest team, and with such able trainers as George Booth and Bill Johnson, and Sgt Len Hesson to kick them home, they found the pastime very profitable. The

II Bde Reminiscences (Cont)

styles and types of riding gear were really classical. Most jeeps were short of the required holding straps, but it was all for a worthy cause. The hoops came from near and far, professional and amateurs, and among the best were Len Hasson, Paddy Watson, Alec Muller, and Les Wheeler.

Rugby was also a huge success, and a competition catered for A, B, C, and D grades. Grounds were hard to get, and the management did a grand job carrying out such a programme. The class of football was superb, and teams such as I6 Fd Coy (Zebus) 3I/5IBn (Kangaroos), Ack Ack, Norths, and I57 Tpt (All Blues) could hold their own in any "A" grade football. Two matches come to my mind as the betting coups of the season - when the Kangaroos downed the mighty Norths, and Wasps (Wreckers) played Bde HQ (Wanderers), the latter just getting there. These stars are worthy of mention - Roy Sneddon, (Wanderers), Sullivan, Col King and Macker Thompson (Zebus), Goseberg and Harry Collins (Norths), Ray Smith, Stan Dawson, and Digger Benton (Kangaroos).

DONT think that all we did was play sport, but it was part of the training for physical fitness and team work, and created a wonderful spirit in the Bde generally.

Merauke itself was most interesting, particularly the native races. Who remembers the old Kia Kia and his shell, the pygmy and his berry nut, and the dainty Javanese women, who flocked to the Merauke Theatre every night - and it was a first class theatre too.

Then "leave" in September 1944, and re-assembly at Strathpine - and further training. This was solid and even the "shiny pants" spent weekends climbing mountains with packs on.

The 20 Motor Regt had taken over from 62 Bn in Jan 44, but remained in Merauke when the Bde moved to Bougainville in Dec 44. The 55/53 Bn were now in the Bde in place of the Motor Regt. Now the real stern battle on, and it was the Bde's real test. Many individual honours were won, and the Bde did extremely well

II Bde Reminiscences (cont)

under very difficult conditions.

At every opportunity, resting troops indulged in plenty of sport, and it was soon found that 55/53 Bn was a decided acquisition to the sporting activities in the Bde. They have since proved their supremacy at Rugby against all-comers, and at general athletics they were no mean opponents. In the Bde Championship at Torakina, 55/53 was the best unit, whilst in the Bde Tabloid Sports, 26 Bn showed the other units how to win first, second and third.

The Solomon Island Sun Carnival was another occasion when the Bde displayed its sporting prowess by winning all events but one.

In the 4 Base Competition at Torakina, teams from various units were supreme in Rugby, Hockey, Soccer and Table Tennis. The winners of 4 Base Competition (Cricket) were beaten by a File Team, the feature of the match being the fine bowling of McPherson, a fast medium bowler, who bowled unchanged almost throughout the innings.

You will all agree that all these fine performances have created a very fine tradition.

You will look back in years to come and live over again the old rivalry, and struggles to win, and the friendships made.

We hope that all our readers will be proud to have been associated with sport in II Aust Infantry Brigade (AIF)

We also hope that you will all spare a thought for the greatest sportsmen in the Bde - those who gave their lives, in the toughest game - and made it possible for you to read this in peace and tranquillity.

Sent in by Capt T.J. Hughes
HQ II Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

I dunno wot is wrong wiv me.
I try to do my best
To please the ruddy Capt an
The Sergeant an the rest.
But some o' everythin goes wrong,
I simply gets abuse
An' extra work, fatigues an guard.
Aw - what's the flamin' use ?

It starts fust thing this mornin
The Capt'n comes around,
"What's this -- no shave me man?"
'E sez, - the Sergeant simply frowned.
The Corp -- the lousy what's-a-name,
Roars, "Go an' shave, yer goat,
An' while yer on the job," he sez,
"Just cut yer blasted throat."

If it ain't me blinkin' rifle
It's me ruddy boots an' hat.
Or "why're yer late fer fust parade?"
The Corporal yells -- the rat.
'E didn't say as 'ow lars night
'E subbed me half a quid,
An' comes in properly sozzled,
An' done 'is blasted lid.
'Oo picked 'im up, an' rubbed 'im down,
An' rolled 'im in his bunk?
Cripes, what's the use o' tryin' ter please
That mis-er-able skun'?

I was going ter tell somethin
About the Sargent Bloke,
But 'es too blasted cunnin'
'E'd tumble ter me joke
O' writing to "Amenities,"
Wot a flamin' goat I'd be

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (Continued)

To write about the Sargent - No ruddy fear - not me
Now wouldn't it rotate yer?
I only 'eard today,
Me Missus in the A W A S
'As got her stripes and pay
Of Corporal rank - by crickey
An' 'ere's me saying 'ow
I thinks thht I would like to ~~maxx~~ deal
With every Corporal cow.

Well- I goes in leave on Friday
She sez she's goin' too,
So 'ere's the chance i've waited fo.
An' she'll be in the blue.
If she gives me any Corporal stuff
Or any o' them lurks
I'll rotate ONE flamin' Corporal,
She'll get the ruddy works.

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HE GOT IT

The sergeant had 20 men lined up for
fatigue. They were not as energetic as the
sergeant thought they should be, so he tried
Applied ~~Rummy~~ Psychology.

"I've a nice easy job for the laziest man
here", he barked. "Will the laziest man
raise his right hand?"
Nineteen hands went up.
"Why didn't you raise your hand?" the s.
sergeant asked No 20.
"Too much trouble", drawled the digger.

"X" PLATOON

In "X" Platoon were thirtynine when they climbed
the Numa Trail
The ridges rose in endless line- the air hissed
leaden hail
So young in years when they reached the hills
blood made them catch their breath
Soon they were old in the ways of men in the ways
of life and death.

From the tree-clad crags of the mountains to the
swamps and the coal-black clay
From the hills of Numa-Numa to the shores of Puto Bay
They fought with a searing fury - imbued with the
lust to kill
A consuming fire of vengeance for the Nine they left
on the hill

They paused by the River Ganga then stormed its
vine-grown banks
But the effort to push ever onward left gaps in the
thinning ranks
When they breasted the Compton and Gilman, exacting
a heavy toll,
For the enemy's fevered resistance there were
fifteen names on the roll

Blood is only bought with blood- stark truth to the
youthful mind,
In the fetid, squelching jungle mud they also paid
in kind.
With the last plantation taken- with the fall of the
last log fort
The roll-call held for "X" Platoon revealed the
total "Nought",

"X" Platoon (continued)

When the big parade is on for the bravest of the
brave
Who needed never a spurring nor counted what they
gave
A voice will speak for "X" platoon from out the
stalwart line
"All present and accounted for - On Parade Sir-
Thirtynine.

Col Purcell
102 Bde Ord Fd Pk

DEMOBILIZATION LAMENT

Does anyone know -- Does anyone care
Where you go or how you fare
Whether you smile or whether you sigh
Whether you laugh or whether you cry
Glad when you're happy, sad when you're
Does anyone care what becomes of you

NO --- I'm..... if they do

JACK SYSTEM

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Our Sporting Editor points out
that many a good name is wasted on a
bad horse. And many a bad name on a
on a good one when it does not win

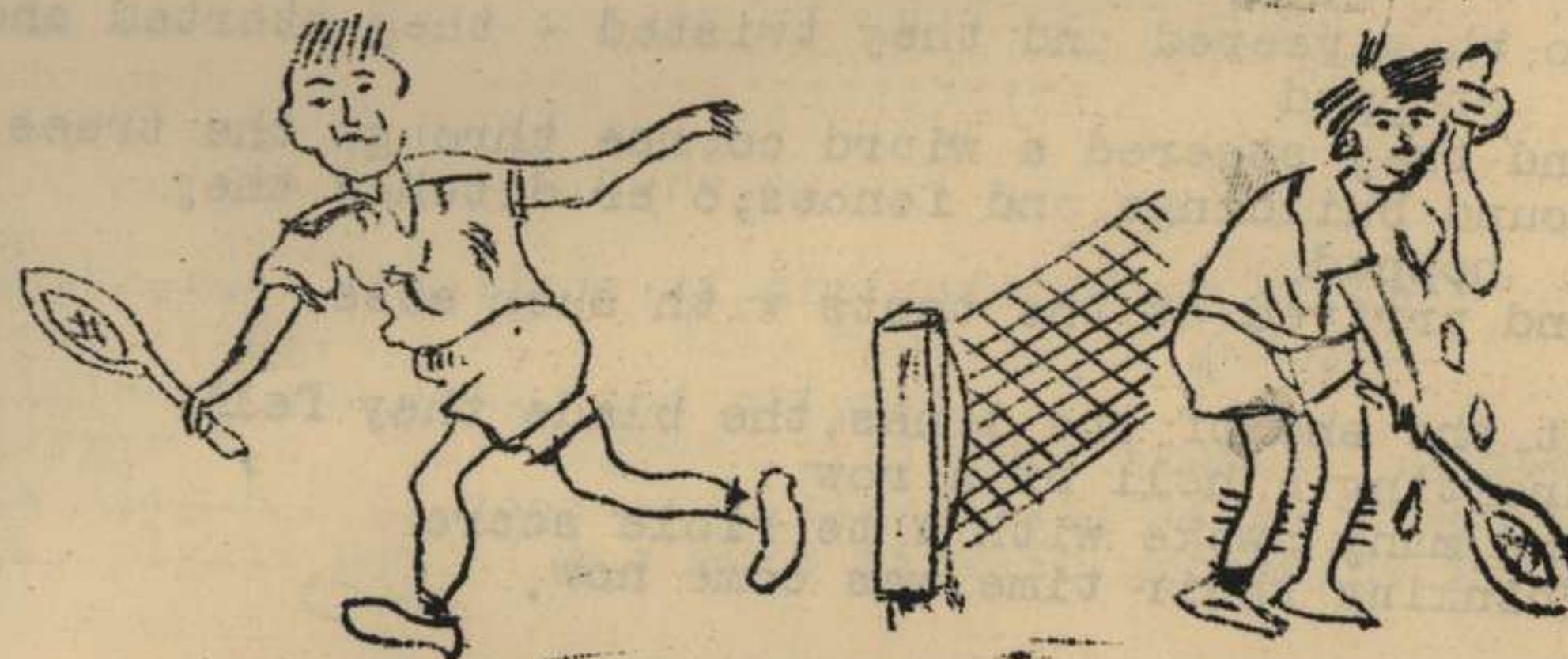
TEMPERAMENTAL STARS

Primas Donas, with their usual swas songs, neurotic movie stars with their yearly spouses- these celebrities are the ones we usually associate with temperaments. Compared with the giants of sport however these stars appear angelic. Take tennis. There was the buffoon Menzel, a Czech with an inflated body 2 pillows for hands, a pretty wife and no manners. He visited W.A. with the inter-nationals de Stefani (Italy) Kirby (Sth Africa) Maier (Spain) during the 1935-37 season. As a player, winning, he was ahead of the others- as a loser he was impossible. One can only reflect on the incalculable harm a representative like Menzel could do to his country. In the opening match of the series against Bromwich, with the 16 year old 'molly-doker' cum left-right hander playing tenaciously, the Czech no doubt saw his number rising out of the haze on the court even before the completion of the first set. His performance commenced. A child who was crying had to be removed - he would not continue if applauding commenced before the end of a rally; and his hostility to our flies, who disported themselves freely on his perspiring oily face, incited him to continually ejaculate "Bloody Australian Flies". The match ended after Bromwich had won the first set, Menzel walked up to the central umpire (who was a medical man) and asked him if he was professionally interested in optics. The umpire said he was. "I suggest you get your own eyes tested" said the guest, gathering up his racquets and striding off the court never to appear again, regardless of upsetting the draw, and the possible financial loss to his hosts. True to type, on the over-run of his country by the Nazis, Menzel became one of the first collaborators of the new order. Since which time he has written some derogatory criticisms of the people who did all they could to make his stay a happy one. Unlike his country Menzel is dead, By contrast.... witness Jean Borotra, the volatile Frenchman, a charming personality and good sportsman

TEMPERAMENTAL STARS (continued)

With a weak service, good ground strokes, and deadly volleying and speed made him for a time, the world's best. The "Boundind Basque", always smiling, always appearing happy, nearly always excited. One cannot reconcile his present attitude as a Vichy Collaborator. I believe history will commend his longer game, of appearance only, as a Petain sympathiser, whilst his subteranian activities are pro-Allied.

Fred Perry, you remember him? His era-three years prior to the outbreak. What a player, what a temperament. What a "drip". He was the best player the writer has ever seen. For sheer aggressive speed he was unsurpassed. Similarly for sheer egotism he would be hard to beat. "Ha, ha," he croaked, when asked about playing Quist, who was changing at the other end of the room. "Quist will get five games." Perry won 6/2, 7/5. Someone chided him later about why holding Quist to five games. "Yes", he admitted, "He is a little better than I thought." Quist took it well, having very little alternative, but avenged himself two years later.



THE NIGHT LIFE OF A BULLDOZER

The dozer stood on the narrow track
Silent - Forsaken - alone
The night was calm - the sky was black
Suddenly was heard - a Drone.

A jeep from the club was homeward bound
But it stopped by the ford in the creek
Then somebody said: "What have we here?"
"A dozer; we'll just take a peek."

"This dozer" he said, "is the ideal thing
For pushing down trees, poles and tents,
We'll take it home - like a bird on the wing
And teach some of those coves some sense."

So one of them moved a lever
While another hung on to the brake
The third started shouting directions
And the dozer it started to quake

So they veered and they twisted - they started and
stopped
And they steered a wierd course through the trees
Round buildings and fences, o'er ditches they
hopped
and arrived at the tents with such ease.

At the end of the lines, the blade they fell
Creating a hell of a row.
And many awoke with a terrible scare
Thinking their time was come now.

One thought that Bagana had started to roar
And went into the bush at a run
With his torso quite bare - he ran like a hare
The others enjoyed all the fun.

The Night Life of a BULLDOZER (Continued)

Then the leader amongst them said to his mates
"We'll push down those posts and then
We'll drive thru the tents as though they are gates
We'll be finished before you count ten

They pushed the posts down - they created a din,
Then they quietened and thought about bed
The 'hare' returned from its lair in the scrub
And the fire in the party was dead.

At breakfast the leader said "Ring up the show
Get the G.O. to see me this morn
He'll be worried and chasing all over the place
So we'll show where his 'dozer has 'gorn'.

The Moral is - Dont leave a Dozer alone,
It is apt to get lost or mislaid
Or it might be used as a toy by those
Who should be more dignified and staid.

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Then there's the story of the commanding officer
who restricted a whole camp because of general
untidiness and lack of courtesy.
The Privates, smarting under his reprimands, adopted
this slogan "If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't
move, pickit up; if you cant pick it up, paint it".

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A M E N I T I E S

"What are Amenities?" We are often asked this question. A dictionary defines the word as : Pleasantness; agreeableness of situation that which delights the eye; compensation for change from usual surroundings that is the definition in the narrow sense. Our activities are of much wider scope. Here are our duties as set out in an Army Circular.

The Australian Army Amenities Service is responsible for

- (a) The co-ordination and military administration of the recognised Philanthropic Organisations other than the Australian Red Cross Society (viz., the Australian Comforts Fund, I. C. A., Salvation Army and the A. C. A.) and for other Philanthropic Organisations whose representatives are not so recognised but which are under certain conditions permitted to give services to the forces in rear formations.
- (b) The organisation and control of organised inter-unit, inter-formation and international etc, sport and games, including the provision of sporting equipment.
- (c) The provision of entertainment by means of
 - (i) Co-ordination and employment of Civilian Concert Parties.
 - (ii) Organisation, equipment and routing of Army Concert Parties.
 - (iii) Provision together with Philanthropic Organisation of fixed and mobile cinemas, excluding those used for training and education, and of supplies through Motion Picture Industry of Australia and Department of Information of cinematograph films.

Amenities (continued)

(iv) The general provision of amenities for the Troops and the procurement for formations of requirements for entertainment purposes.

So now you know.

We endeavour to carry out the instructions, not only because it is our duty -- but because we are "Amenities Minded" and derive real pleasure from helping the other bloke. The splendid co-operation of all ranks has been very encouraging and made our work pleasant and effective.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of all your assistance.

Amenities

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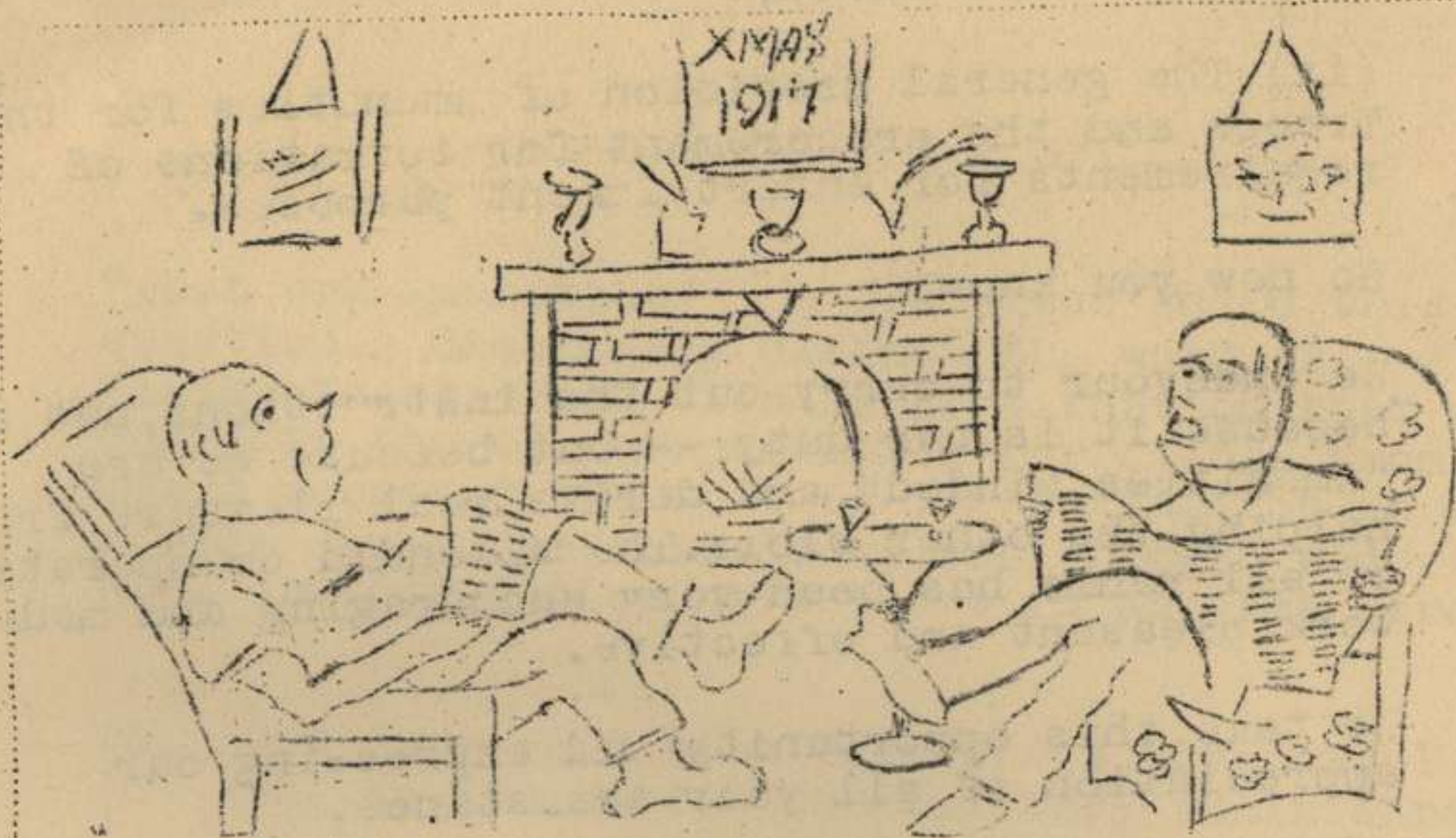
An orderly, cleaning up the pulpit, in the Rec Hut last Sunday, took a peek at the Padre's manuscript. Along the left margin were instructions such as "pause here", "wipe brow", "Use angry fist gesture" "Look upwards". Near the end was a long paragraph of text, opposite which the Padre had marked in capital letters. "Argument weak here, Yell like Hell".

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At a modern dairy in the South West, we learn, each cow is given a warm shower before being milked. This is a great improvement on giving the shower bath to the milk.

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It was Christmas Eve 1917, and in Sussex Manor, the Squire and the Rector were sipping their Port. Gazing pensively into the fire, the Rector said: Just think, Sir John, Christmas Eve ... and the Australians are in Bethlehem".

"Then, by gad," snapped the Squire, "The shepherds'll have to watch their flocks tonight."

Sergeant, bellowing at a private. "The afternoon off"
 "What do you think you are - a human being?"

A radio speaker declared the other day that the majority of comedians are not funny in private life.

The last three words seem quite unnecessary.

Summary of Sporting & Entertainment Fixtures

since June 45

Sport

Aust Rules Football	85	matches
Rugby League "	186	"
Soccer	36	"
Cricket	102	"
Softball	24	"
Hockey	22	"
Basket Ball	57	"
Batinton	46	"
Volley Ball	14	"
Table Tennis	47	"
Tennis	21	"
Bridge	8	"

Tournaments

Batinton	3
Boxing	3
Athletics	7
Swimming	2

Entertainment

Concert Parties	5
Unit Concerts	9
Quizz Nights	10
Talent Quests	4

