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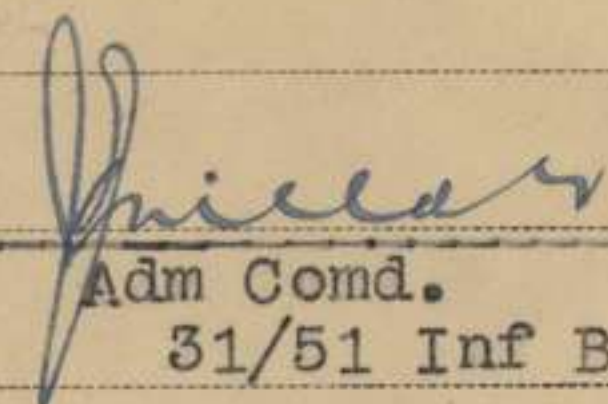
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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 JAN 46 To 31 Jan 46

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WAR DIARY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>of</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>31/51 INF BN (AIF)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>From 1 JAN 46 to 31 JAN 46</u></p> <p>Covering the activities of the Battalion in RABAU - NEW BRITAIN, where Australian Army Forces are engaged in protective work, containing within prison compounds, approx 102,000 disarmed Japanese.</p> <p>The Battalion is still maintaining a small force on NAHRU ISLAND, keeping guard over 500 disarmed KOREANS. The NAURU FORCE WAR DIARY for this month is shewn in a seperate schedule.</p> <p>Military History Section is requested to combine both Diaries for the compilation of unit history.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;">  Capt. Adm Comd. 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF) </p>	

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Sheet 1

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU</u>	<u>1 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>11 BRIGADE SPORTS CARNIVAL - NEW YEARS DAY.</u></p> <p>Perfect weather today greeted the first all day Athletic Sports Carnival held by the Brigade since its arrival in Rabaul. The carnival proved an unqualified success, despite the fact that nominations for the various events were not numerous.</p> <p>Highlight of the day was the winning of the sports by competitors of this Battalion, after being so low in the points score at the luncheon adjournment. Our high jumpers Sjt. BATTAMS, L/Cpl AGNEW, Sig HUGHES, the Tug-O-War team coached by Pte SCANLON, and the company Tunnel Ball teams were chiefly responsible for the Battalion winning by a narrow margin from 26 Inf Bn (AIF).</p> <p>After the conclusion of all the events, trophies, which included Writing sets, Wallets, and Bathing trunks, were presented to all winning competitors by Maj. Gen. K.W. EATHER G.O.C. 11DIV.</p> <p>Programme of events, competitors and officials attached as</p>	Appx 3 - Sports Programme
			<p><u>MOVEMENTS</u></p> <p><u>Transfer of A Company to No 2 Compound - VUVU PLANTATION</u></p> <p>The second platoon of A Company namely 8 Platoon, departed at 1330 Hrs for No 2 Labour Compound, located adjacent to the Coast Road approximately 1000 yards West of Battalion HQ.</p> <p>"A" Company's task is to maintain guards and supervise the distribution of PW labour to units. Attached as Appx 1 screed showing present allotment of labour</p>	Appx 1 - Screed of PW labour
			<p><u>No 10 COMPOUND KABAIRA.</u></p> <p>Attached as Appx 2 is a statement showing details of Japanese PW at this compound. Total number of Japanese is 11,510, comprising of 4500 Naval and 7010 Army personnel. It will be noted that the sickness rate is high - approximately 30% being in hospital. The death rate is expected to be in the vicinity of 100 per month.</p>	Appx - 2

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>1 JAN 46</u> (contd)		<p><u>WAR SOUVENIRS</u> Due to the considerable amount of surrendered enemy equipment being forwarded to Australia through the Postal channels the following undermentioned examining Officers and NCO's have been appointed in the Battalion</p> <p>Sjt. EVANS - A Coy Lt. RIGBY - B Coy " T.H. EASTCOTT - D Coy " W. STRATTON - HQ Coy.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION</u> Capt. A.M. TODD and Lt. T.H. EASTCOTT of the 26 Inf Bn (AIF) marched in today. Capt Todd has been posted as OC B Company and Lt. EASTCOTT to D Company.</p>	
	<u>2 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> With 11 Inf Bn and 19 Fd Amb becoming redundant, the Battalion today received low priority reinforcements numbering 91, comprising of 9 from the 19 Fd Amb and 82 from 11 Inf Bn.</p> <p><u>MOVEMENTS</u> <u>Transfer of A Company to No 2 Labour Compound</u> The movement of A Company from the Battalion area was completed by 1400 hrs on the departure of 9 Platoon plus Coy HQ. Temporary HQ has been established at Map Ref 749 357 Ref Map TALILI BAY 1: 20,000.</p> <p><u>STAGING AREA</u> Anticipating the arrival of large numbers of troops for the Brigade from redundant units for reposting according to trade classification, the area recently vacated by C Company, has been</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	2 JAN 46 (contd)		set aside for this purpose. Lt S. DEVLIN of D Company to be OC of staging Company. <u>VISITORS</u> Col. ALLAN Comd PAPUAN INF REGT called on the GO Lt. Col J.L.A.KELLY during the afternoon.	
	3 JAN 46		<u>JAPANESE LABOUR</u> Work was resumed today in the camp area today by Japanese PW, after the Christmas New Year period. During the later period no Japanese were allowed in the ast area of occupation, thereby relieving personnel of the normal guard duties. Two Officers, 1 interpreter and 123 ORs were allotted to the Battalion for the remainder of the week, - 3 to 5 JAN 46. Work programme included erection of canteen and transport shed and setting up of Battalion Saw Mill. <u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> An additional 66 low point personnel from the redundant 28 Inf Bn marched into the E Company staging area prior to allotment to companies. <u>SPORT</u> Much interest is at present being displayed by our cricket enthusiasts as a respite from the more strenuous game of Rugby League. Efforts are being made to have a concrete wicket laid on No 1 Ground of the Brigade Sports Arena. In an inter unit match the battalion team defeated 11 Bde HQ team by an innings and 13 runs. Bn HQ suffered a defeat at the hands of the Sigs by 38 runs on the first innings. Second innings was not played.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>4 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>11 Bde ATHLETIC CARNIVAL - 1 JAN 46</u></p> <p>In view of the good performance displayed by the Battalion contestants in the above mentioned carnival, Lt. Col. KELLY decided that a Five Shilling canteen order be granted to all winners and place getters including the Tug- O - War and Tunnel Ball teams.</p> <p><u>VISITORS</u></p> <p>Brig. J.R. STEVENSON Comd 11 Inf Bde (AIF) called on the CO Lt. Col. J.L.A. KELLY and later inspected the Battalion area.</p> <p><u>SPORT</u></p> <p><u>Rugby League</u> :- The D Company and HQ Company match played this afternoon resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.</p> <p><u>Basket Ball and Volley Ball</u>:- Both these games are at present proving very popular. Results of matches played during the week are shown in REVIEW of Weeks Sport, attached as Appx 4 of 5 JAN 46.</p>	Appx - 4
"	<u>5 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>DEMOBILISATION</u></p> <p>As from today all personnel with 140 points and over are now high priority for return to Australia for discharge.</p> <p>Field Returns W 3008 and W 3009 submitted today and attached as Appx 6 shows 238 personnel eligible in this category and arrangements are being made for medical board, Dental examination etc. by the Demob.</p> <p><u>Battalion Christmas Greeting Cards</u></p> <p>Reciprocal greetings were conveyed to the Battalion per telegram by the Nimech Family and Pte F. GRASSO.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></p> <p>Today being Saturday administration matters in the Companies were attended to. These included Kit inspections, Airing of blankets</p>	Appx - 6 Field Returns W 3008 & W 3009

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>5 JAN 46</u> (contd)		and tentage, Routine Orders Serial No 1 of 5 JAN 46 published today and attached as Appx 5	Appx - 5 Routine Orders Serial No1
			<u>SPORT</u> A review of the Battalions sporting activities for the week by the Sports Officer Lt SPRILYAN is attached as Appx 4.	
"	<u>6 JAN 46</u>		Sunday - Day of rest - The following Church Services were conducted by Chaplains WHENT and ORMONDE in the unit chapel today. 0615K - C of E Holy Communion Padre WHENT 0800K - O.P.D. " " 0900K - R.C. Mass " ORMONDE	
			<u>C.Os MOVEMENTS</u> Lt/Col KELLY made an inspection of both No 2 Labour Compound and No 10 Compound KABAIRA. Cpts. ROE and SIMONSON are at present administering these two compounds respectively.	
"	<u>7 JAN 46</u>		<u>JAPANESE LABOUR</u> The allotment of 131 Japanese PW for the week 7-12 JAN 46 reported for work at the usual time (0630 hrs) this morning. The 5 carpenters included, continued the erection of the canteen and transport shed. Others were employed on Hygiene duties, removal of dead coconut trees, grubbing of stumps and general cleaning of the camp area. <u>DEMOBILISATION</u> The CO LT. Col J.L.A. KELLY today authorised the retention for service of certain "key" personnel within the Battalion, who	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>7 JAN 46</u> (contd)		are eligible under the points system for discharge. The list comprises of all Officers, RQMS, WO2 ROZELLI, WO2 CHAPPEL (caterer) 15 Sjts and 4 Cpls. At the 31 JAN 46 the position will be reviewed and where possible others not regarded as high priority will be retained for replacements, thus allowing the others to return to Australia.	
			<u>ARRIVAL of REINFORCEMENTS - ex WEWAK</u> Between 1700K and 2200K 261 transferees from the WEWAK area were transported direct from the RIVER LODDEN to the E Company staging area. Shortage of transport and numerous breakdowns tended to delay their arrival at the Battalion. Personnel will remain in E Company until NGDD Det. is able to reallote them to the various units under Command 11 DIV.	
			<u>PW COMPOUNDS</u> Attached as Appx 7 and 8 are maps showing the layout of No 2 Labour Compound and No 10 Compound KABAIRA, respectively.	Appx - 7 & 8 Maps of Compounds
"	<u>8 JAN 46</u>		<u>DEMOBILISATION</u> After patiently waiting since the 26 DEC 45 for the arrival of shipping, a draft comprising of 54 personnel departed at 1500K for the SS 'DUNTROON' enroute for Australia and discharge. The draft included the former 2 i/c of the Battalion Maj. T.H.A. TITLEY M.C. At 1000K a kit inspection was conducted on the parade ground opposite Bn HQ, but transport to move personnel did not arrive until 1500K Advice has been received from HQ 11 DIV that the documentation and medical boarding etc. of all personnel with 125 points and over is to be completed by 31 JAN 46.	
			<u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> Today 15 personnel were posted to the battalion from E Company.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	8 JAN 46 (contd)		<u>APPOINTMENTS</u> Capt. A.J. MILLAR OC of HQ Company has been appointed 2 i/c of the battalion in the place of Maj. T.H.A. TITLEY who marched out today for discharge.	
"	9 JAN 46		<u>DEMOBILISATION</u> Two further drafts were called for today by NGDD, 40 personnel to be shipped per the RIVER LODDEN and a similar number on the TAROONA. The personnel for the RIVER LODDEN departed at 0800K, but later advice received set the time of sailing of the TAROONA as 10 JAN 46, much to the disappointment of many.	
			<u>C in C's GREETINGS</u> Attached as Appx 9 is a copy of a letter received by the CO Lt. Col. J.L.A. KELLY from the C in C AUST MILITARY FORCES GEN. Sir THOMAS BLAMEY, reciprocating Seasons Greetings to the Battalion. It will be remembered that Gen. BLAMEY visited the battalion whilst it was engaged in active operations on BONIS PENINSULA, BOUGAINVILLE.	Appx - 9 - C in Cs letter of greetings
"	10 JAN 46		<u>JAPANESE LABOUR</u> A commencement was made today by Japanese carpenters and labourers on new buildings to accommodate the Education Department of the battalion. The present buildings constructed of bamboos and Sisal-craft are not able to stand up to the frequent strong North and North West winds. The new buildings of sawn timber with Sisalcrafft walls and a thatched roof will give the building a good appearance, as well as make ideal conditions for the holding of educational classes.	
			<u>LANDSCAPE GARDENING</u> In response to applications called for personnel with gardening experience, Pte DIXON of B Company has been selected to supervise	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABOUL.</u>	10 JAN 46 (contd)		Japanese in the Bn HQ area. The beautification of the area is progressing satisfactorily with the digging of flower beds, etc. and the planting of, Crotons, coconut palms and Cannon.	
			<u>DEMOBILISATION</u> The 40 personnel scheduled to leave for Australia on the TAROONA yesterday, departed in the early hours of the morning, namely 0400 hrs for the ship.	
			It will be noticed that a good percentage of drafts proceeding to the mainland are composed of transferees recently arrived from redundant units in Bougainville, New Guinea and Rabaul. Thus making additional work in the preparation of documents for the Demob section of Bn HQ.	
			<u>VISITORS</u> Brig. J.R. STEVENSON DSO was a visitor to the Battalion and with Lt Col J.L.A. KELLY inspected the Battalion guard	
"	11 JAN 46		<u>DEMOBILISATION</u> An additional 68 personnel divided into two drafts of 38 and 30 departed from the Battalion for movement to Australia by the VITO. The 38 consisted of the advance party of the vessel and left Bn HQ at 0930K, whilst the remainder received transport at 1400K.	
			<u>BATTALION SAW MILL</u> Using Japanese labour Battalion Pioneer personnel today commenced operation of the Battalion Saw Mill, located in the 102 Wk Shop area. Map Ref 762358, Ref Map TALILI BAY 1:20,000.	
			<u>REINFORCEMENTS - ex WEWAK</u> 3 Officers and 133 ORs marched into "E" Company to await posting to units.	

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<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>11 JAN 46</u> (contd)		<u>POSTINGS - OFFICERS</u> Lt. K.D. FRASER ex 30 Inf Bn and Lt G.D. GRIFFIN ex 35 Inf Bn were taken on strength today, but as yet have not been posted to Companies.	
"	<u>12 JAN 46</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATION</u> At a Company Comds conference convened by Lt Col J.L.A. KELLY administration matters for the week ending 19 JAN 46 were discussed. Throughout the Companies the normal Saturday routine administration matters were given attention. Routine Orders Serial No 2 of 12 JAN 46 and Field Returns W 3008 and W 3009 at 0600 hrs 12 JAN 46 were published today, and are attached as -	Appx - 10 - Routine Orders Serial NO2 Appx - 11 - Field Returns W3008 & W 3009
"	<u>13 JAN 46</u>		<u>Sunday</u> - day of rest - The following Church Services were held in the unit Chapel today 0615K - C of E holy Communion 0800K - O.P.D. 0830K - C of E holy Communion 0900K - R.C. Mass 1900K - Evensong The Battalion Padre, Chaplain WHENT has received word of his release from the Chaplain Gen. Department and expects to leave soon for his Parish in W.A.	
			<u>RECREATION</u> The beaches of TALILI BAY were again well patronised by the members of the Battalion, who enjoyed both the sun bathing and the swimming.	

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<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>13 JAN 46</u> (contd)		<p><u>Rugby League</u></p> <p>The decline of the battalions Rugby League is noticeable of late, due no doubt to the absence of our crack players namely, Sjt. PERROUX, Ptes DALEY, TURNER and PIGDON.</p> <p>Since the amalgamation of the 31 and 51 Battalions our Rugby League teams have always been well to the fore, upholding the Battalions reputation in sporting activities.</p> <p>55/53 Bn proved the stronger side this afternoon, winning by 3 points to 2.</p>	
"	<u>14 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>JAPANESE LABOUR</u></p> <p>Japanese PW numbering 143 were allotted to the Battalion for the coming week. Included are, Carpenters, Mechanics, Supervising Officers and an interpreter. Good progress has been made on both the Educational buildings and the Canteen, and the general cleaning of the whole area.</p> <p><u>SPORT</u></p> <p>Attached as Appx 12 is Brigade Amenities Letter No 10, showing results of the various sporting fixtures, played during the last week. Matches arranged for the week 14 - 21 JAN 46 are also shown.</p> <p>Interruptions have occurred in the Battalions sporting activities of late, due to members of teams being available for movement home, but every endeavour is being made to get others in the low priority category interested.</p>	Appx - 12 - Bde. Amen. Letter No 10
"	<u>15 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>DEMOBILISATION</u></p> <p>Documentation of all personnel with 130 points and over commenced today, in anticipation of additional shipping arriving in Rabaul before the end of the month, to move them to Australia.</p> <p>It has been announced that on arrival on the mainland, personnel may be temporarily transferred to base jobs while awaiting their turn for discharge.</p>	

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<u>RABAU.</u>	15 JAN 46 (contd)		<p><u>SPORT</u></p> <p><u>Aust Rules Football</u> :- All players interested in this game turned out for practice this afternoon on the brigade sports ground, in order that a battalion representative team could be selected for proposed inter-unit fixtures. The first match is timed to take place on the 4 Bde Field against the 26 Inf Bn (AIF) on Friday 18 JAN 46.</p> <p>Work on the Bde AustRules ground has been temporarily suspended owing to the fact that no grader is available. Another day or two's work with the use of the latter, should result in a first class ground being available for the followers of this sport.</p>	
"	16 JAN 46		<p><u>DEMOBILISATION</u></p> <p>Much activity is evident at Bn HQ duplicating hundreds of A.A.F. Mob 3's, allocating personnel for dental examination, medical examination etc. The Education department is also very busy recording particulars in A.A.B. 87's of members' educational qualifications, and desired types of civilian work intended to be followed after discharge.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></p> <p>Routine Orders Serial No 3 published today and attached as</p>	Appx - 13 Unit R.Os Serial No 3
"	17 JAN 46		<p><u>11 DIV PARADE</u></p> <p>Advice was received today of the cancellation of the Divisional Parade scheduled to take place on AUSTRALIA DAY 26 JAN, in conjunction with the first meeting of the Rabaul Racing Club. Work has been commenced with Japanese PW labour on the race course, under 11 DIV arrangements. The course is situated where Gen. Sir THOMAS BLAMEY C in C AMF reviewed the Divisional troops on the 28 OCT 45.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	17 JAN 46 (contd)		<u>EDUCATION</u> Education classes to date have not been resumed within the battalion, after the Christmas - New Year holiday recess. The new buildings to be used as classrooms, which are at present under construction, are progressing satisfactorily and it is hoped by all concerned that classes will recommence as early as possible.	
"	18 JAN 46		<u>No 10 COMPOUND KABAIRA.</u> Attached as Appx 14 is a statement which gives details of the number of Japanese PW held and occupations followed etc. in the Compound under control of "C" Company. Also Int Report No 1 covering the activities of the garrison force. To the 18 of Jan 46 it is noted that patrolling both by foot and horse of outside the garden areas, living out quarters, salt works, saw mills, and stables is the main task performed by personnel of the company. Sport is also indulged in.	Appx 14-
			<u>JAPANESE LABOUR</u> <u>Erection of Grand Stand - Brigade Oval</u> This task has been under way for some time. It is being built by Japanese under the supervision of the Battalion Pioneers. Unfortunately work has been hampered due to lack of materials and the building has been suspended. Framework is of steel railway lines with decking of timber. When completed it is expected to hold approx 300 persons.	
			<u>SPORT</u> Each afternoon continues to be devoted to sporting activities, but with the departure of drafts for Australia, the selection of players for teams is sometimes uncertain. Lt SPRILYAN Bn Sports Offr, is kept busily engaged arranging matches, liaising unit, unit games and grounds with the Bde Amenities Officer.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	19 JAN 46		<p><u>C.O's CONFERENCE</u> At the conference held this morning by the CO, Lt Col J.L.A. KELLY, various administration matters for the coming week were discussed. Chief item of interest was the laying of a concrete cricket pitch on No 1 ground of the Brigade Oval. The turf wicket being used, is considered by the players, to be dangerous to batsmen owing to the uneven nature of the ground, which causes fast deliveries from the bowlers to rise sharply. Arrangement for the construction of the pitch to be made by the Battalion Pioneer Officer Lt W. STRATTON.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION</u> The normal Saturday administration matters were given attention today. Routine Orders Serial No 4 of 19 JAN 46 published today and attached as Field Returns W3008 and W3009 submitted and shown as Appx 16 shows strength of battalion as 22 Officers and 883 OR's - 343 O.R's with points 125 and above remain.</p>	<p>Appx - 15 - Unit R.O's Serial No4</p> <p>Appx - 16 - Field Returns W3008 & W3009</p>
"	20 JAN 46		<p><u>CHURCH SERVICES</u> The usual Sunday Church Services were conducted by Chaplains WHENT and ORMONDE in the unit Chapel today.</p> <p><u>WARNING ORDER</u> A warning Order was received from HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) to the effect that one company of the Battalion was to stand by in readiness to relieve the NGIB security guard on the No 8 Japanese Labour Compound Map Ref 780430 as from 200900K. An additional Company with all arms and ammunition also be prepared to move to suppress possible rioting by members of the NGIB of that compound.</p>	

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<u>RABAU.</u>	20 JAN 46 (contd)		"D" and "B" Companies respectively were allocated the task should the occasion demand. Stand down was later ordered at 1600 hrs. Signal re warning order is attached as	Appx - 17 -
			<u>SPORT</u> The semi finals of the Rugby League competition, were played on the Brigade Oval this afternoon. The Battalion team, opposing 4 Fd Coy, were defeated by 10 points to nil, thus eliminating them from the competition.	
"	21 JAN 46		<u>BATTALION WORKS PROGRAMME - JAPANESE LABOUR</u> Shortage of material is the chief reason for the slowness of the building programme, but today saw the completion of two class rooms at the educational centre. Spacious quarters, located at the southern end of Bn HQ, to accommodate the guards were also completed.	
			<u>VISITORS</u> Brig J.R. STEVENSON DSO visited the Battalion and called on the CO LT COL J.L.A. KELLY today.	
			<u>DEMOBILISATION</u> Documentation, Medical, Dental examinations and Q check Etc. was commenced today for personnel having between 125 and 130 points. It is expected the next draft will leave for Australia on the 22 or 23 Jan 46.	
"	22 JAN 46		<u>ANNIVERSARY DAY CELEBRATIONS - 26 JAN 46</u> Arrangements are well in hand by the committee for an enjoyable days outing for all troops in the Rabaul area on Anniversary Day. Horse racing in the Morning with a Regatta in the afternoon and a native sing sing in the evening is the programme laid down for the day.	

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<u>RABAU.</u>	22 JAN 46 (contd)		Lt Col J.L.A. KELLY has been appointed a member of the committee and on the great day all troops in the Battalion not required for duties will be able to attend.	
			<u>SPORT</u> Brigade Amenities Letter No 27 of 21 JAN 46, attached as Appx 18, shows results of various sporting events during the previous week, events for coming week also tabulated.	Appx - 18 - Amenities Letter No 27
			<u>Aust Rules Football</u> :- A lightning premiership is to be held next Sunday at the 11 Div Sports Ground, when it is hoped all units will be represented.	
"	23 JAN 46		<u>CADRE for NCOs</u> Lt L. COULTON arrived back from No 10 Compound KABAIRA, where he filled the position of Adj., to conduct a CADRE for prospective NCOs. With so many of the Battalions NCOs leaving on draft many vacancies exist. Cadre is expected to start on the 29 JAN 46.	
			<u>TRANSFEREES - EX MORATAI</u> 443 low priority personnel arrived today from MORATAI and have been allocated to the "E" Coy staging area until they are posted to units.	
"	24 JAN 46		<u>VISITORS</u> Brig J.R. STEVENSON DSO Comd 11 Inf Bde (AIF) visited the Battalion area today.	
			<u>ANNIVERSARY DAY CELEBRATIONS - 26 JAN 46</u> An inspection was made by the CO Lt COL J.L.A. KELLY of the area allocated the Brigade for the midday meal at the race course.	

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<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>24 JAN 46</u> (contd)		Arrangements have been made for the pegging of Battalion areas, and the erection of flys, installation of boiling water and facilities for each coy. Picnic lunches will be provided to all troops at the course.	
		<u>SPORT</u>	The Brigade court was made available to tennis players today from A.B.D. and HQ companies.	
"	<u>25 JAN 46</u>	<u>DEPARTURE of DRAFT</u>	A draft comprising 142 O.Rs with a 132 points and over congregated on the Brigade Sports Ground for a hasty kit inspection prior to receiving transport at 0900 hrs for the "TAOS VICTORY" for departure to Australia for eventual demobilisation. This draft included some personnel with high points who had been temporarily deferred pending replacements. Few of the original members of the Battalion now remain.	
		<u>ANNIVERSARY DAY CELEBRATIONS - 26 JAN 46</u>	An administration instruction was issued today detailing arrangements made for transport etc. for tomorrows big day in Rabaul. Attached as	Appx - 19 Adm. Instr.
"	<u>26 JAN 46</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY DAY CELEBRATIONS</u>	Much credit was due to all responsible for the good days' sport provided by the Rabaul Racing Club and Regatta committee today. All troops in the Battalion not engaged on duties, attended the racing, sailing and the native sing sing, and all thoroughly enjoyed the day. Breakfast was partaken between 0430K and 0530K to enable early transportation to the township. Lt H.C. CUNNINGTON was responsible for transport for the movement of troops from the races to the Regatta and to and from the camp area.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	26 JAN 46 (contd)		<p>The first race was won by a Battalion horse ridden by Pte J. BALLARD of C Company. Pte WHEELER riding the other Battalion entry was unable to gather a second position.</p> <p>In addition to the Regatta held on Rabaul Harbour in the afternoon, natives from far and wide gathered for a sing sing and dance, providing a colourful spectacle in their war paint, headgear and ornamentations.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></p> <p>Field Returns W 3008 and W 3009s submitted and attached as Appx 20 show the Battalion strength as 23 Officers and 754 O.Rs</p>	Appx - 20 Field Returns W 3008 & W 3009
"	27 JAN 46		<p>Sunday - Day of rest-</p> <p>The following Church Services were held in the Unit Chapel today:-</p> <p>0615K C of E Holy Communion 0800K O.P.D. 0830K C of E Holy Communion 0900K R.C. Mass</p> <p><u>DEMOBILISATION</u></p> <p>At 1400K a draft comprising 3 Officers and 43 O.Rs were warned for movement on the "GEORGETOWN VICTORY". However transferees arriving on this ship from BORNEO were reluctant to be disembarked at RABAU, and movement of troops from this battalion was delayed accordingly. ETD now 28 Jan 46.</p> <p><u>ARRIVAL TRANSFEREES - ex 9 DIV</u></p> <p>Low priority personnel numbering 335 from the "GEORGETOWN VICTORY" arrived at Bn HQ at 1900K and were taken to the staging area "E" Company, to be later allotted to units.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	<u>28 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>JAPANESE PW LABOUR</u> Only 60 Japanese PW were made available to the Battalion today. A start was made on three new buildings adjacent to the canteen to be later used as, bottle store, Sports Store and Barbers Shop. The HQ Company parade and sports area is again receiving attention, in preparation for the construction of a Basket Ball court which will be floodlit, to allow matches at night.</p> <p><u>DEPARTURE of GEORGETOWN VICTORY DRAFT</u> The 3 Officers and the 43 O.Rs scheduled to leave yesterday departed at 1200K. The Officers were Lt H.C. CUNNINGTON of "C" Company Lt W. EVANS of "A" Company and Padre WHENT. Though a Westralian the latter has elected to be discharged in Queensland, so that he can visit the parents and relatives of the members of this battalion killed in action on BOUGAINVILLE.</p> <p><u>BATTALION NCOs CADRE</u> The Cadre for prospective NCOs in charge of Lt L. COULTON commenced this morning. Representatives from each company and Bn HQ, numbering 29 were paraded to the CO Lt Col J.L.A. KELLY for interview.</p> <p><u>WAR CRIMES - RABAU</u> The Intelligence Officer Lt A. SPRILYAN was appointed "Member of the Court" for trials of Japanese War Criminals commencing today.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION</u> Routine Orders published today and attached as</p>	
"	<u>29 JAN 46</u>		<p><u>VISIT of MINISTER FOR THE ARMY</u> Owing to bad weather the plane scheduled to arrive in RABAU</p>	Appx - 21 - Unit R.Os Serial No 5

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>RABAU.</u>	29 JAN 46 (contd)		<p>carrying the Minister for the Army Mr FORDE, was delayed. Representatives have been selected to interview Mr FORDE and questions to be asked him submitted to Brigade for approval, in order that they will not correspond with ^{those of} other units in the Brigade.</p> <p><u>NGOs CADRE</u></p> <p>The Cadre commenced in earnest this morning. Voice control, Mutual Instruction, Small Arms, Squad Drill and Sentry Duty are the main points to be covered in the 10 days allocated to the Cadre.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Strong NW Winds accompanied by heavy rain prevailed during night 28/29 JAN and continued for most of the day. A large body of water now lies on the low ground adjacent to the beach, East from the Officers mess to the D Company frontage.</p>	
"	30 JAN 46		<p><u>CHANGE OVER OF COMPANIES</u></p> <p>The relief of "A" and "C" Companies who are at present supervising the Japanese in the No 2 Labour Compound and the No 10 Compound KABAIRA was affected by "B" and "D" Companies respectively. Capt. SIMONSON of C Company will remain at the KABAIRA Compound temporarily, as well as attached personnel from HQ Company.</p> <p><u>DEPUTATION TO Mr FORDE</u></p> <p>Attached as Appx 22 are the questions submitted and the answers thereto given by Mr FORDE Minister for the Army at an interview held at Brigade HQ at 1030K today.</p> <p><u>CO's RECCONNAISSANCE</u></p> <p>The CO accompanied by an Int Section representative made a reconnaissance in the No 2 Labour Compound area for a suitable site</p>	Appx - 22

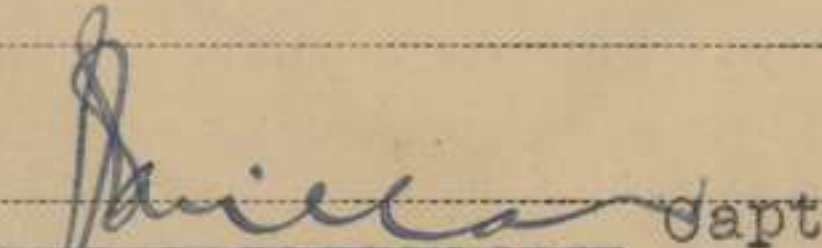
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<u>RABAU.</u>	30 JAN 46 (contd)		for the location of a 30 yards rifle range. Many places were found to be ideal for the purpose, but a site 800 yards South of A Company at Map Ref 76213515 was finally chosen. Sketch of area shown as	Appx 23 - Sketch of 30 yard Range.
			<u>DEPARTURES</u> Lt H. PONT of D Company marched out today for air movement to MORATAI where he will join the occupation Force to JAPAN.	
			<u>SPORT</u> A cricket match against 55/53 Inf Bn (AIF) which was to take place today, was cancelled due the change over of Companies.	
"	31 JAN 46		<u>POSTINGS</u> All personnel in "E" Company have now been posted to units. Of the 335 personnel who marched in on the 27 JAN 46 259 were allotted to the Battalion.	
			<u>TRANSFEREES - ex LAE and WEWAK</u> 200 personnel arrived at 2100K from the 'WESTRALIA' ex LAE and WEWAK and are being staged in "E" Company area.	
			<u>ENTERTAINMENT - EDUCATION FILMS</u> An Educational Film entitled "Divide and Conquer", one of the "Battle for Britain" series, was shown in the HQ Company area at 1900 Hrs.	
				Appx 24 - Map showing HISTORY of MOVEMENT 31/51 INF BN (AIF) WORLD WAR II.
			 Adm Comd 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)	

1. CEME 216 LAD
4 Labourers.
2. 242 LAD.
4 Labourers.
- 3.
4. 102 BDE WKSP.
10 Labourers.
6 Mechanics MV
2 Painters
2 Textile Workers.
5. 130 BDE WKSP.
10 Labourers.
6 Mechanics MV
2 Painters
2 Textile Workers.
6. 4 FD AMB.
1 Officer
1 Interpreter
4 Carpenters
24 Labourers.
7. 19 FD AMB.
1 Officer
1 Interpreter
1 Carpenter
27 Labourers.
8. HQ 11 BDE.
1 Officer.
1 Interpreter.
5 Carpenters.
1 Mechanic MV
165 Labourers.
9. 29/46 BN.
3 Officers.
3 Interpreters
10 Carpenters.
90 Labourers.
10. 37/52 BN.
2 Officers.
2 Interpreters
10 Carpenters.
90 Labourers.
- 11.
12. HQ 11 BDE 26 BN.
2 Officers
1 Interpreter.
5 Carpenters.
1 Mechanic MV
128 Labourers.
13. 31/51 BN.
2 Officers.
1 Interpreter.
5 Carpenters.
1 Mechanic MV
128 Labourers.
14. 55/53 BN.
2 Officers.
1 Interpreter.
5 Carpenters.
1 Mechanic MV
128 Labourers.
- 15.
16. ADOS 130 BDE ORD FD PK.
1 Carpenter
5 Labourers
2 Mechanics MV
17. HQ 4 BDE.
1 Officer.
1 Interpreter.
50 Labourers.
18. 22 BN.
1 Officer.
1 Interpreter.
10 Carpenters.
40 Labourers.
- 19.
20. HQ RAE 51 FD PK COY.
4 Officers
2 Interpreters
200 Labourers.
21. CEME 264 LAD.
6 Labourers.
22. 12 LABOUR CAMP.
2 Officers.
100 Labourers.

INFORMATION JAPANESE
FORCES No.10 COMPOUND

1 Jan 46.

PERSONNEL.

-
4500 Naval (Approx).
7010 Army
Total. 11510 - Offrs, NCO's and ORs
Less 3932 In Hospital
7,578 Available for work.

DUTIES.

2070 Administration
4237 Maintenance Work Parties.
215 Work in Garden.
1056 Living out - Tps living on farms, at Salt
Mill and at Saw Mill.
7,578

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Total 139
Less 24 - 13 unserviceable & 11 stationed Saw Mill
115 - Working at Compound.

HORSES.

Total 76
Less 18 - Unworkable.
58 - Working at Compound.

HORSE WAGONS

Total 52
Less 11 - Unserviceable.
41 - Working condition.

Riding Equipment - Sufficient for 27 horses.

WATER CRAFT.

Total 5 - Comprising 3 barges on RABAU run and
2 rowing boats - fishing.

Washburn

APRX 3.

III INFANTRY BRIGADE

Jan 46.

(SPORT) CARNIVAL

BRIGADE SPORTS OVAL



P A T R O N

Brig. J.R. Stevenson

O F F I C I A L S

Chief Marshall

Lt. E.W. Newton

Starters

Lt L Rigby
Lt Byrne
Lt Brown
Sgt Evans

Timekeepers

Lt Chaplain
Lt Detman
Sgt Wakefield
W.O.I Perry

Stewards

Lt Hewitt
W.O. Schapel
Sgt King
Sgt Ison
Sgt Freeman
Sgt Ivers

Announcer

Lt J Guy

Judges

Lt Tearne
Lt W Davis
Lt Earle
Lt Tallon
Lt Cunningham
Sgt Ivers
Sgt Wakefield
Cpl Simonds

Recorders

Sgt Jeffery
Sgt Bennett

Runners

Pte Bridge
Pte Mathews
Cfn Prince
Cfn Atkinson

Assistant

Spr Smith

11 Inf Pde (AIF)

Band



PROGRAMME

0930	100 Yds Tug of War	Championship	Heats First Heat
1000	220 Yds Tug of War	Championship	Heats Second Heat
1030	Running Broad Jump Tug of War		Third Heat
1100	440 Yds Shot Putt	Championship	Heats
1130	330 Yds	Championship	
1200	Luncheon Adjournment		
1330	220 Yds Hop, Step and Jump	Championship	FINAL
1400	Tug of War		FINAL
1430	440 Yds Siamese Race	Championship	FINAL
1445	Tunnel Ball Teams Competition High Jump		
1530	Mile Sack Race Circular Relay Race	Championship	
1545	100 Yds	Championship	Final
1550	Presentation of Trophies		

During the afternoon selections will be
rendered by 11 Inf Bde Band

G O D S A V E T H E Y I N G

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100 Yds Champ

Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Heat 5
Pte Hope	Spr Jenkins	Spr Flew	Lt Smith	S/Sgt O'Leary
Capt Croft	Sgt Nevin	Pte Greenshield's	Spr Gordes	Pte Hughes
Sgt Fanning	Pte Latta	Pte Mosworthy	Pte Leslie	Pte Headland E
Pte Cody	Pte Linn	Pte Headland	Pte Livingstone	I/Cpl Turnbull
Sig Heaps	<i>Sgt Cook</i>	Cpl Todd	Spr Weymes	<i>Pte Gray</i>

220 Yds Champ

Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3
Pte Gray	Pte Bellard	Spr Gordes
Sgt Nevin	Pte Cody	Cpl Franklin
Capt Croft	Pte Latta	Pte Mosworth
Pte Lowe	Pte McDonald	Spr Weymes

440 Yds Champ

Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3
Pte Barron	Sgt Nevin	Pte McDona
Pte Millison	Cpl Franklin	Pte Lowe
Pte Linn	Pte Wilson	Pte Williams A.C.
<i>Pte Linn</i>	<i>Cpl Franklin</i>	<i>Sgt Hales</i>
880 Yds Champ	Mile Champ	Running Broad Jump
Pte Done	Pte Done	Pte Dryberg
Pte Murphy	Sgt Barry	Spr Cook
Pte Barrier	Cpl Wilton	Spr Wood
Pte Purdon	Pte Braddock	Cpl Franklin
Pte Richards	Pte Purdon	Pte Stokes
Pte Lowe	Pte Willison	Pte Miles
Pte Millison	L/Cpl Agnew	Pte Peck
Pte Clark	Lt Cottman	Sig Heaps
Lt Cottman	Spr Tempest	Sgt King
Spr Tempest	<i>Pte Linn</i>	Spr McInnes
Sgt Horn		<i>Pte Linn</i>

Hop, Step & Jump

Pte Dryberg
Pte Lade
Cpt Croft
Spr Wood
Sgt Nevin
Cpl Franklin
Pte Cody
L/Cpl Agnew
Pte Miles
Sgt Battams
Cpl Egan
Sgt King
Spr McInnis

High Jump

Pte Cochrane
Spr Cook
Spr Wood
Sgt Fanning
Cpl Franklin
Pty Cody
Sgt Battams
L/Cpl Agnew
Pte Johnson
Pte Linn
Spr McInnis
Sgt King
Spr O'Connor
Sig Hughes

Shot Putt

Pte Perry
Spr Dunn
Cpt Wearne
Sgt Morphet
Pte Miles
Sgt King
Spr McInnes

Tunnel Ball

26 Bn 3 Teams
31/51 Bn 7 Teams

55/53 Bn 2 Teams
16 Bn Coy 1 Team

Relay Race

55/53 A 55/53 B 26 Bn 31/51 Bn

Tag of War

Heat 1 Heat 2
26 A V 55/53 16 Bn Coy V 31/51

Heat 3 Final
26 Bn V Winner of Heat 2

Winners of Heat 1
V
Winners of Heat 3

31/51 INF BN (AIT).
5 Jan 46.

BnHQ, A., B., C., D., HQ Coys.

REVIEW OF WEEK'S SPORT.

The battalion showed a heartening response to all sporting fixtures during the week. The highlight of course was winning the 11 Bde Athletic Competition, which undoubtedly put the Battalion on the map once more. The Rugby League fixture played against 55/53 Bn although not a classic was nevertheless a victory and shows that the unit can still muster the winning team when required.

Cricket and basket ball hit the headlines during the week and the standard of play was very pleasing. The Bn Cricket team put up a good performance against the 11 Bde HQ team by winning outright by an innings 13 runs. BnHQ, Bn Sigs and B.Coy fielded teams, the latter showing polished playing against the crack 33 Line Sec Sigs. Turning to basketball, which is a comparatively new game to the Bn, the enthusiasm displayed points to the game becoming an all round favourite. An exceptionally fast game, it provides thrills for players and spectators alike. It is hoped that both cricket and basket ball will become our "summer" games.

With the advent of new members to the Bn it is hoped that our sporting honours will be further enhanced. Rumour has it that some magnificent specimens of Australian manhood will shortly be clamouring for Aust Rules matches. Endeavours will be made to meet the requests when to hand.

Sporting Results.

Hereunder are the results of the tussels:-

Rugby League Football.

- a. Bn Team v. 55/53 Bn Team - Sunday 30 Dec 45.
The Bn Team won the match-scores 2 - Nil.
- b. D.Coy v. HQ Coy - Wednesday 2 Jan 46 - Won by D Coy - 9 - Nil.
- c. D.Coy v. HQ Coy - Friday 4 Jan 46 - Drawn Game.

11 Bde Athletic Sports.

The result of the sports proved conclusively that attention to all details will produce results. The novelty events gave us the winning points, augmented of course by the brilliant performance of our Tug-o-War team and the high jumpers. It will be remembered that we DID train for the novelty events and it was this prior preparation that gave us the tunnel ball, Siamese race, sack race etc. which proves that a little training goes a long way. Unfortunately our sprinters were either indisposed or unavailable for this carnival - however it is considered that we'll be able to produce these also in future athletic contests.

We were successful in securing vital points in the following events:-

440 yds Championship	:	Pte LINN - 3rd place.
1 Mile Championship	:	L/Cpl AGNEW - 3rd place.
Tug-o-War	:	Outright win.
High Jump	:	Sig HUGHES - 1st place L/Cpl AGNEW - 2nd place. Sjt BATTAMS - 3rd place. Good work also shown by Sjt COLE and Pte LINN.
Hop Step & Jump	:	L/Cpl AGNEW - 3rd place.
Siamese Race	:	Col. KENT - L/Cpl AGNEW - 1st place.
Sack Race	:	Pte WILSON - 1st place Pte LINN - 2nd place. Pte HIGGINS - 3rd place.
Tunnel Ball	:	D Coy Team - 1st place HQ " " - 2nd place. HQ " " - 3rd place.

Volley Ball.

- a. D Coy v 55/53 Bn scheduled for 2 Jan forfeited by 55/53 Bn team who failed to appear.
- b. B Coy v D Coy on 3 Jan. - No.1 team won by B Coy.
- c. B.Coy No.2 v. D.Coy No.2, on 3 Jan - Won by B Coy
- d. BnHQ v D Coy on 4 Jan - Narrowly won by D Coy who scored two games to one. The D Coy teams success was partly due to the play of that dashing NAURUAN -Lt.S (Sid) DEVLIN.

Cricket.

- a. Bn No. 1 Team v. 11 Bde HQ - 3 Jan.

This match resulted in a win for the Bn by an innings and 13 runs. This was due mainly to the fine bowling of JAMES and LOW MOW whose figures of 6-5 and 7-28 respectively speak for themselves.

Bde's first innings yielded only 61, HUDSON 18, WAGSTAFF and SCOTT with 10 each were chief contributors. MITCHELL bowled nicely with the new ball, but JAMES and LOW MOW soon routed the remainder who paid the penalty for not using their feet to slow bowling. Their second innings was a repetition of the first with only 40 on the board.

For the Bn misfortune came early when LOVE was run out after scoring 3 in an aggressive manner. Then MASLEN was hit on the fingers and did not reappear. Both were playing confidently. THORNE and JAMES soon had the bowling under control and scored freely for 35 and 21 respectively. Of the remaining men BRODIE 24 was the only one to show confidence. However 114 runs proved sufficient. A feature of the innings was the solid support of DOUG THORNE and the running out of three batsmen.

- b. BnHQ v. Bn Sigs - 3 Jan.

This match proved a fairly easy victory for the latter who won comfortably by 38 runs.

BnHQ won the toss and opened up with HARRIS and DUNSMUIR. Both batsmen were forced to play a defensive game and with the score at 8 DUNSMUIR was dismissed by BOLAM for 2. From then on the game was just a series of falling wickets until TURNER took to the wickets, and with some very vigorous hitting compiled a well earned 14 before being cleaned bowled by JONES. HARRIS remained at the wickets almost throughout and was unfortunately run out after making 46 in fine style. The BnHQ team went on to make 82.

The Sigs took to the wicket opening with FIGG and WOODWARD. The partnership compiled 11 before WOODWARD was bowled by HARRIS for 4 runs. The three following batsmen were dismissed fairly easily, but HUGHES came in and with some very lusty hitting compiled a very handy 26. Other scores were BOLAM 21, McCABE 19. The Sigs completed their innings with 121, being the victors by 38 runs.

- c. B.Coy v. 33 Line Sec Sigs.

The visiting Sig fielded a strong team against B Coy and when rain stopped play were in a winning position. B Coy batted first for 103 - CAVANAGH with 23 did best, while RIEG 15 not out and BOWEN 17 were the best of the rest. INGLIS run out for 3 was unlucky. Accurate bowling and a bad wicket made runs difficult.

For the Sigs DANDERVIST was very aggressive for 60 not out, including 12 boundaries. The scores stood at 3 for 80 when rain stopped play.

Basket Ball.

- a. Bn Officers v. Bde HQ Officers - 3 Jan 45.

The Bde team won 34 points to 17 points. A feature of the game was the dashing breakthroughs on the part of Maj. TITLIX. In the scrum he was a tour of strength.

- b. B Coy v D Coy - 4 Jan

Won by B Coy. Characterized by dazzling play on the part of B Coy.

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Shuttlecock.

- a. B Coy v. HQ Coy 2 Jan - Won by B Coy (4 games).
- b. B Coy v HQ Coy 3 Jan - " " B Coy
- c. BnHQ v. HQ Coy - The HQ Coy team put it all over the brains trust men. Final results - 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

In view of the good performance put up by the Bn in the Bde Athletic Carnival, the Commanding Officer has decided that a five shilling canteen order be granted to the winners and place getters. This includes the tug-o-war and tunnel ball teams.

The canteen orders will be distributed within the next few days.

W. Milys Lt.
Bn Sports Officer.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

Serial No. 1.

Nos 1 - 2.

BY

Lt Col J.L.A.KELLY - COMD - 31/51 INF BN (AIF)

5 Jan 46.

DUTIES

(a)	Date	Orderly Officer	Duty Coy
	6/7 Jan 46	Lt. Mewing D.S.	B Coy
	7/8 Jan 46	Lt Eastcott W	D Coy
	8/9 Jan 46	Lt Cunningham H.G.	Hq Coy
	9/10 Jan 46	Lt Rigby L.	B Coy
	10/11 Jan 46	Lt Mewing D.S.	D Coy
	11/12 Jan 46	Lt Eastcott W.	Hq Coy
	12/13 Jan 46	Lt Cunningham H.G.	B Coy

(b)

Duty Coy will supply Bn Guard -

1 Sgt (or Cpl)
1 Cpl (or L/Cpl)
16 OR's

Bn Orderly Sgt (or Cpl)
Bn Runner.

Duty Coy will be stand by coy as anti-riot squad.

1. ANIMALS, MASCOTS, PETS, AND ARTICLES SUBJECT TO QUARRANTINE CONTROL.

Attention is directed to GPO 53/45 which is promulgated hereunder -

No animal or bird which is not on an authorised war establishment will be permitted to accompany troops or any member of the AIF.

The entry into Australia of animals or birds from places outside AUSTRALIA is subject to strict regulation under the quarantine Act owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, prioplasmosis and other diseases

Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from the places outside AUSTRALIA to the Commonwealth of Australia proper (including islands adjacent to the coast) of -

- (i) animals or birds on the WE of a unit, whether allocated before or after embarkation from AUSTRALIA; -
- (ii) living mascots, pets or other animals or birds, whether acquired before or after embarkation from AUSTRALIA.
- (iii) plants, fruit, seeds and any parts of plants including straw and grass;
- (iv) reptiles or living insects;
- (v) parts of animals such as skins, horns, hooves, wool, hair, and feathers unless such articles have been processed and manufactured.

When a unit or detachment is moved from one location to another, animals which have been permitted by the A to be kept in unit lines by members during their stay in the locality should not be left to fend for themselves or starve on departure of the unit or detachment, but suitable action should be taken for their disposal or humane destruction.

2. PREVENTION OF GAMBLING - FIRST ARMY HQ Part 1, para A162.

Attention is drawn to First Army ASOs Ch 14 para 43 which prohibits gambling by any member of AMP in the SWPA.

Gambling includes bookmaking and lotteries (including raffles) as well as all games of chance.

Where express written authority is given by a Bde or superior comd, raffles and lotteries may be conducted for charitable purposes, subject to such safeguards as to accounting for moneys received and drawings as may be laid down in the authority.

R. Smith Lt.
Aust 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES.

The following telegrams have been received by the unit and contents will be conveyed to all ranks.

1. COMMANDING OFFICER AND
MEMBERS 31/51 AUST INF BN

is moved from one location to another, animals which have been permitted by the SO to be kept in unit lines by members during their stay in the locality should not be left to fend for themselves or starve on departure of the unit or detachment, but suitable action should be taken for their disposal or humane destruction.

MRS TIMECH AND FAMILY.

2. PREVENTION OF GAMBLING - FIRST ARMY HQ Part 1, para A162.

2. COMMANDING OFFICER

31/51 A I Bn is moved to First Army ASOs Ch 14 para 43 which prohibits gambling by any member of AMP in the SWPA.

WISHING YOURSELF AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNIT THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

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F. GRASSO.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1946 / 1 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / Jan / 1946 31/51 INF BN (Unit)
W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
120			123	Lieut.-Colonels	ANG	1								
				Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
33			17			1								
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	18									18
				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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / Jan / 1946 (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	N/A/261 D	
Maj	OX. 31699	VITNEY	E.H.A.	2 1/c	Yes	O/A/221	
Capt	NX. 105320	MILLAR	A.J.	00 HQ	Yes	V/A/144	
Capt	VX. 117109	SIMONSON	B.J.	00 C	Yes	V/A/142	
Capt	VX. 4679	ROE	J.R.	00 A	Yes	E/A/144	
Lt	OX. 34009	HIGBY	L.	00 B	Yes	O/A/189 D	
Lt	OX. 14012	GILLMAN	H.J.	00 14	Yes	O/A/189 D	
Lt	OX. 14018	PONT	H.	00 B	Yes	O/A/148	
Lt	OX. 14019	SMITH	A.E.	Adj	Yes	O/A/144	
Lt	OX. 17832	ERRATON	E.P.	00 5	Yes	O/A/275 D	
Lt	OX. 14010	EVANS	H.F.P.	00 8	Yes	O/A/195 D	
Lt	VX. 26684	SPRILIAN	A.	10	Yes	N/A/100	
Lt	NX. 116603	DEVLIN	B.V.	00 18	Yes	N/A/188 D	
Lt	OX. 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.C.	00 9	Yes	O/A/188 D	
Lt.	OX. 23852	COULTON	L.B.J.	A/Adj	Yes	O/A/271 D	
Lt.	NX. 135596	KEWING	B.B.	00 2	Yes	N/A/138	
Lt.	OX. 57794	WILSON	J.V.	QI	Yes	O/A/138	
Sept.	OX. 57885	SARFIELD	O.V.	HMD	Yes	N/A/108	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX. 22708	WHEAT L.G.	AA Ch D=	21 Oct 44	Chaplain
Capt	NX. 32633	TOBE A.M.	28 Bn	28 Dec 45	Att pending auth from FAA for tfr.
Lt	NX. 26113	EASTCOTT F.H.	28 Bn	28 Dec 45	Att pending auth from FAA for tfr.

5 Jan 46

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

31/51 INF BN (AIF) New York bks 10/44

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W.E. 11 / 12c / 3. OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
	4		2	W.Os. Class II.		1			
	3		2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
	3	5	35	Sergeants		4		5	
	9	4	62	Corporals		9	2	1	
	39	108	726	Troopers, Privates, etc.		8	1	7	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	58	117	828 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		22 *	3	13	*

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.

[illegible]

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

[illegible]

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

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 Jan /1946 .**

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		1		Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	3	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	31		Tailors	2	1	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				EX A NOS	14	16	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				GEN DUTIES	3	4	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				V/Less Mech		1		MMG NOS	25	26	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								MOR NOS	78	63	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								PNRS	33	26	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								BATMEN	35	27	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								HYG DUTIES	4	2	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								ORDEALIES	32	30	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				REG POLICE	7	6	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2		ST. BEARERS	21	19	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	12		DVR MT	12	14	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				WATER DUTY	2	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator		1		Clerks, Technical				STOREMEN	11	8	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7		Coach Trimmers				EDUCATION		3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				RIFLEMEN	415	501	58
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies					769	828	58
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	32	22	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	8	8					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	14		CARRIED FORWARD	67	61		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	850	*

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.

5 Jan 46

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)
 W.3009 for week ending 5 Jan 46

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DETAILS OF SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES.

TRADES	RE	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCIES
BLACKSMITH	1 OR	1 OR		
CARPENTERS	6 OR	5 OR		1 OR
INT DUTIES	1 SGT 2 CPL 7 OR	1 SGT 2 CPL 4 OR		3 OR
SIGNALERS	1 SGT 4 CPL 22 OR	2 SGT 5 CPL 24 OR	1 SGT 1 CPL 2 OR	
BUTCHER	1 OR	2 OR	1 OR	
EFT REPAIRER	1 OR	1 OR		
GUNLAYERS	8 OR	8 OR		
RANGERS	4 OR	4 OR		
TAILORS	1 SGT 1 CPL	1 SGT -		1 CPL
OWN DUTIES	1 SGT - CPL 2 OR	1 SGT 1 CPL 2 OR	1 CPL	
IVR MCH	- OR	1 OR	1 OR	
SWITCH CP TOLL	- OR	1 OR	1 OR	
INST CP S/L	- OR	1 OR	1 OR	
W/LESS MCH TOLL	- OR	1 OR	1 OR	
MMO NOS	3 SGT 2 CPL 20 OR	4 SGT 1 CPL 21 OR	1 SGT 1 OR	1 CPL
MOR NOS	5 SGT 5 CPL 68 OR	5 SGT 2 CPL 56 OR		3 CPL 12 OR
PIONEERS	1 SGT 4 CPL 28 OR	1 SGT 4 CPL 21 OR		7 OR
BATHEN	35 OR	27 OR		8 OR
HYG DUTIES	4 OR	2 OR		2 OR
ORDERLIES	32 OR	30 OR		2 OR
REGTL POLICE	1 SGT - CPL 6 OR	1 SGT 1 CPL 5 OR	1 CPL	1 SGT 1 OR
ST. BEARERS	1 SGT 2 CPL 18 OR	- Sgt - CPL 19 OR	1 OR	1 SGT 2 CPL
CLERKS	1 WOLL 2 SGT 6 CPL 4 OR	1 WOLL 1 SGT 6 CPL 4 OR		1 SGT

TRADE	WE	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
EX A NOS	3 SGT 4 CPL 7 OR	1 SGT 2 CPL 13 OR	6 OR	2 SGT 2 CPL
DVR MT	1 CPL 11 OR	1 CPL 13 OR	2 OR	
STOREMEN TECH	1 SGT 3 OR	- SGT 4 OR	1 OR	1 SGT
WATER DUTIES	2 OR	3 OR	1 OR	
STOREMEN	5 S/SGT 6 OR	2 S/SGT 6 OR		3 S/SGT
LMG & RIFLEMEN	1 WO1 5 WO11 12 SGT 36 CPL 361 OR	1 WO1 1 WO11 13 SGT 36 CPL 450 OR	1 SGT 89 OR	4 WO11
EDUCATION (Super to Est)	- SGT - CPL	2 SGT 1 CPL	2 SGT 1 CPL	
	769	828	117	58

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER WE.

RANK	TRADE	WE	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
WO11	A.A.O.C.	1 WO11	1 WO11		
SGT	A.A.P.O.	1 SGT	- SGT		1 SGT
	A.A.P.S.	1 SGT	- SGT		1 SGT
	A.A.M.C.	2 SGT	1 SGT		1 SGT
	A.A.C.C.	5 SGT	3 SGT		2 SGT
CPL	A.A.P.O.	1 CPL	2 CPL	1 CPL	
	A.A.O.C.	1 CPL	1 CPL		
	A.A.M.C.	1 CPL	2 CPL	1 CPL	
	A.A.C.C.	5 CPL	4 CPL		1 CPL
OR	A.A.M.C.	1 OR	1 OR		
	A.A.P.S.	2	1 OR	1 OR	
	A.A.O.C.	13 OR	6 OR		7 OR
		32	22	3	13 OR

31/51 INF BN (AIF)
W.3009 for week ending 5 Jan 46.

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DETAILS OF SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES AND DEMOR INDICATORS.

TRADES	WE	POSTED	Under 125	125 -	130 -	140 -	150 -	Over 159
				129	139	149	159	
BLACKSMITH	1 OR	1 OR				1		
CARPENTERS	6 OR	5 OR	1	1			1	2
INT DUTIES	1 SGT 2 CPL 7 OR	1 SGT 2 CPL 4 OR				1 1		
			3		1			
SIGNALERS	1 SGT 4 CPL 22 OR	2 SGT 5 CPL 24 OR			1 1 8		1 1	1 2 3
			5	3		4		
BUTCHER	1 OR	2 OR				1		1
EFT REPAIRER	1 OR	1 OR						1
GUNLAYERS	8 OR	8 OR	6	1	1			
RANGEMAKERS	4 OR	4 OR			1	3		
TAILORS	1 SGT 1 CPL	1 SGT -		1				
TK A NOS	3 SGT 4 CPL 7 OR	1 SGT 2 CPL 13 OR					1	
			6	3	3	1		1
GEN DUTIES	1 SGT - CPL 2 OR	1 SGT 1 CPL 2 OR				1		1
					2			
IWR MECH	- OR	1 OR			1			
SWITCH OP TOLL	- OR	1 OR			1			
INST OP S/L	- OR	1 OR			1			1
W/LESS MECH TOLL	- OR	1 OR			1			
MMG NOS	3 SGT 2 CPL 20 OR	4 SGT 1 CPL 21 OR			2 1 11	1 1 1		1 1 1
			7	1				
MOR NOS	5 SGT 5 CPL 68 OR	5 SGT 2 CPL 56 OR			2 1 10	1 1 4		2 5
			31	2		4	4	
PIONEERS	1 SGT 4 CPL 28 OR	1 SGT 4 CPL 21 OR				1 1 2		2 7
			7	1		2	2	
BATMEN	35 OR	27 OR	13	1	8	3		2
HYG DUTIES	4 OR	2 OR				1		1
ORDN LIES	32 OR	30 OR	9	3	12	2	2	2
RECGL POLICE	1 SGT - CPL 6 OR	- SGT 1 CPL 5 OR						1
			2		3			
ST. BEARERS	1 SGT 2 CPL 18 OR	- SGT - CPL 19 OR						
			3	1	7	2	1	5

TRADES	WE	POSTED	Under 125	125 - 129	130 - 139	140 - 149	150 - 159	Over 159
CLERKS	1 WO11 2 SGT 6 CPL 4 OR	1 WO11 1 SGT 6 CPL 4 OR		1	1 1	1 1		1 D 3 3
DVR MT	1 CPL 11 OR	1 CPL 13 OR	3	2	4	1 1		3
STOREMEN TECH	1 SGT 3 OR	- SGT 4 OR	1	1		2		
WATER DUTIES	2 OR	3 OR		1	1			1
STOREMEN	5 S/SGT 6 OR	2 S/SGT 6 OR	2		2	1 1		1 1
IMG & RIFLEMEN	1 WO1 5 WO11 12 SGT 36 CPL 361 OR	1 WO1 1 WO11 13 SGT 36 CPL 450 OR	4 232	5 53	2 11 81	6 7 34	1 11	1 D 1 5 8 39
EDUCATION (Super to Est)	- SGT - CPL	2 SGT 1 CPL			2	1		
	769	828	335	82	188	89	25	109

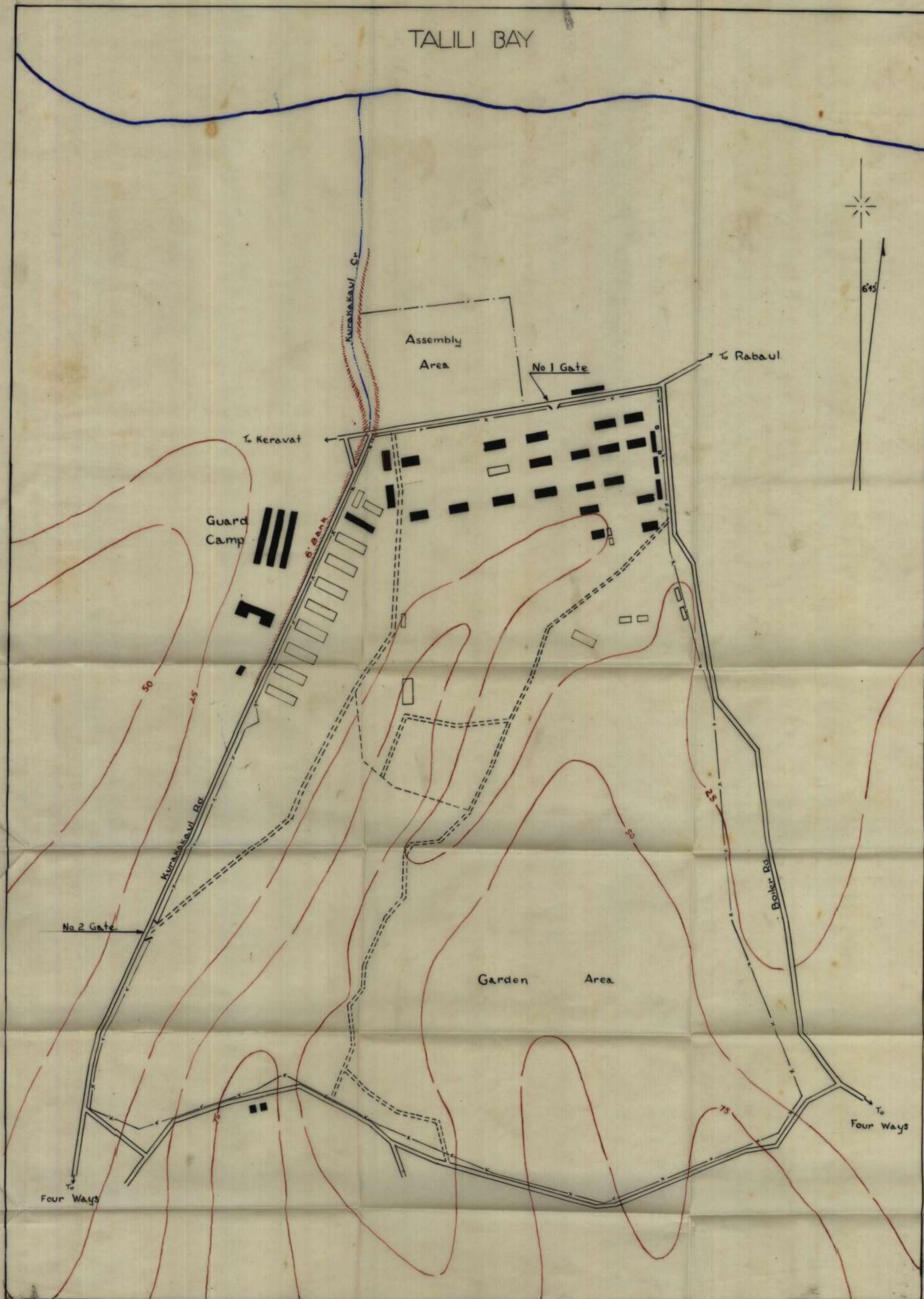
DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER WE.

RANK	TRADE	WE	POSTED	Under 125	125 - 129	130 - 139	140 - 149	150 - 159	Over 159
WO11	A.A.G.O.	1 WO11	1 WO11					1	
SGT	A.A.P.O.	1 SGT	- SGT						
	A.A.P.S.	1 SGT	- SGT						
	A.A.M.O.	2 SGT	1 SGT					1	
	A.A.G.O.	5 SGT	3 SGT			1	2		
CPL	A.A.P.O.	1 CPL	2 CPL	1			1		
	A.A.O.O.	1 CPL	1 CPL			1			
	A.A.M.O.	1 CPL	2 CPL				2		
	A.A.G.O.	5 CPL	4 CPL				2		2
OR	A.A.M.O.	1 OR	1 OR	1					
	A.A.P.S.	- OR	1 OR			1			
	A.A.G.O.	13 OR	6 OR	1		1			4
		32	22	3	-	4	7	2	6

NO. 2 LABOUR COMPOUND

Approx 7.

R.F. 1:1800



Existing Huts
Proposed Huts

Scale 1 Inch to 50 Yds.

50 0 100 200 Yds.

Drawn By Int Sec.
31/51 Inf Bn (A.I.F.)
7 Jan 1945

N° 10 COMPOUND

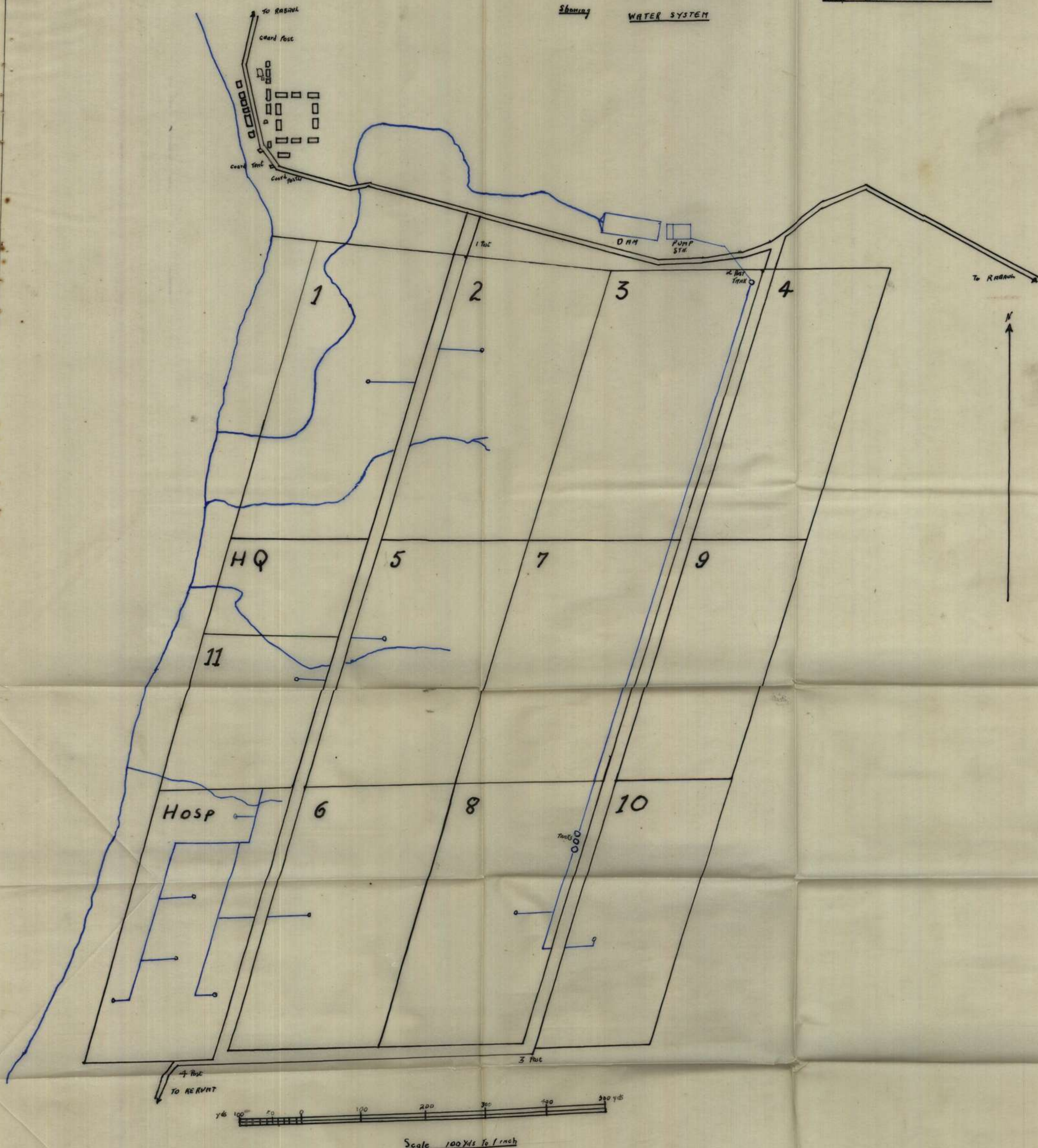
APPENDIX 8

KABAIRA

Showing

WATER SYSTEM

Ref Map BLANCHE D'AZ 1 inch to 1 mile



COPY.

APPX 9.

HEADQUARTERS,

ALLIED LAND FORCES.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

MELBOURNE. S.C.I.

7 Jan 46.

Dear Colonel Kelly,

Thank you very much indeed for your Christmas Card and good wishes for the coming year.

The achievements of the Battalion in the war need no emphasising. I have been very happy to have had the unit so long under command.

Again very many thanks, and I hope it won't be too long before your men are able to return to their homes.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) T.A.BLANKEY

Lt.Col J.L.A.Kelly,
Commanding Officer,
31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.

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APPX 10.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No. 2.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt Col J.L.A. KELLY - COMD - 31/51 INF BN (AIF)

12 Jan 46

DUTIES

(a)	Date	Orderly Officer	Duty Coy.
	13/14 Jan 46	Lt. Rigby L	D Coy.
	14/15 Jan 46	Lt. Griffin G.D.	H.Q. Coy.
	15/16 Jan 46	Lt. Mewing D.S.	B. Coy
	16/17 Jan 46	Lt. Fraser E.D.	D. Coy
	17/18 Jan 46	Lt. Eastcott T.D.	H.Q. Coy.
	18/19 Jan 46	Lt. Cunningham E.C.	B. Coy

(b) Duty Coy. will supply Bn. Guard -

1 Sgt. (or Cpl)
1 Cpl. (or L/Cpl)
16 ORs

Bn. Orderly Sgt (or Cpl)
Bn. Runner

A. Smith Lt.
Adjt 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES.

Church Services: Sunday 14 Jan 46

0615 hrs. C. of E. Holy Communion
0800 hrs. Parade Service
0830 hrs. C. of E. Holy Communion
0900 hrs. R.C. Mass
1900 hrs. C. of E. Evensong

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Pa. 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1946 / 1 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 1 / 1946 31/51 Inf Bn (AIX) (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E. APPX 11

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.
WE				* *					
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
8			4	Majors					
20			15	Captains	AAMU	1			
1			-	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			20			1			
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL					TOTAL.
				A.					21
				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.
WX 32623	Capt	TOMB A.M.	28 Bn	1/1/46	On Transfer
WX 26113	Lt	EASTCOTT T.H.	28 Bn	1/1/46	" "
NX 127055	Lt	WRAZER K.D.	30 Bn	10/1/46	" "
VX 102766	Lt	GRIFFIN G.D.	35 Bn	10/1/46	" "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX 33699	Major	TITLEY T.H.A.	To Qld L of C Area for Demob on 8th Jan '46		

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed. DEMOB INDICATOR	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	MX 12214	KELLY	J.L.A.	COMD	Yes	N/N 261 D	
Capt	MX 188320	MILLER	A.J.	OC HQ	Yes	V/N 144 D	
Capt	VX 32633	TODD	A.M.	OC B	Yes	W/N 158 D	
Capt	VX 117109	SIMONSON	D.J.	OC C	Yes	V/N 142 D	
Capt	TX 4679	ROE	G.M.	OC A	Yes	T/N 144 D	
Lt	QX 34009	KIGBY	L.	OC 11	Yes	Q/N 189 D	
Lt	QX 34012	GILLMAN	H.J.	OC 14	Yes	N/N 189 D	
Lt	QX 34018	PONT	H.	OC D	Yes	T/N 150 D	
Lt	QX 34019	SMITH	A.E.	Adjt	Yes	Q/N 144 D	
Lt	QX 17832	STRATTON	W.F.	OC 5	Yes	Q/N 275 D	
Lt	QX 34010	EVANS	W.F.P.	OC 8	Yes	Q/A 193 D	
Lt	VX 26113	EASTGOTT	T.H.	OC 16	Yes	W/N 140 D	
Lt	MX 26684	SPRILIAN	A.	I O	Yes	W/N 140 D	
Lt	MX 116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	OC 17	Yes	N/A 188 D	
Lt	QX 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.G.	OC 15	Yes	Q/N 191 D	
Lt	QX 23652	COULTON	L.R.J.	A/Adjt	Yes	Q/N 271 D	
Lt	MX 136636	MERING	D.S.	OC 2	Yes	Q/N 138 D	
Lt	QX 57794	WILSON	J.D.	CH	Yes	Q/A 138 D	
Lt	MX 127055	FRAZER	K.D.	-	Yes	N/N 136 D	
Lt	VX 102766	GRIFFIN	G.D.	-	Yes	V/N 140 D	
Capt	QX 57885	BALKELD	G.F.	RMO	Yes	N/N 108 D	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 22768	WHEAT L.G.	AA CH D	21/10/44	Chaplain Q/N 118
Capt	MX 125903	BOLINGTON	AA CH D	1/1/46	Chaplain N/N 179 D

18 Jan 46

Date of Despatch

Comd

31/51

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

a.w. 1m bks 10/44

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/2/1946. 72/52 INT BR (Unit)

W.E. 11/127 3 OFFRS. 30 R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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		1	W.Os. Class II.		1			
	5		1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	4		1	Staff Sergeants					
	8	5	30	Sergeants		2		7	
	18		39	Corporals		10	2		
	110	103	670	Troopers, Privates, etc.		4	1	11	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
28 *	136	108	741 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		17 *	3	18	15 *

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.

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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/ Jan 1946.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	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	1	-						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	1	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	22		Tailors	2	1	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	-	1		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tk & A Nos	14	15	-
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen Duties	3	3	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics	-	1						MND Nos	25	30	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Mor Nos	78	48	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Pioneers.	33	14	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batmen.	35	21	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Duties	4	-	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Orderlies.	32	27	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Regtl Police.	7	4	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	St. Bearers	21	14	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	8		Dvrs MT	11	11	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water Duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Storeman	11	5	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8		Coach Trimmers				Riflemen	415	487	28
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Education	-	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless	-	1		Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	32	17	15
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	-					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	8	8					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	13		CARRIED FORWARD	67	53		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	802	758	43

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.

12 JAN 46.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer Lt col. 31/51 INF BN (AIF)

31/51 INF BN (AIF)

W.3009 for week ending

12 Jan 46.

Serial No 1946/ 1.

DETAILS OF SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES.

TRADE.	WE.	POSTED.	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT.
DRAUGHTSMAN.	-	1 OR	1 OR	-
BLACKSMITH.	1 OR	-	-	1 OR
CARPENTERS.	6 ORs	2 ORs	-	4 ORs
INT DUTIES.	1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 7 ORs.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 6 ORs.	- - -	- 1 Cpl. 1 OR.
SIGNALLERS.	1 Sgt. 4 Cpls. 22 ORs.	2 Sgts. 3 Cpls. 17 ORs.	1 Sgt. - -	- 1 Cpl. 5 ORs.
SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR.	-	1 OR.	1 OR	-
BUTCHER.	1 OR.	1 OR.	-	-
EQPT REPAIRER.	1 OR.	-	-	1 OR.
GUNLAYERS.	8 ORs.	8 ORs.	-	-
RANGETAKERS.	4 ORs.	2 ORs.	-	2 ORs.
TAILORS.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl.	1 Sgt. -	- -	- -
TK A NOS.	3 Sgts. 4 Cpls. 7 ORs.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 13 ORs.	- - 6 ORs.	2 Sgts. 3 Cpls. -
GEN DUTIES.	1 Sgt. 2 ORs.	1 Sgt. 2 ORs.	- -	- -
WIRELESS MECH.	-	1 OR.	1 OR	-
DVR MECH.	-	1 OR	1 OR.	-
MMG Nos.	3 Sgts. 2 Cpls. 20 ORs.	4 Sgts. 2 Cpls. 24 ORs.	1 Sgt. - 4 ORs.	- - -
MOR Nos.	5 Sgts. 5 Cpls. 68 ORs.	3 Sgts. 1 Cpl. 44 ORs.	- - -	2 Sgts. 4 Cpls. 24 ORs.
PIONEERS.	1 Sgt. 4 Cpls. 28 ORs.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 12 ORs.	- - -	- 3 Cpls. 16 ORs.
BATMEN.	35 ORs.	21 ORs.	-	14 ORs.
HYG DUTIES.	4 ORs.	-	-	4 ORs.
ORDERLIES.	32 ORs.	27 ORs.	-	5 ORs.
REGTL POLICE.	1 Sgt. 6 ORs.	- 4 ORs.	- -	1 Sgt. 2 ORs.
STRETCHER BEARERS.	1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 18 ORs.	- - 14 ORs.	- - -	1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 4 ORs.

TRADE.	WE	POSTED.	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT.
CLERKS.	1 WO(11) 2 Sgts. 6 Cpls. 4 ORs.	1 WO(11) 1 Sgt. 5 Cpls. 1 OR.	- - - -	- 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 3 ORs.
EVRS MT.	1 Cpl. 11 ORs.	- 11 ORs.	- -	1 Cpl. -
STORMMEN TECH.	1 Sgt. 3 ORs.	- 1 OR.	- -	1 Sgt. 2 ORs.
WATER BUTING.	2 ORs.	2 ORs.	-	-
STORMMEN	5 S/Sgts. 6 ORs.	1 S/Sgt. 4 ORs.	- -	4 S/Sgts. 2 ORs.
LMGs AND RIFLEMEN.	1 WO(1) 5 WO(11) 12 Sgts. 36 Cpls. 361 ORs.	- - 12 Sgts. 25 Cpls. 450 ORs.	- - - - 89 ORs.	1 WO(1) 5 WO(11) - 11 Cpls. -
EDUCATION HQs (Supernumary to Est.)	- 6	3 Sgts.	3 Sgts.	-
	769.	741	108	136

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER WE.

RANK.	TRADE.	WE	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT.
WO(11)	AACG	1	1	-	-
Sgts.	AAPG	1	-	-	10
	AAPS	1	-	-	1
	AAMG	2	-	-	2
	AACG	5	2	-	3
Cpls.	AAPS	1	2	1	-
	AACG	1	1	-	-
	AAMG	1	2	1	-
	AACG	5	5	-	-
Ptes.	AAMG	1	1	-	-
	AACG	13	2	-	11
	AAPS	-	1	1	-
		32	17	3	18

APPX 'A'

to 31/51 INF BN (AIF)
W.3009 for week ending 12 Jan 46.
Serial No 1946/ 1

TRADE.	POSTED.	Under 125.	125 - 129	130 - 139	140 - 149	150 - 159	Over 159
DRAFTSMAN.	1 OR	1					
GARMENTERS.	2 ORs.	2					
INT DUTIES.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 6 ORs.	6		1		1	
SIGNALLERS.	2 Sgts. 3 Cpls. 17 ORs.	1 6	1 3	1 8		1	
SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR.	1 OR.			1			
BUTCHER.	1 OR	1					
GUNLAYERS.	8 ORs.	6	1	1			
RANGETAKERS.	2 ORs.	1		1			
TAILORS.	1 Sgt.		1				
Tk A Nos.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 13 ORs.	6	3	1 1 4			
Gen Duties.	1 Sgt. 2 ORs.	1		1		1	
WIRELESS MECH.	1 OR.			1			
DVR MECH.	1 OR.			1 OR			
MMG Nos.	4 Sgts. 2 Cpls. 24 ORs.	13	1	2 1 10		2 1	
Pioneers.	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl 12 ORs.	9	1	1 2		1	
Mor Nos.	3 Sgts. 1 Cpl. 44 ORs.	33	2	2 1 9		1	
Batmen.	21 ORs.	13	2	6			
Orderlies.	27 ORs.	12	3	12			
Regtl Police.	4 ORs.	2		2			
Stretcher Bearers.	14 ORs.	6	1	7			
Clerks.	1 WO(11) 1 Sgt. 5 Cpls. 1 OR.	1		3 1		1 1	1 D
Dtrs MT	11 ORs.	3	2	6			

TRADE	POSTED.	Under 125	125 - 129	130 - 139	140 - 149	150 - 159	Over 159
Storemen Tech.	1 OR		1				
Water Duties.	2 ORs		1	1			
Storeman.	1 s/sgt. 4 ORs.	2		2		1	
LMG & Rifles.	12 Sgts. 25 Opls. 450 ORs.	1 6 307		4 5 55	7 2 86		1
Education Sgts.	3 Sgts.			3			

741	439	83	195	22		2
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Attached.

AAGG	1 WO(11)					1	
AAGG	2 Sgts.			1	1		
AFC	2 Opls.	1			1		
AAGG	1 Opl.			1			
AAGG	2 Opls.				2		
AAGG	5 Opls.				3		2
AAGG.	1 OR.	1					
AAGG.	2 ORs.			2			
AAPS.	1 OR.			1			

758	441	83	200	29	1	4
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INFANTRY BRIGADE

AMENITIES

LETTER No 26

14 JAN 46

EDITORIAL

On approx. 26 Jan the Rabaul Rugby and Aust. Rules Associations will commence and it appears that a large proportion of the matches will be played on our II Bde sports ground.

It is hardly possible to assess the number of teams competing, because of continual movement of personnel to other units and to the mainland. Perhaps by the 26 Jan a more static state may exist, and the association commence with an adequate number of teams.

The respective committees are working hard to finalize arrangements, and overcome the problem of transporting spectators to the "away" matches.

RUGBY

For various reasons three teams viz. 16 Fd. Coy, 55/53 Bn. No 3, & 31/51 Bn. No 2, have withdrawn from the competition. Some players of the 16 Fd. Coy played with 51 Fd. Pl. last Sunday which will strengthen further an already strong team.

Points in the competition at the end of Round 5 are as follows -

1st Division.

55/53 Bn. No 1	8
26 Bn. No 2	8
26 Bn. No 1	6
2/2 Cdo Sqd.	6
31/51 Bn. No 1	4
16 Fd. Coy	4
102 W/Shops	4
55/53 Bn. No 2	-

2nd Division.

51 Fd. Pl.	10
2/31 Dookers	8
26 Bn. No 3	6
4 Fd. Coy	6
Bde HQs	4
31/51 Bn. No 3	2
31/51 Bn. No 2	3
55/53 Bn. No 3	1

W/Shops V. 55/53 Bn. No 2.

Sunday morning saw W/Shops meet 55/53 Bn No 2 on No 1 oval. On paper the match presented an open appearance, and even W/Shops most ardent supporters did not anticipate the brilliant game they produced. They played as a team throughout and were too strong for the Infantry who battled hard but lacked the cohesion of the W/Shops.

W/Shops opened with a handy penalty goal by Evans followed by Beames dashing a cross for a try. 5/8 Ron Clarke scored following an excellent backline movement for Evans to convert.



UGBY (Cont).

In the second half the infants made valiant efforts to pierce the W/Shops defences, but found it too difficult. Evans then flashed across for a try in which half a dozen players participated and converted once more. For the W/Shops Eshart, Rustaby, Seams, and Wright were the best, but generally every member of the team played well.

Scores W/Shops 15 D 55/53 No 2 111

55/53 No. 1 V 2/2 Commandos.

55/53 Bn. produced one of the fast open games for which they are renowned and ran out comparatively easy winners. Most pleasing feature was the deadly low tackling of the Bn. side, quite a change from the high grabs. "Mouse" Ball was the hero of the day both in the attack and defence. He kicked three goals with glorious kicks and delighted the crowd with a wonderful tackle on the ball. Liven played his usual solid game and Russell made several good saves. Administrative "O'Connell" used his shoulder in stopping a dangerous move of the opponents. The Bn. forwards were superior throughout and all deserved mention. Tries were scored by Colist, Liven and Miota, a few good backline moves. Grim defence kept out the Commandos but too many penalties were given away from "play the ball" infringements.

Scores 55/53 No 1 15 d Commandos 2.

26 No 1 V 2/31 Dockers

The Bn defeated the Dockers after an interesting and hard fought game. Continual scrumming marred open play and generally restricted good teamwork. A highlight of the game was a brilliant try by Eppis of 26 Bn.

Scores 26 No 1 17 d Dockers 2.

26 Bn. 102 defeated 31/51 No 1

Scores 15 to 5.

Bn. 102 provided superior in their match against 31/51 No 3.

Scores Bn. 102 13 d 31/51 No 3 5

31/51 Coy Games.

D Coy defeated H.Q. Coy. D Coy backs showed excellent form. Best players D Coy were McDonald and Bennett.

Scores D Coy 5 d H.Q. Coy 3.

Table Tennis.

Coming fixtures.

Mon 15 31/53 V 102 W/Shops at 31/51 Rec Hut 1900
Wed 16 11 Div. H.Q. V 31/51 Bn at 31/51 Rec Hut 1900

Volley Ball

Coming Fixtures.

Mon 14 26 Bn. V 102 W/Shops at 26 Bn Court 1430
Wed 16 31/51 102 W/Shops at 102 W/Shops. 1530
Frid 18 31/51 Bn V 102 W/Shops at 31/51 Court 1430

Volley Ball

Coming Fixtures.

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BASNET BALL

BDE OFFICERS V BDE SIGS

Bde Officers defeated Bde Sigs by one point on Monday afternoon. Prior to this match the Sigs always seemed to have the measure of the officers but with the inclusion of Capt LEB and Maj RASSELL the Officers fielded a well balanced side and ran out winners by a narrow margin. For Bde Officers Lt BELLO proved an able leader and the Sigs Captain MAPS was the outstanding player on the court.

Scores Bde Officers 37 Bde Sigs 36

11 Div Officers V Bde Officers

11 Div Officers proved too strong throughout. Their accuracy in two balls was the main factor in their victory but the scores hardly indicate the closeness in general play.

Scores: 11 Div Officers 36 Bde Officers 10

31/51 Inter-Coy Match

B Co defeated D Coy 35-20

Coin Fixtures

Mon 14 11 Div Sigs V 31/51 on at the 31/51 court at 1430

Tue 15 31/51 V 102 Sigs at 102 Sigs court 1430

Thurs 17 31/51 V 102 Sigs at 31/51 court 1430

Thurs 17 11 Div Sigs V 31/51 at 11 Div court 1400 hrs

CRICKET

26 Bn V 31/51 Bn

On Thursday, 26 Bn avenged their previous defeat at the hands of 31/51 by a flying win of 4 runs. Once more the bad wicket was a dominating factor fast bowlers being practically unplayable, and slow bowlers were able to make the ball do anything but play true. 31/51 had first use of the wicket and soon out for 62 runs. L MITCHELL and TODD were the only ones to reach double figures scoring 17 and 10 respectively. Opening bowler COLMAN struck a helpful spot on the pitch and finished with 10 for 4 off four overs and TALLON also had 10 for 4. 26 Bn were soon in difficulties to battle with their last ones and had lost five for 17 when RALPH came in and bowled 11 then took the score to 41 before losing JOHNSTON the bowler who had been very hard to shift. The innings finished for 66, 31/51 in scored 17 RALPH 16 and COLMAN 10. For 26 Bn bowled excellently with a new ball making five for 17 off 8 overs. Gess BROS'S was not as troublesome as usual but took 2 for 18. Stan Hooley bowled 1 for 13 was expensive. JACK KELLY collected the remaining 9 wickets for 9 runs. The end was very exciting, the winning run being made with the last man in.

Coin Fixtures

Mon 14 26 Bn V 11 Div Sigs No 1 ground 1300 hrs

Tue 15 31/51 Inter-Coy match No 1 ground 1300 hrs

Wed 16 31/51 V Bde HQ no 1 ground at 1300 hrs

Fri 18 26 Bn V 31/51 No 1 ground 1300 hrs

A STAFF RACES Matches between units of the Bde will be played on 55/53 ground during the week. Units will be notified of the draw. The Island competition will commence on the 26 Jan. All Island teams will participate in a "Lightening" premiership on the opening day each team playing 1/20 minute quarter until eliminated.

J.H. Ryan Lt

ADVENTURES HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

Serial No 3

BY

Nos 3 - 7

Lt. COL J. L. A. KELLY - COMD 31/51 INF BN (AIF)

16 Jan 46.

DUTIES

DELETE ALL REFERENCE TO "DUTIES" IN BN ROUTINE ORDERS SERIAL No 2 OF 12 JAN 46 AND INSERT:-

(a)	DATE	ORDERLY OFFICER	DUTY COY
	13/14 Jan 46	Lt RIGBY L	D Coy
	14/15 Jan 46	Lt MEWING D S	B Coy
	15/16 Jan 46	Lt FRASER K D	D Coy
	16/17 Jan 46	Lt GRIFFIN G D	HQ Coy
	17/18 Jan 46	Lt EASTCOTT T D	B Coy
	18/19 Jan 46	Lt CUMMINGTON H C	D Coy
	19/20 Jan 46	Lt RIGBY L	B Coy

- (b) Duty Coy will supply Bn Guard:-
1 Sgt (or Cpl)
1 Cpl (or L/Cpl)
1c OR's

Bn Orderly Sgt (or Cpl)
Bn Runner.

3. DAMAGE TO SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS. 11 Div RO G4/46.
In this area Japanese-installed lines are being used to provide a large proportion of the Australian communications. On no account will any Japanese line be removed or interrupted without reference to Signals 11 Div. In view of the isolation of certain Group Camps this is essential for the security as well as the normal administration.

Should any line be accidentally damaged or should any damage be noticed the fact must be reported immediately to the nearest Signal Office. This will be of great assistance in maintaining communications at all times.

4. ENTRY OF CHINESE CIVILIANS INTO AUST CAMPS

All AMF Camp areas except ANGAU areas are out of bounds to Chinese civilians unless permanently employed by the unit.

5. DRESS - 11 Bde RO 246.

Considerable numbers of improperly dressed troops may be seen daily in all parts of this area. Common faults are as follows:-

- (a) Sleeveless shirts
- (b) No gaiters
- (c) No puggarees.

Coy Comds will ensure that their troops are properly turned out at all times. Puggarees are available and will be worn.

6.

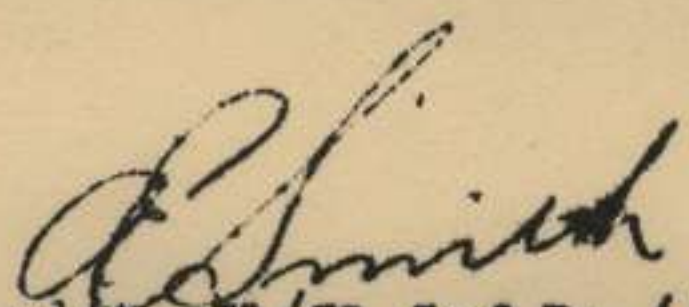
TREATMENT OF VD - 11 Bde RO 3/40

1. Several cases of gonorrhoea which have been reported in this area have shown an unusual resistance to treatment with penicillin probably due to self treatment with sulphenilimide from the Outfits First Aid Individual prior to member reporting sick.
2. All troops will be warned that self treatment is dangerous and may render them incurable .

7.

DEMOBILIZATION PROCEDURE - 11 BDE RO 4/46.

1. Where a member has nominated a state of discharge and later for exceptional reasons desires discharge in a different State, approval is given under the following conditions.
 - (a) Member may apply at any time until the date of return from "living out" period.
 - (b) Approval will be at the discretion of the GOC L of C Area in genuine cases only.
 - (c) Member will not be permitted to change his mind again after arrival in second State of discharge.
 - (d) Only one period of living out will be granted.

 Lt.
Adj. 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF).

18 JAN 46

APPX 14

Personnel

5680 Navy

5800 Army

11480 Total strength in compound

Living inside

4131 Hosp

2213 Adm Duties

623 Maintenance work for Japs) Roads, clearing

442 " " " Aust) grass cutting

645 Farming, Harvesting firewood self support

8054

Living outside

1648 Labour Camps

(Aust Labour)

284 Saw Mills

212 Construction

34 Others

2178

964 Farming

41 Fishing

145 Workshops1150

10 War Criminals Compound

21 Other Gp Camps

14 Barges

36 Stables

17 Others

11480 Personnel

98

30 Deaths

11510 1 JAN 46

The blocks are independant of each other, having own stables, gardens, Stock salt mill and rations of timber.

All blocks handle their own labour and working parties are drawn in comparison with the blocks strength.

All reports to date from patrols state that the Japanese hygiene in the compound is good. Using disinfectant, and burning all surplus food, while drainage is satisfactory. Gardens inside and outside of compound are in good condition and being well cultivated. Japanese are working well

All harvesting outside of the limited area will be completed by May 46.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO1

18 JAN 46

Covering activities of "C" Company Garrison
No 10 Compound KABAIRA to 18 JAN 46.

PATROLS - One Day

Two patrols of 2 Aust troops 1 Japanese guide and 3 horses each,
Inspect outside gardens.

Two patrols 3-4 Aust troops each - walking, inspect Compounding Hygiene
internal gardens and road maintenance.

Two patrols 3-4 Aust troops each, inspect external gardens, living
out quarters, salt works, road maintenance and Dam.

Periodically Camp Comd accompanied by Col IMAMURA and staff, inspects
Blocks, Kitchens, Latrines and Block area.

Accompanied only with interpreter inspects salt works, saw mills
and stables.

NATIVES

Cases have been reported where natives have attacked Japanese
stealing clothing, blankets, nets and food. These reports have been
passed on to ANGAU and an agreement has been reached whereby all
natives inside harvesting area except LUNGA LUNGA Village 611333
will move South of line extending from 616236 to river 672234.

MORALE High especially all troops with 125 points and over.

HEALTH Good with a few cases of Tinea.

SPORT Basket Ball, Cricket, Football. Swimming and fishing.

APPX 15
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W. J. Jones

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

Serial No.4

Lt. COL J. L. A. KELLY - COMD 31/51 INF BN (AIF)

19 Jan 46.

DUTIES.

(a)

DATE

ORDERLY OFFICER

DUTY COY.

20/21 Jan 46	Lt. MEWING D.S.	D. Coy
21/22 Jan 46	Lt. EASTCOTT T.D.	HQ COY
22/23 Jan 46	Lt. CUNNINGTON H.C.	D. Coy
23/24 Jan 46	Lt. RIGBY L.	B. Coy
24/25 Jan 46	Lt. MEWING D.S.	D. Coy
25/26 Jan 46	Lt. EASTCOTT T.D.	B. Coy
26/27 Jan 46	Lt. CUNNINGTON H.C.	HQ Coy

(b) Duty Coy will supply:

(i) Bn. Guard

1 Sgt (or Cpl)

1 Cpl (or L/Cpl)

16 ORs

(ii) Bn Orderly Sgt (or Cpl)

Bn Runner

(iii) 1 Cpl and 20 ORs to assist works officer
to supervise works on Bde Sports Ground.

R. Smith Lt.
Adj. 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF).

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES SUN 20 JAN.

0615 Hrs	C. of E. Holy Communion
0800 Hrs	Parade Service
1900 Hrs	Evening Service
0700 Hrs.	R.C. Mass
0900 Hrs	R.C. Mass

31/51 Bn Chapel
31/51 Bn Chapel
31/51 Bn Chapel
26 Bn Chapel
11 Bde Chapel

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1946 / 3 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 1 / 1946 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)
W.E. 11 123 / 5 OFFRS. 53 O.R's 700 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.												
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.								
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels	AASC	1											
8			4	Majors													
20			16	Captains													
			-	Lieutenants													
				Quarter-masters													
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.													
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.													
			21			1											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
				A.		22											22
				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.
NO111606	Lt.	MURRAY T.H.	30 Inf Bn	14/1/46	On Transfer

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 10/1/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed. DEMB INDICATOR	Date of Detachment.
Lt.Col	HK 12214	KELLY	J.L.A.	COND	Yes	N/W/261 D	
Capt	HK188330	MILLER	A.J.	OC HQ	Yes	V/W/144 D	
Capt	HK 52635	WADD	A.E.	OC B	Yes	N/W/158 D	
Capt	HK117109	SIMMONS	D.J.	OC C	Yes	V/W/142 D	
Capt	HK 4879	ROE	C.R.	OC A	Yes	N/W/144 D	
Lt.	HK 54008	RICHY	L.	OC 11	Yes	C/W/158 D	
Lt.	HK 54012	GILLMAN	H.J.	OC 14	Yes	N/W/189 D	
Lt.	HK 54018	ROSE	H.	OC D	Yes	T/W/150 D	
Lt.	HK 54019	DAVEY	A.E.	Adj	Yes	C/W/144 D	
Lt.	HK 17832	STRATTON	H.P.	OC 5	Yes	C/W/275 D	
Lt.	HK 54010	WARR	H.P.R.	OC 8	Yes	C/W/103 D	
Lt.	HK 20115	BRISTOTT	T.H.	OC 16	Yes	N/W/140 D	
Lt.	HK 20004	SEARLE	A.	IO	Yes	N/W/140 D	
Lt.	HK116035	DEVLIN	S.V.	OC 17	Yes	N/W/189 D	
Lt.	HK 51573	CUNNINGHAM	H.C.	OC 15	Yes	C/W/191	
Lt.	HK 25052	COLEMAN	L.R.J.	Adj	Yes	C/W/271 D	
Lt.	HK156836	HEWING	D.S.	OC 2	Yes	C/W/158 D	
Lt.	HK 57794	WILSON	J.D.	QM	Yes	C/W/158 D	
Lt.	HK127055	FRASER	K.D.	-	Yes	N/W/158 D	
Lt.	HK102703	GRIFFIN	G.D.	-	Yes	V/W/140 D	
Lt.	HK111006	MURRAY	T.H.	-	Yes	N/W/	
Capt	HK17805	BALKEID	O.W.	R.H.O.	Yes	N/W/108	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	HK 22768	WHEAT L.G.	AA CH D	21/10/42	Chaplain C/W/118
Capt	HK125803	HELINGDON F.A.J.	AA CH D	7/1/43	Chaplain N/W/179 D

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt.Col

a.w. 1m bks 10/44

Cond 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/1/1941 58/7300 (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	2			W.Os. Class I.					
	5		1	W.Os. Class II.		1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	4		1	Staff Sergeants					
	8	7	35	Sergeants		5	-	6	
	23		44	Corporals		10	3	1	
	74	222	302	Troopers, Privates, etc.		3	-	11	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	115	229	363 *	✓ Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		17 *	3	18	*

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.

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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/ Jan /1946 .**

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		1		Orderlies, Nursing, Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders		4	3
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1							Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical		4	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		27	23	Tailors		3	1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	4	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tr. A Nos		14	16
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen Duties		3	2
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								MG Nos		25	30
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								lbr Nos		78	48
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Pioneers		33	19
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batman		33	22
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Duties		4	1
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Orderlies		32	28
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Reg Pl.		7	4
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers		1	3	St. Bearers		21	14
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		13	10	Driver MT		12	13
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water Duties		2	2
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Storemen		11	4
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		10	9	Coach Trimmers				Refuelmen		415	600
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Education		7	3
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks						769	335
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies						32	17
Mechanics, Wireless			1	Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			15
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers		1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		8	8				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD		16	14	CARRIED FORWARD		50	50	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	900	15

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

31/51 INF BN (AIF)
W3009 for week ending
19 Jan 46.
Serial No 1946/3

DETAILS OF SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES

TRADE	F.E.	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
CARPENTERS	6 ORs	4 ORs		2 ORs
BLACKSMITH	1 OR			1 OR
INT. DUTIES	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 7 ORs	2 Sgts 1 Cpls 6 ORs	1 Sgt 1 Cpl	1 Cpl 1 OR
SIGNALERS	1 Sgt 4 Cpls 22 ORs	2 Sgts 3 Cpls 23 ORs	1 Sgt 1 OR	1 Cpl
SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR TELL	-	1 OR	1 OR	
BUTCHER	1 OR	5 ORs	2 ORs	
WGT REPAIRER	1 OR			1 OR
CUN LAYERS	8 ORs	8 ORs		
RANGE TAKERS	4 ORs	5 ORs		1 OR
TAILORS	1 Sgt 1 Cpl	1 Sgt		1 Cpl
TANK A IDS	3 Sgts 4 Cpls 7 ORs	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 14 ORs	7 ORs	2 Sgts 3 Cpls
GEN DUTIES	1 Sgt 2 ORs	1 Sgt 1 OR		1 OR
WIRELESS MECH.	-	1 OR	1 OR	
DRIVER MECH.	-	1 OR	1 OR	
MG IDS	3 Sgts 2 Cpls 20 ORs	4 Sgts 2 Cpls 24 ORs	1 Sgt 4 ORs	
IDR IDS	5 Sgts 5 Cpls 68 ORs	5 Sgts 1 Cpl 44 ORs		2 Sgts 4 Cpls 24 ORs
PIONEERS	1 Sgt 4 Cpls 28 ORs	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 16 ORs		3 Cpls 12 ORs
BATHEN	35 ORs	22 ORs		13 ORs
HYG DUTIES	4 ORs	1 OR		3 ORs
ORDERLIES	32 ORs	28 ORs		4 ORs
REG PL.	1 Sgt 6 ORs	4 ORs		1 Sgt 2 ORs
STRETCHER BEARERS	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 18 ORs	14 ORs		1 Sgt 2 Cpls 4 ORs
CLERKS	1 WO11 2 Sgts 6 Cpls 4 ORs	1 WO11 1 Sgt 4 Cpls 4 ORs		1 Sgt 2 Cpls
DRVS. MT	1 Cpl 11 ORs	13 ORs	2 ORs	1 Cpl
STOREMEN TECH.	1 Sgt 3 ORs	1 OR		1 Sgt 2 ORs
WATER DUTIES	2 ORs	2 ORs		

TRADE	WE.	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
Forward STRENGTH	543 5 S/Sgts 6 ORs	288 1 S/Sgt. 4 ORs 3.	22	98 7 S/Sgts 32 ORs
LtCs AND RIFLEMAN	1 WO(1) 5 WO(11) 12 Sgts 56 Opls 561 ORs	13 Sgts 51 Opls 561 ORs	1 Sgt 205 ORs	1 WO(1) 5 WO(11) 5 Opls
EDUCATION HQs (Supernumary to Est)		5 Sgts	5 Sgts	
	769	883	229	115

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER WE.

RAIK	TRADE	WE	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
WO(11)	AAOC	1	1		
Sgts	AAFC	1			1
	AAFS	1			1
	AAIS	2			2
	AAOC	5	3		2
Opls	AAFC	1	2	1	
	AAOC	1	2		
	AAIS	1	2	2	
	AAOC	5	4		1
	AAFS		1	1	
ORs	AAIS	1	1		
	AAOC	15	2		11
		32	17	5	18

ANNEX "A"

to 51/52 Inf Bn (AIF)
55009 for week ending
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TRADE	FOSTERED	Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	150- 159	Over 159
CARPENTERS	4 ORs	4					
INTELLIGENCE DUTIES	2 Sgts 1 Cpl 6 ORs	5		1 1 1	1		
SIGNALERS	2 Sgts 3 Cpls 23 ORs	1 10	1 3	1 10	1		
SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR TOLL	1 OR			1			
BUTLER	3 ORs	2		1			
COOKS	6 ORs	6	1	1			
RAPOUTAKERS	3 ORs	2		1			
TAILORS	1 Sgt		1				
TK A HQS	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 14 ORs	6	3	1 1 5			
GENERAL DUTIES	1 Sgt 1 OR			1		1	
WIRELESS MACH TOLL	1 OR			1			
DRIVER MACH TOLL	1 OR			1			
MSG HQS	4 Sgts 2 Cpls 24 ORs	13	1	2 1 10	2 1		
MSG HQS	3 Sgts 1 Cpl 44 ORs	54	2	2 1 5	1		
FINANCERS	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 15 ORs	10	1	1 3		1	
BATHEN	22 ORs	13	3	6			
MSG DUTIES	1 OR	1					
ORDERLIES	23 ORs	14	3	11			
MSG PL.	4 ORs	2		2			
CORRECTION HEARERS	14 ORs	7		7			
CLERKS	1 HQ(11) 1 Sgt 4 Cpls 4 ORs	3		1 1	2 1	1	1
DRIVERS IN	13 ORs	5	4	6			
STRENGTH TELL.	1 OR			1			

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TRADE	POSTED	under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	150- 159	Over 159
Forward	266	136	26	25	10		1
WATER DUTIES	2 ORs	3	1	1	1		
SEDSMEN	^{15/5st} 3 ORs	2		2			
LIC AND RIFLEMEN	15 Sgts 51 Cpls 564 ORs	1 10 435	7 67	6 11 90	6 2 2		1
EDUCATION HQs (Supernumary to Est)	3 Sgts			3			
	683	554	101	205	26		2

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER HQ.

TRADE	RANK	Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	150- 159	Over 159
AAOC	1 WO (11)					1	
AAOC	3 Sgts			1	2		
AAOC	2 Cpls	1			1		
AAOC	1 Cpl			1			
AAIB	2 Cpls			1	1		
AAOC	4 Cpls				2		2
AAIS	1 Cpl			1			
AAIO	1 OR	1					
AAOC	2 ORs	1		1			
	900	557	101	211	26	1	4

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

11 HUST INF BDE

200915K

For Action

TO

31/51 HUST INF BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

26th BN 4 55/53

ORIGINATOR'S No.

601140 UNCLASSIFIED @ Warning order @

one. @ one company 31/51 BN will stand

by and be prepared to relieve NGIB

security guard at NO 8 labour camp

790430 from 200900 K for @ two @ in

addition one full strength platoon with

full arms and ammunition will

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except

.....

Wireless

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Signed

Signed

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

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INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMENITIES
LETTER NO 27
JAN 21 - 46

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SEMI-FINALS SUNDAY 20 JAN 46.



At a meeting at 11 Ede Amenities on Friday 1 Jan it was decided to commence the semi-finals of the rugby league on Sunday 20 Jan. It has been necessary to do this because only 5 teams now remain in the competition which commenced 6 weeks ago with 16 teams. Another round could not alter the position of the finalists. The finalist teams are 5/53 Bn No 1, 26 Bn No 2, 4 Fd Coy, and 31/51 Bn No 1, and will play in the following order.

1400 hrs 55/53 Bn V 36 Bn No 2.
1500 hrs 31/51 Bn V 4 Fd Coy.

The winners will play in the final on Sunday 27 Jan 46, and all members of both teams will be presented with a trophy supplied by Amenities.

4 Fd Coy V Ede Sigs.



It was evident early that 4 Fd Coy were fielding the stronger team and in the first few minutes of play, scored a nice try started by their 5/3. Sigs battled gamely throughout executing some excellent moves and made most of their opportunities, making the game much closer than the scores indicate. Best players for 4 Fd Coy were Millis and

McGuinness while Collins and Parravacini were outstanding for the Sigs.

Final Scores 4 Fd Coy 15 d Ede Sigs 2

26 Bn last Sunday defeated 31/51 the scores being 3 - 2.

CINEMA PROGRAMMES

TALILI. Wed Jan 23 DOWN ON THE 7 MOONS.
Sat Jan 26 Don Juan Quilligan
Short.

WANDERERS TUES - WED 23-23 Dough Girls.
Friday - Sat 25-26 The Lady is Willing.

CONCERT.

A concert party, including seven real girls, is arriving on the "DINEROON" in a day or so, and will appear at Wanderers Theatre during its tour.

CRICKET

31/51 Bn. V 11 Bde H.Q's

In comparatively cool weather 31/51 Bn easily defeated 11 Bde H.Q's on the first innings. Bde had first use of the wicket, but failed to stand up to the deadly onslaught of the Bn bowlers. Reid is a newcomer to the Bn and is a welcome addition to the Bn side. Bde were dismissed for a total of 52 runs, Baker being the only batsman to reach double figures. Bowling honours went to the fast bowler Reid who finished with 5 wickets for 18. Sainsbury bowled well to in 3 wickets for 8 runs, and Stan Low accounted for the remaining two batsmen. The Bn batsmen went to the wicket at 1130 hrs and at luncheon adjournment were a total of 18 without loss. On resumption of play the Bn was dismissed for 112 runs. Reid showed his versatility by aggressive batting scoring 53. Leo O'ray scored 16 in convincing style. The Bde again took the wicket and when stumps were drawn had amassed a fine score of 127 for the loss of 4 wickets. Pinn scored 53 and Schapel 26.

31 Bn V 26 Bn.

31 Bn defeated 26 Bn by 15 runs and five wickets. The match throughout proved a harvest for bowlers as wickets fell like autumn leaves. 26 Bn had first use of the wicket making a total of 46 runs, Sainsbury being the only double figures. Bowling honours went to Reid with 5 wickets for 17 runs, Loves 3 for 20, & Low 2 for 9 accounted for the remainder. 31 Bn went to the wicket and at luncheon adjournment had lost 5 for 25 runs. After lunch the remaining batsmen were soon dismissed for an additional 12 runs. Bowling honours went to Conlan with 7 wickets for 20. In the second innings 26 Bn were dismissed for a total of 13 runs leaving the Bn to make 23 for an outright win. Reid again excelled in bowling taking 7 wickets for 3 runs - a magnificent performance. 31/51 declared their second innings with 5 for 37, therefore winning by 5 wickets.

COMING FIXTURES.

Mon 21 Jan 26 Bn V 55/53 Bn 1300 hrs at No 2 Ground.
Tues 22 Jan 31/51 V R.E 1000 hrs No 2 Gnd.
Wed 23 Bde H.Q's V 26 Bn 1300 at No 2 Gnd.
Thurs 24 26 Bn Intercoy match 1300 No 2 Gnd.
Friday 26 Jan 31/51 V 11 Div H.Q's 1300 hrs No 2 Gnd.
A concrete wicket is being installed on No 1 Gnd this week.

VOLLEY BALL.

Comin. Fixtures.

Mon 21 Jan 55/53 V 31/51 1300 hrs at Bde H.Q's.
Tues 22 Jan 31/51 V 26 Bn at 1330 hrs 31/51 Bn/
Friday 25 31/51 V 26 Bn at 1330 at 26 Bn.

TENNIS.

The tennis in the old 19th Amb site is now in order and can be used on application to respective sports officers.

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AUSTRALIAN

31/51 Bn - V 26 Bn.

On Friday afternoon teams from 26 and 31 Bns met for the first time since coming to Rabaul. Considering it was the first game for 31/51 Bn, they put up a good performance and with more training to mould them together as a team they should be hard to beat in the future. 26 Bn played their usual solid game to win a fairly even game. A noticeable feature was the superior kicking of the 26 Bn. Max Green played splendidly getting half the score. O'Connor roving for the winners was unbeatable.

Final Scores 26 Bn 3 goals 11 points defeated
31/51 B 5 goals 8 points.

31/51 Bn. Scratch match. Yellows V Blues.

31/51 Bn played a scratch match at Lde ground on Tuesday and showed some promising players for the Bn 18. Yellows took the lead early in the first quarter 6 g 2 p to 1 g 2 pts. mainly due to much better handling of the ball. Blues showed a little more teamwork making it, a very even quarter, the scores at half time being 8.3 to 3.3. In the third quarter both teams played with fairly even teamwork with Blues leading at the bell for this particular quarter making the scores at three quarter time 9.4 to 5.4. The last quarter was keenly contested, but with Yellows playing with more determination.

Final Scores 13 g 7 pts Yellows 6g 5 pts Blues.
Best players - Yellow Graves and Hass, while Phillips shone for the Blues

A mention must be made on the fine umpiring of Pte Parachini who kept the game well under control throughout.

J. H. P. Lt.
Activities Officer.

APPX 19
Hq,
31/51 INF BN (ALP)
25 Jan 46.
Copy No.

ADM INSTR.
ANNIVERSARY DAY ACTIVITIES.

1. The movement of personnel to and from the race course, regatta and sing sing on 26 Jan 46 will be under the direction of Lt. H.C.CUNNINGTON assisted by 2 NCOs to be supplied by B.Coy.

2. ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

16 x 3 ton trucks have been allotted to the unit for the day and will be under the control of Lt. CUNNINGTON for the complete day. Each truck will be marked "31/51 BN" with chalk to facilitate control and locating. Loading on each truck will not exceed 20 personnel. Trucks are scheduled to report at Hq 11 Bde 260530K and Transport Sjt will arrange for a guide to report to Bde Hq at 260520K.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA.

Prior to departure from the Bn area all troops will assemble at Bde Sports Ground in vicinity of unit transport lines at times as under:-

E. Coy	325	-	260520K
E. Coy	55	-	260620K
D. Coy	110	-	260620K
B. Coy	80	-	260620K
Hq Coy	60	-	260620K
BnHq	20	-	260620K

Troops will be marched to Assembly Area under an Officer and Coys will ensure that all personnel are correctly dressed prior to leaving respective Coy areas.

Officers will travel in the convoy with own respective troops.

Capt. CARNEY R. will be in charge of Assembly Area and will prepare troops for embussing.

4. RETURN OF TROOPS TO UNIT.

(a) The following number of troops who have intimated their desire to return to the unit after completion of the races will report to the luncheon area immediately on completion of the races and will be embussed by Lt. CUNNINGTON.

D.Coy	30	-
Hq Coy	20	
B.Coy	10	
BnHq	3	
	<u>63.</u>	

(b) The following number who have intimated their desire to return to the unit after completion of the regatta will report to the luncheon area immediately on completion of the regatta and will be embussed by Lt. CUNNINGTON

D.Coy	20
Hq Coy	26
E.Coy	100
B.Coy	20
	<u>166</u>

(2).

(c) The following number of troops to be returned to the unit on completion of the sing sing will report to the lunching area on completion of the sing sing and will be embussed by Lt. CUNNINGTON.

D. Coy	-	60
HQ Coy	-	14
E. Coy	-	280
B. Coy	-	50
BnHQ	-	17
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5. CAMP SECURITY.

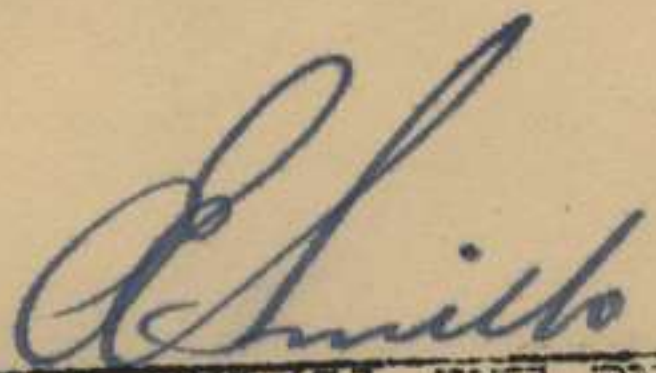
(a) Bn Guard will maintain sentry posts on Canteen and Unit Tpt lines during the day of 26 Jan 46.

(b) Coys will ensure that a security guard is operating in Coy areas. All rifles will be collected and placed in bulk in Coy "Q" Store.

6. RATIONING.

(a) Separate instructions have been issued to Coy Comds for feeding arrangements on 26 Jan 46.

(b) Rationing of truck drivers is the responsibility of the Unit and each Coy will prepare to ration four drivers.


Adj. 31/51 INF BN (AIF). Lt.

25 Jan 46.

DISTRIBUTION.

B. Coy
D. Coy
HQ Coy
Capt. CARNEY
Lt. CUNNINGTON
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1946 / 4 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 1 / 1946 31/51 Inf Bn (AIR Unit)
W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

APPX 20

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.				
W.E. 1 8 20			1 - 25 16 -	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1							
			22			1							
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.				23									23
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 26 / 1 / 1946 (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	N/N/ 261 D	
Capt	NX 122320	MILLER	A.J.	OC HQ	Yes	N/N/ 144 D	
Capt	NX 32633	TODD	A.M.	OC B	Yes	N/N/ 152 D	
Capt	VX 117109	SIMONSON	D.J.	OC C	Yes	V/N/ 142 D	
Capt	TX 4079	ROE	C.R.	OC A	Yes	T/N/ 144 D	
Lt	QX 54000	RIGBY	L.	OC 11	Yes	C/N/ 189 D	
Lt	QX 54012	GILLMAN	H.J.	OC 14	Yes	N/N/ 189 D	
Lt	QX 54018	FORT	H.	OC D	Yes	T/N/ 150 D	
Lt	QX 54019	SMITH	A.E.	ADJT	Yes	C/N/ 144 D	
Lt	QX 17332	STRATTON	W.F.	OC 5	Yes	C/N/ 275 D	
Lt	QX 54010	EVANS	W.F.P.	OC 2	Yes	C/A/ 193	
Lt	NX 26113	EASTCOTE	T.H.	OC 16	Yes	N/N/ 140 D	
Lt	NX 26084	SPILLIYAN	A.	IO	Yes	N/N/ 140 D	
Lt	NX 116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	OC 17	Yes	N/A/ 198 D	
Lt	QX 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.C.	OC 15	Yes	C/N/ 191	
Lt	QX 23652	COULTON	L.R.J.	A/Adjt	Yes	C/N/ 271 D	
Lt	NX 136636	MESING	D.S.	OC 2	Yes	C/N/ 138 D	
Lt	QX 37794	WILSON	J.D.	QM	Yes	C/A/ 138 D	
Lt	NX 127055	HAZARD	K.D.	-	Yes	N/N/ 136 D	
Lt	VX 102766	GRIFFIN	C.D.	-	Yes	V/N/ 140 D	
Lt	NX 111608	MURRAY	T.H.	-	Yes	N/N/	
T/Capt	NX115829	CARNEY	R.L.	-	Yes	N/N/	
Capt	QX 57885	SAIKELD	C.W.	RMO	Yes	N/N/ 108	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX 22768	WHEAT L.G.	AAch D	21/10/44	Chaplain C/N/ 118
Capt	NX 123906	BOLLINGTON P.A.J.	AAch D	7/1/46	Chaplain N/N/ 179 D

26 Jan 46

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ²⁶ ¹ ⁶ 31/51 INF BN (AIF) /...../194..... (Unit)

W.E. ¹¹120/3 OFFRS. ³²O.R's. ⁷⁶⁹+ OFFRS. ¹O.R's. ³²ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/ 1/194 6.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Benders				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	-						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	1	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24		Tailors	2	1	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tk A Nos	14	11	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen Duties	3	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								MOR Nos	25	18	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								MOR Nos	48	38	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Pioneers	33	21	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batmen	35	22	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Duties	4	-	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Orderlies	32	23	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Reg Police	7	2	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	3		St Bearers	21	11	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	7		Dvrs MT	12	15	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water Duties	2	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Storemen	11	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7		Coach Trimmers				Riflemen	415	513	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Education	-	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					769	739	2
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.	32	12	2
Mechanics, Wireless	-	1		Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	-					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	8	9					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	16	12		CARRIED FORWARD	50	43		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	751	*

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.

26 JAN 1946
Date of DespatchSignature of Commander Lt. Col.
J. Kelly

31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)
W3009 for week ending
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DETAILS OF SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES

TRADE	W.E.	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
Blacksmith	1 OR	-		1 OR
CARPENTERS	6 OR	4 OR		2 OR
INT DUTIES	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 7 ORs	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 5 ORs		1 Cpl 2 ORs
SIGNALLERS	1 Sgt 4 Cpls 22 ORs	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 21 ORs		2 Cpls 1 OR
BUTCHER	1 OR	3 ORs	2 ORs	
EQPT REPAIRER	1 OR			1 OR
GUNLAYERS	8 ORs	9 ORs	1 OR	
RANGETAKERS	4 ORs	2 ORs		2 ORs
TAILORS	1 Sgt 1 Cpl	1 Sgt		1 Cpl
TK A NOS	3 Sgts 4 Cpls 7 ORs	1 Sgt 10 ORs	3 ORs	2 Sgts 4 Cpls
GEN DUTIES	1 SGTs 2 Cpls 2 ORs	1 Sgt 1 OR	1 OR	2 Sgts 2 ORs
WIRELESS MECH	-	1 OR	1 OR	
MMG NOS	3 Sgts 2 Cpls 20 ORs	1 Sgt 17 ORs		2 Sgts 2 Cpls 3 ORs
MOR NOS	5 Sgts 5 Cpls 68 ORs	2 Sgts 36 ORs		3 Sgts 5 Cpls 32 ORs
PIONEERS	1 Sgt 4 Cpls 28 ORs	1 Cpl 20 ORs		1 Sgt 3 Cpls 8 ORs
BATMEN	35 ORs	22 ORs		13 ORs
HYG DUTIES	4 ORs			4 ORs
ORDERLIES	32 ORs	23 ORs		9 ORs
REGTL POLICE	1 Sgt 6 6 ORs	2 ORs		1 Sgt 4 OR
ST BEARERS	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 18 ORs	11 ORs		1 Sgt 2 Cpls 7 ORs
CLERKS	1 W02 2 Sgt 6 Cpls 4 ORs	1 W02 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 3 ORs		1 Sgt 4 Cpls 1 OR
	325	205	7 OR	127

TRADE	W.E.	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
C/FWD	325	205	7	127
DVR MT	1 Cpl 11 ORs	1 Cpl 14 ORs	3 ORs	
STOREMEN TECH	1 Sgt 3 ORs	1 OR		1 Sgt 2 ORs
WATER DUTIES	2 ORs	1 OR		1 OR
STOREMEN	5 s/spts 6 ORs	2 ORs		5 s/spts 4 ORs
IMG & RIFLEMEN	1 WO1 5 WO2 12 Sgts 36 Cpls 361 ORs	6 Sgts 24 Cpls 483 ORs	122 ORs	1 WO1 5 WO2 6 Sgts 12 Cpls
	769	737	131	168
EDUCATION NGOs	-	2 Sgts	2 Sgts	
	769	739	131	168

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER W.E.

RANK	TRADE	WE	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
WO2	A.A.C.C.	1	1		
EGT	A.A.P.C.	1		X	1
	A.A.P.S.	1		X	1
	A.A.M.C.	2			2
	A.A.C.C.	5	2		3
CPLS	A.A.P.C.	1	2	1	
	A.A.O.C.	1	1		
	A.A.M.C.	1	2	1	
	A.A.C.C.	5	1		4
OR	A.A.M.C.	1			1
	A.A.C.C.	13	2		11
	A.A.P.S.	-	1	1	
		32	12	3	23

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TRADE	POSTED	Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	Over 159
JANPENTERS	4 ORs	4				
INTELLIGENCE DUTIES	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 5 ORs	5		1 1		
SIGNALLERS	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 21 ORs	1 11	1 3	1 7		
BUTCHER	3 ORs	2		1		
GUNLAYERS	9 ORs	7	1	1		
RANGETAKERS	2 ORs	2				
TAILORS	1 Sgt		1			
TK A NOS	1 Sgt 10 ORs	6	3	1 1		
GENERAL DUTIES	1 Sgt				1	
WIRELESS MECH	1 OR			1		
MMG NOS	1 Sgt 17 ORs	13	1	1 3		
MOR NOS	2 Sgts 36 ORs	33	3	2		
PIONEERS	1 Cpl 20 ORs	16	1	1 3		
BATMEN	22 ORs	17	2	3		
ORDERLIES	23 ORs	18	3	2		
REG POLICE	2 ORs	2				
ST BEARERS	11 ORs	7		4		
CLERKS	1 WO2 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 3 ORs	3	1	1	1	1
DVR MT	1 Cpl 14 ORs	6	4	1 4		
STOREMEN TECH	1 OR		1			
WATER DUTIES STOREMEN	1 OR 2 ORs	2	1			
LMG & RIFLEMEN	6 Sgts 24 Cpls 483 ORs	1 12 386	4 7 58	4 4 37	1 2	1
EDUCATION NCOs	2 Sgts			2		
	739	554	291	87	85	2

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER W.E.

TRADE	RANK	Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	150- 159	Over 159
AAGC	1 WO2					1	
AAGC	2 Sgts			1	1		
AAPC	2 Cpls	1			1		
AAGC	1 Cpl			1			
AAMC	2 Cpls				2		
AAGC	1 Cpl				1		
AAGC	2 ORs	1		1			
AAPS	1 OR			1			
		12	2	4	5	1	•

APPX 21

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Serial No.5.

LT.COL J.L.A. KELLY - COMD 31/51 INF BN (AIF)
28 Jan 46

DUTIES.

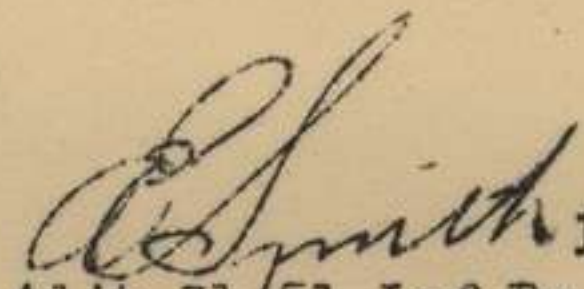
(a)	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
	27/28 Jan	Lt. RIGBY L.	B. Coy
	28/29 Jan	Lt. MEWING D.W.	D. Coy
	29/30 Jan	Lt. SPRILYAN A.	B. Coy
Jan	30/1 Feb	Lt. MURRAY T.	HQ Coy
	1/ 2 Feb	Lt. RIGBY L.	A. Coy
	2/ 3 Feb	Lt. GILLMAN N.	C. Coy
	3/ 4 Feb	Lt. MEWING D.S.	A. Coy

(b)

Duty Coy will supply
Bn Guard

- (i) 1 Sgt (or Cpl)
1 Cpl (or L/Cpl)
16 ORs

- (ii) Bn Orderly Sgt (Or Cpl)
Bn Runner

 Lt.
Adjt 31/51 Inf Bn (AIF)

Bn H 9.

APPX 22.

VISIT BY MR FORDE - 30 JAN 46

HQ 11 Inf Bde (AIF)
30 Jan 46

1. Q. Is 125 points zero for garrison duty at the present time, and if so, how long will it be before personnel with lower points are returned to the mainland for demob?

1. A. The points of personnel in the Islands will gradually decrease as the garrison strength is lowered. This depends on how quickly the Japanese are returned to their country. The Japs on FAROE Island will be sent away first. Low pointers will be sent from there to RABAU, thereby allowing an equivalent number of personnel with higher points to return to Australia.

2. Q. Why was the qualifying period of service for service chevrons terminated on 2 Sep 45 while troops continued to serve at Island stations guarding surrendered Jap troops.

2. A. I will look into it on my return to Australia.

3. Q. Is there any likelihood of personnel with eighteen months operational service returning to the mainland as next priority, irrespective of points when personnel down to 125 points are cleared.

3. A. These men have a very just claim for return to the mainland and as soon as possible those who have not had leave for over eighteen months will get it. And those men, provided that they can get ships to transport the Japs home, will not be required to come back to the Islands.

Shortly after the cessation of hostilities it was announced in the press that there were ten thousand troops in training depots on the mainland, who would be sent to the Islands to relieve troops then serving overseas. Now we are told that there are only eighteen hundred of these ten thousand troops available for Island garrisons, the remainder having been posted to base jobs on the mainland. Why not replace these men by low priority men serving in the Islands who have had twelve months operational service or more?

4. A. Most of the troops on the mainland are required to fill base jobs (eg. Records, Hospitals, Ordnance, Quarter Master Units) vacated by personnel having high points. Australia's demobilisation is far and away ahead of Britain, in fact, the fastest system in the World. Another point to be borne in mind is that there are many men on the mainland who are highly indignant because they never got the opportunity of serving overseas.

5. Q. Has the Government any expectations of raising the garrison troops from volunteers and if so, when is it thought that it will be achieved?

5. A. At present the strength is five to six hundred over that required. for the present, but it will be necessary to have a garrison of at least twelve thousand until the Japs are taken away.

6. Q. It was announced by members of the Federal Cabinet that ten thousand recruits were in training at the end of the war, and would be despatched to serve as garrison troops in the Islands. In five months we have seen only a few hundred of these troops arrive. Have they all left the mainland? If not, how many have, and where are the remainder?

6. A. Recruits to the Army are given a short period of training, then sent up to the Islands. Strange as it may seem, there are some men who want to re-enlist to come up here; they seem to be dissatisfied with the state of things in Australia.

7. Q. How many men have been called up for service as garrison troops in the five months since the end of the war?

7. A. Cabinet decided that there would be no additional call-ups until it was ascertained how many it would require above the number of enlistments.
8. Q. Signal personnel in this area with 150 points and under have been deferred indefinitely whilst non specialists down to 130 have already left. What steps are being taken to relieve such specialists?
8. A. I will deal with that in a conference at LAE.
9. Q. What is the future policy regarding conditions of service in the PMF?
9. A. I cannot say, but the strength will depend on investigations being carried out at the present time.
10. Q. Are any steps being taken to increase the meagre issue of cigarettes in this area?
10. A. I will look into it.
11. Q. Why is shipping being handed back to private enterprise while there are high priority men waiting movement to the mainland?
11. A. Ships have been allotted to cater for all troops in the Islands.
12. Q. What is going to happen to the accumulated profits made by the Canton Trust?
12. A. Profits will be put into a trust account to help discharge personnel as was the case after the last war.
13. Q. Where a soldier has been granted compassionate leave, why has it been taking so long to get him home?
13. A. Everything depends upon the shipping available.

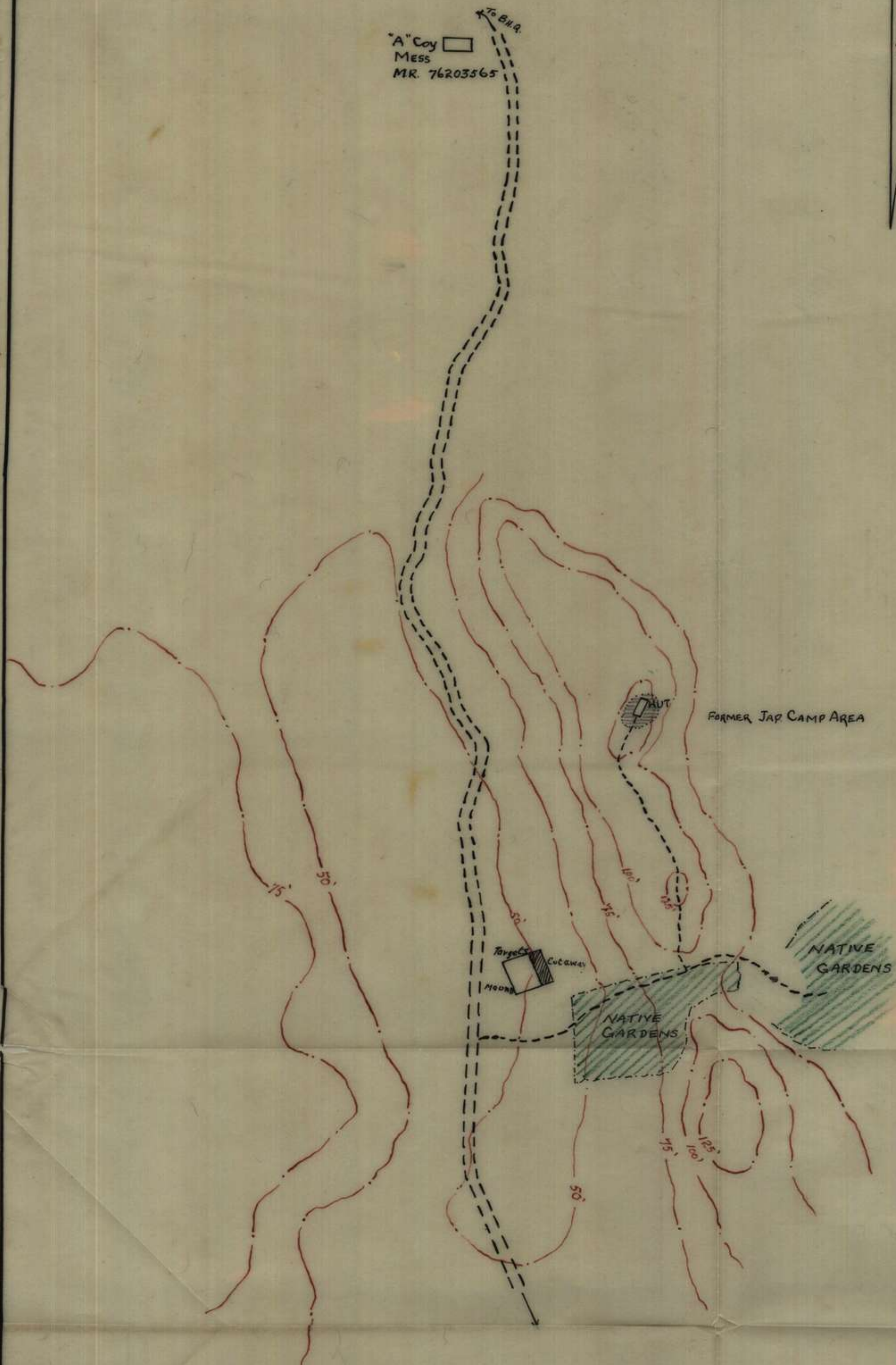
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APPX 23

REF. MAP TALILI BAY 1:20000



→ To B.H.Q.



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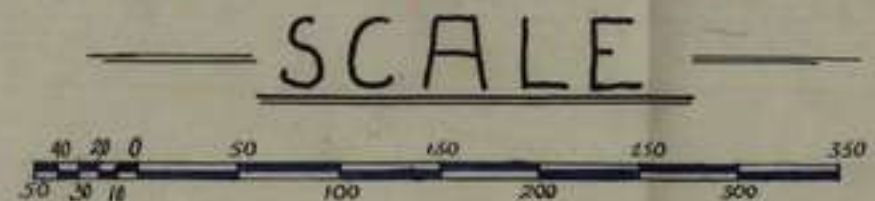
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PREPARED BY INT. SEC.

31/51 INF BN (A.I.F.)
4 FEB '46

31/51 Aust Inf Bn — A. I. F.

HISTORY — OF — MOVEMENT — WORLD WAR II



Prepared by:
INT. SEC.
31/51 Aust Inf Bn (HQ)
31 Jan 46

Re: AMERICAN AIRCREW NAURU.

HQ. Nauru Force,
14 Jan 46.

Int. 95.

HQ FIRST ARMY (AIF).

Copy to: District Records NG.

1. Further to our IGM. 51, body referred to therein has not yet been located, although extensive digging was continued today in the area where the body is reported. The Administrator has stated that he may apply to the Manager at Nauru of British Phosphate Commissioners for a bulldozer for the task.
2. With ref to our IGM. Int57 of 31 Dec one further body was exhumed on 9 Jan 46 by Int Sec, Nauru Force. This crew member was found buried under a cairn of stones about 2 feet high erected by the Japanese, at a point on the plateau where the fore portion of the B.25 aircraft crashed on 30 Jul 44.
3. The body was fairly regularly laid out, that is, the spine was in line, and an arm to each side, but the legs were fractured and the feet doubled back so that the length of the body would not exceed 4 feet. The skull was fractured into pieces an inch or so square but the fractured lower jaw was recovered with the teeth intact, 13 in all. The teeth were in excellent condition but contained 2 fillings. A sketch is attached. Three teeth of the upper right portion were found, 2 of them filled.

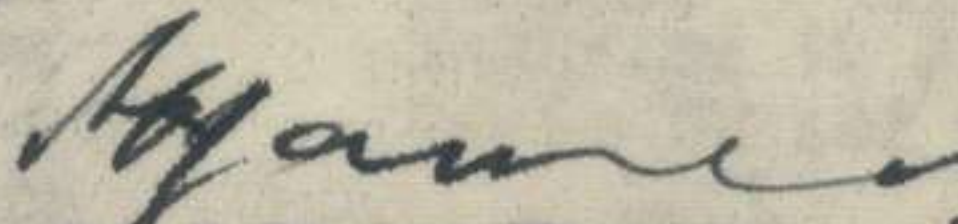
Among the remains were found pocket knife, nailfile, and curved scissors. Portion of the perished shirt and trousers were found clinging to the bones, with socks and service pattern boots of American forces still on the feet. The shirt fastened with a full length patent fastener. One of the points of the collar was torn away as though a badge may have been torn from it. No means of identification were found apart from the teeth.

In the earth immediately above the body were found portions of fittings such as Flight Indicator, name plates such as "bomb release signal" and "fuel mixture", also colored glass and perspex, as well as exploded .50 cases and rounds. These items possibly indicate control panel of pilot or bombardier.

4. The remains were buried 14 Jan 46 alongside those of Lt CHERPOVICH in the special service cemetery. Grave is marked with regulation white cross.
5. Possibly articles were removed from the body by Japanese as the place of burial is less than 200 yards from an AA control post.
6. It would appear that this member is the one referred to by the native boy witness MITSI (see Int. 57 page 2, para 7 sub-ara ii.) but when questioned again today he reiterated that he saw a body without clothes or boots, badly burned, placed on the wreck of the aircraft by a party of Japanese. He went to the place with a Japanese, WATANABE Hecho, a cook for a section of SAKURADA Tai, for whom he worked.

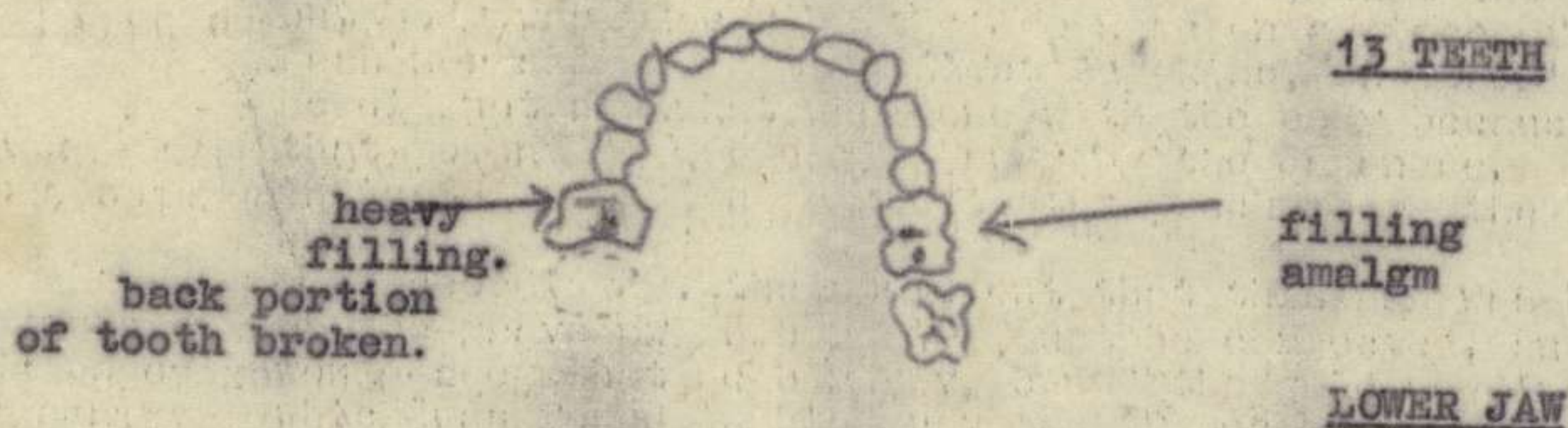
7. No further communication has been received from Atoll Commander, Tarawa, or HQ USAF, Middle Pacific, so the position which each of the crew members occupied in the aircraft, and the pilot of the SSF, are still unknown.
8. Our IGN.83 of 091801L, Sitrep 8, and our IGN.93 of 130930L, are confirmed.
9. With ref to Int. 57 para 7, subpara iii, the facts were clarified by questioning MITSU further today. He states, and other natives support this, that the burnt out body was placed by the Japanese on a piece of wire mesh normally used to collect pumpkins, and carried away. He did not see what was done with the body because at that moment he was called away by the Japanese. MITSU indicated the place close to the wreck where the body burnt.
Accordingly, the statement that this man was buried in the grave of member (iv) must be corrected, and it would seem that member (iv) owned the gold wedding ring which was found in his grave on 19 Dec 45.
Chances of recovering this body must be virtually abandoned unless fresh witnesses can be found, which is most unlikely.
10. Member (iv), the witness reiterates, was the sergeant whose body was removed by the Japanese from the tail wreckage and buried close by. He was thickly built and hair was of dark brown, and name on jacket began with letter 'K'. He presumably owned the gold wedding ring found.
At the excavation of the few remains on 19 Dec 45 portions of yellow life preserver, and leather jacket were found buried with the remains. Of the jacket, the large pieces seem to have been removed leaving only collar, pockets etc. Armor plating made up of small steel squares sewn into fabric was mixed in with the bones.
11. The remains were reburied 14 Jan 46 in the service cemetery.
12. With regard to member (v), subject of our IGN.51, witness MITSU was tested again today on this subject. He states that the top of the head was lifted back, he thinks with a bullet but cannot be sure. He was told by the Gilbertese, DEIRIGAG of TABITOWAI who was with him, the place from which the Japanese machine gun was firing, over towards the beach. Japanese told him that the parachute of the airman was 'broken' so possibly the head was smashed when the body struck the ground.

It is this body which remains to be located, the 5th out of a total of 6.

 Capt.
Cmd Nauru Force.

AMERICAN AIRCREW, NAURU.

Crew Member Found on Verity Hill, Plateau.
Teeth Pattern



.....
UPPER JAW

Extreme Rear Right Upper Jaw.



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Airman killed 30 Jul 44.
Exhumed 9 Jan 46.
Reburied 14 Jan 46.
Teeth buried with remains.

No other means of identification but body found at nose of plane may indicate pilot.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 20

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

FIRST AUST ARMY

20 1620K

For Action

NAURU FORCE

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

FL. 132. unclass. SD. 2. of 111200K. First. Immediate

withdrawal of Nauru Garrison approved. Second. Army M. O. and

orderly will remain NAURU unless Nauru Adm and BPC Manager advise

NOT required. Third. Matter of administration connected with

treatment of KOREANS necessitating reference to sources outside

NAURU will be referred to this Headquarters.

201620K

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If liable to be intercepted or fall into
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15 Jan 46.

ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

Serial 1.

by

Nos. 1 - .

Capt. P.C. JAMES - Comd Nauru Force.

1. NATIVE VILLAGES - OUT OF BOUNDS.

No member is permitted to enter any native village
at any time of the day or night unless -

- (a) travelling on duty to or through native villages in
which case such member (or members) will be in possession
of a signed pass.
- (b) travelling by vehicle and continuing to pass along the
main highway provided that the occupant or occupants
are in possession of a signed pass.
- or
- (c) special permission has been granted to that member
by Force Commander, in cases not covered by clauses a & b.
- and
- (d) provisions of Administration of Nauru Order No. 1 of
1945 are complied with.

2. ATTENTION TO DRESS.

Members on duty outside the Force camp area will be
correctly dressed, wearing belts web and gaiters, hats KF,
shirt and trousers.

During the day, whilst in camp area or engaged in
sport, personnel may remove shirts and shorts may be worn.

3. SHAVING.

All personnel will be clean shaven in the manner pre-
scribed by Army orders, at 0800 hrs each day.

4. TRANSPORT.

No vehicle will leave camp area at night unless to
transport personnel to picture screening at BPC Location when
an NCO will be in charge of the vehicle, or whilst on duty
where permission has been granted.

Motor cycles will not leave camp area at night.
During daylight hours motor cycles will not leave camp area
unless permission has first been obtained.

5. MORNING PARADE.

A parade will be held each morning excepting rest day
at 0800 hrs. Tents will be ready for inspection at that time.

6. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

Instructions relating to dress, atebrin, lowering of
nets before 1800 hrs, will be strictly observed.

Noted

Appendix to War Diary
Nauru Force. Jan 46.

JAPANESE ARMS & EQUIPMENT
NAURU ISLAND

WAR HISTORY ITEMS FOR NEW ZEALAND MUSEUM

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
NAURU FORCE

Signal from FIRST AUST ARMY to LAND FORCES (r) NAURU FORCE
Dated 011630 Dec 45 - QS. 3972.

"Sir Albert ELLIS, B.P.C. NEW ZEALAND, requests certain items Japs eqpt at NAURU be made available N.Z. Museum. AQMG (E) advises items not required by A.M.F. B.P.C. NAURU will take delivery and ship eqpt to N.Z. Request approval hand over eqpt".

CASE No. 1.

Navy Gas Mask Model 93 No 2	1	(Carton)
"	1	(Haversack)
Pouch containing 2 Magazines	1	
Telescopic Sight for 7.7mm LMG	1	
Cup Type Launcher Model 100	1	
Rifled Grenade Launcher	1	
Aluminium Case in Satchel containing A.A. LMG Sight	1	
Pouch containing Magazine Filler	1	
Casein Type Light Protective Clothing	1	
Haversack Canvas	1	
Pouch containing Wirecutters	1	
Hygrometer	1	
Wooden Case containing Telescopic Sight for 150mm Gun	1	
Wooden Case containing Telescopic Sight for Juki Tank Gun	1	
Sound Powered Telephone	1	
Trench Telephone Model 2 (1942)	1	
Type 14 Automatic Pistol	1	
Steel Helmet	1	
Shovel and Cover	1	
Pick	1	
Ammunition Belt	1	
Ammunition Carrier	1	
Pouch containing Cleaning Material for Rifle	1	
Pouch containing Cleaning Material for LMG.	1	
Aluminium Case in Pouch containing AA Sight	1	
Grenade Carrier	1	
Tri-Barrel Signal Pistol	1	

CASE No. 2.

Steel Case - Spare Parts, Tools, Tele- scopic Ranging Bracket for 37mm Type 94 Gun	1
Bayonet Training Body Armour	1
Bullet Proof Vest	1
Type 89 Grenade Discharger	1
Pouch containing 2 Signal Flags	1

CASE No. 3.

Steel Case containing Flame Thrower Tank Unit, Type 100.	1
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CASE No. 4.

Steel Case containing Flame Thrower Gun Unit, Type 93 (100).	1
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List of Cased Japanese Equipment for N.Z. MUSEUM

CASE No. 5.

Type 99 (1939) Infantry Rifle 7.7mm	1
Taisho 11 (1922) NAMBU LMG	1
Type 99 (1939) LMG 7.7mm	1
Aircraft Lewis Type Gun with Magazine	1

CASE No. 6.

Wooden case containing -

Type '92' (1932) 'JUKI' HMG (complete) 1.

All this equipment packed ready for shipment, and case-marked, was delivered to Manager, British Phosphate Commissioners, NAURU, who accepted same on behalf of Sir Albert ELLIS, for shipment to NEW ZEALAND on B.P.C. ship SS "Triona", Dec 45.

JAPANESE ARMS & EQUIPMENT PACKED AT NAURU
WAR HISTORY SPECIMENS

for
51 AUST INF BN
CAIRNS
31 AUST INF BN
TOWNSVILLE

CASE No. 1.

Wooden Case - Telescopic Sight for 150mm Gun	1
Wooden Case - Telescopic Sight for 75mm Gun	1
Picks	1
+ Shovel and Cover	1
+ Navy Gas Mask Model 93 No 2	1
= "	1
"	1
+ Pouch containing 2 Magazines	1
+ Telescopic Sight for 7.7mm LMG	1
+ Cup Type Launcher Model 100	1
+ Rifled Type Grenade Launcher	1
+ Pouch containing Magazine Filler	1
+ Gasin Type light Protective Clothing A/Gas	1
+ Haversack canvas	1
+ Pouch containing Wire Cutters	1
+ Ammunition Belt	1
+ Ammunition Carrier	1
+ Bayonet	1
+ Pouch containing Cleaning Material for Rifle	1

CASE No. 2.

Steel Case - Spare parts, tools, telescope, ranging bracket for 37mm Type 94 Gun	1
+ Aluminium Case in satchel containing AA LMG Sights	1
= Trench Telephone Model 2 (1942)	1
+ Pouch containing 2 Signal Flags	1
= Navigation Light	1
+ Pouch containing Cleaning Material for LMG	1
+ Pouch containing Tools for LMG	1
Automatic Pistol Type 14	1
+ Gas Siren	1
= Sound Powered Telephone	1
= Buzzer for Sound Powered Telephone	1
= Bullet Proof Vest	1
= Bayonet Training Body Armour	1
Hygrometer	1
Magazine for Lewis LMG	1
+ Tri-barrel Signal Pistol	1

CASE No. 3.

Steel Case containing Flame Thrower Tank Unit Type 100	1
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CASE No. 4.

Steel Case containing Flame Thrower Gun Unit Type 93 (100).	1
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CASE No. 5.

Type 99 (1939) Infantry Rifle 7.7mm	1
Taisho 11 (1922) NAMBU LMG	1
Type 99 (1939) LMG 7.7mm	1
Aircraft Lewis Type with Magazine	1

CASE No. 6.

Wooden Case - Type 92 (1939) JUKI HMG (complete)	1
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= Case No. 1. for 31 Inf Bn.
+ Case No. 2. for 31 Inf Bn.

JAPANESE ARMS & EQUIPMENT AT NAURU
supplied For
AUST MILITARY HISTORY SECTION

CASE No. 1.

The following listed items of JAPANESE equipment will be forwarded to you per SS "River Burdekin" which will depart early in October.

Tools Entrenching

Pick	1
Shovel and Cover	1
Axe and Cover	1

Machine Guns

i.	<u>Nambu LMG (1911).</u>	
	(a) Butt Group	1
	(b) Magazine Hopper	1
	(c) Barrel and Bipod	1
	(d) Body Assembly	1
ii.	<u>LMG (1939).</u>	
	(a) Butt Assembly	1
	(b) Barrel	1
	(c) Bipod	1
	(d) Body Assembly	1
iii.	<u>Lewis Aircraft 7.7mm LMG.</u>	
	(a) Barrel & Piston Assembly	1
	(b) Body Group	1
	(c) Magazine	1

Bullet Proof Vest	1
Navy Gas Mask Model 93 No 2	1
Pouch containing 2 Magazines, LMG.	1
Telescopic Sight, Type 1932 7.7mm	1
Cup Type Launcher Type 100.	1
Aluminium Case in Satchel, AA LMG Sight	1
Pouch, Magazine Filler for NAMBU	1
Case in Type Light Protective Clothing	
Anti Gas	1
Haversack canvas	1
Pouch containing Wirecutters	1
Hydrometer	1
Type 89 Grenade Discharger	1

CASE No. 2.

Wooden Case - Telescopic Sight 24in	1
Wooden Case - Telescopic Sight	1
Steel Case - Arty Gun Laying Eqpt	1
Steel Case - Spare Parts, Gun	1
Sound Powered Telephone	1
Haversack canvas	1
Trench Telephone Model 2 (1942)	1
Wooden Case Spare Parts 70mm Bn Gun	1
Sign Board	1
Wooden Ticket	1
Field Pack	1
Steel Case - Spare Parts, Tools, Tele-	
scope, Ranging Bracket for 37mm	1
Type 94 Gun.	
Navigation Light	1
Bundle Signal Flags	1
Bayonet Training Body Armour	1

CASE No. 3.

Steel Case - Flame Thrower Unit-Type	1
100	

CASE No. 4.

Steel Case - Flamethrower Gun Unit	1
Type 93(100).	

PACKAGE No. 5.

Sword	1
Rifle, Model 99 (1939) 7.7mm calibre	1

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