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54 Infantry Battalion
January - April 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 54 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 43 To _____

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| | 2 Jan | | New year day was spent as a holiday with a bde sports meeting at Strawberry. 56 bn was most successful unit with 50 pts. 54 bn second 27½. | |
| | 9 Jan | | During the week the rifle coys have been engaged in fire for all links in conjunction with other two bns, each coy spending 3 days in the field. A common exercise was also held with bn HQ and skeleton coy on 4 and 5 Jan. | |
| | 10 Jan | | Waf Stevenson left for Petti to assist in C of I concerning members 44 bn. Bn moved out on 10 Jan to field firing range for battle practice returning to camp on 12th and moving on to PORT Camp at DONGARRA for two days. The troops fully | BAS |

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| | 13 Jan | | appreciated the change of air and the opportunity | |
| | 14 Jan | | to swim. The CO received word that he was nominated to attend SOOTS course at Port Stephens NSW and had to leave immediately. There were many matters to attend to at the last minute but he secured a lift with the photographers (see below) and contacted Maj Stevenson in Perth on 14 Jul. | |
| | | | The photographers mentioned were Mr Phocix and party who were taking films showing training in W.A. Our unit put on a motor demonstration and also a demo of live climbing with climbing lions. This took place on 12 th . Earlier in the week nominations were called for volunteers for indep. Coy and Parachute Coy. Ninety men put in their nominations and at [unclear] | |

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| | 14 Jan | | very short notice on 14 ¹³ Jan two Officers, 9 ORS had to be selected for parachutists and 4 ORS for indep coy. They left for examination on 14 Jan. Maj Stevenson returned from Pelti today and will advise in the CO's absence. | |
| | 15 Jan | | A Coy and pioneers are supplying a working party of 100 men with 11 FWD trucks for repairs to rd Strawberry Koparewa. The weather has warmed up considerably, about 110° in shade of truck, and they will not be having a very enviable time as they are working in sand plain country. The rest of the bn are spending this period in Coy training, particularly on blitz course. Maj Stevenson on recce for exercise to take place next week. | JES |

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| | 18 Jan | | Last few days have been spent on Coy training, A Coy returned today from the work on rd and preparations being made for move out tomorrow. | |
| | 19 Jan | | Commencement of "Sandy" exercise the first big exercise conducted by Maj Stevenson as Adm Comd. The 44 Bn are the enemy approaching on Strawberry from the north. | OO No 1 |
| | 21 Jan | | Returned from exercise Sandy all fairly tired through lack of sleep, two hours was a fair average amount of sleep obtained in the two days and nights of the exercise. Difficulty of cover was partly responsible for lack of contact by main bodies of each bn, though each side | Das |

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| | 21 Jan | | Confident they were successful. We go to the beach tomorrow morning for another two days, could have gone tonight but men unanimous in choosing to stay and wash their clothes and have a good night's sleep. | |
| | 24 Jan | | Returned from beach last night. The camp is being considerably improved at the rest area each unit spending a portion of the time building amenities. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the time spent here. | |
| | 29 Jan | | Nothing of note during the week until today when a visit was paid us by Major-General Lloyd who was unfortunately not very favourably impressed with the tidiness of the camp. The troops have | |

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| | 30 Jan | | <p>been out doing exercises and construction work all the week which had something to do with it. Today was spent in refurbishing the huts and giving a general tidy up to the area.</p> | |
| | 31 Jan. | | <p>The visit to rest camp was cancelled at last minute owing to projected visit of GOC on Monday. Very fortunate as there was heavy rain during the night, about 110 points, which washed through a number of tents and deposited a large amount of silt in the pools at the water point. The day was spent in cleaning up the mess and also making preparations for the general visit.</p> | <p>865</p> |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels 2 | 2 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors 3 | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Captains 9 | 6 | Nil | 3 |
| Lieutenants..... 20 | 22 | Nil 2 | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants Nil | | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Totals 34 | 33 | 2 | 3 |

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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| Lieut. | WILKINSON, BLACKWELL, W. | 54 Bn. | 27.11.42 | Sec. to 5 Aust. Inf. Bde as S.C. (learner). |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

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| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | WX124621. | J. S. G. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | Yes. | |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | WX124603. | H. J. ANSON. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | WX124607. | D. H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | WX124622. | V. V. RINGINGTON. | do | No. | Det. 5 Inf. Bde. |
| Lieut/T/Capt. | WX124628. | A. D. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124614. | F. A. CANTRELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124624. | R. HOBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124609. | H. B. TORRIN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124632. | F. B. THOMPSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124615. | J. B. MICHELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124620. | L. S. E. HUNT. | do | No. | School. |
| Lieut. | WX124629. | A. K. CHAMBER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124630. | B. A. BROWN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124626. | T. S. MACADAM. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124610. | J. W. GIBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124631. | S. R. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124629. | H. W. O'CONNELL. | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124606. | C. R. DEYEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124600. | D. A. RYAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124619. | R. L. GIBKILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124609. | B. J. WILLIS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124625. | H. L. SWILLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124612. | A. B. SWILLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124618. | L. J. FITZPATRICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124615. | L. A. G. TORRIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124605. | J. W. R. SCHMIDT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124604. | O. A. GILLAN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124600. | H. A. WEBSTER. | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124627. | E. B. FISHWICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124611. | J. H. HEAD. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX122380. | E. A. HOOD-STEVENS. | do | No. | School. |
| do | W35570. | L. A. BROOKS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX122334. | L. H. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |
| Reinforcement Officers | | | | | |
| do | WX129375. | C. A. HOBBS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124610. | H. F. HAY. | do | No. | 5 ITS, Bathurst. |
| do | W32938. | I. S. GIBBS. | do | No. | do |
| do | W35155. | D. GIBSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | WX117804. | H. C. GRISHAM. | do | No. | do |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
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| Chaplain. | WX118657. | F. P. LYONS. | ACHD. | 19.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | WX31924. | H. COMBACANTON. | A.M.S.O. | 16.11.42. | R.M.O. |
| Lieut. | WPI0118. | H. G. MARLAN. | Staff Corps. | 30.7.42. | Coy Duties. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

2 January, 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

J. S. G. COLLIER
J. S. G. COLLIER, Lt.-Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels 1 | 1 | N11 | N11 |
| Majors 3 | 3 | N11 | N11 |
| Captains 9 | 6 | N11 | 3 |
| Lieutenants..... 20 | 23 | 3 | N11 |
| 2nd Lieutenants N11 | | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) 1 | 1 | N11 | N11 |
| Totals 34 | 34 | 3 | 3 |

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

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| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Capt./T/Lt.-Col. | WX124621. | J. S. G. COLLIER. | 54 Aust. Inf. Bde. | Yes. | |
| Lieut./T/Maj. | WX124603. | H. J. ARON. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut./T/Maj. | WX124607. | B. H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut./T/Maj. | WX124622. | V. V. KINCHINGTON. | do | No. | Det. 5 Inf. Bde. |
| Lieut./T/Capt. | WX124628. | R. B. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124614. | F. A. GANTHILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124624. | R. HOKBOTH. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124609. | H. R. FOKKIN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124632. | W. B. PENNEPATHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124613. | J. B. MICHELL. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut./T/Capt. | WX124620. | L. E. E. HUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | WX124622. | XXXXXXXXXX | do | | |
| Lieut. | WX109575. | G. A. HOBIEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX128899. | A. E. GARDNER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124630. | B. A. BROWN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124626. | T. S. MACADAM. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124610. | J. H. GIBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124631. | S. R. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124629. | M. W. O'CONNELL. | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124606. | C. N. BRYEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX128900. | D. A. RYAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124619. | R. L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124608. | G. J. WILLIE. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124623. | R. L. SWEETING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124612. | A. B. SWEETING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124618. | L. J. FITZPATRICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124615. | L. A. G. TONKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124605. | J. H. E. SCHEATS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124604. | G. A. GUILLAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX128898. | H. A. WEBSTER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124611. | J. H. HEAD. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124627. | R. B. PISHWICK. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NP.10118. | R. G. HANLAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX122580. | S. A. HOOD-STEVENS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | H33570. | L. A. BROOKS. | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | WX124616. | M. F. MAY. | do | No. | 5 Inf. Bde. Bathurst. |
| do | H33153. | D. SIMPSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | H32958. | I. S. OILES. | do | No. | do |
| do | WX11786. | E. C. GRINSHAW. | do | No. | do |
| do | WX122334. | L. R. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
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| Chaplain. | WX118657. | F. P. LYONS. | AAChD | 19.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | WX31924. | N. CONNAUGHTON. | AAAMC | 16.11.42. | R.M.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

9 January, 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

W. J. Drury
(Signature of Commander.)

for J. S. G. COLLIER. Lt.-Col.
Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bde 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)
2 Aust. Div.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
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| Lieut.-Colonels <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | Nil | Nil |
| Majors <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> | Nil | Nil |
| Captains <u>9</u> | <u>6</u> | Nil | <u>3</u> |
| Lieutenants <u>20</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>3</u> | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants Nil | | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | Nil | Nil |
| Totals <u>34</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt./T/Lt.-Col. | HX124621. | J. S. J. COLLIER. | 54 In. | No. | School. |
| Lieut./T/Maj. | HX124603. | H. J. BRUCE. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124607. | B. H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124622. | V. V. KINCHINSON. | do | No. | Det. 5 Inf. do. |
| Lieut./T/Capt. | HX124628. | R. D. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124614. | R. A. GANTHILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124624. | R. MCKEON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124609. | H. E. TONKIN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | HX124632. | R. E. PENNIFATHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124613. | J. B. NICHOLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124620. | L. E. E. HUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | HX109575. | C. A. HOLDEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX128899. | A. K. GARDNER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124630. | H. A. ROSE. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124626. | T. S. MACADAM. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124610. | J. H. SIMON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124631. | G. B. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124629. | H. W. O'CONNELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124606. | C. R. SMITH. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX128900. | D. A. EVAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124619. | R. L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124608. | G. J. WILKINSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124625. | R. L. SWELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124612. | A. H. SWELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124618. | L. J. WILKINSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124615. | L. A. O. BONKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124605. | R. H. E. SCRATCH. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124604. | C. A. HILLMAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX128898. | H. A. WILSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124611. | J. H. WEAVER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX124627. | H. D. FISHER. | do | No. | School. |
| do | HX129653. | R. G. MORRIS. | do | No. | School. |
| do | HX128899. | C. A. BOGDANOVICH. | do | Yes. | |
| do | HX35570. | L. H. WEAVER. | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENT OF PT 5286. | | | | | |
| do | HX124616. | R. T. HAY. | do | No. | 5 IFS, Bathurst. |
| do | H33153. | D. SIMPSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | H32958. | I. S. GILES. | do | No. | do |
| do | HX117808. | R. C. CRITCHFIELD. | do | No. | do |
| do | HX128834. | L. H. EVANOFF. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain. | HX118137. | R. J. WYON. | AGS.D | 19.3.42. | Unit cadre. |
| Capt. | H31881. | R. G. WYON. | AGS.D | 18.11.42. | R.M.C. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

16 January, 43.

(Date of Despatch)

B. H. Stevenson
(Signature of Commander)

B. H. STEVENSON, Major.

Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
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| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Captains | 9 | Nil | 3 |
| Lieutenants | 20 | 3 | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants | Nil | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Totals | 34 | 3 | 3 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt/T/Lt.-Col. | NY124621 | J. S. J. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | No. | School. |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | NY124623 | H. J. ARBOY. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124627 | B. H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124622 | V. V. KIRCHINGTON | do | No. | et. 5 Inf. Bde. |
| Lieut/T/Capt | NY124628 | R. B. BARROLL | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124614 | E. A. CANTRELL | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124624 | R. McBRIDE | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124609 | H. R. TONKIN | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124632 | T. E. WINTERBURN. | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124613 | J. B. NICHOLL | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124620 | L. E. E. HUNT. | do | Yes | |
| Lieut | NY109575 | C. A. HORDEN | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124629 | A. F. GARDNER | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124630 | B. A. BROWN. | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124626 | T. E. HAGANAN | do | No | Hospital |
| do | NY124610 | J. W. GIBSON | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124631 | S. B. HARRISON | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124629 | M. O. O'CONNELL | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124606 | C. H. BRYAN | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY128900 | D. A. RYAN | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124619 | R. L. O'NEILL | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124608 | G. J. WILKS | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124623 | R. L. SNELLING | do | Yes | |
| do | NY124612 | A. B. SNELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124618 | L. J. FITZPATRICK | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124615 | L. A. J. TONKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124605 | C. H. E. SKATS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124604 | O. A. SULLIVAN | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY128999 | D. A. WEBSTER | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124611 | J. H. HEAD. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NY124627 | H. B. FISCHICK | do | No. | School. |
| do | NY124627 | NY129453, R. J. MARLAN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NY122390 | S. A. HOOD-TEVENT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NS33570 | L. A. BROOKS | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | NY124615 | H. F. WAY | do | No | 5 ITB, Bathurst. |
| do | NS33153 | D. SIMPSON | do | No | do |
| do | NS2959 | I. S. WILES. | do | No | do |
| do | NY117854 | E. J. KIMMEL | do | No | do |
| do | NY122334 | L. H. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain | NY119657 | R. P. LYONS. | AACHD | 19.3.42 | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | NY131924 | H. CONNAUGHTON. | AAMC | 16.11.42 | R.M.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

23 January, 43.

(Date of Despatch)

B. H. STEVENSON, Major

Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
(Signature of Commander)
5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | 3 Surplus to Establishment | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
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| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Captains | 9 | Nil | 2 |
| Lieutenants | 20 | Nil 2 | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants | Nil | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Totals | 34 | 2 | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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|---|-----------------|---------------------|-------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt/T/Lt.-Col. | NX124621 | J.S.G. COLLIER. | 54 In | No | School. |
| Lieut/T/Capt | NX124603 | N.J. ARNO | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124607 | B.H. STEVENSON | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124622 | V.V. RICHINGTON | do | No | et. 5 Inf. Bde. |
| Lieut/T/Capt | NX124628 | H.B. CARROLL | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124614 | W.A. CAMRILL | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124624 | R. WILSON | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124609 | H.R. TONKIN | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124632 | W.H. PENNEFATHER | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124613 | J.B. MICHELL | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124620 | L.E.E. HURT | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124626 | F.S. MACADAM | do | Yes | Hospital |
| Lieut | NX109575 | C.A. HOBBS | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124609 | A.A. GARDNER | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124630 | B.A. BROWN | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124610 | J.M. GIBSON | do | No | School |
| do | NX124631 | S.H. HARRISON | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124629 | M.W. O'CONNELL | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124608 | C.R. BRYEN | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124600 | D.A. RYAN | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124619 | H.L. O'NEILL | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124608 | G.J. ILLIS | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124623 | H.L. SNELLING | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124612 | A.B. SNELLING | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124618 | L.J. FITZPATRICK | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124613 | L.A.S. TONKIN | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124609 | G.H.S. SCOTT | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124604 | G.A. VILLAN | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124608 | W.A. WEBSTER | do | Yes | |
| do | NX124611 | J.H. BEAD. | do | No | Hospital |
| do | NX124627 | E.B. FISCHICK | do | No | School |
| do | NX124633 | R.H. MANLON | do | Yes | |
| do | NX122380 | S.H. HOOD-STEVENSON | do | Yes | |
| do | NX122370 | L.A. BROOKS | do | No | School |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | NX124616 | H.T. MAY | do | No | 5 ITB, Bathurst. |
| do | N33153 | D. SIMPSON | do | No | do |
| do | N32958 | I.S. GILES | do | No | do |
| do | NX117964 | R.C. GRINSTAY | do | No | do |
| do | NX122334 | L.H. EVERETT. | do | Yes | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain | NX118657 | F.P. LYONS | AACH.D | 19.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | NX31924 | H. CONNAUGHTON. | AANG | 18.11.42 | R.M.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

30 January, 43.

(Date of Despatch)

B.H. Stevenson mjs
B.H. STEVENSON, Major.

(Signature of Commander)

Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 2 January, 19 42 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | NIL |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 8 | 1 | NIL |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | NIL | NIL |
| Staff Serjeants NIL | 2 | 2 | NIL |
| Serjeants 36 | 32 | NIL | 4 |
| Corporals 78 | 86 | 12 | NIL |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 753 | 692 | NIL | 41 |
| 668 TOTALS | 829 | * 16 | * 45 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
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| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST N.E. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| SJT. BROWN, A. W. | AAOC. | W. W. WALKER. | Y.M.C.A. |
| CPL. RYAN, H. J. | AAOC. | 3 OR's. | 108 A/Tr. Regt. |
| ART. 3. MARKWICK, S. C. | AAOC. | 1 OR. | R.A.E. |
| SJT. MALIPHANT, G. J. | AAFC | 1 OR. | Y.M.C.A. |
| CPL. SMITH, B. E. | AAFC | 1 OR. | 5 Aust. Inf. Bn. |
| SPT. GORDON, E. A. | AAPOC. | | |
| SJT. SMITH, J. | AAFC. | | |
| PIE. INFLAND, J. A. | AAFC. | | |
| PIE. DAVIS, R. | AAFC. | | |
| A/SJT. HOWARD, R. E. | AAFC. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | X 1 | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | 16 | 4 |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | Pos. | 11 | 41 |
| Certified that the figures in red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this unit. | | | | | | | 16 | 45 |
| <i>Reddown Unit A</i> Unit. | | | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

56 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

8 January, 42.

Date of Despatch.....

J. S. G. COLLIER, Lt.-Col.
Comd. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

9 January,

1943 (Date)

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 Detail. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
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| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | N11 |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 8 | 1 | N11 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | N11 | N11 |
| Staff Serjeants N11 | 2 | 2 | N11 |
| Serjeants 36 | 32 | N11 | 4 |
| Corporals 76 | 86 | 10 | N11 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 733 | 691 | N11 | 42 |
| TOTALS 859 | 826 | * 14 | * 48 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
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| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST U.S. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| Sjt. BRONN, A.H. | AACG | W. H. WALKER, | YMCA |
| Col. RYAN, R.J. | AACG | 1 CR | CO |
| Art. I. MARKWICK, S. C. | AACG | 1 CR | 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| Sjt. HARRIS, S. C. | AACG | 1 CR | R/B. |
| Col. ANDREW, B. E. | AAPC | | |
| A/Sjt. GORDON, R. A. | AAPC | | |
| Sjt. HUIR, J. | AANG | | |
| Pte. IFFLAND, J. A. | AANG | | |
| Pte. DAVIS, R. | AANG | | |
| A/Sjt. HOWARD, R. S. | AANG | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | X1 | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | |

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X Certified that the figures in red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.

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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bde.

[Signature] for J. S. G. COLLIER, Lt.-Col.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

9 January, 43.

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div. A.O.D

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 16 January, 1943. (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 Detail. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| W.Os. Class I. | 1 | 1 | Nil |
| W.Os. Class II. | 7 | 1 | Nil |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | 5 | Nil | Nil |
| Staff Serjeants | Nil | 2 | Nil |
| Serjeants | 36 | Nil | 5 |
| Corporals | 76 | 10 | Nil |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 733 | Nil | 44 |
| TOTALS | 825 | * 14 | * 49 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST V. E.</u> | | <u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS.</u> | |
| Sgt. Brown, A. M. | AAGC | V.E. WALKER. | YNCA |
| Cpl. Ryan, H. J. | AAGC | 1 CR | CO |
| Art. l. Markwick, S.C. | AAGC | 1 CR | 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| Sgt. Hallphand, J. J. | AAFC | 1 CR | RAL. |
| Cpl. [illegible], S.B. | AAFC | | |
| Sgt. Muir, J. | AANG | | |
| Pte. Iffland, J. A. | AANG | | |
| Pte. Davis, J. | AANG | | |
| A/Sgt. Howard, R. S. | AANG | | |
| A/Sgt. Gordon, E. A. | AAFC | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Rivetters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | X 1 | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | X 1 | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 100's | 1428 | 5 |
| | | | | | | 700's | 511 | 49 |
| | | | | | | | 1428 | 49 |
| <p>X Certified that the figures in red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.</p> <p><i>S. J. O'Neill</i> Capt. <i>1st Lt.</i></p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)</p> | | | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

B. H. STEVENSON
Signature of Commander.
Maj. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch

16 January, 45.

Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

5 Aust. Inf. Bn., 2 Aust. Div.

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 19 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | N11 |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 8 | 1 | N11 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | N11 | N11 |
| Staff Serjeants N11 | 2 | 2 | N11 |
| Serjeants 36 | 30 | N11 | 6 |
| Corporals 76 | 86 | 10 | N11 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 733 | 694 | N11 | 39 |
| TOTALS 850 | 827 | 14 | 45 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
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| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST U.S. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| 1 Sjt & 2 Art.1's | A.E.M.E. | W.N. WALKER. | YMCA |
| 1 Cpl & 1 Art.1. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | do |
| 1 Sjt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.C. | 1 OR | 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 1 A/Sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 OR | R.A.E. |
| 2 Sjt | | | |
| 2 Sjt & 2 Ptes. | A.A.M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---|
| A.I.F. PARTICULARS. | | | | |
| | | Personnel A.I.F. | 228 | 666 |
| | | " A.N.F. | 222 | 196 |
| | | TOTAL STRENGTH | 450 | 862 (35 of whom are officers) |

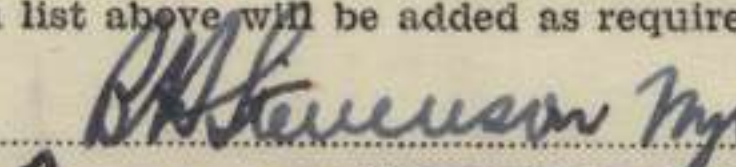
PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | 8 | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | 2 | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 3 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | 1 | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helo Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | 1 | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | 1 | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | 3 | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | 9 | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | 1 | | Storemen, Technical | | 1 |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | 3 | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 8 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | 1 | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Certified that the figures in red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus in this unit.</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Adjt.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)</p> | | | | | | | | |
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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.


 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 23 January, 43.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.
 5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

30 January,

43.

(Unit)

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(Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 Detail. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| W.Os. Class I. | 1 | 1 | NIL |
| W.Os. Class II. | 7 | 1 | NIL |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | 5 | NIL | NIL |
| Staff Serjeants | NIL | 2 | NIL |
| Serjeants | 36 | NIL | 5 |
| Corporals | 576 | 11 | NIL |
| Troopers, Privates, &c | 691 | NIL | 42 |
| TOTALS | 826 | * 20 15 | * 47 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST W.E. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| 1 Sjt. & 3 Art 1's | A.E.M.E. | W.N. WALKER. | Y.N.C.A. |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 O.R. | do |
| 1 Sjt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.C. | 1 O.R. | 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 1 A/Sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 O.R. | R.A.E. |
| 1 Sjt., 1 A/Sjt. & 2 Ptes. | A.A.M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
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| A.I.F. PARTICULARS. | | | | |
| | | Personnel A.I.F. | 667 | |
| | | Personnel A.M.F. | 194 | |
| | | TOTAL STRENGTH | 861 | (35 of whom are Officers) |

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|----|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | | |
| Bakers | 6 | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | 5 | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | 2 | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 1 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | 1 | | Saddle Tree Makers | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | 1 | Shoemakers | | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | | |
| Cooks | | 3 | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | 9 | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | 1 | | Storemen, Technical | | 1 | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors, | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | 3 | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 8 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | 1 | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | | |
| Foot-repairers | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus in this unit. | | | | | | | W.C.Os | 15 | 25 |
| | | | | | | | Ptes to | 111 | 42 |
| | | | | | | | | 15 | 47 |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

B. H. STEVENSON, Major.
Signature of Commander.
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch 30 January, 43.

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO

FROM

A.B.C.D.E.F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z. **59 AUST. FD. BTY. A. TP. 14 AUST. FD. BTY. 1 SECT. 5 AUST. COYS**

54 AUST. INF. BN.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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SANDY. Ref maps GERALDTON DONFARRA 4ml to lin. stop WARNING ORDER stop enemy force estimated 1 Bn gp vicinity WALKAWAY 1300 hrs stop Tac R reports moving direction MT MICHAEL 289418 stop Fwd elements on foot moving South on rd KOJARENA-STRAWBERRY stop Attempt capture STRAWBERRY rd and water sup anticipated stop 59 Aust Fd Bty A tp 14 Aust A/tk Bty and 1 sec 5 Aust Fd Coy come under command at 0800 hrs stop 54 Aust. Inf. bn. gp will occupy mob def posn astride rd vicinity ref 321384 stop Posn to be occupied by 1900 hrs stop No move before 1200 hrs thereafter on fifteen minutes notice stop R and O Gps report conference HQ 0900 hrs stop Ack stop All infd

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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No. of Group

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Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

1/1/43

| Strength | State | Ax | and | Az | In Reply to Number |
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TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

OUT

No. of Group
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Serial No

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon,
Brigade.

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

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| CALL AND INSTRUC- TIONS | IN | | No. of Group | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | GR. | OFFICE DATE STAMP |

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>54 Aust. Inf. Bn</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>2/1/43.</u> | In Reply to Number |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|

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| and | | B | NIL | and | NIL |
| C | <u>27</u> | and | <u>773</u> | D | NIL |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | <u>10</u> | | |
| P | <u>1</u> | and | <u>8</u> | | |
| G | <u>8</u> | and | <u>56</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0830

SIGNED W.A. CENTRALL Capt (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

OUT

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No. of Group
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Serial No

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon,
Brigade,

FROM

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Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Strength

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T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

54 Aust. Inf Bn

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

3/1/43

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|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----|-------------|
| Strength | State | Ax <u>7</u> | <u>N.L.</u> | and | <u>1</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>N.L.</u> | and | <u>N.L.</u> |
| C | <u>27</u> | and | <u>767</u> | D | <u>N.L.</u> |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>110.</u> | | |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| | <u>8</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>60</u> | | |

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TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon, Brigade.

FROM 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon, Brigade.

| In Reply to Number | Date | Originator's Number | Strength | State | AX and | AY and | B and | C and | D |
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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Avst. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Avst. Inf. Bn. Originator's Number Date 14/1/43. In Reply to Number

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|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| Strength | State | Ax <u>H</u> | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | <u>7/28</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | <u>10</u> | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | <u>7</u> | | |
| G | <u>7</u> | and | <u>59</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED W. W. G. Cantabile Capt.

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

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TO 54th Inf. Div. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

54th Inf. Div. Bn.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

5/1/43

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| Strength | State | Ax <u>A</u> | <u>NIL</u> | and | <u>NIL</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>NIL</u> | and | <u>NIL</u> |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | <u>768</u> | D | <u>NIL</u> |
| <u>E</u> | <u>1</u> | and | <u>10</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | <u>1</u> | and | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>G</u> | <u>7</u> | and | <u>39</u> | | |

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T.O.R.

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Serial No

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

FROM

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

Strength

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TO 54th Inf. Bn Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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| FROM | <u>54th Inf. Bn</u> | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number |
| Strength | State | Ax | and | |
| Ay | | and | | |
| and | | B | and | |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | | |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | | |
| G | <u>7</u> | and | | |

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade.

FROM

2nd Echelon

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

| Strength | State | Ax | and | and |
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MESSAGE FORM

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TO 54th Anti Air Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

54th Anti Air Bn

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

7/1/43.

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| Strength | State | Ax <u>9</u> | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | <u>760</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| <u>D</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>10</u> | | |
| <u>E</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>66</u> | | |

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MESSAGE FORM

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GR.

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Serial No

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

FROM

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

Strength

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T.O.R.

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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust. Infd. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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| FROM <u>2d Comd. Inf Bn</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>7/1/45</u> | In Reply to Number |
| Strength | State | Ax <u>H</u> | and <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | Az <u>Nil</u> |
| and | | B | and <u>Nil</u> |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | D <u>Nil</u> |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | |
| G | <u>7</u> | and | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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SIGNED W. G. G. 9-17 (Handwritten signature)

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., Brigade,

FROM 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., Brigade,

Originator's Number 49

Date 4/28

In Reply to Number

| Strength | State | Ax | and |
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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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| FROM <u>54 Aust. Inf. Bn.</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>9/1/43.</u> | In Reply to Number |
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| Strength | State | Ax <u>9</u> | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| C | <u>29.</u> | and | <u>764</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | <u>10</u> | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | <u>7</u> | | |
| G | <u>6</u> | and | <u>62</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

0830.

SIGNED W. G. GENTRILL Capt (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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Brigade,

D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

| Strength | State | Ax | and | and |
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| AV | | and | | AV |
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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>5th Aust. Inf. Bn</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>10/1/43</u> | In Reply to Number |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|

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| Strength | State | Ax <u>A</u> | <u>N.L.</u> | and | <u>2</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>N.L.</u> | and | <u>5</u> |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | <u>771</u> | D | <u>N.L.</u> |
| <u>B</u> | <u>1</u> | | <u>10</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | <u>1</u> | | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>G</u> | <u>7</u> | | <u>58</u> | | |

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

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| Strength | State | AX | 55 |
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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>5th Aust. Inf. Bn.</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>11/1/43.</u> | In Reply to Number |
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| Strength | State | Ax <u>9</u> | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>NIL</u> |
| C | <u>30</u> | and | <u>778</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| <u>E</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>10</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>G</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>50</u> | | |

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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TO 5 Aust. Inf Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf Bn

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

12/1/43

| Strength | State | Ax | and | Az | In Reply to Number |
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| | | A | | NIL | NIL |
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| and | | B | | NIL | NIL |
| C | 29 | and | | 716 | NIL |
| E | 1 | and | | 10 | |
| F | 1 | and | | 7 | |
| G | 6 | and | | 42 | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED W.A. CAMPBELL

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T.H.I.

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6 45
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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

| Strength | State | AX | and | AY | and | B | and | C | D |
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Handwritten notes:
829
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83

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

| SYSTEM TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM TIME OUT | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM TIME OUT | READER | SENDER |
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Handwritten notes:
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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN | No. of Group GR. | OFFICE DATE STAMP |
| | OUT | | |

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 April 1943 Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>50 April 1943 B.H.</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>13/1/43.</u> | In Reply to Number |
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| Strength | State | Ax <u>A</u> | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>1</u> |
| C | | and | <u>783</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| <u>E</u> | | <u>and</u> | <u>10</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>G</u> | | <u>and</u> | <u>46</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED [Signature]

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0830

T.H.I.

| SYSTEM IN | TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER |
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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| CALL AND INSTRUC- TIONS | IN | No. of Group GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP |

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5th Aust. Inf. Bde Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>5th Genl. Inf. Bde</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>14/1/43</u> | In Reply to Number |
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| Strength | State | Ax <u>4</u> | and <u>11/16</u> | and <u>11/16</u> | In Reply to Number |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>11/16</u> | and | <u>11/16</u> |
| C | <u>29</u> | and | <u>783</u> | D | <u>11/16</u> |
| E | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>10</u> | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| G | <u>6</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>46</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED.....

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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OUT

No. of Group
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Originator's Number Date 15/1/43 In Reply to Number

| | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----|------------|
| Strength | State | Ax | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| C | <u>29</u> | and | <u>783</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| E | <u>11</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>10</u> | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| G | <u>6</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>46</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0830

SIGNED.....

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN | No. of Group GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP |

TO 5 Aust. Inf (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)
Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>54 Aust. Inf Bn</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>16/11/43</u> | In Reply to Number |
| Strength | State | Ax | and |
| Ay | | and | Az |
| and | | B | and |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | D |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | |
| G | <u>7</u> | and | |

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WA Sgt Billy Galt
Advt 54 Aust Inf Bn

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
 DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0850

SIGNED (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

| SYSTEM IN | TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER |
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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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| Serial No | | CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN |
| Office Date Stamp | No. of Group GR. | | OUT |

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO D.A.G., 2nd Echelon, Brigade,

FROM 2nd Echelon, 1st Div

Originator's Number _____ Date _____ In Reply to Number _____

| Strength | State | Ax | and |
|----------|-------|-----|-----|
| Ay | | and | Az |
| and | | B | and |
| C | | and | D |

823
35
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59
764
35 x 823

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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| System In | Reader | System In | Reader | System In | Reader | System In | Reader | System In | Reader |
| System Out | Sender | System Out | Sender | System Out | Sender | System Out | Sender | System Out | Sender |

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|
| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN | No. of Group GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP |

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 54th Inf. Div. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| FROM <u>54th Inf. Div. ISM</u> | Originator's Number | Date <u>12/1/43</u> | In Reply to Number |
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| Strength | State | Ax <u>H</u> | and | |
| Ay | | and | Az | |
| and | | B | and | |
| C | <u>28</u> | and | D | |
| E | <u>1</u> | | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | | | |
| G | <u>7</u> | | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED W. J. CHITRELL

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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| Serial No | Office Date Stamp | No. of Group | CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS |
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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO: D.A.G., 2nd Echelon, Brigade,

FROM: _____

Date: _____

Originator's Number: _____

In Reply to Number: _____

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| Strength | State | Ax | and |
| AV | | and | Az |
| and | | B | and |
| C | | and | D |

Handwritten notes:
 264728
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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| Sender | Reader | System | Time | Sender | Reader | System | Time | Sender | Reader | System | Time |
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T.H.I.
T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Group
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

18/1/43.

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|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----|-------------|
| Strength | State | Ax <u>9</u> | <u>NIL</u> | and | <u>1</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>NIL</u> | and | <u>None</u> |
| C | <u>36</u> | and | <u>744</u> | D | <u>NIL</u> |
| <u>E</u> | <u>1</u> | | <u>10</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | <u>1</u> | | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>G</u> | <u>9</u> | | <u>76</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0830

SIGNED [Signature]

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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| Serial No | No. of Group GR. | CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS |
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| OFFICER DATE STAMP | | |

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO
 D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
 Brigade,

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| FROM | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number |
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| Strength | State | Ax | and |
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Handwritten notes:
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 35 + 824

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| Time of Origin | Originator's Instructions | Degree of Priority |
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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Group

GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 5th Aust. Inf. Bn Originator's Number Date 19/1/43 In Reply to Number

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----|------------|
| Strength | State | Ax <u>A</u> | <u>nil</u> | and | <u>nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>nil</u> | and | <u>3</u> |
| C | <u>26</u> | and | <u>747</u> | D | <u>nil</u> |
| <u>E</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>10.</u> | | |
| <u>F</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>7</u> | | |
| <u>G</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>and</u> | <u>80</u> | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED W. J. Cantrell

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

AX 36

T.H.I.

| SYSTEM IN | TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER |
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Group

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

5th Austral. Inf. Bn

Originator's Number

20/1/43

Date

In Reply to Number

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|----------|-----------|-----|-----|--|
| Strength | State | Ax | and | |
| Ay | | and | Az | |
| and | | B | and | |
| C | <u>26</u> | and | D | |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | | |
| G | <u>9</u> | and | | |

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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SIGNED.....

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

T.H.I.

| SYSTEM IN | TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER |
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN
OUT

No. of Group
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 5 Aust Inf Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 5th Aust Inf Bn Originator's Number Date 21/1/43 In Reply to Number

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|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----|------------|
| Strength | State | Ax <u>9</u> | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <u>Nil</u> | and | <u>Nil</u> |
| C | <u>26</u> | and | <u>747</u> | D | <u>Nil</u> |
| E | <u>1</u> | and | <u>10</u> | | |
| F | <u>1</u> | and | <u>7</u> | | |
| G | <u>9</u> | and | <u>80</u> | | |

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SIGNED [Signature]

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN
0830

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| SYSTEM IN | TIME IN | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER | SYSTEM OUT | TIME OUT | READER | SENDER |
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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM.

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. | IN | No. of Groups. GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP. |

TO *5 Aust. Inf.* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

Brigade,
District Records Office.

FROM *54 Aust. Inf. Bn.*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

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| Strength | State | Ax <i>A</i> | <i>NIL</i> | and | <i>NIL</i> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <i>NIL</i> | and | <i>NIL</i> |
| C | <i>26</i> | and | <i>744</i> | D | <i>NIL</i> |
| E | <i>1</i> | and | <i>10</i> | | |
| F | <i>1</i> | and | <i>7</i> | | |
| G | <i>9</i> | and | <i>83</i> | | |

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Originator's instructions.
Degree of priority.

Time of Origin.

SIGNED *[Signature]* (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

| System In. | Time In. | Reader. | Sender. | System Out. | Time Out. | Reader. | Sender. | System Out. | Time Out. | Reader. | Sender. |
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM.

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. | IN | No. of Groups. GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP. <i>W/D</i> |

TO *54th Aust. Inf.* **(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)**
 Brigade,
 District Records Office.

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| FROM <i>54 Aust. Inf. Bn</i> | Originator's Number. | Date. <i>23</i> | In Reply to Number. |
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| Strength | State | Ax <i>9</i> | and <i>NIL</i> | and | 3 |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <i>NIL</i> | and | <i>NIL</i> |
| C | <i>26</i> | and | <i>744</i> | D | <i>NIL</i> |
| E | <i>1</i> | and | <i>10</i> | | |
| F | <i>1</i> | and | <i>7</i> | | |
| G | <i>9</i> | and | <i>80</i> | | |

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Originator's instructions.
Degree of priority.

Time of Origin.
0830

SIGNED..... *[Signature]* **(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)**

T.H.I.

| System In. | Time In. | Reader. | Sender. | System Out. | Time Out. | Reader. | Sender. | System Out. | Time Out. | Reader. | Sender. |
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN
OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Office Date Stamp
W/D

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)
TO
District Records Office,
Brigade,

FROM

1st Lt. B.M.

Originator's Number

Date

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Strength

State

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This message must NOT be sent by wireless.

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

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| System | Time | Sender | System | Time | Sender | System | Time | Sender | System | Time | Sender |
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| In | In | | Out | Out | | Out | Out | | Out | Out | |
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T.O.R.

T.H.L.

MESSAGE FORM.

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. | IN | No. of Groups. GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP. |

TO *5 Aust. Inf.* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

.....Brigade,
District Records Office.

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| FROM <i>54 Aust. Inf. Bn</i> | Originator's Number. | Date. <i>24/1/43</i> | In Reply to Number. |
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| Strength | State | Ax <i>A</i> | <i>NIL</i> | and | <i>NIL</i> |
| <i>Ay</i> | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <i>NIL</i> | and | <i>NIL</i> |
| C | <i>26.</i> | and | 744 | D | <i>NIL</i> |
| <i>E</i> | <i>1</i> | and | <i>12</i> | | |
| <i>F</i> | <i>1</i> | and | <i>7</i> | | |
| <i>G</i> | <i>9</i> | and | <i>20.</i> | | |

This message must **NOT** be sent by wireless.

Originator's instructions.
Degree of priority.

Time of Origin.

SIGNED..... (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

| System In. | Time In. | Reader. | Sender. | System Out. | Time Out. | Reader. | Sender. | System Out. | Time Out. | Reader. | Sender. |
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM.

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. | IN | No. of Groups. GR. | Serial No. |
| | OUT | | OFFICE DATE STAMP. |

TO *5 April 1943* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

.....Brigade,
District Records Office.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|
| FROM <i>5th April. 1st Bn.</i> | Originator's Number. | Date. | In Reply to Number. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|

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| Strength | State | Ax <i>9</i> | <i>114</i> | and | <i>114</i> |
| Ay | | and | | Az | |
| and | | B | <i>114</i> | and | <i>2</i> |
| C | <i>25</i> | and | <i>754</i> | D | <i>114</i> |
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5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
District Records Office.

FROM

54 Aust. Inf. Bn

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

30/1/43.

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SIGNED *W.A. Cantrell Capt*
Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn

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T.O.R.

54 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION O.O. No. 1...

COPY NO. 16.

DATE: 19 Jan 43.

NO CHANGE FROM VERBAL ORDERS.

Ref Maps GERALDTON--DONGARRA 4ml to lin.

INFORMATION.

- 1 (a) Enemy force estimated one Bn gp is in the vicinity WALKAWAY 272413 and moving in the direction of MT. MICHAEL 289418. Fwd elements are moving South on foot on rd KOJARENA--STRAWBERRY. It is anticipated that the enemy will attempt to capture STRAWBERRY rd and water supply.
- (b) OWN TPS: One Garr Bn is in def posn covering STRAWBERRY and 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Gps now situated at IRWIN. The roles and locations of the remainder of 5 Aust. Inf. Bde Gp are elsewhere. The Bde Comd has appreciated that the object of the Jap force is to capture STRAWBERRY and has given the 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Gp an op instruction to seek out and destroy the enemy
- (c) ADDITIONAL TPS COMING UNDER COMMAND:

One Bty 18 Aust Fd Regt.
 One tp 14 Aust A/Tk Bty.
 One Sec 5 Aust. Fd Coy.

Come under command at 0800 hrs.

INTENTION.

2. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Gp will take up a mob def posn vicinity ref 321384 with a view to attacking and destroying the enemy ~~moving~~ during any movement by him on STRAWBERRY

METHOD.

3. Rt Fwd Coy. B Coy with under comd one det mortars vicinity ref 321386.

Left Fwd Coy. D Coy less one pl with under comd one det mortars vicinity ref 319385

Rear Rt Coy. A Coy with under comd pnr pl and one det mortars at vicinity 322384.

Rear Left Coy. C Coy with under comd one det mortars vicinity 321384.

H.Q. Coy less detachments with left rear coy

4. Boundaries. (a) Fwd Coys. Both to command rd STRAWBERRY--KOJARENA with fire.

B Coy to take in Middle Ridge (MIDDLE RIDGE)
 D Coy. to cover up to 600yds from rd.

(b) Rear Coys. C Coy to establish rd block on rd STRAWBERRY--KOJARENA and ~~not~~ to protect it.
 A Coy to establish rd block on YARRAGADEE rd and defend it.

5. Outposts: (a) D Coy will supply standing patrol strength one pl at vicinity 316391 with listening post at 313393
 (b) A Coy will supply standing patrol strength one pl at vicinity 328380
 (c) One Garr sec will establish listening post vicinity 314381.

(d) Sigs and I will establish watching posts at

1. MT. HORNER ref 303391.
2. OBSERVATION HILL ref 328385.
3. IRWIN P.O. ref 303380.
4. KINGENEY rd junc 380384.

6. Tasks of outposts and orders for withdrawal.

(1) Watching and listening posts are to signal any movements of enemy within their vicinity, the direction of movement and approx number of tps and vehicles.

(2) Standing patrols are to take up a posn covering the rd in their vicinity and are to harass and delay any enemy advance.

(3) Outposts will remain out until ordered by Bn. to withdraw.

7. Policy for Defence. (a) To get early information of direction of adv of enemy and being abt def to manoeuvre to destroy him.

(b) Priority of tasks: Watching, listening posts and standing patrols to cover main posn being taken up.

(c) Bn. to be in posn by 1900 hrs
19 Jan. 43.

8. Anti Defensive Fire Task.

(a) Concentrations at call on rds.

- (1) Vicinity ref 330389
- (2) " " 315392
- (3) " " 312381

and opportunity targets during daylight.

(b) F.O.O. with standing patrol vicinity ref 328388

9. TK Defence: /Tk tp: Two guns with B ech
Tp less two guns in reserve.
/Tk pl one det to come under cmd each rifle coy at first light.

10. R.A.M. Task to prepare br at 322384 for demo.
Balance in res.

11. Care. Pl. Less one sec in support rear coys with I.L.G's on fixed lines until first light. Pl Comd to report for further orders at 0530 hrs.

12. Mortar Pl: Less four det in res.

13. A.A. Pl with B ech

ADMINISTRATION.

14. Patrolling. All coys must do active patrolling to a distance of at least 2000yds to the flanks. Coy comds to advise Bn patrolling policy for coordination on posn being taken up.

15. B ech on IRWIN RIVER vicinity 321383.

16. S.A.A. reserve on wheels with B ech.

17. R.A.P. with B ech.

18. A.D.S. vicinity rd junc STR BERRY.

19. Co-ordinating conference 2000 hrs.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

20. Bn. H.Q. vicinity ref 321384.
21. Sig O to arrange comm with Coys and patrols and listening posts by line, R/T, V/T, Lucas Leap and DR. Also arrange with Bde Sig O for line comm with IRWIN and LINGARD and submit/of extra DR's by 1800 hrs. requirements
22. S.O.S.: Arty rd 330389 red white red.
" 315392 green green white.
" 321381 white white red

MG A Coy, red green white.
C Coy, white white green.

Ack.

Method of distribution D.R.

Signed at 1730 hrs

W. G. Ferrell
Capt.

W. G. Ferrell
W. G. FERRELL,
Capt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| Adj. Lt. | 10 |
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| 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. | 12 |
| 59 Aust. Fd. Bty | 13 |
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| 1 Sec 5 Aust. Fd. Coy | 15 |
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Nos. 1 to

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

LT. COL. J. S. G. COLLIER, COMD. 54 AUST. INF. BN.

PART I.

5 January 43.

1 . POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS.

Regulation 6A of the National Security (General) Regulations (Statutory Rules 1942, No. 374) provides that, without derogating from or restricting the existing powers or rights of sentries and guards, a military sentry or guard stationed or posted at, on, in, or in the neighbourhood or vicinity of, any prohibited place, protected area, controlled area, or any premises used by the Commonwealth, or used for defence purposes or for essential services, or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft used by the Commonwealth, or any enclosed wharf or picking-up place, or any merchant vessel lying in port, or any road, pathway or waterway, specified in an order by the Minister, which passes through or near a prohibited place or work of defence, may be armed, and may—

- (i) Use his weapons against, or otherwise attack any person who, in disregard of a warning given by a sentry or guard, approached, enters, leaves, or passes over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, or attempts to approach, enter, leave or pass over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, that place, area, premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, wharf, picking-up place, road, pathway, or waterway, or who, after being arrested for so doing, escapes, and
- (ii) Use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person attacking him or who is reasonably suspected of being about to attack him.

There are, however, certain principles which must guide all sentries and guards in the execution of their duty as such, and in the exercise of the right to resort to arms.

These principles are:—

- (a) Sentries and guards will be ordered to take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy agents.
- (b) If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
- (c) Before firing upon any person, the sentry or guard will,

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except in an urgent case of self-defence, challenge that person to "Halt". If that person does not halt, the sentry should challenge him with "Halt, or I fire". If he does not halt and no other means are available for stopping him--as for example, by calling on the rest of the guard--it is the duty of the sentry to shoot.

- (d) The sentry will use his intelligence and sense of responsibility in choosing whether he will shoot or not, and he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.
- (e) GUARDS OF ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR: An enemy prisoner of war attempting to escape may be fired upon, but a previous summons to surrender will be given if possible.
- (f) GUARDS OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES IN CUSTODY: The use of weapons to prevent the escape of a prisoner other than an enemy and except as provided in para 1 (i) is unlawful unless--
- (i) The prisoner has committed a felony and cannot otherwise be re-arrested; or
 - (ii) It is necessary for self-defence and no more force is used than is reasonable in the circumstances.. The offences which constitute a felony are indicated on pages 146-151 of the MML (Australian Edition).
- (g) If a prisoner resorts to violence, force may be met by force to the extent reasonably necessary, and the escort may call for help from passers by.

GENERAL. This order will be repeated in all Unit Routine Orders. Orders for guards and sentries will be framed in conformity with the above and guards and sentries will suitably be instructed as to their powers and duties.

2. DANGEROUS ENCLOSURES IN PARCELS FORWARDED BY POST.

- (i) A fire aboard a ship carrying valuable supplies, including explosives, was caused recently by spontaneous combustion of wax matches included in mails for Army personnel.
- (ii) All members of the Forces will be instructed to request their relatives and friends not to forward wax matches or charged petrol lighters to them through the post. The dangers as stated above will be explained to troops.
- (iii) Franking officers will delete any requests for wax matches or charged petrol lighters from letters.

3. D.C.M. N198752, PTE. HARDY, H.B.

The abovenamed soldier was convicted by District Court Martial on 21 Sept. 42 of AWL and fined £3.

HQ has quashed the finding and sentence of the court, and he is now relieved of all consequences of the trial.

4. INFRIINGEMENTS OF MILITARY DISCIPLINE -- PENALTIES.

As an indication of the penalties that may be suffered for infringements of military discipline, the awards of some recent court martials are given below:

DESERPTION: W32651 Dvr. R.H.W. Alcorn, 121 Res ME Coy (Absent 2 months) sentence 18 months detention--previous Summary award.

A.W.L.: W23089 Tpr. H.N. Taylor 10 Aust LH Regt, AWL 18 days, 90 days detention-- 3 previous Summary awards.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES: VX280878 Dvr. H.L. Watt and VX62797 Dvr. L.J. Stow, both of 23 Coy AASC, 4 Aust Div. found guilty of stealing petrol, improperly using Army vehicle for private purposes and AWL for 13 hours, was sentenced to 6 months detention. Each had a clean record.

W223 Cpl. F.V. Moore, 10 Aust. LH Regt, found guilty of a charge under AA.7(3), of not using his utmost endeavors to suppress a mutiny at which he was present, was sentenced to 18 months detention. The court recommended a suspension of the sentence after 90 days, and the Confirming Officer accepted the recommendation, provided the accused's conduct in detention is good. The accused had served in the Regt for 10 years and had only one previous Summary award, for AWL under mitigating circumstances.

The nature of the alleged mutiny was a gathering at which some members of the unit agreed to combine together not to go on parade unless the CO acceded to certain demands for leave. (NOTE: No refusal to go on parade in fact occurred).

5. It has come under notice that bags, crates, and cases used in the distribution of rations are being taken by troops to their tents.

These are returnable containers, the supply of which is very limited and shortages will have to be made good. COMS will be personally responsible for the return of these containers, and Coy Comdrs will ensure that these instructions are carried out.

NOTICES:

Lost: Watch G.S. number 55878 on exercise FOX. Any person having this watch in their possession will return it to Bn. H.Q.

W.A. CAMPBELL
for (W.A. CAMPBELL),
Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER.

by

LT. COL. J. C. G. COLLIER, C.O.D. 54 AUST. INF. BR.

PART 1

13 January 43.

6. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

(a) The attention of all ranks will be directed to AM&O 239(1), which provides as follows:--

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the AM&O or authorised by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the Press are forbidden".

(b) The use of outside influence is forbidden by AM&O 307(1) which provides:--

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantage, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his CO or to complain in accordance with the AM&O and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favorable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden".

(c) The ~~the~~ provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the AM&O will be explained to all formed Units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots at least once every month. The consequence of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

7. UNAUTHORISED INTERFERENCE WITH EQUIPMENT.

(a) Several cases have occurred recently where minor defects in technical equipments have been converted into major defects by unskilled attempts at repair by unauthorised personnel. In particular, clocks and watches which should have been repairable, have had to be condemned as unserviceable because unskilled tampering has aggravated the original damage or caused further breakage of sound parts.

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- (b) As spare parts for certain instruments, particularly watches and clocks, are almost unobtainable, such tempering results in loss of equipment.
- (c) Previous orders forbidding the repair of technical equipment of all kinds by unauthorised personnel will be strictly enforced.

8. VEHICLES PROCEEDING TO GERALDTON.

All vehicles proceeding to GERALDTON must have G2 endorsed by Brigade Transport Officer.

9. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

Attention of all Units is directed to GRO G645 which will be republished in all Unit Routine Orders.

Ref. Paras. 10 and 11 thereof, approved photographers in WESTERN AUSTRALIA are:--

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10. TRAFFIC IN BN. H.C. AREA.

No vehicle or H.C. is permitted to enter Bn. H.C. Area other than water cart.

P. G. ... Lieut.
for W.A. CANTHILL, Capt.,
Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. 43 To 7 Apr. 43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| | Feb 1 | | <p>Lieut. Gen Gordon Bennett arrived at the camp at 1445 hrs. He inspected a Capt's guard under Capt. Hunt, with Lieut Webster, WO 1 Rauchs and 30 OR's drawn from each Coy. He then witnessed a mortar shoot. Directed by Sgt Rheinberger, an exhibition of parachute jumping by D Coy, a tree climbing demonstration with climbing wires by Pte McConnell of C Coy and all in combat drill directed by Lieut AB Snelling with B and C Coys combined. He expressed great satisfaction with everything he saw and Major Lloyd who accompanied him asked that Sgt Rheinberger be specially congratulated. The party moved off to SB Co at 1530 hrs</p> | BLS |

HQ BN.
 WAR DIARY

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| | 4 Feb. | | The bn less B Coy Det. Coy. marched out to Walcotts soak at 1600 hrs yesterday afternoon and conducted a night attack on low hill in the morning an advance was made toward Mt Horner where field firing was conducted against targets held by men lying in slit trenches. After this the mortars and Art. gave a demo which was much appreciated by the tps. Shells were fired directly overhead and burst 1000 ⁺ dist. A return to camp, after a late lunch was made in the afternoon. | Operation Order 3 Feb |
| | 5 Feb | | The tps were entertained by ISADORE GOODMAN and piano last night. A number of visitors from other units were present and provided an | Blas |

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| | 5 Feb | | appreciative audience. Last night a further draft of 11 men left as reinforcements to ind. paratroop coy. | |
| | 8 Feb. | | Except for one night operation in which the bn took part, training for the week has been under coy control. The pioneer pl has been engaged during the week clearing out the water hole, they have done a very good job working in very muddy conditions. A carrier and scoop have been very useful in the work. Mobile cinema last night had a large audience. | |
| | 10 Feb | | The night exercise of last week was repeated last night with considerably more success than the first attempt. The returned to camp in time for breakfast. | Bless |

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| | 14 Feb. | | <p>At 0700 hrs 12 Feb coys commenced march to Doujarra P & RT camp. All coys arrived before midday and spent the afternoon settling in and surfing. 1/4" commenced to rain during the night and continued until about 1100 hrs on 13 Feb.</p> <p>As most of the lps had wet clothes and blankets it was decided to return to camp in the afternoon, this was carried out and all lps were in camp by 1600 hrs. During the rain in the morning Capt McKiernan took the whole bn in P.T. and jumping from moving trucks.</p> | |
| | 20 Feb. | | <p>Bn returned to camp on 17 Feb marching back after the evening meal. All lps enjoyed their B.A.D.</p> | |

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| | 20 Feb | | <p>period at the camp and the bulk of them entered into the jumping exercises with vigour. Since return to camp coys have been engaged in coy training. On 17 Feb warning order was received from bde announcing projected move to new location in Geraldton area.</p> | |
| | 23 Feb | | <p>The Order Comd and representative officers from each coy went to new area yesterday inspecting amenities etc. The area is that occupied by 35 Aust Inf Bn.</p> | |
| | | | <p>A coy has been engaged in dismantling PORT camp and dumping all material in our lines.</p> | |
| | 27 Feb. | | <p>The week has been spent in tidying up and</p> | <p>etc.</p> |

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| | 27 Feb | | <p>packing stores and materials in preparation for the move. The water point has at last been fixed. The hole was cleaned out by S's Coy and a box frame placed in it. Upwards of 100 tons of rock was carted by C Coy and placed round the box. The water is now down to 2 scoops and very clear, just as we are about to move.</p> <p>I now hand over the diary to Lieut. R. B. O'Neill as I have been instructed to report to 3 Aust Corps for one month.</p> | <p><i>Bledsoe Lieut.</i></p> |

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| | 1943 | | | |
| | Feb 28 | | <p>Lieut B. A. Brown left last night for Perth to report to 3 Aust Corps HQ for one month and I now take over the diary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On leaving up of the lines in preparation for the change of location has been the order of the day.</p> | |
| | Mar 1 | | <p>The move commenced as per instrs attached. The MT convoy got away on time and there were no mishaps. The movement by train of the personnel and part of the stores went off without a hitch</p> | Ron |

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| | Mar 1 | | The Brigadier was at Geraldton to witness the entraining of the troops and he was particularly pleased with the appearance and bearing. | |
| | Mar 2 | | Rained during night and Cox boys and remainder of HQ Coy who were ⁱⁿ bivouac at Irwin without tents had a very uncomfortable night. The train which was to bring them to Geraldton was 3 hrs late and they did not reach the new camp area until about 1500 hrs. Rain had ceased by then. | |
| | Mar 3 | | Spent in settling down to new area. R on | |

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| | Mar 3 | | A boy and part of HQ went to Geraldton at 1200 hrs for their first leave and returned at midnight. All enjoyed themselves after such a long spell at Insein. | |
| | Mar 4 | | B boy and part of HQ went on leave today and the remainder spent most of the day in improving camp amenities. | |
| | Mar 5 | | B boy and part of HQ went on leave today and camp improvements continue | |
| | Mar 6 | | Cde and RAAF held swimming contest at Geraldton today and Cde won the contest by 5 points. We had several reps. Ran | |

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| | Nov 11 | | Camp improvement work has continued for the week. On 10 Nov word was received from Bde that we would take over Bde duties. On 13 Nov | |
| | Nov | | A road working party of 100 men had to leave for a job on the rd TOJARENA - MULLEWA at 1000 hrs yesterday. They will be on the job for a fortnight. | |
| | Nov 13 | A | Duties changed with 44 Aust Inf Bn today. Altogether there were 21 different duties including coast watching guard duties and tower signals (see Admin instr N° 4) | Ron |

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| A | Nov 19 | | <p>Most of the Rn has been occupied by duties for the week. It has been possible to carry on only with a limited training programme. A potential NCO school has been conducted in the lines by Lieut R B Fishwick and attended by A coy personnel. HQ Coy marched out on 17 with a working party of 100 men to do some constructional work at 4 CCS MULLENWA. - D Coy are at the moment bivouaced at REF GERARDTON STRAT 324447 and are working well. Lt Col Bellier returned Rn</p> | |

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| | Mar 19 | | from his ARL following his attendance at SOTS Pt Stevens NSW. He looks very well and had a very enjoyable 24 days leave, having visited Tasmania & Melbourne. | |
| | 20 | | Lieut L A G Tomson and Sgt Rheinberger left tonight for 3 Aust Corps School HAREY. Both will act as instructors there for 6 mos. Mobile picture unit showed an educational film on the 'Malaria' and showed how Malaria is contracted and methods that should be adopted to prevent it | RDN |

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| | Mar 23/24 | | <p>With Capt H Tomkin as Coy comd a composite Coy made up of personnel from A Coy & Coy 40 Coy took part in an exercise 'Summer'. 44 Aust Inf Bn supplied 3 rifle Coys and we supplied the 4th. The Bn was under comd Lt Col Garner of 44 Aust Inf Bn. Both 7 Fd Regt and 18 Fd Regt as well as 8/7K guns from all units (44, 54, 56) took part. Considerable experience was gained in moving under an arty barrage. An arty shoot was conducted in the afternoon⁽²⁴⁾ but this unit did</p> | <p>RDR</p> |

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| | Mar 23/24 | | not take an active part. | |
| | 25 | | Had a yellow warning today but the all clear came about a half an hour afterwards | |
| | 26 | | Major Stevenson has been working up an exercise for a long bay Trek which will commence about 2 Apr. A distance of over 100 mts will be covered by the tps. | |
| | 27 | | a race meeting was held at WALKAWAY today and about 50 of our tps attended. A dance was held at night and from reports received a very enjoyable evening was spent | RON |

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| | Mar 28 | | Pte Davidson D caused a stir last night by jumping from the RAP truck when driving it to camp from a road working job. Search parties and two black trackers have been on the job but as yet he has not been found. | |
| | 30 | | Search for Davidson was abandoned today. Trackers followed tracks which eventually were lost when they joined the road. 2 Dm Concert party paid us a visit last night and put over an excellent show. | |
| | Apr 1 | | Mobile cinema visited tonight and | Ron |

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| | Apr 1 | | the Eps all enjoyed the programme. | |
| | 3 | | D boy left on coy trek "TRAMP" At 1500 hrs a yellow warning was received followed shortly afterwards by a white warning | |
| | 4 | | a boy left on coy trek | |
| | 5 | | b boy left on coy trek | |
| | 6 | | B boy left on coy trek. Accompanied by WO II Ross I went out to D boy Kwoonac area and witnessed the dropping of supplies from an anson Mc which was sent out from RAAF flying school. The result was reasonably successful. Of | |

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| | Apr 6 | | <p>broke open and the biscuits were all broken into very small pieces. Both D and A boys were in good spirits despite the fact that rain was falling.</p> | |
| | 7 | | <p>Air cooperation continued today and proved a very interesting day. Five sorties in all were conducted. The plane dropped messages at Ben HQ on five occasions and the information obtained by the plane was in most cases very accurate. Being a dull day the plane was unable to do any aerphotography.</p> | RSM |

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| | Apr 6 | | <p>2 cases of preserved meat which were dropped 1 case contained 12 broken or damaged tins and the other 16. Of 12 tins of condensed milk dropped - only four were not broken. Supplies were also dropped to A Coy. Of the 2 cases of preserved meat dropped only 1 case suffered damage and in that case 18 tins were broken or damaged. 6 tins of condensed milk were dropped and 2 were unbroken. Service biscuits were dropped for both coys and in all cases the tins</p> | RDN |

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| | Apr 7 | | <p>RAAF cooperated exceptionally well and have helped to make the exercise a very interesting and instructive one. Maj Stevenson & Capt Barrell who worked up the exercise have both been called away. Maj Stevenson left last night for Perth for a ECM of which he will be a member. Capt Barrell leaves tonight for Beeluegh to attend a school.</p> | |

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COY. EXERCISE "TRAMP".

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Ref. Map: GERALDTON 4m. to lin.

OBJECTS: To exercise Coys as independent forces using initiative in trying out different formation.
To Test endurance.
To exercise Coy. Comds. in "Q" and "A" in the field.
To exercise Coy. Comds. in ops v tanks by d and by n.

LESSONS: 1. Formations.
2. Tactical moves and bivouacs incl protection on move and at rest.
3. Air co-operation for rations and information.
4. Tank hunting.
5. Night vigilance and patrols.

DATES:

DIRECTOR: MAJOR B.H. STEVENSON.

TPS. TAKING PART: A, B, C, D. Coys. and Carr. Pl.
D. Coy. commencing Day D Minus 2.
A. and C. Coys. commencing day D.
B. Coy. commencing day D plus 2.
One Pl. supplied by H.Q. Coy. as enemy to operate on days time and place detailed by Bn.

CONFERENCES.

ADMINISTRATION: 1. Dress: Battle Order less respirators. Messing and toilet gear and ground sheet carried in haversack.
2. One blanket and greatcoat and 2 changes of underclothing and socks will be carried in pack, properly labelled and carried in baggage truck.
3. S.A.A.: 50 rounds per man will be issued prior to move ~~out~~ out of each coy. Reserves will be carried in baggage truck.
4. Meals: Rations will be delivered to supply points as laid down by Bn., which will be open for 1½ hours only each day.
5. Water: Coys. will carry 200gal. tank on cook. truck and will draw water from water points as laid down by Bn., which will be issued for different localities daily.
6. R.A.P.: Med. Orderly with baggage truck. R.M.O. will visit from time to time.
7. Tpt. to be restricted to Kitchen Truck, and one stores and baggage truck per coy.
8. Intercomm.: D.R. and Runner.
Wireless: 208 sets to be allotted from time to time by Bn. H.Q. as situation requires.
9. Messages will be prefixed "TRAMP".
10. Genuine casualties will be notified by the words "genuine casualties".
11. Field hygiene will be strictly enforced at all times.
12. Each Coy. will act as an independent force in the field for 7 days and, unless otherwise instructed, as enemies of any other force met.

The general route of all coys. will be as shown on the tracing Appx. 1 hereof (to be disclosed to Coys. only in operational instructions to be issued as decided by Bn. H.Q.) Two Coys. starting at different intervals will follow the route clockwise and two in the reverse direction. Direction and starting times will be disclosed to coys. in the form of separate warning or operational orders. During four days and nights one or more coys. will be engaged in ops with and against tks represented by Carrs.

Each coy. will engage other coys throughout the exercise and in addition enemy parties will operate from H.Q. Coy. to harass and create situations. Sup pts and water pts and times thereof will be indicated daily to Coy. Comds. who must then make own arrangements to obtain sups X One day's rations for each Coy will be dropped from aircraft.

AIRCRAFT COOPERATION: In addition to supply dropping, approval has been sought for air spotting and message dropping during ops against AFVs.

R. L. O'Neill Liut.
R.L. O'NEILL,
A/Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

"TRAMP" EXERCISE"
CO-OPERATION WITH R.A.A.F. IN SUPPLY DROPPING.

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MISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS.

REMARKS.

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Supply dropping for A and D Companies :-
The communications of A & D Companies are deemed to have been cut by the enemy and the RAAF has been asked to drop one day's rations to each Company between 1630 and 1700 hours.

The location of A Company will be vicinity of road junction reference 284450.

The location of D. Company will be vicinity of NANSON reference 266459.

METHOD OF RECOGNITION: When approaching the locality aircraft to make a series of S turns to indicate search for company.

Ground to air reply--smoke signal by smoke candle and one white verey light.

Aircraft to acknowledge by distinct turn to right.

Company will then place "T" panel on spot where dropping desired with head of "T" up wind and display "letter of the day" which will be the letter "I" thus "I" on right of panel.

The "T" panel will include Code Group 012.

In view of the danger of bush fires from verey lights, it is desired to improvise the signals/aircraft to prevent this.

Therefore any verey light signal from the aircraft have been excluded in the suggested procedure. The number of packages to be dropped to each company will be communicated to the Company concerned by Battalion Headquarters.

DELIVERY OF RATIONS TO AIRFIELD:
The rations packed by Battalion will be delivered to airfield at hours on 6 April.

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The supply dropping requirements on 8 April will be exactly the same for B and C companies respectively as for A and D companies on 6 April. The companies will be in the same respective localities.

**"TRAMP" EXERCISE.
CO-OPERATION WITH RAAF IN TAC. R., INTERCOMMUNICATION
AND PHOTOGRAPHS.**

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ference Map GERALDTON 4 miles to lin.

| <u>SE.</u> | <u>SORTIE NUMBER.</u> | <u>TIME.</u> | <u>MISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS.</u> | <u>REMARKS.</u> |
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| 11 | 7 1 | 0730hours. | <p>Tac. R. and photographs. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. headquarters are located at reference 260423. Information is desired as to whether any troops or transport can be located in the following localities. The reconnaissance to be made not later than the times set opposite each reference:</p> <p>FORIN 287423 - 0800 hrs. Road and track junction 283450 - 0820 hrs. NANSON 266458 - 0840 hrs. Track bend 248461 - 0900 hrs.</p> <p>Message or messages giving results to be dropped at Battalion Headquarters at conclusion of reconnaissance. Photographs to be dropped at Battalion Headquarters by later sortie At Battalion Headquarters recognition procedure as detailed in supply dropping serials will be followed. Before message is dropped aircraft to indicate that pilot has message to drop and "T" panel code sign 8 will be displayed in reply. When message is dropped "T" panel code will be used to indicate if message sent or not, as the case may be. received</p> | <p>Troops will regard all aircraft as hostile. It is desired to demonstrate how far efforts at concealment are effective or the contrary and consequently it is suggested that the aircraft should fly at any height best suited to observation regardless of ground opposition.</p> <p>Messages to be written in clear and not in reconnaissance code.</p> |

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| | 2 | 1000 | <p>Note:- It is desired to introduce a dual role during this mission in order to make the maximum use of the flying time available. At.....hours A Coy was situated at road junction reference 284450 and D Coy at NANSON reference 266458. The instructions for the two companies are as set out on the attached operation instructions marked "A" and "D" which detail the routes to be followed. It will be seen that these instructions direct that the two companies will be moving by three separate routes with each party or platoon approaching it's opposite number from the other company from the opposite ends of the same route. The requirements are to reconnoitre the area and routes to be traversed by the various parties and report on the troops and army vehicles observed. The results of these observations will be communicated during the same sortie to the respective company Headquarters in separate messages and to give information to each company about the other. The same recognition procedure will be followed <u>WITH THE FOLLOWING VARIATIONS.</u> <u>To attract the attention of D Company the aircraft will "waggle" its wings instead of "S" turns and D Company will light two smoke candles simultaneously, spaced about forty yards apart instead of one.</u> <u>WIRELESS.</u> Each company will attempt communication by 108 set. <u>PHOTOGRAPHS.</u>- To be dropped on subsequent sortie at Battalion Headquarters At conclusion of sortie messages giving results of the Tactical Reconnaissance to be dropped at Battalion Headquarters.</p> | <p>Messages to be written clear.</p> <p>If troop or vehicle movements are not observed this negative information should be communicated to the companies' respective headquarters and to Battalion Headquarters</p> |

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. map GERALDTON 4 miles to lin.

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| | 3 | | <p>B. Company (own troops) moving from FORD reference 287423 to road and track junction 289428 thence EAST along track to GREENOUGH River thence NORTH along track to crossroads reference 297440. Hostile Armored Fighting Vehicles (represented by carriers) suspected operating along track between crossroads reference 297440 and BEETALYINNA reference 301430.</p> <p>Please verify and advise B company whose Headquarters will be on the road abovementioned between FORD and GREENOUGH River. Recognition procedure as previously detailed in Supply Dropping Instructions, to be followed.</p> <p>WIRELESS: Attempts will be made to communicate these instructions to the aircraft from Battalion Headquarters by 108 set, but if unsuccessful, written instructions to be followed.</p> <p>On leaving airfield aircraft to fly over and attempt to call up Battalion Headquarters.</p> <p>Also attempt to call up B Company on same frequency when located.</p> <p>At conclusion of sortie message to be dropped at Battalion Headquarters giving results of reconnaissance and indicating if B Company contacted.</p> | <p>Photographs to be taken and dropped at Battalion Headquarters in later sortie.</p> |

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| | 4 | | <p>C Company is at vicinity track bend reference 248462. Situation Report (to be delivered at airfield by Battalion Headquarters in duplicate) will be dropped to Company Headquarters. Recognition procedure as previously detailed will be followed. After message is dropped acknowledgment of receipt will be awaited. If the message is not received duplicate will be dropped. C. Company will then communicate a message to aircraft which message will be delivered to Battalion Headquarters with which communication by Radio Telephony will be attempted also. This message will be by "T" panel code and attempts to communicate by 108 set will also be made. Photographs of company locality will be taken.</p> | |
| 7 | 5 | 1600--1700 | <p>Tactical Reconnaissance as in Sortie No. 1 including photographs results to be communicated to Battalion Headquarters. The localities to be searched are.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Track bend reference 2484322. NANSON reference 2664583. Road Junction 2844504. Crossroads 2974415. Road from 297441 to BEETALYINNA reference 301430 (where presence of Armored Fighting Vehicles is suspected) | <p>) If time permits an) impromptu mission will) be given to another sort) The instructions to be) communicated by line,) Despatch Rider or wire-) less to airfield.</p> |

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EXERCISE "TRAMP".

HQ. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
29 March 43.

FORECAST OF EVENTS (NOT to be disclosed to Coys).

| Ser.No. | Date. | Coy. | Orders. | Enemy action. |
|---------|------------------|------|--|---|
| 1. | Apr.2. | D | TRAMP. Warning Order. Ref. map GERALDTON 4 ms. to 1 inch. Enemy force has landed SOUTH of GRID 35 in superior forces, but has been successfully held except for small bands with probably a few AFV's which have penetrated to the SE. of GERALDTON in the GREENOUGH river area. The appreciation is that these enemy bands will attempt sabotage, attacks on water supply, railways and aerodromes. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde has ordered 54 A.I.Bn to send out coys to seek out and destroy these bands and to deny movement along rd. STRAWBERRY KOJARENA at FORD ref. 287424. D coy will move to ref. 251499 Apr.2. Time of arrival not after 1730 hrs. Route NARNGULU UTAKARRA WONTHELLA rd. junc. 252436 thence No.4 CWP ref. 253439 and along coast to SMUGGLERS COVE ref. 251444. Sup. pt. will open at CHAPMAN RIVER BRD252438 from 2100 hrs. to 2130 hrs. Coy. cmd. will report HQ. for secret information and instructions 2100 hrs. Apr. 1. | As events may occur, |
| 1(a) | Apr.3 (night) | D | Contained in secret instructions. | |
| 2 | Apr.4. | A | TRAMP. Warning order. Ref. map GERALDTON 4 mls to 1 inch. Enemy force has landed SOUTH of GRID 35 in superior forces, but has been successfully held except for small bands with probably a few AFV's which have penetrated to the S.E. of GERALDTON in the GREENOUGH river area. The appreciation is that the enemy bands will attempt sabotage, attacks on water supply, railways, and aerodromes. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. has ordered 5 AIBn. to send out coys to seek out and destroy these bands and to deny movement along rd STRAWBERRY KOJARENE at FORD. ref. 287424. A Coy. with tpt on tropical scale will move at hrs. to the FORD ref. 287424. Route BOOTENAL, BRADIEYS thence to KOKATOO SPRING ref.282423 and along river to FORD ref.287423. Your Task will be to report any sign of enemy activity on the route but to secure the FORD as speedily as possible. Sup. pt. will be open at NORTHERN GULLY ref.283445 from hrs to hrs. | Ambushes & harassing tactics on route by pl. from HQ Coy. |
| 3. | Apr.4. | C | TRAMP. Warning order. Ref. map GERALDTON 4 mls to 1 inch. Enemy force has landed SOUTH of GRID 35 in superior forces but has been successfully held except for small bands with probably a few AFV's which have penetrated to the SE. of GERALDTON in the GREENOUGH river area. The appreciation is that these enemy bands will attempt sabotage, attacks on water supply, railways and aerodromes. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde has ordered 54 A.I.Bn to send out coys to | As events may occur. |

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Enemy act.

seek out and destroy these bands & to deny movement along rd. STRAWBERRY KOJARENA at FORD ref. 287424. C Coy will move to ref. 251499 Apr 4. Time of arrival not after 1730 hrs. Route NARNGULU UTAKARRA WONTHELLA rd junc. 252436 thence No. 4 CWP ref. 253439 and along coast to SMUGGIERS COVE ref. 251444. Sup. pt. will open at CHAPMAN RIVER BR. 252438 from 2100 to 2130 hrs. Coy. cmd. will report HQ. for secret information and instructions 2100 hrs. Apr. 4.

4. Apr. 4. D Contained in secret instructions.
(night)

5. April 5. A. TRAMP. Agents report enemy avoiding FORD now moving SOUTH and EAST of GREENOUGH RIVER with light AFV's. Attempt on WECHERINA water supply anticipated. You will move to and deny rd. & track junc. 297441. Route NORTH to MT. KENNETH thence EAST along track to GREENOUGH RIVER thence NORTH to rd & track junc. 297441. You will attack AFV's wherever found. Sup. pt. at NORTHERN GULLY open from hrs. to hrs.

Carrs. to operate SOUTH of rd. & track junc.

6. Apr. 5. C. Contained in secret instructions.
(night)

7. Apr. 5. D. Contained in secret instructions.

8. Apr. 6. B. TRAMP. Warning Order. Ref. map GERALDTON 4 mls to 1 inch. Enemy force has landed SOUTH OF GRID 35 in superior forces, but has been successfully held except for small bands with probably a few AFV's which have penetrated to the S.E. of GERALDTON in the GREENOUGH river area. The appreciation is that these enemy bands will attempt sabotage, attacks on water supply, railways and aerodromes.

Ambushes and harrassing tactics on route by Pl. of HQ Coy.

5 Aust. Inf. Bde has ordered 54 A.I. Bn to send out coys to seek out and destroy these bands and to deny movement along rd. STRAWBERRY KOJARENA at FORD ref. 287424.

B Coy with tpt on tropical scale will move at hrs to the FORD ref

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| | | | <p>287424. Route - BOOTENAL, BRADLEYS thence to KOKATOO SPRING ref.282423 and along river to FORD ref.287423</p> <p>Your Task will be to report any sign of enemy activity on the route but to secure the FORD as speedily as possible. Sup.pt. will be open at NORTHERN GULLY 283445. from hrs to hrs.</p> | |
| 9. | Apr.6. | A. | <p>Tramp. Enemy parties incl some AFV's apparently concentrating vicinity YANGETHILLS ref.284447 and ONEBUSH HILL ref.283448. You will be relieved in present location at hrs 6 Apr. by B Coy X Grn Bn. Move to NORTHERN GULLY thence search area along rd. NORTHERN GULLY to rd. junc.284451. Clear high ground YANGET HILLS and feature EAST of rd. Bivouac area rd. junc. 284450. Enemy activity will necessitate ration delivery by air. Time and recognition sigs will be communicated later.</p> | Carr. to operate YANGET HILLS area. |
| 10. | Apr.6. | D. | <p>TRAMP. Agents report enemy operating widely in NIGHTCAP - FIVE MILE HILL area ref. 275458 and 278454 and have pushed a strong patrol to cut the rd. NANSON to HOWARTHARRA vic. MICA WELL ref. 261461. You will capture this patrol and move as speedily as possible to protect the br. and Ry. at NANSON. Enemy activity will necessitate ration delivery by air. Time and recognition signals will be communicated later.</p> | Ambushes by parties from HQ Coy. |
| 11. | Apr.7. | C | Contained in secret instructions as for D Ser.4. | |
| 12. | Apr.7. | A. | <p>TRAMP. TAC. R. reports enemy parties with AFV's operating along tracks in the NIGHTCAP - FIVEMILE and GNOWSNEST HILL areas refs. 275458 - 278454/ and 267454. Sqn. of Y Armd. regt. has moved to feature TIMBER in sq. 2745 and is patrolling westward to YETNA Ref.262454. You will seek and destroy enemy in area from present location to NANSON. Independent Pl. gps will move via following routes (a) present location NORTH to track junc.ref.282454 thence NORTH to track junc.ref.282457 thence across country to track junc.ref. 277459 thence along track to NANSON. (b) present location NORTH to track junc.ref.282454 thence along track SOUTH of FIVE MILE HILL to track junc.ref.278454 thence</p> | Opposed by D Coy. (See Ser.13) |

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| Ser. No. | Date. | Coy. | Orders. | Enemy action. |
|----------|--------|------|---|--|
| | | | <p>NORTH to track junc. ref.277457 thence WEST to track junc. ref.268457 thence to NANSON. (c) present location westward to track junc. ref. 278450 thence to track junc.278454 thence WEST to track junc. ref. 269455 thence to NANSON.</p> <p>Aerial co-operation for spotting enemy parties may be anticipated. Recognition signals will be communicated later. Sup.pt. will open at Rd. junc.WAGGRAKINE ref.253439 between hrs. and hrs.</p> | |
| 13. | Apr.7. | D. | <p>TRAMP. TAC.R. reports enemy parties with AFV's operating along tracks in the NIGHTCAP - FIVE MILE and GNOWSNEST HILL areas refs.275458 - 278454 and 267454. Sqn.of Y armd regt. has moved to feature TIMBER in sq.2745 and is patrolling westward to YETNA ref. 262454. You will seek and destroy enemy in area from present location to Rd. and track junc. ref. 284450. Independent pl. gps will move via following routes. (a) present location EAST along track to track junc. ref.277459 thence across country to track junc. ref. 282457 thence southward along track to bivouac at ref. 284450. (b) present location to track junc. ref. 268457 thence EAST along track SOUTH of NIGHTCAP HILL to track junc. ref. 277457 thence along track running SOUTH of FIVE MILE HILL to track junc. ref. 282454 thence to bivouac area ref. 284450. (c) present location to track junc. ref. 269455 thence eastward and SOUTH to track junc. ref. 278450 thence to bivouac ref. 284450. Sup.pt.will open at NORTHERN GULLY between hrs. to hrs.</p> | Opposed by A Coy (See Ser.12). |
| 14. | Apr.7. | C. | Contained in Secret orders as fopm. Ser. No.7. | |
| 15. | Apr.7. | B. | <p>TRAMP. Agents report enemy avoiding FORD now moving SOUTH and EAST of GREENOUGH RIVER with light AFV's. Attempt on WECHERINA water sup. anticipated. You will move to and deny rd. & track junc.297441. Route NORTH to MT. KENNETH thence EAST along track to GREENOUGH RIVER thence NORTH to rd. & track junc. 297441. You will attack AFV's wherever found. Sup.pt. at NORTHERN GULLY open hrsto hrs.</p> | Carrs to operate SOUTH of rd.& track junc. |

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| Ser. No. | Date. | Coy. | Orders. | Enemy action. |
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| 16. | Apr. 8. | A. | TRAMP. CWP reports enemy force approx one coy strength landed vic. ref. 246460 and moved inland. Agent at HOWATHARRA reports force to be moving along track towards NANSON. It is presumed that this force is hurrying to assist enemy encountered in NIGHTCAP HILL area. You will move along track to meet and prevent further movement EAST of this force then proceed to ref. 248462 and prevent any further movement from the coast along this track. Ration pt. will open at Rd. junc. WAGGRAKINE ref. 253439 from hrs. to hrs. | Opposed by C Coy. (See Ser. 19). |
| 17. | Apr. 8. | D. | TRAMP. TAC. R. reports enemy force estimated one coy strength are in bivouac at rd. & track junc. ref. 297441. The intention of the enemy is unknown. You will move along the rd. to NORTHERN GULLY thence to WICHERINA and attack this force and secure rd. & track junc. ref. 297441. Ration pt. will open at NORTHERN GULLY ref. 283442 between hrs and hrs. | Opposed by B Coy. (See Ser. 18). |
| 18. | Apr. 8. | B. | TRAMP. Enemy parties incl. some AFV's apparently concentrating vicinity YANGET HILLS ref. 284447 and ONEBUSH HILL ref. 283448. You will be relieved in present location at hrs. 8 Apr. by B Coy. X Grn. Bn. Move to NORTHERN GULLY thence search area along rd. NORTHERN GULLY to rd. junc. 284451. Clear high ground YANGET HILLS & feature EAST of rd. Bivouac area rd. junc. 284450. Enemy activity will necessitate ration delivery by air. Time and recognition sigs will be communicated later. | Opposed by D Coy (See Ser. 17). |
| 19. | Apr. 8. | C. | TRAMP. Agents report enemy operating widely in NIGHTCAP-FIVE MILE HILL area refs. 275458 and 278454 and have pushed a strong patrol to cut the rd. NANSON to HOWATHARRA vic. MICA WELL ref. 261461. You will capture this patrol and move as speedily as possible to protect the br. and Ry. at NANSON. Enemy activity will necessitate ration delivery by air. Time and recognition signals will be communicated later. | Opposed by A Coy (see ser. 16). |
| 20. | Apr. 9. | A. | Orders contained in secret instructions. | |
| 21. | Apr. 9. | D. | TRAMP. Successful reports from all Coys. Remaining enemy bands hastily withdrawing Southwards. You will move as speedily as possible and cut off their retreat at FORD. ref. 287424. Route SOUTH along track to ref. 298427 thence WEST and SOUTH along track to FORD. | Ambush parties from HQ Coy to operate. |

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|----------|----------|------|--|---------------|
| | | | Sup.pt. will open at Rd. junc. WAGGRAKINE ref. 253439 between hrs. and hrs. B Coy will do forced march & biv. vic. YETNA ref. 263454. | |
| 24. | Apr. 10. | A. | Successful reports all Coys. ^{Enemy} defeated and withdraws SOUTH. You will return to camp as speedily as possible. Route No. 4 CWP. thence to Rd. junc. ref. 253436 thence direct rd. to NARNGULU ref. 260418 thence to camp. | |
| 25. | Apr. 10. | D. | Enemy infiltration successfully dealt with. Combined ops. anticipated Bn. will concentrate return lines by hrs. Route WEST to rd. bend KOKATOO SHRING ref. 282423 thence along track to SOUTH of WODLANOOKA HILL thence across country to BOOTENAL and coy. lines. | |
| 26. | Apr. 10. | B | Enemy infiltration successfully dealt with. Combined ops anticipated Bn. will concentrate, return lines by hrs. Route Present location to Rd. junc. ref. 262447 thence along track & rd. to MOONYOONOOKA ref. 264432 thence direct NARNGULU and coy lines. | |
| 27/ | Apr. 10. | C. | Enemy infiltration successfully dealt with. Combined ops anticipated Bn. will concentrate. Return lines by hrs. Route SOUTH to Rd. junc. ref. 283436 thence WEST to Rd & track junc. ref. 278436 thence to track junc. ref. 274427 thence WEST along track and across country to Coy. lines. | |

Ref maps DONGARRA 4 miles to 1 in. Enlargement sketch from same sheet.

1. NIGHT ATTACK.
2. PURSUIT.
3. FD FIRING IN COOPERATION WITH ARTY.

OBJECTS: i. To practise offrs and ORs in night attack consolidation and exploitation at first light.
ii. To practise cooperation with sp arms.
iii. To practise battle formations in pursuit (marching).
iv. To exercise tps in fd firing with arty sp fire.

DIRECTORS: Major B.H. STEVENSON
Bty Comd during arty fire.

SAFETY OFFICERS: Major N.J. ARROW, Capt. W.E. PENNEFATHER, W.O. I
RAUCHLE and ARTY REPRESENTATIVE.

TPS TAKING PART: 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Bty 18 Aust Fd Regt.
Tp 14 A/Tk Bty.
Sub Sec Engrs.

During night HQ Coy will supply enemy parties strength two offrs two pls.

IDENTIFICATION OF TPS: ~~xxxx~~ Own tps steel helmets.
Enemy hats turned up.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE: (a) Night Attack: i. Rifles blank (enemy only)
ii. MMGs Lucas lamp (enemy only)
(b) (Exploitation: i. Rifles ball ammo
(& Subsequent ii. MMGs " "
(Pursuit. iii. Mortars bombs.
iv. Arty HE

ADMINISTRATION: 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. to move to ^{via} DONGARRA start ^{START 308380} at 1730 hrs.
Sp arms to report as may be arranged with respective comds.

MEALS: Evening meal of 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. will be taken ^{at} ~~in~~ ^{at} camp. ^{via WALLCOTT SOAK}
Breakfast vicinity LOW HILL.
Lunch on return to camp at conclusion of exercise.

AMMO: Blank 2 rounds per man to enemy to be drawn by HQ Coy
SAA Rifle: 10 rounds per man.
LMGs: 100 rounds per gun.
MMGs: 250 rounds per gun.
Ammo to be drawn by respective coys and NOT distributed until express orders from Bn comd after conclusion of consolidation after night attack.
MFRS: ~~40~~ ²⁰ rounds.

BAGGAGE: G coat and ~~two~~ ^{ONE} blanket will be carried in pack and packs left at assembly posn.

DRESS: Battle order less respirators.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: On RED very light all fire to cease until fur orders.

INTERCOMMUNICATION: Line.
208 sets (if available)
Visual
Very lights.

GENERAL IDEA?

NIGHT ATTACK: The Bn. Gp is res Bn and has reached ref at 1500 hrs on day

D in an advance NW behind X Bn which has been held up genl line marked A.B on attached sketch and 54 BN Cp has been ordered to capture the twin features... IRON KNOP..... and ... LOW HILL..... and intervening saddle by a night attack. Exploitation at first light is to incl LOW HILL.

The attack is to be silent but fire plan for sp weapons is to be worked out for use if things go wrong (i.e. sp arms take no part in actual attack).

After the capture of the twin features "enemy" is to rejoin Bn gp.

(EXPLOITATION: When "enemy" has withdrawn exploitation will commence after first light by left res coy moving around left flank with actual fire sp from Brens of leading coys Mtrs and MMGs on to Low Hill
WITH S.A. SP.
(FIRE.

Left Res coy will NOT engage targets.

The Carrs, Mtrs and A/Tk pl will move fwd to twin feature objective in time to sp against possible counter attack and assist exploitation.

PURSUIT &

FIRE & MOVEMENT:

After success sig on capture of LOW HILL.

Arty and A/Tktp will be ordered fwd to sp further adv from behind LOW HILL and adv will commence with coys in battle formation, two coys fwd two in res at intervals of 800 yds.

Carrs and A/Tk tp to act as flank NOT fwd screen and with A/Tk pl at rear.

After adv of 2000 to 2500 yds. targets appear and are engaged by leading coys. Targets for LMGs will be distinguished from rifle targets and at least some of the targets will be controlled from trenches.

These will be twirled on a hit and dropped on register of 5 hits for rifle, 25 for LMG. (This should add interest while shooting is actually in progress and practise sec ldrs in engaging different targets successfully).

On the firing, rt res coy will move round rt flank in cover and engage fur targets in some manner and incl targets for carr sec.

Left res coy carry out similar manoeuvre on left flank but have longer detour in cover. Their targets are engaged on "cease fire" for rt rear coy.

ARTY SUPPORT:

At this stage local resistance is overcome but heavy MMG fire from slopes of plateau at 1200yds. range and mortar fire from isolated hillock checks fur adv.

Mtrs are ordered to engage hillock and arty to engage MMGs posts fire to be directed by FOO with rt leading coy. This Arty and Mtr fire will be carried out consecutively and not simultaneously in order that tps may observe arty fire without distraction.

After this fire adv continues in orig formation to plateau, arty brought fwd in one bound and put into action again to sp further adv. Ex ends.

POINTS TO BE NOTED.

NIGHT ATTACK:

- i. Execution of orders from Bn.
- ii. Delivery of orders by sub comds.
- iii. Action and control
 - (a) At ass posn.
 - (b) f.u.p.
 - (c) Duping move to ass posn
 " " from ass posn
 " " " f. u. p.
 - (d) On objective incl sending out patrols and protection during consolidation.
 - (e) Efficiency of guides and keeping direction generally.
- iv. Infm to Bn.-messages and reports.
- v. Comms with sp arms and their execution of orders to adf.

- EXPLOITATION:
- i. Control and formation of left res coy during movement and on reaching objective.
 - ii. Fire orders and control by fwd coys and mtrs during movement of res coy.
 - iii. Safety precautions.

PURSUIT AND
FIRE AND
MOVEMENT.

- i. Reorganisation for adv.
- ii. Formations adopted and if gp dispersion maintained.
- iii. Maintenance of direction.
- iv. Fire orders and control.
- v. Accuracy of fire.
- vi. Safety precautions.

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- ARTY SUPPORT:
- i. Indication of targets.
 - ii. Engagement of targets by FOO.
 - iii. Effect of fire.

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Ref. Map BOWARRA 4 mls. to 1 in.
Enlargement 1 m. to 2 ins.

INFORMATION. 1. Jap force estimated one bn in strength has taken up def posn on TABLETOP.

Strong fwd elements are firmly established on GONA HILL, IRON KNOB and LOW HILL. All attempts to dislodge enemy from TABLETOP have been frustrated by the enemy elements on GONA HILL, IRON KNOB and LOW HILL which have a commanding view of the country SOUTH and SE of TABLETOP.

2. 54 Bn. Gp has been ordered to capture GONA HILL, IRON KNOB and LOW HILL by night attack with a view of an attack on TABLETOP.

INTENTIONS

3. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. and att tps will capture ridge incl IRON KNOB and GONA HILL by night attack.

METHOD.

4. (a) Objectives: Ridge and saddle pointed out on grd. Recognisable by IRON KNOB right of feature and GONA HILL left of feature.

(b) Fwd Tps.: Right D Coy.
Centre A Coy.
Left C Coy.

(c) Inter Coy. Boundaries:

- (i) D Coy. incl IRON KNOB to excl clump of trees.
- (ii) A Coy. incl clump of trees to excl steep rise of GONA HILL.
- (iii) C Coy. incl steep rise of GONA HILL to incl GONA HILL.

(d) Rear Coy.: B Coy (taken) will halt 600yds. in rear of objective and be ready to assist in/ exploitation at first light.

(e) Action on Objective.: Fwd coy will consolidate and prepare for exploitation at first light.

(f) Exploitation: Orders for exploitation will be ~~issued~~ issued at Comd. Centre at 0615 hrs

5. (a) Position of Assembly. Will be recognised by a fringe of trees in a slight re-entrant on southern slopes of WALCOTT RIDGE 2000yds from objective. Guides will meet Coys and guide them to coy areas vic ref *encl. 084810*

(b) Formation for Advance From P. of A.

- (i) Forward coy will deploy to a line of PIs in column of route at 10 paces intervals.
- (ii) Rear Coy will follow centre coy at 100 yds interval in column of route.
- (iii) Rate of adv 100yds in 3 mins.
- (iv) Distance to F.U.P. 1100yds.
- (v) Bearing 287 degrees.
- (vi) Route is over clear open country over a slight rise and then down a long gradual slope to a sudden belt of small bushy trees which are on the line of the F.U.P.

6. F.U.P. (a) Will be marked by Adjt on fence running NORTH-SOUTH at ref. 072810.

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- (b) By pegs at right flank of each pl.
 (c) By pl guides.
 (d) For formation from F.U.P. to objective see diagram A.
 (e) Distance to objective 900yds.
 (f) Bearing 277 degrees. *mag*
 (g) Route from F.U.P. to objective passes through small bushy trees for 200yds then up a clear slope covered with small shrub to objective.
 (h) Enemy F.D.L.s will be encountered 700yds. from F.U.P.

7. Timetable:

- (a) Move to P. of A. 2100 hrs.
 (b) Form up at P. of A. 0350 hrs. *0215*
 (c) Move from P. of A. 0405 hrs.
 (d) Arrive at F.U.P. 0440 hrs.
 (e) ZERO 0445 hrs.
 (f) Rate of adv from F.U.O. 100 yds in 3 mins.

8. Arty. Concentration on LOW HILL on S.O.S. F.O.O. with right forward coy. Rate: From S.O.S. to plus 1 intense. Thence further fire on call from F.O.O.

9. Carrs.: (a) No. 4 Pl less one sec will remain at P. of A. then come forward to assist in consolidation and exploitation at first light.
 (b) One sec will move to fwd coys on success signal with tools and stores as detailed in adm.

10. Mortars.: Will remain ~~at P. of A.~~ ^{in present position} until first light then come forward and assist in exploitation.

11. A Ech Veh.: Will remain ~~at P. of A.~~ ^{in present position} and move fwd at first light to coy areas.

12. A/Tk.: *When* (a) 5 Pl less one det will be responsible for protection of P. of A.
 (b) One det to protect B ech. *Present Pos*
 (c) Troop under comd will remain at P. of A. and move fwd to assist in consolidation at first light.

13. Engineers.: Will move with rear coy.

14. Pass Word.: Will be given at P. of A.

15. Patrols.: *D* Coy will patrol to 600yds on right flank until 0400 hrs.

C Coy will patrol to 600yds on left flank until 0400 hrs.

B Coy will patrol to 200yds fwd of F.U.P. Patrols to return to Coys at F.U.P. 0440 hrs.

16. Special Instructions ~~xxx~~ Conduct of Tps.:

- (a) No lights or smoking from 15 mins prior to moving from P. of A.
 (b) Absolute silence from P. of A.
 (c) Rifle magazines will be charged at P. of A.
 (d) No tps will leave their place in formations.
 (e) If anything unforeseen occurs the attack will still go through.
 (f) On contact with enemy bayonet will be used.

17. C.D.F. may be given by fwd coy comd

- ADMINISTRATION.: 18 ^{res} (a) S.A.A./will be at P. of A.
 (b) R.A.P. " " " " " "
 (c) Coy picks and shovels will be loaded into carriers detailed at P. of A. *Location*

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- (d) 3 guides per pl will be detailed to report to the adjt. at the R.V. procedure for guiding as per Bn. standing orders.
- (e) Meals: (a) Evening meal at present location.
 (b) Coffee at P. of A. at 0315. Coy to arrange own carrying party to report on main rd DONGARRA--MINDORNEW at ref 309/01 at 0100 hrs.
 (c) Breakfast as ordered after consolidation.
- (f) (a) Packs will be ~~xxx~~ stacked in Coy areas by 0340 hrs.
 (b) Coy B ech vehicles will collect packs when ordered to move fwd by comds.
 (g) B ech will remain in present location.

- INTERCOMMUNICATION: (a) Bn. H.Q. will remain at present location.
 (b) Comd centre with rear coy.
 (c) Line from comd centre to Bn H.Q.
 (d) 108 sets with Coys and comd centre.
 (e) Success signal WHITE WHITE.
 (f) S.O.S. RED GREEN
 (g) Wireless silence until contact thence normal.

AGE.

Method of issue : By hand.

Time of Signature 1200 hrs.

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for W.A. GANTRILL, Adjt., (Capt)
54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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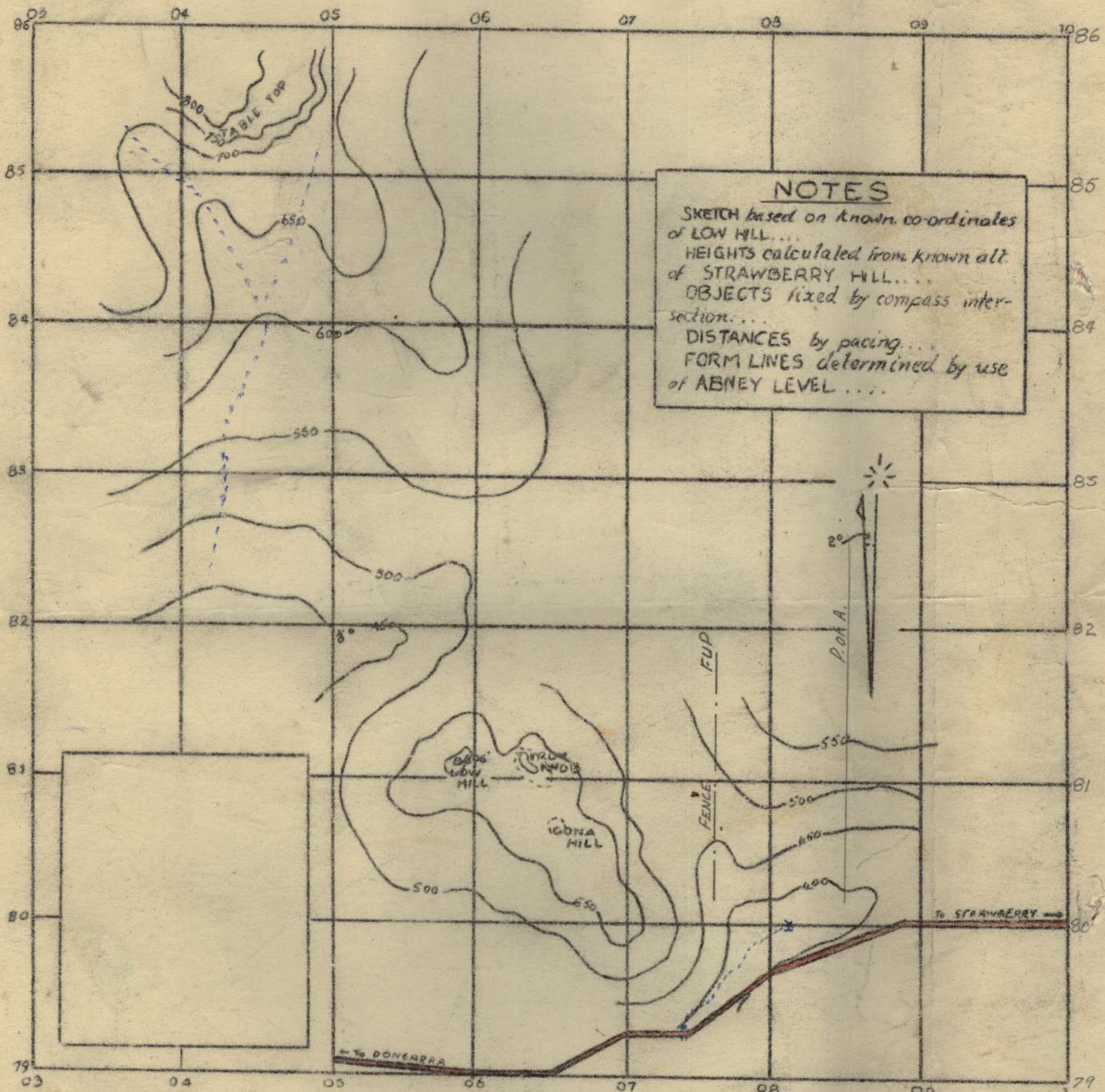
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| A Coy | 1 |
| B Coy | 2 |
| C Coy | 3 |
| D Coy | 4 |
| HQ Coy | 5 |
| A Tp 60 Bty | 6 |
| A Tp 14 A/Tk Bty | 7 |
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FIELD SKETCH

VIC. LOW HILL

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NOTES
 SKETCH based on known co-ordinates of LOW HILL...
 HEIGHTS calculated from known alt of STRAWBERRY HILL...
 OBJECTS fixed by compass intersection...
 DISTANCES by pacing...
 FORM LINES determined by use of ABNEY LEVEL....



Visibility **GOOD**
 Time Taken **3 HRS**

Scale - 2 inches to 1 mile
 YDS 1000 0 1000 2000 YDS.

Drawn by: 54 Bn I. Sect
 Date : 28 Jan 43

V.I equals 50 ft

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

1. INFORMATION. - 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. has been ordered to move and occupy area at present occupied by 35 Aust. Inf. Bn. on 1 - 2 Mar. 43.
2. INTENTION - Bn. will move partly by train and partly by M.T.
3. METHOD - Two trains will be provided.
Train F departs from Irwin at 1400 hrs. 1 Mar. 43.
Train G departs from Irwin at 0915 hrs. 2 Mar. 43. (Details later, but will include 11 "H" trucks for carriers and 12 ton truck and 3 ton truck for stores. Total personnel to be carried 266).
Train F will comprise 6 passenger coaches (263 personnel); 10 "H" trucks for carriers; 1 "H" truck for 2 A/Tk. guns; one 12 ton truck and one 3 ton truck for stores etc. Carrier picquets two per vehicle (20).
4. PERSONNEL FOR F TRAIN - A Coy - 98
B " - 91
A/Tk. pl - 29.
Pioneers - 21
Provost - 4.
5. LOADING - All loading of carriers, A/Tk guns and stores will be completed by 1200 hrs. 1 Mar. 43. R.T.O., Mingenew, will be present and will assist in compilation of consignment notes.
6. O.C. LOADING - Capt. W. E. Pennefather. Working parties, as required by him will be furnished by C, D & HQ Coys.
7. STORES TO BE CARRIED ON TRAIN. - Blankets, Kit bags of personnel travelling on train, Bn. stores and any Armourers, Bootmakers', Tailor's equipment or Pioneers' stores, as arranged by O.C. HQ Coy.
8. DRESS. - Full marching order, shorts and shirts or W/D. Felt hats will be worn, steel helmets attached to packs.
9. MESSING. - Midday Meal for A & B Coys. train personnel will be provided by C & HQ Coys. respectively. Midday Meal for all MT personnel will be furnished by Mobile Cooker on arrival at new location. Time of Midday Meal 1130 hrs., excluding M.T. personnel, who will eat on arrival.
Coys. will furnish figures to W.O. Caterer as per attached schedule.
10. MOVEMENT - Separate instructions will be issued later, but all personnel will vacate lines on 1 Mar. 43, and personnel for train G will bivouac vicinity Irwin siding.
Coys will ensure that the areas are left clean. All refuse to be burned and any waste matter buried out of the area.
Coy. amenities and materials which are required in new location will be dumped in Bn. area indicated by Capt. W.E. Pennefather by 1200 hrs. 27 Feb. 43.
11. SLIT TRENCHES AND LATRINES - Await further instructions. If trenches not to be filled in, they will be thoroughly cleaned of all litter.
12. OFFICERS & SERJEANTS' MESSES. - Will be closed after evening meal on 28 Feb. 43. and properly loaded that evening. HQ. Coy will furnish meals for Bn.H.Q. Offrs. and NCO's.
13. CANTEEN - Will close on evening of 27 Feb. 43.

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R. L. O'NEILL. Lieut.
& Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Ref. Admn. Instn. No. 1 of 26 Feb. 43.

Cancel all verbal alterations and note the following:--

1. PARA 3 - METHOD.

(a) All detraining at GERALDTON.

(b) Times of Arrival:--Train "F" 1730 hrs. 1 Mar. 43
Train "G" 1200 2 March 43.2. PARA 9 - MESSING.

(a) Insert "Breakfast at 0700 hours and" before midday meal.

(b) Personnel for M.T. convey will be fed first.

3. PARA 10 - MOVEMENT.

(a) In lieu of bivouac vicinity IRWIN SIDING, tps for Train "G" will bivouac as follows:--

C and D Coys. in own areas.
Remainder H.Q. Coy. in A Coy. Area.

Present H.Q. Coy and B Coy areas will be completely cleaned in accordance with Para 11 (as amended) and latrines will not be used after vacation, such vacation to be completed by 1600 hours 1 Mar. 43. H.Q. Coy. will prepare evening meal in A Coy area.

(b) See appendix A for M.T. movement.

(c) All M.T. in convey to be loaded by 2400 hours 28 Feb. 43.

(d) Troop O. will provide transport for loading in Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. areas, as allotted. Time and place of reporting to be advised by Adjutant and O.C. H.Q. Coy. respectively.

4. PARA 11 - SLIT TRENCHES.

Latrines will be thoroughly clean, and all paper and litter removed therefrom. They will NOT be demolished. Slit trenches will be cleared but NOT filled in.

5. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.i. Water Discipline. Failure to fill water bottles will be regarded as a serious breach.ii. Movement to IRWIN SIDING.

(a) Personnel for Train "F" will depart at 1215 hours 1 Mar. 43. S.P. main entrance.

ORDER OF MARCH:--

B Coy.
H.Q. Coy.
A Coy.

O.C. Column, Capt. R. McKEOWN.
Band will play tps to siding.

(b) Personnel for Train "G". Depart lines 0730 hrs 2 Mar. 43

ORDER OF MARCH:----

H.Q. Coy.,
D. Coy.
C. Coy.

O.C. column, Major N.J. ARROW.

iii. O.C. Trains.

Train "F" / Capt. R.E. Carroll.
Train "G" / Major. N.J. ARROW.

iv. Action of Arrival of Trains.

(a) Train "F". Personnel will be picked up by M.T.
supplied by A.A.S.C. Baggage and stores by 56 Bn.

(b) Train "G". 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. will supply own tpt.

v. Orders for movement of carriers will be detailed when known.

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Lieut.

R.L. O'NEILL, A/Adjt.
54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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APPENDIX "A".

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28 Feb. 43.

MOVEMENT ORDER ISSUED WITH 54 AUST. INF. BN. ADM. INSTRUCTION No. 2.

Ref. Maps DONGARRA) 4 miles to 1 inch.
GERALDTON)

ROUTE.

IRWIN--DONGARRA - RD. JUNC. 256423 -
RD. JUNC. 258427 - DISPERSAL AREA.

DATE.

1 Mar. 43.

S.P.

IRWIN RY STN.

ORDER OF MARCH

As per Schedule

DENSITY.

See 3 Aust Corps
AQ Instn No. 10.
176yds between vehs-
10 vehs per block-
440yds. between blocks.

DISPERSAL PT.

250424.

HALTS.

10 mins. to ever
even hour.

MIH.

(a) 20) See remarks coln.
(b) 15)

| NO. OF VEHs. | TIMINGS PAST | | DISTANCE TO DISPERSAL PT. | TIME ARRIVE. | REMARKS. |
|--------------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | SP | | | | |
| | 285- | 2680- | | | |
| | 375 | 4095 | | | |
| 48 | 0810 | 0840 | 48 | 1045 | MIH: IRWIN to 256423 (a) 256423 to Dis Area (b) |

MILEAGES-

Timings are based on following
mileages)

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| IRWIN to DONGARRA | 10 |
| RIVER CROSSING | |
| 26804095 | 33 |
| Rd. JUNC 256423 | 44 |
| DISPERSAL PT. | 48 |

T.O. will marshal convoy in Unit lines to move from MAIN ENTRANCE at 0800. All DR's and M.C.O's will report to
tpt office for instns as directed by T.O.

SCHEDULE "A".

BLOCK 1
Ser. No.
M2 Capt. Michell,
O.C. Convoy.
A1 Lieut Guillan
A2
A3
A4
A5
A6

BLOCK 2
B1 Lt. Gibson.
B2
B3
B4
B5
B6

BLOCK 3
C1 Lt. Snelling.
C2
C3
C4
C5.

BLOCK 4
D1 Lt. Marlan.
D2
D3
D4
D5

BLOCK 5
H4 R.S.M.
H3
J Sec.Sigs.
H5
H6
H7
H47

BLOCK 6
H10 Lt. Seatts.
H37
H38
H14
H24
H39
H59

BLOCK 7
H52 Sjt. Ferguson
H15
H48
H44
H56
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BLOCK 8
H54 Sjt. Maguire
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54 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION. No. 3.

Ref. map GERALDTON strat, 4 miles to 1 inch.

INFORMATION: Road repair work is necessary on the road KOJAREENA--MULLAWA.

INTENTION: 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. will supply working party to carry out the work.

METHOD: 3 Offrs. and 100 O.R's. from D Coy. will act as working party and will report to 52 Fd. Park Coy. WICHERINA at 1000 hours 10 Mar. 43.

M.T.: 10 3 ton FWDs will be provided by Bn. and D Coy will supply the Coy. 15 cwt. and M.C. order ly. 15 cwt. FWD will also be provide by Bn. for water carting.

STARTING TIME: 0845 hours 10 Mar. 43.

STARTING POINT: Main entrance gate, camp area.

ROUTE: From camp area NARNGULU railway station--to 259432 thence along Rd. GERALDTON--MULLEWA to WICHERINA.

REPORTING: On arrival WICHERINA report to H.Q. 52 Fd. Park Coy. to meet guides.

ADM: Tentage: Coy. will provide sufficient tents to horse party.
 Picquet: Coy. will provide a picquet to remain in Coy lines during absence.
 Messing: Coy. will take full kitchen. Picquet personnel left in lines will mess with Headquarters Coy.
 Rations: Rations for consumption up to 11 Mar. 43 will be drawn from Bn. Rations for consumption on 12 Mar. and thereafter will be drawn at KOJAREENA. S.P. and time will be notified later.
 Water: Coy. Comd. will make inquiries at 52 Fd. Park Coy. re water points in vicinity. Water point at GERALDTON aerodrome if none other in vicinity. Coy. will provide 200 gal. water tank.
 Loading: Two 3 ton FWDs to report D Coy lines by 0700 hours for loading. Remaining vehicles will marshal on flat near D Coy lines by 0815 hours.
 Medical: RMO will arrange medical supplies and will make periodic inspections.
 Hygiene: Cpl. O'Donnell will be attached for water testing purposes, and to advise and supervise hygiene. Water testing apparatus will be carried. Every care will be taken to see that bivouac areas are left clean when vacated.
 Tools: These will be supplied by 52 Fd. Park Coy.
 A/A Protection: Three Brens and two boxes of amm. per gun will be carried.
 Mail Arrangements: Coy. D.R. will deliver and pick up mail each night from Bn. H.Q.

INTERCOMMUNICATION: D.R. Location of Coy. H.Q. to be advised as soon as established

Signed at 215 hours.
Issued by: Runner.

O'Donnell Lieut.
A/Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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54 AUST. INF. BN.

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No. 4.

1. INFORMATION:

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. will take over Duties of Duty Bn. from 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. on 13 Mar. 43.

2. DUTIES: As per Schedule "A" attached.

3. SUB-UNITS TO TAKE OVER:

- (a) A Coy. will take over duties, Serials No. 1 to 9 incl. H.Q. Coy will detail Sig. personnel as required by O.C. A. Coy.
- (b) B. Coy. will take over Duties serials 10 to 14 incl.
- (c) D Coy. will take over duties serial 15.
- (d) Duties serial 16 will be detailed by Bn. H.Q.

4. RECCEES:

Coy. Comdrs will contact through the Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. the Coy. Comdrs. of 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. at present carrying out the duties to be taken over their Coys. and make necessary reccees.

5. ORDERS FOR DUTIES:

| Serials | Orders for | C.W.P.'s | Appendix B. |
|---------|------------|----------|---|
| 7 | Orders for | C.W.P.'s | Appendix B. |
| 8 | " | " | D.I.D. Guard. Protective Duties. |
| 9 | " | " | Petrol Pump. Protective Duties. |
| 10 | " | " | Guard 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Protective or as required. |
| 11 | " | " | Guard 2 Aust. Div. H.Q. Protective or as required. |
| 12 | " | " | Post Office Guard. Guard on Switch Board at rear of P.O. Mount at 1800 dismount 0600. Duties protection of switchboard and postal equipment. |
| 13 | " | " | TOWN PICQUET. Appendix C. |
| 14 | " | " | Hygiene picquet. Incl in Town Picq. |
| 15 | " | " | Road making Coy. |
| 16 | " | " | Fatigue, Birdwood House. |

DRESS: Hygiene Picquet, Fatigue Dress.

DUTIES: To clean and attend to,

- (a) Latrines at Cathedral South of Township.
- (b) The latrines opposite Geraldton Theatre.

These duties will be detailed from Town Picquet each day. ~~xx~~
Hygiene Sjt. will make periodical inspections.

6. RATIONS:

Rations will be drawn by Bn. and issued to Coys, with the following exceptions.

Serial 8 D.I.D. Northern Gully - draw from D.I.D. direct.

Serial 10 - Rationed by 5 Bde. H.Q.

Serial 11 - Rationed by 2 Div. H.Q.

Arrangements for rations for serials 1 to 7 incl and 9 will be made by 2.M. and detailed advised later.

D Coy. picquet in lines will mess with H.Q. Coy.

B Coy. picquet in lines will mess with A Coy.

7. WATER:

Coys will take containers as set out in appendix "A".

Bn. will deliver water to C.W.P.'s. except C.W.P. No. 7, every ~~third~~ day.

T.O. will make necessary arrangements.

8. MEDICAL:

R.M.O. will,

- (a) Supply medical outfits for tps. on duty as set out in Appendix A Serials 1 to 7 incl. and 9.
 - (b) Make periodical visits to Posts.
- In the event of men requiring medical attention, information will be sent to Bn. immediately.

9. RETURNS:

The usual returns will be furnished by Coys. to Bn. H.Q. Coys. will ensure that they are forwarded to reach Bn. H.Q. at time ordered.

10. CAMP MAINTENANCE PARTIES:

Coys. will leave in camp sufficient personnel to provide fire picquets and ward stores equipment etc. remaining Coy. lines.

11. KITBAGS etc.:

Kitbags will be collected in one area in Coy. lines and left under care of Picquet.

12. AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT C.W.Ps.

Separate instructions later.

13. DISCIPLINE AND HYGIENE.

Tps. will ensure that Posts and areas are kept in a clean and tidy condition and that Insts. as to Hygiene are strictly carried out.

Tps. will be shaven daily and clothing kept clean and tidy. Compliments will be paid at all times.

14. LEAVE:

Tps. on Post or Sde. duties will not be granted leave whilst carrying out these duties.

SIGNED AT: 1915 hrs. 10 Mar. 43.
ISSUED BY: Runner.

R. L. O'Neill Lieut.

R. L. O'NEILL,
A/Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Headquarters.
54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
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54 Aust. Inf. Bn. will move from present location to occupy area at present occupied by 35 Aust. Inf. Bn. on 1 - 2 Mar. 43.

METHOD. Advance Party to move on 28 Feb. 43.
Main Body partly by train and partly by M.T. (instructions for Main Body to be issued separately).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF ADVANCE PARTY.

1. Advance Party, comprising 1 Offr. 1 NCO and 3 OR's from each Coy and 1 Hygiene NCO, under command Capt. H. R. Tonkin, will move by M.T. on 28 Feb. 43 at 0900 hrs.
2. M.T. - One 3 ton blitz with mobile cooker attached, and two 1 ton trucks will be provided by T.O.
Water Cart will move with Adv. party and remain in new location.
3. Three MC's will be provided - One from Bn.H.Q., two from H.Q. Coy incl. 1 sig.
On arrival at entrance to 7 Fd. Regt. lines, Prov. Sjt will report to 35 Bn. H.Q. and ascertain if vehicles can enter the 35 Bn area. Vehicles will NOT enter the 7 Fd. Regt. lines until Prov. Sjt's return.
4. MESSING. - Unconsumed portion of day's ration will be carried for 28 Feb., and rations for consumption for adv. party on 1 March 43 will be supplied to Mobile cooker by W.O. Caterer.
5. TOOLS (picks and Shovels &c) - All personal gear and 2 buckets, 2 brushes, 2 bass brooms and 1 bag lime (supplied by H.Q. Coy) will be carried.
6. TASKS. - Ration store in new location to be thoroughly cleaned and the walls white washed with lime. Coy areas to be taken over from outgoing Unit and a check made on general cleanliness. Sig OR will check quantity and quality of line in Bn area other than metallic circuit to permanent line. Sig will carry 1 D.M.K.5 telephone set. Coy guides will meet MT convoy at entrance to Bn lines on arrival.

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A/Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

| Breakfast 1 March 43. | Midmeal - Train personnel and/or bal.own Coy. in March. 43. | Midmeal - for M.T. Con. Pers. 1 March 43. | Total per.Evening Meal New Location and/or biv, less Adv.party 1 March 43. | Midday meal and evening meal 2 March 43. |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| A. ? | With C Coy 98. | Mob. Cooker ? | Own Kitchen ? | Normal. |
| B. ? | With HQ Coy 91. | Mob. Cooker ? | ? | Normal. |
| C Normal | ? | Mob. Cooker. ? | Biv. ? | With A Coy. ? |
| D Normal | ? | Mob. Cooker. ? | Biv.? | With B Coy. ? |
| HQ Normal. | ? | Mob. Co ker. ? | Biv.? New location ? | Mob. Cooker. ? |

N.B. Coys will complete all columns where applicable and returned completed schedule to BN. H.Q. by 1600 hrs. 27 March 43.

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Nos. 23 to

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

MAJOR B.H. STEVENSON, ADM. CMD. 54 AUST. INF. BN.

PART 1.

20 Feb. 43.

23. DAMAGE TO TIMBER.

Members will not, except for operational purposes, cut or authorise or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having power to agree to such cutting.

Attention is directed to G.R.O.'s A232/1942 (as amended by A266/1942) and G600/1942.

24. DISCIPLINE--ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE--A.R.L.

A warning is issued that a severe view will be taken of all cases of absence without leave on the part of personnel granted A.R.L.

The abuse of the privilege of A.R.L. by personnel who deliberately overstay their leave, besides being dangerously subversive of discipline and causing considerable disorganisation, jeopardises the continuance of this privilege to other personnel.

In all cases other than those in which personnel voluntarily return to L.T.D. within 24 hours of the due time of reporting, or in which clear and adequate explanation of the absence is available summary of evidence will be taken upon return of personnel to Unit and matter referred to this H.Q. for direction as to whether such personnel should be dealt with summarily or by Court Martial.

Attention is drawn to the fact that when a soldier fails to report to the L.T.D. of the State to which annual recreational leave is granted on the conclusion of the leave, and subsequently discovered and arrested, the inference of intention to desert may be more readily drawn than in the case of a total absence, and accordingly, wherever appropriate, a charge of desertion will be laid.

25. SECURITY - PURCHASE OF CLOTHING.

It has been discovered that a system is in operation whereby Army personnel, when purchasing clothing from retail stores, are being requested to sign a book, giving No., Name, Rank, Unit, and Address. As this procedure is forbidden for security reasons, all ranks are to be informed through Unit orders that in future the production of pay or Ration Book will be sufficient evidence as to the bona fides of the purchaser and the retailer is only authorised to enter the soldier's No., Name, and Rank.

26. SALVAGE--COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT OF.

It is the duty of all ranks to collect articles of salvage and convey them to the Unit Salvage Dumps. Unit Transport Officers will take action to ensure that Salvage in Unit Salvage Dumps is moved to Div. Salvage Dumps by using back loading of Unit vehicles for the purpose.

No opportunity will be lost of transporting articles in Div. Salvage Dumps by rail to Base Salvage Dumps.

27. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

Owing to the acute shortage of imported Virginian tobacco leaf, the quota of tobacco and cigarettes allotted to troops in this State for February will be of second grade quality.

28. D/R's AND PILLION RIDERS.

The practice of D/Rs carrying pillion riders is prohibited. R064.

29. SECURITY.

Several cases have come under notice of members of this Unit carving or writing their names, numbers, and Unit identity on trees, walls, latrines etc.

This practice is a breach of security and men concerned will be charged with,

- (a) Breach Of Security,
- (b) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Personnel who have committed this offence within the camp area will be well advised to remove all traces at the earliest opportunity.

30. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

A D.C.M. conveyed by the Comdr. Trng. Depots, N.S.W. L. of C. Area, was held at H.Q. N.S.W. L. of C. Area on 20 Jan. 1943, for the trial of N33002, Cte. KLEIN, R.G., 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

The accused was charged with desertion, in that he absented himself without leave on 8 Jan. 43.

The accused pleaded not guilty, and the court found the accused guilty of the charge.

The court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 12 months.

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The accused was in custody awaiting trial for 12 days.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 27 January 1943, by Comdr. Trng. Depots, N.S.F. L. of C. Area.

The date for review of sentence was fixed at 20/7/43.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at WEST TAMWORTH, on 1 Feb. 43.

31. PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUES AND CONSUMPTION OF TINNED RATION COMMODITIES.

Manufacturing difficulties and the necessity of storing tinned food in unsuitable stores or in the open, combined with frequent handlings, have all combined adversely to affect the keeping qualities of such food.

It is essential that, before issue or consumption, tinned food shall be subject to rigid inspection and scrutiny by the Supply Service, the unit and the individual soldier.

Tins which are found to be in any ^{way} abnormal in appearance or which are badly bent, rusted, swollen or leaking, will not be issued and will not be opened by Units or individuals.

Damaged tins will be returned to the Supply Officer for inspection and disposal.

All personnel, especially cooks and caterers, are to be warned against eating or even tasting any tinned commodities which appear abnormal in appearance or smell, as an apparently perfect ^{tin} may have developed a pin hole puncture or other defect which would render the contents unfit for human consumption and perhaps fatally poisonous.

All canned vegetables will be removed from the tins and boiled for 20 minutes prior to consumption.

It is essential that, as far as possible, tinned commodities shall be protected from direct exposure to sun and heat, rain and moisture, and that storage places shall be as far as possible well ventilated and dry.

Belmont

Lieut.

for W.A. CANTRILL, Capt.,
Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

MAJOR B.H. STEVENSON, ADM. COMD. 54 AUST. INF. BN.

PART 1.

8 FEB. 43.

11. ADM. COMD. 54 AUST. INF. BN.

During absence of Lieut.Col J.S.G. COLLIER, Major B.H. Stevenson, will administer command of 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

12. PUBLICITY CONCERNING ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR.

Members of the A.M.F., will not, unless authorised by the Commander-in-Chief, publish in any form whatever, or communicate either directly or indirectly, to the Press or radio any account of the escape of any person whatsoever from enemy or enemy-occupied territory or of the experiences of such persons prior to repatriation.

Experience has shown that publicity of this character furnishes valuable information to the enemy and will jeopardize future escapes of Australian and Allied prisoners of war.

13. BROADCASTS OVER ENEMY WIRELESS BY AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

A member of the Military Forces who becomes a prisoner of war will not transmit messages over enemy wireless. The enemy's design, in arranging such broadcasts, is to enhance his own propaganda.

14. CASUALTIES AFFECTING PAY.

No action will be taken to amend paybook rates consequent upon promotions, remissions of fines or remissions of forfeitures until receipt of the relevant Routine Part II Order from Records Office.

15. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEED OF VEHICLES.

1. Training: (a) The following are the maximum speeds permitted on any surface for the vehicles mentioned. These speeds are not to be exceeded unless absolutely necessary for the purpose of field training, or as ordered by a responsible commissioned officer. In such cases, the work ticket is to be endorsed accordingly.

| <u>TYPE OF VEHICLE</u> | <u>MAX. SPEED.</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cars, Motor Cycles & Combinations | 45 m.p.h. |
| Trucks, 4 x 4, 5-cwt. (Jeep) | 45 |

| TYPE OF VEHICLE. | MAX. SPEED. |
|---|-------------|
| Vans and Trucks, 12-15cwt. | 35 m.p.h. |
| Vans, 1-ton, lorries & trucks up to 3-ton, except 6-wheelers. | 30 m.p.h. |
| Lorries and trucks, stores, 3-ton, loaded. | 25 m.p.h. |
| Carriers, all types | 20 m.p.h. |
| Lorries or trucks, water tank. | 25 m.p.h. |
| Cooker | 15 m.p.h. |

(b) Army drivers are subject to the traffic regulations of the State authorities, and must observe all the rules of the road and obey orders and signals from traffic police and members of the Provost Corps.

2. Operational: It is emphasised that the above speeds do not apply in operations against the enemy. When in or near contact with the enemy, vehicles will move at a speed dictated by the tactical situation.
3. Convoys: Particular attention is directed to the calculation of ~~time~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~operation~~ when preparing operation orders. It must be remembered that the average road speed is necessarily below the maximum permissible. (Ref. F.S.R. and Military Training Pamphlet No. 47.)
4. General: Armies, Corps and H.Q. L. of C. Areas are responsible to ensure that traffic is properly policed in their areas and will instruct the Provost Corps to see that traffic laws, both Army and Civil, are observed. The necessity for prompt disciplinary action in the case of breaches of this instruction is stressed.
5. Cancellation: This order cancels-- (a) Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles (Australia) 1940--para 42.; (b) M.B.I. O.39/1941; (c) M.E. Circular No. 88 of 28 October, 1940; (d) G.R.O. Q.23/1942, and is to be periodically brought to the attention of all ranks concerned in the operation and maintenance of mechanical vehicles.

16. CARE OF HAND TOOLS.

1. Demands for replacement of hand tools indicate that wastage is unduly high.
2. An acute shortage of these tools exists. Many types are not manufactured locally and have to be imported from overseas. It is essential, therefore, that all ranks be impressed with the necessity of ensuring that wastage is reduced to a minimum.
3. Care is to be taken that tools are used only for the purpose for which they are supplied.
4. Unit commanders and officers or other ranks in charge of workshops etc., are to take all action necessary to ensure that these instructions are observed by personnel under their control, and that appropriate steps are taken to ensure the safe keeping of hand tools on issue.

17. ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS.

It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.

It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.

The disclosure of such information--

Prejudices the chances of other escapes;

Prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape.

3.
Endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.

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Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will not, without the permission of G.S.I. of a corps or higher formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape:--

Either verbally or in writing to their friends and relatives.
Either verbally or in writing to the Press or broadcast stations.

Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military HQ, from whence it will be transmitted to G.S.I. at L.H.Q. or Advanced L.H.Q. direct.

This order shall be read in conjunction with G.R.O. A.443/1942 regarding giving parole by officers and other ranks.

18. MISUSE OF ARMY TRANSPORT--THEFT OF PETROL.

Whenever it appears that an officer or soldier has used both a Government motor vehicle and Government petrol for an unauthorised purpose he will be charged with the unauthorised use of both the vehicle and the petrol.

The charge of unauthorised use of the vehicle will normally be laid under section 11 of the Army Act with an alternative charge under section 40 of that act. If, however, it appears from the evidence that the member charged used the vehicle with the intention of stealing it, the charge will be laid under section 18(4) of the Army Act as one of stealing public property with an alternative charge under section 40 of that Act.

The charge of unauthorised use of the petrol (consumed by the unauthorised use of the vehicle) will be laid under section 18(4) of the Army Act as stealing public property and an alternative charge under section 40 of the Army Act. will always be laid.

The charges laid concerning the one incident should all be on the one charge sheet and may be heard together.

19. GRENADES, HAND, OR .303-In. RIFLE No.36M.

Two grenades of British manufacture recently used at practice detonated one minute and nine minutes, respectively, after being thrown. The cause is not known, but might be due to insufficient blow of the striker, owing to non-removal of the waterproofing composition around the junction of the striker and the body of the grenade. This waterproofing composition on grenades of British manufacture is very hard, and it is important that it should be carefully removed during preparation of grenades for use. (See S.A.T. Vol. I, Pam. 13, Lesson 2, Para. 2, Sub-para IIC.)

As a precaution, blinds which occur with grenades 36M at practice should be left for at least half an hour before being approached or before demolition is attempted.

20. ARMS IN UNATTENDED VEHICLES.

Recent cases have been reported of vehicles containing arms and equipment of a security ~~category~~ category being left unattended in ~~public~~ public places.

This practice must cease, and a guard will be placed over such vehicles, or, alternatively, such arms or equipment will be removed from the vehicle and will be kept under supervision at all times.

21. REGISTRATION OF PARCELS.

(a) Parcels addressed to members of the Units of the Field Forces i.e. to members of Units to which the "Australia" ~~unit~~ form of

address applies, are NOT accepted for registration. It is the intention that these conditions should apply only to parcels for members of the field forces, but are not to apply in the case of parcels forwarded by the Army to Headquarters of Units and/or military establishments and vice versa. Similar principles are intended to apply also to articles addressed to R.A.A.F. personnel, or to R.A.A.F. units.

(b) The following directions relative to the acceptance of parcels in civil post offices should clarify the position.

- (i) Parcels addressed to individual members of the forces to which the "Australia" mode of address applies are NOT accepted for registration.
- (ii) Parcels addressed to Headquarters of military establishments or to Units as distinct from individuals may be accepted for registration e.g. A parcel presented for registration and addressed :

HQ 22 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA

or

Command Paymaster,
2 Aust. Army
AUSTRALIA

or

Advanced Land Headquarters
AUSTRALIA

would be eligible for registration.

- (iii) Parcels addressed to a member of a unit at a FIXED address e.g.

VX15734,
Pte. Digger, T.
2 Aust. Inf. Trg. Bn.
VICTORIA,

may be accepted for registration.

- N.B. (iv) Parcels are NOT accepted by Army or Field Post Offices from members of the Field Forces for registration, other than official parcels.

Parcels which are initially directed to FIXED addresses and which are subsequently redirected to a field Unit will be treated throughout by registered parcels, and will carry the same obligations as for normal registered articles.

22. GREEN ENVELOPES CENSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

A considerable number of Green Envelopes are being received by F.P.O.'s without the impression of the Unit Censor Stamp and in some case the certificate on the bottom left hand corner of the envelope is not signed. The Army Postal Service cannot accept these for transmission unless these requirements are met. In cases where a Censorship stamp is not available, or if it is impractical to obtain the imprint of the censor stamp of a neighbouring unit, such envelopes should be bundled together and labelled "Franked Postal Articles from....(Unit)", so that they may be forwarded to the Base Censor for stamping by the F.P.O.

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Nos 31 to 36.ROUTINE ORDERS

by

MAJOR B. H. STEVENSON, ADM. COMD. 54 AUSTR. INF. BN.PART 127 February, 43.31. SECURITY - TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

Reports are continually being received of Civilians overhearing important Military Conversations over the telephone. It is again stressed that NO telephone line whether Military or Civilian is secure.

All personnel must bear in mind at all times when discussing Military matters over the telephone that this means of communication is always liable to interception.

32. CENSORSHIP - MISUSE OF GREEN ENVELOPES.

It is reported by the District Censor Perth that many cases have been found of troops violating the Green Envelope privileges by applying for transfers to other Units per medium of Green Envelopes.

This practice must cease forthwith, and all applications for transfers must be referred through the proper channels.

In future disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

33. LEAVE - MOVEMENT TO LTD - MESSING GEAR.

Numerous instances have occurred of personnel arriving at LTD Claremont without messing gear.

In order to correct this omission, Coms will ensure that all personnel passing through LTD are in possession of messing gear.

34. INFORMATION BUREAU AND CLOAK ROOM - PERTH.

(a). An information Bureau and Cloakroom exclusively for the use of military personnel has been established in the vicinity of the Perth Central Railway Station in a hut at the corner of William and Wellington Streets adjacent to the Horseshoe Railway Bridge.

(b). The Bureau and Cloakroom will be available for use of troops on and after 15 Feb. 43.

(c). The functions of the Bureau and Cloakroom areas follows :-

Information Bureau.

To supply information regarding accommodation at Hostels, Buffets, Entertainments etc specially provided for members of the services, matters of general information and interest to personnel from other States, concessions to forces regarding travelling, etc, bus, tram and railway timetable etc.

Cloak Room

Available to personnel on local leave, on production of leave pass, as a temporary depositary for kits, equipment, parcels etc whilst on leave. Kits and equipment catered for at LTD (in respect of personnel proceeding on interstate leave will not be accepted.

34. INFORMATION BUREAU (Etc).

(d) All members of the Military Forces are invited to use these facilities, which are provided specially for their benefit, free of charge.

35. SUGAR RATIONING.

The additional special issue of coupons recently authorised for civilians for jam making etc will also be made available to all ranks of the AMF who are not rationed departmentally or who are not billeted.

Each member requiring the additional allowance must apply, in writing, to the Deputy Director of Rationing in the State concerned for a form of application for additional sugar for jam making, and enclose an addressed envelope.

The form should be completed so far as it is applicable, e.g. questions one and two need not be answered.

The completed form should be handed to the issuing officer (i.e., the C.O. of Units or Camp Commandant of H.Q. establishments), who will issue special half sugar coupons equivalent in value to the quantity of sugar desired and obtain the member's signature for the coupons in the space provided on the form as an acknowledgment of receipt, the words "lbs. of sugar" being altered to read "special half sugar coupons". The number of coupons issued will be shown in the space provided.

The receipted application forms will be held by the issuing officer as his authority for the issue of special half sugar coupons for jam making.

Coupons issued in accordance with this provision will be a special issue in respect of the period ending 15 June 43. The following scale will apply :-

Members stationed in this L. of C. Area - up to 12 half coupons (entitlement 12 lbs.).

36. MEDICAL - VENEREAL DISEASE.

An analysis of VD returns establishes the facts -

- (a) that a large proportion were infected by women who were not professional prostitutes.
- (b) that only 5% visited or made use of PAC

Tps. are again reminded that use should be made of the facilities made available by PAC both for their own protection and of their friends. It is a serious failure of duty and loss of efficiency not to do so.

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NOTICES.

2 AUST. DIV. MOB. BATH UNIT are now operating immediately behind Pro. HQ. Hot and cold showers are available to all troops whilst on leave. Towels and soap are NOT provided.

CHURCH PARADES. - Roman Catholic - 0700 hrs. in Unit lines.

Other Denominations - Time to be advised later.

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PART 1.

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41. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the Communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter of the responsibility of the breach.

Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part 1 Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.

Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHO so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

42. PROPHYLACTIC DEPOTS.

Attention of all Units is directed to GROs A174 and 2 Aust. Div. RO 8/158 with reference to the above.

A Prophylactic Aid Centre is situated in Marine Terrace, GERALDTON, between Francis and Fitzgerald Sts.

43. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

Notice is again directed to GRO G645 on the above subject. Units will ensure adequate promulgation of the regulations contained therein.

Ref. paras 10 and 11 thereof, approved photographers in WESTERN AUSTRALIA are,

KODAKS Ltd. -- PERTH and Country Districts.
TILLYS Ltd. -- PERTH.

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44. SECURITY--R.A.A.F. STATION.

Officers visiting R.A.A.F. Station, GERALDTON, must make prior arrangements for admission. The Station Adjutant, or officer to be visited, must be informed of estimated time of arrival etc. He will then effect necessary arrangements for admission.

Under no circumstances will ORs visit the Station without the written authority of an officer who has made arrangements with the above instruction.

45. M.T. DISCIPLINE.

Attention is drawn to the habit of troops moving by M.T. standing up or leaning out.

Complaints have been received of this dangerous practice even since arrival in present area.

Comds. will immediately bring to the notice of all ranks the correct "back to back" method of seating and ensure that this is enforced on all occasions when troops move by M.T. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders for contravention of this instruction.

46. SPEED LIMITS

Attention is again directed to Bn. R/O 15, and it is emphasised that all M.T. drivers must observe these speed limits. In addition they are warned that the speed limit of 10 m.p.h. will be observed when passing through Unit areas or through Unit lines. The maximum speed through GERALDTON shall be 20 m.p.h. ✓

47. PICTURE THEATRE--GERALDTON.

Tickets for GERALDTON Picture Theatre will NOT be on sale after 2030 hours each night.

48. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

The attention of all ranks will be directed to AMR & O 293(1) which provides as follows:--

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

The use of outside influence is forbidden by AMR & O 307(1) which provides:--

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his CO or to complain in accordance with the AMR and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favorable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the AMR & O will be explained to all formed Units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any HQ through unauthorised channels will be forwarded to the Unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter, and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

This GRO will be published in all Unit ROs.

49. CONTROL OF M.T.

T.O. and Coy. Comds. will keep a close check on all M.T. Coys. will ensure that no vehicles are used in Unit lines unless required for some specific purpose.

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50. ENTERING HOTELS ETC. WHEN ON DUTY; CARRIAGE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Attention of all drivers is directed to Para. 19 of Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles, which states:--

"Drivers and the personnel of convoys are forbidden, whilst on duty to enter any hotel, public house, or cafe, except after permission has been obtained from the senior present, or for the purpose of obtaining meals at the normal hours, when absent on duty from their normal place of subsistence.

"Drivers are forbidden to carry intoxicating liquors on their vehicles, unless such forms part of their loads, duly authorised by a responsible officer."

51. PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING AS ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (RADIO) AND ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ASSISTANT ENGINEERS (RADIO).

Applications are invited from personnel who desire to be trained for appointment to commissioned rank as E.M.Es. (Radio) and E.M.A.Es. (Radio) and who fall within any of the following categories:--

- (a) Men who have completed or partially completed a University course in which any of the subject included in the course for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering have been studied.
- (b) Men who have educational qualifications not less than that of leaving certificate and who have been engaged in work involving the scientific aspects of radio or the manufacture of wireless equipment.
- (c) Men who have been trained as accountants or actuaries and who have a pronounced mathematical or scientific bent, or,
- (d) Men who while not falling within categories (a), (b) or (c) above, have special experience or abilities which might be thought to qualify them for training as Radio Officers.

Selected personnel will be given a course of training in radio-physics and, upon qualification, will be commissioned as E.M.Es or E.M.A.Es. (according to their qualifications) in the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Personnel who fail to qualify may be retained as Armament Artificers (Radio).

Applications, which should be made by personnel concerned in accordance with the attached pro forma, will be completed by the applicants' O.Cs. and forwarded to this H.Q. not later than 17 Mar. 43.

52. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades for Sunday, 14 Mar. 43 will be as follows:--

- R.C. (Chaplain LYONS) Unit lines 0715 hours.
- R.C. Church, GERALDTON, evening, 1930 hours.
- Combined Church Parade (Chaplain Smith) unit lines 0845 hours.

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PART L.

6 MARCH 43.

37. DIRECTIONS FOR SENDING LETTERS AND POST CARDS TO AUSTRALIAN
PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMAN OR ITALIAN HANDS (Prisoners of War
covers both members of the Forces, and interned civilians).

- i. Any person may send a letter or a plain post card to a prisoner of war, subject to these directions.
- ii. It is inadvisable to attempt to send more than one letter or post card a week.
- iii. Letters must consist of one sheet (only) of notepaper, size recommended not in excess of quarto (10 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches) Write on both sides. Do not use airmail paper, which is too thin.
- iv. The address. Half of the front of the post card should be left entirely free of writing. Note that a letter card, picture or Christmas card is NOT a post card, and MAY NOT BE SENT.
- v. Only news of a strictly personal character, typed or clearly written in well spaced writing, may be given in a letter or post card.
- vi. The only permissible enclosure in a letter is an unmounted photograph of a personal nature, small in size, with a minimum of descriptive writing on the back.
- vii. As shown in the following sketch, the name and address of the prisoner, and also that of the sender must be clearly written at the top of the letter or post card, and the words "Air Mail" if airmail transmission is desired (See paragraph 10).

of
Top/Sheet of Notepaper or Postcard.

Write here the number, rank, and name of the prisoner.

Write here the words "Air Mail" if airmail transmission is desired.

Write here the name and address of the sender (Mrs. Mr. or Miss). If a sender is a member of the Defence Forces, insert, instead of his own address - C/O "Chief Field Censor, HQ, Australia", and advise the censor thereof for the purpose of record.

- viii. The letter or post card must be enclosed in an envelope, which should be addressed and marked as shown in the sketches which follow :

ADDRESSED SIDE OF ENVELOPE.

PRISONER OF WAR POST

No..... Rank Name

Australian Prisoner of War.

Country of Internment (Germany or Italy)

C/- Central Red Cross Bureau.

Spring Street,

MELBOURNE. CL. VIC.

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(2)

BACK FLAP OF ENVELOPE.

Name and address of sender.
(Mr. Mrs. or Miss).

(If a sender is a member of the Defence Forces, insert, instead of his own address, "C/- Chief Field Censor, HQ, Australia", and advise the censor thereof for the purpose of record).

- ix. Post letters (so addressed and marked) at any post office. They will be forwarded post free by ordinary mail without stamps. Upon arrival in Melbourne, the Red Cross will arrange with the proper authorities for onward despatch.
- x. If it is desired that letters be air mailed onward from Melbourne to the prisoner, the following values in postage stamps should be loosely enclosed in the envelope. - For letter, 1/-; for post card, 6d. Do not pin or stick the stamps on the letter, or post card. Send stamps only, not coins.
- xi. Take note - The earlier system required an inner envelope. Such is no longer necessary. The Red Cross supplies and addresses that.
- xii. Follow these instructions with the utmost care. If you do not, your letter or post card may fail to reach the prisoner through your own fault.

38. SECURITY.

Several cases have come under notice of members of this Unit carving or writing their names, numbers, and Unit identity on trees, walls, latrines &c.

This practice is a breach of security and men concerned will be charged with,

- (a) Breach of Security,
- (b) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Personnel who have committed this offence within the camp area will be well advised to remove all traces at the earliest opportunity.

39. PERSONNEL VISITING 7 AUST. FD. REGT. LINES.

It has been reported that personnel of this Unit have entered the lines of 7 Aust. Fd. Regt. without first obtaining permission from this Unit.

In future, 7 Aust. Fd. Regt lines will be regarded as out of bounds to all personnel unless on duty. Personnel who have friends with the 7 Aust. Fd. Regt will be given permission to make a visit on application to the Adjt.

40. MARKING OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

Several losses of clothing and equipment have been reported to this H.Q. recently, and, in each case, the member has stated that the clothes &c were not marked.

All ranks will see that all articles of clothing and equipment are correctly marked, with regimental number and name forthwith.

Coys will make periodical inspections to ensure that this instruction has been carried out.

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R. L. O'NEILL. Ltut.
A/Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(3).

NOTICES.

PARADES.

R.C. Parade. - 0715 hrs. (Chaplain Lyons) in proximity of Chaplain Lyon's tent.

General Parade - 0845 hrs. (Mr. W. Walker) on Bn. Parade Ground.

FOUND.

2 W/D Jackets
1 pair Short puttees.

Bn.HQ. 1 W/D jacket and the puttees are unmarked.
Some are available for identification at

MOBILE PICTURE UNIT.

This Unit will be screening "NEXT OF KIN" on Monday, 8 Mar. 43., and all ranks will attend. Screening will take place in low ground SOUTH of Shower enclosure.

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BY

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PART 1

20 MARCH 43.

53. ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS.

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.
2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.
3. The disclosure of such information:--
 - (a) prejudices the chances of other escapees.
 - (b) Prevents other members of Allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape.
 - (c) Endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.
4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will not, without the permission of the G.S.I. of a Corps or a higher formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escapes in connection with their escape:--
 - (a) Either verbally or in writing to any person or persons including friends and relatives.
 - (b) Either verbally or in writing to the Press or Broadcast Stations.
5. Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military H.Q. from whence it will be transmitted to G.S.I. at L.H.Q. or Advanced L.H.Q. direct.
6. Disclosure of information regarding escapes, by any soldier whether concerned in the escape or not, is expressly forbidden except as provided in para. 5 above.
7. This order shall be read in conjunction with G.R.O. A.443/1942 re giving parole by officers and other ranks.
8. G.R.O.s. A.25/1943 and G.43/1943 are cancelled.

54. BICYCLES (AUST.) PATTERN.

1. All ranks will at all times see that bicycles in their care are correctly maintained and that immediately any repairs etc. are necessary, the bicycle is returned to the Q.M. A serious view will be taken of reports of neglect of bicycles after the promulgation of this order.

METHOD OF ADDRESSING CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letters have recently been sighted addressed to Units and personnel of the Field Forces, bearing either the name or the code name of the location. Attention is directed to G.R.O. Q174 which reads:--

"The use of the indicators 'A.I.F. Australia' and 'Home Forces' in postal addresses will be discontinued with".
2. In future, the address for correspondence (including telegrams) for members of Units of the FIELD ARMY serving in Australia or its territories (i.e. New Guinea and Papua) will comprise:--
 - (i) Army Number; (ii) Rank; (iii) Name; (iv) Squadron, battery, company or other sub-unit; (v) Unit (i.e. Regt., Bn., etc.); (vi) The indicator "AUSTRALIA".
3. Mail matter and telegrams for personnel of Units comprising FIXED DEFENCES, TRAINING UNITS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER STATIONARY ESTBS., will continue to be addressed to place names as hitherto.
4. The attention of all Unit Fraking Officers will be specially drawn to para (2) of Appendix "C" to Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 22. It is of the utmost importance that the correct military address of the writer be shown at the head of all correspondence from members of the forces. The Unit title should be shown in full but, where abbreviations are used, only those authorised will be permitted. Failure to observe these instructions will result in delay or non-delivery of correspondence.

56. LEAVE EASTER, 1943.

Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Easter Friday (Good Friday) 23 April, 1943, will be observed as an additional rest day. Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all H.Q.s. to function.

57. SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE A.M.F. ON LEAVE.

1. No extension of leave under G.R.O. A.559/1942 will be granted to a member on the ground that he has become sick or sustained injury whilst on leave.
2. Any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will:--
 - (a) Report at once to the nearest military hospital or, where this is impracticable, to the nearest area medical officer; or
 - (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a military hospital or area medical officer is not available; or
 - (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a military hospital (or public hospital where a military hospital is not available), then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest headquarters of a L. of C. Area, which will take action to notify the Unit and D.D.M.S.
3. Members who become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave without pay granted for the purpose of engaging in seasonal or industrial activities in a civil capacity are not entitled to treatment in military hospitals or at govt. expense. In order to maintain records it is necessary that such members should report particulars of any sickness or injury, and of the progress of their treatment, to the nearest area medical officer of adm. medical officer, who will then ensure that the member's Unit is advised.

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PART 1.

27 MARCH 43.

58. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER.

The supply situation in regard to rubber is so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost. The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements.

When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced:--

- (i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering.
- (ii) Check pressures daily with guage to protect side walls and save tread wear.
- (iii) Keep brakes equalised, wheels true, and watch for misalignment.
- (iv) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even.
- (v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts.
- (vi) Report defect immediately.

59. MARKING OF FACEPIECES RESPIRATOR.

Respirator facepieces when issued are to be marked in the following manner:--

The number and name of the officer or soldier will be impressed on a fibre identity disc using "Stamps, steel for metal $\frac{1}{8}$ in". This disc will be secured to the connecting tube in the indentation between the first and second corrugations from the container end, by means of cord.

All ranks will ensure that above instructions are complied with.

60. DISCIPLINE -- FRUIT STEALING FROM ORCHARDS.

Complaints have been received from Vignerons and Orchardists that troops are raiding orchards and vineyards and stealing fruit.

Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases where troops are proved to have raided orchards and a brief report concerning the matter will be forwarded through normal channels to this H.Q. GR065/43

61. MEDICAL--BITES OF SNAKES, SPIDERS, SCORPIONS ETC.

All ranks will be reminded of the urgent necessity for prompt and efficient First Aid treatment of the above.

Should a soldier be bitten by a snake, spider, scorpion etc. every effort will be made to kill and obtain for identification the snake or insect responsible.

62. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

The following summary of the provision of Lighting Restriction Order No. 2 dated 16 Oct. 42, promulgated by the State Government, is issued for information and necessary action.

"All lights in Army barracks, camps or billets, situated within three miles of the coast of WESTERN AUSTRALIA MUST be screened in such a manner as to ensure that such lights are NOT visible from seawards".

NOTICES.

LOST: Rifle No. C12293 from train between KALGOORLIE and MORAWA. Any person or Unit finding this Rifle will report same immediately to H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps. All rifles are to be checked and if any soldier has in his possession Rifle No. 12239, Bolt No. A53831, notify this H.Q. immediately.

STOLEN: M/C No. 6977 BSA Side Valve painted Green, from MOORA Town Hall on 4 Nov. 42. Any person, or unit knowing whereabouts of this motor cycle will report same to this H.Q. immediately.

FILM "NEXT OF KIN": This film will be screened at GERALDTON Picture Theatre 5/10 Apr. 43 (incl). Members advised to book early as free books are being given to War Loan Subscribers.

CHURCH PARADES:

R.C.: 0845 hours, Unit lines----CHA PLAIN LYONS.

COMBINED SERVICE: 0845 hours, Unit lines. CHAPLAIN SMITH.

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PART 1.

4 APRIL 43.

63. ISSUE OF S.A.A. TO PERSONNEL TRAVELLING BY TRAIN.

Unless operationally essential S.A.A. will NOT be carried on the individual travelling by train in Australia.

64. TRANSPORTATION TO AUSTRALIA OF WIVES, WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES WHO MARRIED DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR ACTIVE SERVICE OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA.

The Commonwealth Government has decided:--

- (a) That no further action will be taken by it towards arranging passages for the abovementioned persons until after the conclusion of the war.
- (b) That the Repatriation Commission shall continue to have discretionary power to consider applications from any eligible persons who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to the equivalent of the normal third-classfare:

Provided that, if circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Minister for Repatriation render it imperative that this policy should be temporarily waived, the Minister may authorise such action as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation.

Commanding officers will inform all applicants for transportation of the above decisions.

No authority has been given by the Minister in pursuance of the proviso to paragraph 1 hereof but any such authority that may be given will be notified in General Routine Orders.

65. GREEN ENVELOPES.

Green envelopes will NOT be accepted by the Army Postal Service unless the envelopes bear an impression of the Unit Censor Stamp, and the certificate at the bottom left hand corner of the envelope is signed by the addressor of the letter.

66. DRESS--WINTER CLOTHING.

The order of dress for all ranks under Command 3 Aust. Corps will be changed to Winter Dress (ASO 8/3) on 1 May 43.

67. REDIRECTION OF MAIL.

Attention of all Units is directed to Div. R.O. 324/42 which read as follows:--

"(a) Hospital Patients.

"Personnel evacuated beyond R.A.P. to a hospital are instructed to obtain Change of Address cards (A.P.S. 17) from Postal Orderly attached to hospital, which should be filled in and posted free of charge to Postal Orderly of member's late Unit. Postal Orderlies will hold mail until redirection cards have been received.

"(b) Personnel Transferred or Detached from Units.

"Personnel being transferred or detached from Units for any reason should notify Postal Orderly of his change of address on card provided by Postal Orderly".

68. HOTEL LOUNGES.

Warrant Officers may in future use Hotel Lounges. An increase in number of unauthorised personnel, when NOF in company of ladies using lounges is noticeable. This practice must cease and all officers will take appropriate action in this regard when instances come under their notice. Picquet officers will visit lounges from time to time and order non-authorised personnel to leave. Such personnel will be allowed ten minutes to comply. On non-compliance action will be taken under A.A. 9 (2)

69. CLEARING OF HOTELS.

At 2055 hours daily O.C. Picquet will arrange for a whistle to be blown in all hotels. On this signal, troops,

- (a) Will NOT make further purchases.
- (b) Will consume liquor already purchased.
- (c) Leave the premises by 2100 hours.

Strict observance of the above order will be insisted upon.

70. USE OF THE WORDS "AIRCRAFT" AND "AIRFIELD".

In future, the words "aircraft" and "airfield" will be used in all military correspondence, operation orders, messages and signals, instead of the words "aeroplane" and "aerodrome". The term "advanced landing ground" will, however, continue to be used where appropriate.

71. BADGES, RANK, ETC. - OTHER RANKS.

1. Rank Badges. Rank badges to be worn by warrant and non-commissioned officers, A.M.F., as authorised in War Scales of Clothing, will be as follows:--

Warrant Officers - Class I.

| | |
|--|---|
| Conductor, A.A.O.C. (Bde. Ord. W.Os.) | Royal Arms within a wreath. |
| Master Gunner (1st. class) | Royal Arms within a wreath over gun. |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Staff sergeant major (1st. class) |) |) Royal Arms within a) wreath. |
| Draughtsman (1st. class) |) | |
| Armament sergeant major (1st. class) |) | |

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Master gunner (2nd. class)) Royal Arms over gun.
 Regimental sergeant major)
 Armament sergeant major (2nd. class)) Royal Arms.
 Mechanist sergeant major.)
 Staff sergeant major. (2nd. class))
 All other Warrant Officers, Class I)

Warrant Officers - Class II.

Master gunner, 3rd. class.) Crown within a wreath
 over gun.
 Staff sergeant major 3rd class.)
 Bde. or regimental quartermaster)
 sergeant.)
 Armament quartermaster sergeant) Crown within a
 Mechanist quartermaster sergeant) wreath.
 Draughtsman (2nd. class))
 All other Warrant Officers, class II) Crown.

Non-commissioned Officers.

Squadron, battery or company)
 quartermaster sergeants.) Crown over three
 Staff sergeants.) chevrons.
 Sergeant and lance-sergeant.) Three chevrons.
 Corporal or bombardier) Two chevrons.
 Lance-corporal or lance bombardier) One chevron.

2. Other Badges: No badges other than those authorised in War Scales of Clothing and Necessaries will be worn.

R. L. O'Neill

Lieut.

R.L. O'NEILL,
A/Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
| * | | | |
| 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Lieut.-Colonels 3 | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors 9 | 7 | Nil | 2 |
| Captains 20 | 20 | 2 | Nil |
| Lieutenants Nil | | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants (Capt) 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Quartermasters 34 | | | |
| Totals | 34 | 2 | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Eapt/T/Lt.-Col. | NX124621. | J.S.S. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | No. | School. |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | NX124603. | N.J. AMOS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124607. | B.H. WILKINSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124622. | V.V. RITCHIE. | do | No. | et. 5 Bde (A.I.F.) |
| Lieut/T/Capt. | NX124628. | R. B. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124614. | S. A. CANTWILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124624. | R. MORRIS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124609. | S.H. O'NEIL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124632. | V.E. FISHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124613. | J.S. RICHIE. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124620. | L.E.R. HUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124626. | T.S. BACALAN. | do | No. | Hospital. |
| Lieut. | NX109675 | C.A. HOBBS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128899 | A.R. GARDNER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124630. | B.A. BROWN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124610. | J.M. GIBSON. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124631. | S.H. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124629. | N.Y. O'CONNELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124606. | C.N. BRYAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128900. | D.A. RYAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124619. | R.L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124608. | C.J. WILLIS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124623. | R.L. SWELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124612. | A.B. SWELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124618. | L.J. FITZPATRICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124615. | L.A.C. TONKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124605. | G.N.S. SCRATS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124604. | O.A. GUILLEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128898. | S.A. BATES. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124611. | J.H. BEAN. | do | No. | Hospital. |
| do | NX124627. | E.B. FISCHICK. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX122351. | R.C. MARIAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122380. | S.A. HOOD-STEVENS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | N33570. | L.A. BROOKS. | do | No. | School. |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | NX124616. | N.F. WAT. | do | No. | 5 ITR, Bathurst |
| do | N33153. | D. SIMMONS. | do | No. | do |
| do | N3-938. | I.S. GILES. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX117804. | B.C. GRINGHAM. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX12-334. | L.N. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain | NX118637 | P.P. LYONS | AACHD | 19.3.42 | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | NX11924 | H. COMBAUGHTON. | AA-C | 16.11.42. | R.M.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)
6 February, 1942 (Date of Despatch)

(Signature of Commander)
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Captains | 9 | Nil | 2 |
| Lieutenants | 20 | 2 | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants | Nil | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Totals | 34 | 2 | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
|------|-------------------|-------|---|
| | | Nil | |

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt. / Lt. / Capt. | WX124801 | J. H. G. GONZALES | 54 Bn. | No. | School. |
| Lieut. / Lt. / Capt. | WX124802 | M. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124807 | J. B. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124808 | V. J. GONZALES | do | No. | Det. 5 Bde (AIF) |
| Lieut. / Lt. / Capt. | WX124809 | H. A. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124814 | H. A. GONZALES | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124824 | R. W. GONZALES | do | No. | Hospital. |
| do | WX124829 | H. A. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124832 | H. A. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124813 | J. B. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124820 | L. B. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124826 | T. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | WX124875 | C. J. GONZALES | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124889 | A. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124830 | B. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124810 | J. W. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124831 | S. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124829 | H. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124806 | C. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124800 | D. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124819 | L. R. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124808 | V. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124823 | R. L. GONZALES | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124812 | A. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124818 | L. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124819 | L. A. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124808 | H. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124804 | C. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124808 | V. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124811 | J. H. GONZALES | do | No. | Hospital. |
| do | WX124827 | H. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124833 | H. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124830 | H. J. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX3370 | L. A. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124816 | H. J. GONZALES | do | No. | 5 TPO, Bathurst. |
| do | WX3378 | H. J. GONZALES | do | No. | |
| do | WX3375 | H. J. GONZALES | do | No. | |
| do | WX117854 | H. J. GONZALES | do | No. | |
| do | WX124834 | L. H. GONZALES | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain. | WX118837 | V. F. LYONS | AACHD | 19.3.42 | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | WX131924 | H. CONWAY | AASO | 16.11.42 | A.N.G. |

B. H. ...
(Signature of Commander)

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)
15 February, 43 (Date of Despatch)

Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
5 (Bde, Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
| * | | | |
| * | | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Captains | 9 | Nil | 2 |
| Lieutenants | 20 | 2 | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants | Nil | | |
| Quartermasters | (Capt) 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Totals | 34 | 2 | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
|------|-------------------|-------|---|
| | | Nil | |

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt/T/Lt.-Col. | NX124681 | J.S.G. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | No. | School. |
| Lieut/T/Maj. | NX124603. | N.J. ARROW. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124607. | B.H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124622. | V.V. FINCHINGTON. | do | No. | et. 5 Bde (ATP) |
| Lieut/T/Capt. | NX124628. | H.B. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124614. | W.A. CANTRELL. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124624. | H. MORROW. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124609. | H.R. TONKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124632. | E.E. WHEATHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124613. | J.D. MITCHELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124620. | L.E.F. HUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124626. | T.S. MAC ADAM. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | NX109575. | C.A. HORDEN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX128899. | A.R. GARDNER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124630. | B. A. BROWN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124610. | J.H. GIBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124631. | S.R. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124629. | H.W. O'CONNELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124606. | C.R. BRYEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128900. | D.A. RYAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124619. | R.L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124608. | G.J. WILLIS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124623. | R.L. SHELING. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124612. | A.B. SHELING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124618. | L.J. FITZPATRICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124615. | L.A.G. TOWNIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124605. | C.H.E. SCRATS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124604. | O.A. GUILLAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128898. | W.A. WEBSTER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124611. | J.H. HEAD. | do | No. | Hospital. |
| do | NX124627. | E.B. FISHVICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX129653. | R.G. MARIAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122380. | S.A. HOOD-STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | N33570. | L.A. BROOKS. | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS | | | | | |
| do | NX124613. | H.P. MAY. | do | No. | 5th Bde Bathurst. |
| do | N33153. | D. SIMPSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | N32058. | I.S. GIBBS. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX117864. | E.C. GRIMSHAW. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX129334. | L.H. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain. | NX110657. | F. P. LYONS. | ACADP. | 10.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | NX31024. | M. CONNAUGHTON. | LANG | 16.11.42. | R.H.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

B.H. Stevenson Mj

(Signature of Commander)

Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

20 February, 43.

(Date of Despatch)

5 Aust. Inf. Bde. (ATP) 2 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

34 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Captains | 9 | Nil | 2 |
| Lieutenants | 20 | 2 | Nil |
| 2nd Lieutenants | Nil | | |
| Quartermasters | (Capt) 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Totals | 34 | 2 | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
|------|-------------------|-------|---|
| | | Nil | |

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| apt/T/lt.-Col. | WX124621. | J.S.G. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | No. | School. |
| leut/r/maj. | WX124623. | H.J. ANNOT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124607 | B.H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124622 | V.V. KINCHINGTON | do | No. | Det. 5 Bde (AIF) |
| leut/r/capt. | WX124628 | R.B. CARROLL | do | Yes | |
| do | WX124614 | T.A. CANTRELL | do | No | School |
| do | WX124624 | R. ROBERTSON | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124609 | H.R. FORKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124632 | J.S. BENEFATHER | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124613 | J.S. MICHELL | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124620 | L.S.S. HUNT | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124626 | T.S. MACALAN | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | WX124675 | C.A. HOBSEN | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124699 | A.R. GARDNER | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124630 | B.A. BROWN | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124610 | J.M. GIBSON | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124631 | S.R. HARRISON | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124629 | H.V. O'CONNELL | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124608 | C.A. BRYEN | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124600 | D.A. RYAN | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124619 | R.L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124606 | G.J. TILLY | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124625 | R.L. SELLING | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124612 | A.B. SWILLING | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124618 | L.J. FITZPATRICK | do | No. | School. |
| do | WX124615 | L.A.S. FORKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124603 | C.M.B. SCHEATS | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124604 | C.A. GUILLAN | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124602 | C.A. BOSTER | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124611 | J.H. HEND | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124627 | H.B. FLETCHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124605 | R.S. MALLAN | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX124607 | L.A. BROOKS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | WX122530 | S.A. HOOD-STEVENS. | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENTS OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | WX124616 | H.T. MAY. | do | No. | 5 IPR, Bathurst. |
| do | W33153. | D. SIMPSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | W32258 | I.S. GILES. | do | No. | do |
| do | WX117264 | R.C. CRIMMAM | do | No. | do |
| do | WX122334 | L.H. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain | WX118657 | F.P. LYONS. | AACBD | 19.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | WX31224. | H. CONNAUGHTON. | AANC | 16.11.42. | R.M.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

27 February, 43. (Date of Despatch)

B.H. Stevenson Maj
(Signature of Commander)

5 Aust. Inf. Bde. (AIF), 2 Aust. Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | 3 Surplus to Establishment | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| * | | | |
| 1 * | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Lieut.-Colonels 3 | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Majors 9 | 7 | Nil | 2 |
| Captains 20 | 22 | 2 | Nil |
| Lieutenants Nil | | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants (Capt) 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Quartermasters | | | |
| 34 | 34 | 2 | 2 |
| Totals | | | |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Nil | | |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|--------|------------|--------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Lieut. | B.A.BROWN. | 54 Bn. | 27.2.43. | To HQ.3 Aust. Corps (Detached only). |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
|------|-------------------|-------|---|
| | | Nil | |

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

W/D

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt./Lt. Col. | NX124621 | J.S.G. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | | |
| Lieut./T/Maj. | NX124603 | H.J. ARROW. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124607 | B.H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124622 | V.V. KINCHINGTON. | do | No. | Det. 5 Bde (AIF) |
| Lieut./Capt. | NX124628 | H.B. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124614 | V.A. C. WYRILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124624 | R. SCREOWN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124609 | H.R. FOWKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124632 | W.E. HENNEFATHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124613 | J.B. MICHELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124620 | L.C.E. HUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124626 | T.S. MACADAM. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | NX109575 | C.A. HOBLEN. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX128899 | A.R. GARDINER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124630 | B.A. BROWN. | do | No. | Det. HQ. 5 Aust. Corps. |
| do | NX124610 | J.M. GIBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124631 | S.R. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124629 | H.W. O'CONNELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124606 | C.R. BRYEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128900 | D.A. RYAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124619 | R.L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124608 | G.J. FLIS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124623 | R.L. SWELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124612 | A.B. SWELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124618 | L.J. FITZPATRICK. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124615 | L.A.G. TOMKIN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124605 | G.M.E. SCHEATS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124604 | O.A. GULLAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX128898 | W.A. WEBSTER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124611 | J.H. HEAD. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124627 | B.B. FISHWICK. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX129635 | R.C. MARLAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124607 | L.A. BROOKS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122380 | S.A. HOOD-STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | NX124616 | H.T. MAY. | do | No. | 5 ITB, Bathurst. |
| do | H35153 | D. SIMPSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | H32252 | I.S. GIBBS. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX117864 | E.C. GRIMSHAW. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX122334 | L.H. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain. | NX118457 | F.P. LYONS. | AACHD | 19.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. | NX31224 | H. CONNOR-CHITON. | AAMC | 16.11.42. | R.M.O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

6 March, 43.

(Unit)

(Date of Despatch)

B.H. STEVENSON Maj
B. H. STEVENSON, Major,
Adm. Staff, 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | 3 Surplus to Establishment | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| * | | | |
| * | | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | NIL | NIL |
| Majors | 5 | NIL | NIL |
| Captains | 7 | NIL | 2 |
| Lieutenants | 22 | 2 | NIL |
| 2nd Lieutenants | | | |
| Quartermasters (Capt) 1 | 1 | NIL | NIL |
| Totals | 34 | 2 | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | NIL | | |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | NIL | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
|------|-------------------|-------|---|
| | | NIL | |

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt./1/Lt. | NX124021 | J. S. COLLIER. | 54 Bn. | No. | School. |
| Lieut./1/Maj. | NX124023 | H. J. ALLEN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124007 | D. H. STEVENSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124022 | H. M. BIRCHINGTON. | do | No. | Det. 5 Bde (AIF). |
| Lieut./1/Capt. | NX124025 | R. D. CARROLL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124019 | G. A. CATRILL. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124024 | R. HOBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124009 | E. H. FOUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124030 | H. D. THOMPSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124013 | J. D. WICKLI. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124020 | L. D. E. HUNT. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124026 | P. G. MACKAY. | do | Yes. | |
| Lieut. | NX122875 | G. A. HOBSON. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX122839 | A. E. GARDNER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124031 | D. A. BROWN. | do | No. | Det. 5 Aust. Corps. |
| do | NX124010 | J. M. GIBSON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124031 | G. R. HARRISON. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124028 | E. W. O'CONNELL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124008 | G. W. BROWN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122890 | D. A. KIAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124018 | H. L. O'NEILL. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124003 | G. J. WILKS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124023 | R. L. SWELLING. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124019 | A. D. SHELLING. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124018 | D. J. FITZPATRICK. | do | No. | School. |
| do | NX124015 | J. A. G. FOWLER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124025 | G. H. E. SCHEFF. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124004 | G. A. JILLIAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122838 | J. A. WEBSTER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124011 | J. H. HEAR. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX124027 | D. B. FISHER. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX129655 | H. G. WATMAN. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122807 | L. A. BROOKS. | do | Yes. | |
| do | NX122380 | S. A. ROOPE. | do | Yes. | |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | NX124010 | H. T. MAY. | do | No. | 5 IFS, Bathurst. |
| do | N33158. | D. SIMPSON. | do | No. | do |
| do | N32938. | I. G. TILES. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX117804 | E. C. GARDNER. | do | No. | do |
| do | NX122334 | D. E. EVERETT. | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chaplain. | NX118657. | F. P. LYONS. | AACHD | 19.3.42. | Unit Padre. |
| Capt. b | NX31924. | M. CONNAUGHTON. | AAMC | 16.11.42. | R. M. O. |

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

13 March, 43 (Date of Despatch)

B. H. STEVENSON Maj

(Signature of Commandet)

Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc. with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.) |
| Lieut. Colonels | | | |
| Majors | | N11 | N11 |
| Captains | 1 | N11 | N11 |
| Lieutenants | 3 | N11 | 2. |
| 2nd Lieutenants | 9 | 2 | N11 |
| Quartermasters | 20 | | |
| Totals | N11 (Capt) 1 | N11 | N11 |
| | 34 | 2 | 2. |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | NIL | | |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank | Name | Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | NIL | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank | Name and Initials | Corps | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
|------|-------------------|-------|---|
| | | NIL | |

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Capt / Lt Col | NX124601 | J.S.G. COLLIER | 54 BN. | Yes | |
| Lieut / Lt Col | NX124602 | N.J. ARBORE | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124607 | B.H. STEVENSON | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124622 | V.V. KINGHINGTON | do | No | Det 5 Div. (A.I.F.) |
| Lieut / Lt / Capt | NX124628 | R.B. CARROLL | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124674 | H.A. CAMPBELL | do | No | School |
| Do | NX124684 | R. MACKENZIE | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124609 | H.R. TONKIN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124632 | V.E. BENEFACTOR | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124613 | J.B. NICHOLL | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124620 | L.E.R. HUNT | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124626 | T.F. MACADAM | do | Yes | |
| Do Lieut | NX109575 | C.A. HOBDEN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124639 | A.H. GARDNER | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124630 | B.H. BROWN | do | No | Det 3 Aust Corps |
| Do | NX124610 | J.H. GIBSON | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124637 | S.R. HARRISON | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124629 | H.F. O'CONNOR | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124606 | C.R. BROWN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124600 | D.A. RYAN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124618 | R.L. O'NEILL | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124608 | G.J. WILKS | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124625 | R.L. CHEWING | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124612 | A.B. SWELLING | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124619 | L.J. FITZPATRICK | do | No | School |
| Do | NX124615 | L.A.C. HONKIN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124605 | C.M.E. SCOTTS | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124604 | G.A. CHILLAN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124603 | H.A. WEBSTER | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124611 | J.H. HEAD | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124627 | R.B. FISHWICK | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124653 | R.G. MARLAN | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124607 | L.A. BROOKS | do | Yes | |
| Do | NX124636 | C.A. HOOD-STEPHENS | do | Yes | |
| REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| do | NX124616 | H.T. HAY | do | No | 5 I.T.B. BATHURST |
| Do | N.33155 | D. SIMPSON | do | No | Do |
| Do | N.32958 | I.S. GILES | do | No | Do |
| Do | NX117864 | B.C. GRISHAW | do | No | Do |
| Do | NX124634 | L.H. EVERETT | do | Yes. | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Corps | Date of attachment | Nature of attachment |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|
| CHA PLAIN | NX118657 | F.P. LYONS | A.A.CH D. | 19/3/42 | Unit Padre |
| Capt. | WX 31924 | H. CONNAUGHTON | A.A.H.C. | 16/11/42 | R.N.O. |

54 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

20 March 42 (Date of Despatch)

for *R. O'Neill* Lieut
(Signature of Commander)
J.S.G. COLLIER Lt Col.
Comd. 54 Aust Inf Bn.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

6 February, 1943.

(Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | N11 |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 7 | N11 | N11 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | N11 | N11 |
| Staff Serjeants N11 | 2 | 2 | N11 |
| Serjeants 36 | 31 | N11 | 5 |
| Corporals 76 | 85 | 9 | N11 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 733 | 678 | N11 | 55 |
| TOTALS | 810 | * 12 | * 60 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST W.B. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| 1 Sgt. & 3 Art.1's | A.E.M.E. | W.N.WALKER. | Y.M.C.A. Rep. |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | do |
| 1 Sgt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | 5 Aust. Inf. Bde (AIP) |
| 1 A/sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 OR | R.A.E. |
| 1 Sgt., 1 A/sjt. & 2 Ptes. | A.A.M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------|---|
| | | A.I.P. Personnel | 659 | |
| | | A.M.P. Personnel | 186 | |
| | | Total Strength | 845 | (35 of whom are Officers) |

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

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| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | 3 | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | 2 | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 3 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | 1 | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | 1 | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | 1 | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | 2 | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | 8 | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | 1 | | Storemen, Technical | | 1 |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors. | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | 3 | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topog'phical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 2 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | 1 | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| Foot-repairers | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus to this Unit. Unit personnel are being drawn to fill deficiencies. | | | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | |Adj't. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | N.C. Co | 12 |
| | | | | | | | Ptes Co | 55 |
| | | | | | | | | 12 |
| | | | | | | | | 60 |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

B. H. STEVENSON
Signature of Commander.
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch: 6 February, 43.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF), 2 Aust. Div.
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 13 February, 1943. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | N11 |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 7 | N11 | N11 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | N11 | N11 |
| Staff Serjeants N11 | 2 | 2 | N11 |
| Serjeants 30 | 30 | N11 | 0 |
| Corporals 70 | 85 | 9 | N11 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 733 | 675 | N11 | 58 |
| TOTALS | 806 | * N12 12 | * 82 64 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST E.E.</u> | | <u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS.</u> | |
| 1 Sjt. & 3 Apt. 1's. | A.E.R.E. | W.H. VALER. | Y.M.C.A. Rep. |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | do |
| 1 Sjt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.C. | 1 OR | 5 Aust. Inf. Bde (AIF) |
| 1 A/Sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 OR | R.A.E. |
| 1 Sjt, 1 A/Sjt. & 2 Ptes. | A.A.M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|--------------------|--------|---|
| | | A.I.P. Personnel | | 686 (35 of whom are Officers) |
| | | A.M.P. Personnel | | 175 |
| | | | | 841 |

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

54 BN.

WAR DIARY
Detail of Specialists,
Tradesmen, etc.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | 8 | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | 2 | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | 1 | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | 1 | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | 8 | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | 1 | | Storemen, Technical | | 1 |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors, | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | 3 | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topog'phical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 8 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | 1 | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| Foot-repairers | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus to this Unit. Unit personnel are being trained to fill deficiencies. | | | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

B. H. ST
Signature of Commander.
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch 13 February, 43.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 20 February, 1943. (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 Detail. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | Nil |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 7 | Nil | Nil |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | Nil | Nil |
| Staff Serjeants Nil | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Serjeants 36 | 30 | Nil | 6 |
| Corporals 76 | 85 | 9 | Nil |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 755 | 675 | Nil | 80 |
| 858 TOTALS | 806 | * 12 | * 84 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST W.E. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| 1 Sjt. & 3 Apt. 1's | A.E.M.E. | W.H. WALKER, | Y.M.C.A. Rep. |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | do |
| 1 Sjt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.C. | 1 OR | 5 Bde (AIF) |
| 1 Q/sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 OR | R.A.E. |
| 1 Sjt. 1 A/sjt. & 2 Ptes. | A.A.M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | A.I.F. PERSONNEL. | | |
| | | A.I.F. Personnel | 664 (including 35 Officers) | |
| | | A.M.P. do | 177 | |
| | | | <u>841</u> | |

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | 1 | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | 3 | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | 2 | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | 5 | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 1 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | 1 | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | 9 | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | 1 |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors, | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | 2 | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topog'phical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 9 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| Bootmakers | 1 | | | | | H.C.O's | 12 | 6 |
| | | | | | | Ptes 50 | 111 | 58 |
| | | | | | | | 12 | 64 |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus in this unit. Unit personnel are being trained to fill deficiencies | | | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

B. E. STEVENSON, Major.
Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch 20 February, 43.

5 Aust. Inf. Bde (AIF), 8 Aust. Div.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

27 February, 1943.

(Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 Detail. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | N11 |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 7 | N11 | N11 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 4 | N11 | 1 |
| Staff Serjeants 111 32 | 32 32 | 2 2 | N11 8 |
| Serjeants 36 | 30 | N11 | 6 |
| Corporals 76 | 63 | 7 | N11 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c 733 | 669 | N11 | 64 |
| TOTALS | 797 | * 10 | * 71 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST P.E.</u> | | <u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS.</u> | |
| 1 Sgt. & 3 Art. 1's | A.E.N.E. | W.N. VALUER. | Y.N.C.A. Rep. |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | do |
| 1 Sgt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.C. | 1 OR | 5 Bde (AIP) |
| 1 A/Sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 OR | R.A.E. |
| 1 Sgt. 1 A/Sjt. & 2 Ptes. | A.A.M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|------------|---|
| | | <u>A.I.P. PERSONNEL.</u> | | |
| | | A.I.P. personnel | = 659 | (incl. 35 Officers). |
| | | C.M.F. do | = 173 | |
| | | | <u>832</u> | |

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54 INF. WAR DIARY

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters (Gun) | | 1 | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | 3 | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | 2 | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 3 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | 1 | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen Signals | | 9 | Storemen, Technical | | 1 |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors. | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.V. M.V. | | 2 | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topog'phical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 9 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | W.C.O's | 10 | 7 |
| Bootmakers | 1 | | | | | Ptes. | 111 | 64 |
| | | | | | | | 10 | 71 |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus in this Unit. Unit personnel are being trained to fill deficiencies. | | | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

B. H. STANSON Maj.
Signature of Commander.
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch 27 February, 43.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 6 March, 1945 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 7 | - | - |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Staff Serjeants 111 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Serjeants (Incl. Super numerary Canteen Sjt) 29 | 29 | - | 8 |
| Corporals 37 | 79 | 2 | - |
| Cpls. 77 | 677 | - | 58 |
| Troopers, Privates &c 735 | | | |
| TOTALS | 801 | * 5 | * 66 |

(W.E. Increased by 700 personnel
I.B. (Includes Canteen Sjt (supernumerary), "1" Cpl. & 2 "1" TC.11's)

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST W.E. | | OTHER ATTACHMENTS. | |
| 1 Sjt. & 3 Art. 1's | A.R.M.E. | W.N. WALKER. | Y.M.C.A. Rep. |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A. O.C. | 1 OR | do |
| 1 Sjt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.C. | 1 OR | 5 Bde. (AIF) |
| 1 A/Sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | 1 Cpl. | A.R.M.E. |
| 1 Sjt., 1 A/Sjt. & 2 Ptes. | A.A. M.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|---------------------------|----------|---|
| | | A.I.F. PERCENTAGE. | | |
| | | AIF Personnel | - | 664 (incl. 55 Cpls) |
| | | A.M.F. do | - | 172 |
| | | | | 836 |

W/O

54 **WAR DIARY**

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | 5 | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | 2 | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 5 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | 2 | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | 5 | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors, | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.V. | | 2 | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topog'phical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 5 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | N.C.O's | 5 | 8 |
| Footsmen | 1 | | | | | Plus 80 | - | 88 |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required or surplus in this Unit. Unit personnel are being trained to fill deficiencies. | | | | | | | 5 | 68 |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | <i>W/O'Neill</i> | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

Date of Despatch **6 March, 43.**

B.H. Stevens
Signature of Commander.
B. H. STEVENS, Major,
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.
5 Aust. Inf. Bde (AIF) 2 Aust. Div.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 13 March, 1943. (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. W.S. 1 | 2 | 1 | N11 |
| W.Os. Class II. 7 | 7 | N11 | N11 |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5 | 5 | N11 | N11 |
| Staff Serjeants N11 | 2 | 2 | N11 |
| Serjeants 37 | 28 | - | 9 |
| Corporals 77 | 79 | 2 | N11 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. 735 | 683 | - | 52 |
| TOTALS | 806 | * 5 | * 61 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

N.B. 37 Sjt's include 1 supernumerary Canteen Sjt (as permitted by amended W.S.)

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ATTACHED PERSONNEL. | | | |
| 1 Sjt., 2 Cpls, & 3 Art.l's. | A.E.H.E. | W. N. WALKER, 1 OR | Y.M.C.A. Rep. do |
| 1 Cpl. | A.A.O.C. | 1 OR | 5 Bde (AIF) |
| 1 Sjt. & 1 Cpl. | A.A.P.O. | 1 Cpl. | A.A.H.C. |
| 1 A/Sjt. | A.A.P.O.C. | | |
| 1 Sjt, 1 A/Sjt & 2 Ptes. | A.A.H.C. | | |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|---|--------|---|
| | | A.I.F. PERSONNEL. | | |
| | | AIF personnel - 666 (Incl. 35 Officers) | | |
| | | CMP " - 175 | | |
| | | 841. | | |

54 BR.
WAR DIARY

W/D

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfts. Required (a) | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|----|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | 1 | Panel Beaters | | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | | |
| Axemen | 3 | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | 2 | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | 3 | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | 1 | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | | |
| Clerks | | | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mech., Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | 2 | Sawyers | | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | 3 | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors, | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topog'phical | | 8 | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | NCO's | 5 | 9 | |
| Footminders | 1 | | | | | Ptes &c | | 52 | |
| Certified that the figures in type show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually deficient or surplus to W.E. But Unit personnel are being trained to fill deficiencies. | | | | | | | | 5 | 61 |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | Adj't. | | | | | | |

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit
13 March, 43.

Date of Despatch.....

B. H. STEVENSON, Major.
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Signature of Commander.
5 Aust. Inf. Bde (AIF)

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) _____ 19____ (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. | | | |
| W.Os. Class II. | 2 | 1 | |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | 7 | | |
| Staff Serjeants | 5 | | |
| Serjeants | 2 | 2 | |
| Corporals | 29 | | |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 78 | | |
| TOTALS | 115 | * | * |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Sjt 20/10 | A.S.R. | 1 Sjt | A.S.R. |
| 2 Sjt 1/0 | A.S.G. | 1 Sjt | A.S.G. |
| 1 Sjt | A.S.P. | 1 Sjt | A.S.P. |
| 1 Sjt & 1 Sjt | A.S.P.O. | 1 Sjt | A.S.P.O. |
| 1 Sjt | A.S.C. | 1 Sjt | A.S.C. |

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.) |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------|---|
| | | A.S.P. Personnel | 663 | (Incl. 35 officers.) |
| | | A.S.R. Personnel | 175 | |
| | | | <u>838</u> | |

