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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1024036

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1-2-44 *To* 29-2-44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1		Lt Col NORRIS visited Bde Comd, and afterwards visited ATHERTON with BM	
	2.		Bde Comd visited GOC IO on recce ATHERTON FLATS area. CRA (Brigadier CHALMERS) visited Bde Comd	
	3		AM. Lieut General HERRING and Major General SAVIGE visited Bde HQ and spoke briefly to the Bde Comd and Staff thanking then for their co-operation and service. Lieut General HERRINGthen bade them farewell, as his departure to assume his duties as Chief Justice of Victoria was imminent.	
	4		IO accompanied Lt Col BERRY on a recce of TOWNSEND GAP area for a field firing exercise.	
	5		Reinforcement officers who marched in to each of the 3 infantry battalions, were interviewed by the Bde Comd. Lieut THOMPSON marched in posting of OC 28 Pl GCoy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt The provision of a Gd Pl will considerably assist the internal administration and defence of Bde HQ.	
	6.		Bde HQ church parade conducted by Chaplain Captain JOHNSON.	
	7		SC accompanied by Lieut BURKETT and Bde Ord Conductor (WO 1 WILSON) attended a course of instruction in Administration.	
	8		SC and Lieut BURKETT at Admin course at 3 Div. BM and Bde Comd visited 3 Aust Div JW School.	
	9		SC, Capt POWELL (Bde Sup Officer) Lieut BURKETT watched a demonstration of air dropping at 3 Aust Div Jungle School area Training and Hardening marches have been continued but were varied by putting personnel over Battalion Jungle Courses.	
	10		Lieuts FITZGERALD and ELLIOTT with 8 ORs marched out for 10 days course at 3 Aust Div Jungle School.	

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	11		The course of instruction conducted by the Bde TO (Capt FARRAR) for Dvrs of trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4 discontinued from today	
	12		Bde Comd, Capt DRIVER, Ptes BOOKER and HALL set out on recce through LAMB RANGE in an attempt to follow PACK TRACK through the junction of LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER and LOCK CREEK.	F1
	13		Bde HQ personnel fired over course at BANBULLA rifle range, Capt GRIMSHAW was the most successful shot among HQ Officers	
	14		Very heavy and continuous rain experienced. Bde Comds party still on recce. Advice was received that owing to washaways rail movement would not be possible for several days	
	15		Bde Comd and party returned from recce. 7 Bn moved out on 4 day exercise accompanied by a detachment from Brigade Signal Section under Sgt STANTON and a skeleton Bde I Sec under Sgt KANNEDY	
	16		Lt Col POPE visited Bde Comd. Maj DAY (2i/c 27 Aust Inf Bn) was nominated as an observer to forward areas in NEW GUINEA. Lt Col IRWIN CO 17 Aust Fd Amb visited Bde HQ during the afternoon In the evening Lt Col MACDONALD C 1 CANUNGRA JUNGLE TRAINING CENTRE and Capt LYSAGHT visited the Bde Comd and remained to mess,	
	17		Lt Col BERRY conferred with the Bde Comd ref field firing exercises to be conducted by 8 Bn. Mr McINTYRE, Salvation Army representative with the Brigade, discussed Amenities with the Bde Comd. BM left to attend as an observer a beach group exercise.	
	18		Lt Col HUME-MOIR, Senior Chaplain visited Bde Comd, and agreed to Chaplain Captain JOHNSON'S attachment to 23 Bde and detachment 7 Bn. 23 Aust Fd Coy moved into KAIRI Camp and now form part of the Bde Gp OOB. CRA (Brigadier CHALMERS) discussed with the Bde Comd, co-operation with Artillery during period 10 - 18 Mar (Later altered to 5 - 12 Mar).	F2

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	19		Lieuts FITZGERALD and ELLIOTT plus 8 ORs returned from Jungle School	
			Lt Col NORRIS discussed with Bde Comd the 7 Bn exercise which concluded the previous day. 109 Aust Bde Wkshops and 109 Aust Bde	F2
			Ord Fd Pk marched into camp in KAIRI area. Both these units now come under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde. Bde Comd attended 27 Bn Sports meeting which was very successful despite heavy rain. In the evening Bde Comd visited 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Mess	
	20		A COs conference was held in the afternoon to discuss the proposed Brigade Controlled exercise in ATHERTON FLATS area.	
			Lt Col GREEN also discussed Arty Co-op with 2/7 Aust Fd Regt on the exercise with Bde Comd. Gd Pl personnel marched in.	
			Capt CARTLEDGE, G 11 3 Aust Div, visited Bde Comd, and discussed trg bringing a reminder from GOC 3 Aust Div that Bn training should be complete by 15 Mar 44. Major TODD nad Lieut CAMPBELL of 23 Aust Fd Coy both called and paid their respects to Bde Comd - In the evening, Major ANDERSON, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, (late 2/16 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde Comd and remained for mess.	
	21		Bde Comd called on Brigadier FIELDS, and also discussed with Col COLMAN, ADS & T Corps, problems of supply. Col COLMAN also brought samples of O 2 rations for the Bde Comds examination.	
			Later the Bde Comd discussed 27 Bn problems with Lt Col POPE and received a visit from Lt Col SCHRADER - CEME, 3 Aust Div.	
			8 Bn exercise, with sig personnel from Bde HQ and a party of I personnel under Capt O'KEEFFE, commenced. Heavy rain was experienced during the aft rnoon. 3 ORs overage or unfit, marched out	
	22		Major GOLLAND, OC 109 Bde Wkshops and Capt DEWAR OC Bde Ord Fd Pk called to discuss with Bde Comd	

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			details of training and equipment. WO 1 BARTON of 17 Fd Amb was interviewed by the Bde Comd, ADMS visited the Bde Comd and discussed unit and Brigade Group medical problems and supplies.	
			It was decided by Lt Col BERRY to cancel 8 Bn exercise owing to continued heavy rain	
	23		Major TOMPKINS? DAAG 3 Aust Div visited Bde Comd and discussed various officers, and the problem of reinforcements. Col GRIFFIN WAS ALSO CONTACTED REF camp sub division Lieut HANN, 101 Bde Sup Coy also interviewed Bde Comd regarding forthcoming exercise, while Lt Col BERRY called and discussed problems of intercommunication, andTac/R arising from 8 Bn exercise. GOC 3 Aust Div still adm Comd 1 Aust Corps.	
			Lieut SMITH left to attend a course at the RAAF school of Army Co-operation at CANBERRA.	
			In the evening the Bde Comd attended a broadcast concert.	
	24	AM	Bde Comd inspected the 8 Bn. The men were still wet uniforms and equipment but the parade was very steady.	
			The 2/7 Bn was contacted ref landings and combined operations exercise	
	25	PM	Lt Cols NORRIS and POPE discussed trg with Bde Comd. Lt Col POPE on 3 day xxxxxixx recce	
			Bde Comd accompanied Lt Col NORRIS over 7 Bn Jungle assault course with rifle and Owen Gun.	
			By direction of GOC 3 Aust Div, the case against Pte CIRCOSTA, 8 Bn was handed to CO for summary disposal	
	26		BM and G 1 3 Aust Div conferred ref training. Bde Comd left to observe Beach Group Exercise, BM, Lieut THOMPSON	

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			and a small party departed on recce of tactical posns for enemy for forthcoming Bde exercise and returning next day.	
	27		Church parade for Brigade Headquarters conducted by Chaplain JOHNSON	
	28		Bde Comd at Beach Group Exercise, ships lay off shore and ship training was carried out.	
			Lieut WEBB marched in, pending posting. Capt O'KEEFFE, IO commenced a 2 day course for batmen in Jungle craft.	
	29		Bde Comd at Beach Group Exercise, where landings were rehearsed.	
			GENERAL REMARKS	
			Month chiefly notable as a period of battalion exercises, and the completion of Bde Group OOB. Reinforcements beginning to arrive, and move expected shortly. Preparations commenced for move anticipated during march.	
			E. O'Keeffe Capt for. Comdt 23 Aust Inf Bde. 1.00.	

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AMENDED SYLLABUS OF TRAINING OF 23 AUST INF BDE FOR WEEK ENDING 13 FEB 44

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 ml

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
7 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	AM. 3 Aust Div Jungle Sch.	Pl & Coy Battle Drill	Action first contact, deployment Coy Comd, contact maintenance, occupation posns, attack.	
			PM. " " " "	Field Firing	Attack on perimeter defence, supporting arms 3" & 2" Mortars, EY Rifle	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Scout & Obstacle course.	See Tactics & hardening.	
		C & D	Coy Areas	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, Gas, Map Reading, Grenade, TsOET, Rough & Tumble Course	
		HQ	Miniature Range	Musketry	Grouping classification, Snap, Rapid	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A,B,C & D	Coy Areas	Individual trg	SMG, Tk/A rifle, TsOET	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	individual trg respective specialist pls.	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	NORTH JUARA POCKET	Pl Trg	advance, contact, attack, ambush, patrols.	Work from Coy Perimeter
		C & D	485412	Individual trg	AM. Grenade throwing PM. Deduction course	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	Individual trg, respective pls	
8 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature range	Musketry	grouping, classification, snap, rapid.	
		B	AM 479400	Pl & Coy Battle drill	action first contact, deployment coy comds contact maintenance, occupation posn, attack	
			PM 3 Aust Div Jungle School	Field Firing	Attack on perimeter, perimeter defence, support arms 3" & 2" mortars. EY Rifle.	
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, Gas, Map reading, Grenade, TsOET, Rough and Tumble Course	
		D	AM 3 Aust Div Jungle School	Field Firing	Attack on perimeter, perimeter defence, support arms 3" & 2" mortars, EY Rifle	
			PM Coy Area	Pl & Coy Drill	Action first contact, deployment coy comd, contact maintenance, occupation posns, attack	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Individual trg respective specialist pls.	

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8 Feb	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Tactical use by secs, ambushes etc.	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Booby Traps, Gas, TsOET, Map Reading	
		C & D	MOUNT HAIG	3 Day Exercise	Coy v Coy, Defence posns, patrols Coy attack	Director Lt-col BERRY
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	1,5 & 6 Pls respective specialist trg.	Remainder HQ Coy to Rifle Coys
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Sq 5145	2 Day Exercise	Coy v Coy, Ambush, patrols, advance contact, attack	Directed by Bn HQ
		C & D	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Sec control, hardening	AM Sports
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Individual respective specialist trg	
9 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Sec control, hardening	
		B	Miniature range	Musketry	grouping, application, snap, rapid	
		C	AM 3 Aust Div Jungle School	Field Firing	Attack perimeter, defence perimeter, support arms 3" & 2" Mortars MT Rifle.	
			PM. Coy Area	Individual Trg	Bayonet course, T sOET	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course TsOET	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Individual respective specialist trg.	
8 Aust Inf Bn		A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Booby traps, Gas, TsOET, Map Reading	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Sec control, hardening	
		C & D	MOUNT HAIG	3 day exercise	Coy v Coy, Defence posns, patrols, Coy attack	Director Lt-col BERRY
		HQ	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	remainder HQ Coy to Rifle Coys
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	1,5 & 6 Pls respective specialist Trg	
27 Aust Inf Bn		A & B	sq 5145	2 Day Exercise	Coy v Coy, ambush, patrols, advance, contact, attack.	Directed by Bn HQ
		C & D	NORTH JUARA POCKET	Pl Trg	advance, contact, attack, ambush patrols	Work from Coy Perimeter
		HQ	AM Grenade Range	Individual Trg	Grenade throwing	
			PM JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	hardening	

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10 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, Gas, Map Reading, Grenade TsOMT, Rough & Tumble Course	
		C	479400	Pl & Coy Battle Drill	Action first contact, deployment Coy Comd contact maintenance, occupation posns, attack	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Grouping, application, snap, rapid	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Individual trg, respective specialist pls	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A,B,C,D	Mount HAIG	3 Day exercise	Coy V Coy, occupation posns, Coy attack	Director Lt-col BERRY
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	1,5, & 6 Pls individual specialist trg	Remainder HQ Coy to Rifle Cys
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A,B,C,D	Sports Oval	Bn Parade 0900 hrs	Parade ground drill & discipline	
		A,B,C,D	Coy Areas	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	AM Sports
		HQ	AM Grenade Range	Individual Trg	Throwing Grenades	
			PM JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Hardening	
11 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, Gas, Map Reading, Grenade TsOMT, Rough & Tumble Course	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Grouping, Application, snap, rapid	
		D	479400	Pl & Coy Battle Drill	Action first contact, deployment Coy Comd Contact maintenance, occupation posn, attack	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Individual trg, respective Pls.	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	MOUNT HAIG	3 Day Exercise	Coy V Coy, occupation defence posns, Coy attack	Director Lt-col BERRY
		C	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Tactical use by secs, ambushes etc	
		D	Coy Area	Individual trg	Booby traps, Gas, Map reading, TsOMT	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	1,5 & 6 Pls individual specialist trg	Remainder HQ Coy to Rifle Coys
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	JUARA POCKET	Individual trg	Throwing Grenades, deduction course	
		C & D	sq 3145	2 Day exercise	Coy v Coy, ambush, patrols, advance, contact, attack	Direction by Bn HQ
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Individual respective specialist trg	

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10 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area	Individual trg	2" Mortar, Bayonet Course, APT, TsNT	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	Sec Contrl, hardening	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	grouping, application, snap, rapid	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	Individual respective specialist trg	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	MOUNT HAIG	3 Day exercise	Coy V Coy, occupation defence posn Coy attack	Director Lt-col BENN
		C & D	Coy Areas	Individual trg	Rifle Bren, TsOHT	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	Individual specialist trg 1,5 & 6 Pls.	Remainder HQ Coy to Rifle Coys
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	Sec control & hardening	MM Sports
		C & D	sq 5145	2 Day Exercise	Coy V Coy, ambush, patrols, advance, contact, attack.	Direction by Bn HQ
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist trg	Individual respective specialist trg	

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 20 FEB 44

REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
14 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Mt EDITH - LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER EURAMOO - KAIRI	Bn Exercise	Movt, sup in Fd etc as per narrative	Narrative will be forwarded
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion of practives Snap & Rapid	
		B	North JUARA CREEK	Fd Firing	Sec control, use of Sec weapons.	
		C & D	Coy Areas	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, Obstacles, grenade Jungle navigation.	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual Resp Specialist Trg	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & C	PALM CREEK	3 day opposed Coy Exercise	Adv, firm base, def, patrols ambush & attack	Direction by Bn HQ
		B	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	AM. Obstacle, PM scout - Sec control	
		D	BARRON RIVER	Pl Trg	Passage of Water Obstacles	PM Sport
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual Resp Specialist Trg	
15 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Mt EDITH - LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER EURAMOO - KAIRI	Bn Exercise	Movt, sup in Fd etc as per Narrative	Narrative will be forwarded
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, obstacles, grenade, Jungle navigation	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion of practices Snap & Rapid	
		C	North JUARA CREEK	Fd Firing	Sec control, use of Sec weapons	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Weapon Handling, 2" Mortar bayonet & Gas	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual Resp Specialist Trg	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & C	PALM CREEK	3 day opposed Coy Exercise	Adv, firm base, def, patrols Ambush & attack	Direction by Bn HQ
		B	BARRON RIVER	Pl Trg	passage of Water Obstacles	PM Sport
		D	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	AM. Obstacle, PM. Scout & Sec control	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual Resp Specialist Trg	

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16 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Mt SMITH - LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER BUBANDO - KAINI	Bn Exercise	Movt, Sup in Fd etc as per narrative	Narrative will be forwarded
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Coy Areas	Individual Trg	Fl Drill, Grenade, CAS, Th/A Rifle	PM. Inter Coy Sport
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D.	PALM CREEK	3 day Opposed Coy Exercise	Adv, firm base, def, patrols, ambush & attack	Direction by Bn HQ
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual resp Specialist Trg	
17 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Mt SMITH - LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER BUBANDO - KAINI	Bn Exercise	Movt, Sup in Fd etc as per narrative	Narrative will be forwarded
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	North JUARA POCKET	Fd Firing	Sec control, use of sec weapons	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	2" Mortar, Obstacles, Grenade, Jungle Navigation	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion of practices, Snap & Rapid	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual Resp Specialist Trg	
27 Au	27 Aust Inf Bn	B & D	PALM CREEK	3 day opposed Coy Exercise	Adv, firm base, def, patrols ambush & attack	Direction by Bn HQ
		C	BARRON RIVER	Pl Trg	Passage of water obstacles	PM Sport
		A	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	AM. Obstacle, PM Scout - Sec control	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual resp Specialist Trg	
18 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Mt SMITH - LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER BUBANDO - KAINI	Bn Exercise	Movt, Sup in Fd Etc as per narrative	Narrative will be forwarded
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B. & C	Coy Areas	Individual Trg	Weapon handling, 2" Mortar, Bayonet Gas	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion practices, Snap & Rapid	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual resp Specialist Trg	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	B & D	PALM CREEK	3 day opposed Coy Exercise	Adv, firm base, def, patrols, ambush & attack	Direction by Bn HQ
		A	BARRON RIVER	Pl Trg	Passage of water obstacles	PM Sport
		C	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	AM Obstacle PM Scout - Sec control	
		HQ	Unit lines	Pl Trg	Individual resp Specialist Trg	

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19 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Coy lines & Sports Oval	Organised Sport & motor & cycle	Hardening, Heartening esprit de corps	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Sports Oval & Coy Areas	0830 - 1000 Bde 1000 - 1300 Coy Comds discretion 1330 - 1700 Sport	Ceremonial March Past Recapitulation Periods Inter Coy & Inter Bn	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. & HQ	Sports Oval & Coy Areas	AM Coy Comds discretion PM Sport	Recapitulation weapon trg Inter Coy & Inter Bn	
20 Feb	All Units			Rest Day		

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING - 27 FEB 44

Ref Map GONDWANA 1" to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
21 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Scout Course - Fd Firing	Sec Fire control, Movt by Gas	Smoke may be used
		B	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course, TsOHT Grenade 2" Mor MY Rifle. AFI	
		C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		D	(AM - JUARA POCKET	Obstacle Course	Sec control, hardening	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	MG, Tk/A Rifle	1300 hrs Sports
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D HQ.	Mt BUTTS - TIPTREE - ATHERTON FLAT - MAREEBA	Bn Exercise (5 day)	Bn movt, sup in Fd, Malarial control, weapon maintenance, weapon Trg in Fd, Fd Firing	Director Lt-Col BERRY S N Narrative to be forwarded
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Sec control & jungle craft	
		B & D	N. JUARA POCKET	Pl Exercise	Adv, contact, attack, ambush def, patrols	
		C	(AM - Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid firing from hip	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
22 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		B	(AM - JUARA POCKET	Obstacle Course	Sec control, hardening	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	MG. Tk/A Rifle	1330 hrs Sports
		C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course, TsOHT, Grenade 2" Mor, MY Rifle, AFI	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Scout Courses - Fd Firing	Sec fire control, movt by gas	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialist by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. HQ	Mt BUTTS - TIPTREE - ATHERTON FLAT - MAREEBA	Bn Exercise (5 day)	Bn movt, sup in Fd, Malarial control, weapon maintenance, weapon Trg in Fd, Fd Firing	Director Lt-Col BERRY S N Narrative to be forwarded
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	(AM - JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	Sec control & Jungle craft	
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sports	Hardening	
		B	(AM - Sports Oval	Sports	Hardening	
			(PM - JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	Sec control over Scout & Obstacle	
		C	N. JUARA POCKET	Pl Exercise	Adv, contact, attack, ambush, def, patrols	
		D	(AM - Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid, Firing from hip	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	

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23 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	(AM - JUARA POCKET	Obstacle Course	Sec control, hardening	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	MG, Tk/A Rifle	1530 hrs Sport
		B	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Cmds discretion	Duty Coy
		C	JUARA POCKET	Scout Course - Pd Firing	Sec control, Movt by Gas	
		D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course, TSMG, Grenade, 2" Mor, MT Rifle	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D HQ	Mt SMITH - TIPTREE - AUGUSTON FLAT - MAUMBA	Bn Exercise (5 days)	Bn movt, sup in Pd, Malarial control, weapon maintenance, weapon Trg in Pd, Pd Firing	Director Lt-Col HENRY B N Narrative to be forwarded
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	(AM - Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid Firing from hip	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Cmds dis ration	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	Jungle craft, Sec control	
		C	PLATTOON OR	Jungle Adv (march)	Junglecraft, hardening	
		D	(AM - N. JUARA POCKET	Pl Trg	Ambushes with Booby Traps	
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sports	Hardening	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
24 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course, TSMG, Grenade, 2" Mor, MT Rifle	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Scout Course - Pd Firing	Sec fire control, Movt by Gas	
		C	(AM - JUARA POCKET	Obstacle Course	Sec control, hardening	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	MG, Tk/A Rifle	1530 hrs Sports
		D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Cmds discretion	Duty Coy
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D HQ	Mt SMITH - TIPTREE - AUGUSTON FLAT - MAUMBA	Bn Exercise (5 day)	Bn movt, sup in Pd, Malarial control, weapon maintenance, weapon Trg in Pd, Pd Firing	Director Lt-Col HENRY B N Narrative to be forwarded
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	PLATTOON OR	Jungle Adv (march)	Junglecraft, hardening	
		B	(AM - Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid. Firing from hip	
			(PM - Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Cmds discretion	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Course	Junglecraft, Sec control	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
5 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course, TSMG, Grenades	Bn Parade
		B & D	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Formations, movt, Sec Cmrs responsibility	0830 hrs
		HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg	Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls - Duty Coy	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D. HQ	Mt SMITH - TIPTREE - AUGUSTON FLATS - MAUMBA	Bn Exercise (5 day)	Bn movt, sup in Pd, Malarial control, weapon maintenance, weapon Trg in Pd, Pd Firing	Director Lt-Col HENRY B N Narrative to be forwarded

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25 Feb27 Aust Inf Bn	A	N JUANA POCKET	Pl Exercise		Adv, contact, attack, ambush, def, obstacles	
	B	PLATOON CH	Jungle adv (march)		Junglecraft, hardening	
	C	(AM - JUANA POCKET	Jungle Course		Junglecraft, sec control	
		(PM - Sports Oval	Sports		Hardening	
	D	(AM - Sports Oval	Sports		Hardening	
		(PM - Jungle Course			Junglecraft, Sec control	
	HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg		Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
23 Feb 7 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUANA POCKET	Sec Trg		Formations, movt, Sec Ldrs responsibility	
	B & D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg		Bayonet Course, LMG, Grenades	
	C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg		Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
	HQ	Unit Lines	Specialist Trg		Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
* 5 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.D	(0830 - Sports Oval	Bn Parade		Smartening, Esprit de Corps	
	HQ	(1000 - Unit Lines	Individual Trg		Coy Comds discretion	
		(1330 - Sports Oval	Sports		Inter Coy & Inter Bn	
* 27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.	(AM - N. JUANA POCKET	Pl Trg		Ambushes with Booby Traps	
		(PM - Sports Oval	Sports		Hardening	
	D	JUANA POCKET	Jungle Course		Junglecraft, Sec control	
	HQ	(AM - Unit Lines	Specialist Trg		Trg of Individual Specialists by Pls	
		(PM - Sports Oval	Sports		Hardening	
27Feb		All Units			REST DAY	

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING OF 23 AUST INF BDE FOR WEEK ENDING 5 MAR 44

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
28 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		B	Grenade Range	Throwing & Firing Grenade	Priming, cleaning Grenades etc	
		C	" "	2" Mor TOET	Employment of No2 in direction of fire, weapon Trg etc	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Map reading Air photos	
		HQ	Coy Area & Miniature Range	Specialist Trg	Respective Specialist Trg & Range Practices	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	30 yd Range	Musketry	OSMG & Bren practices	
		B	(AM Mor Range - (PM Coy Areas	2" Mor Practice TsOET	Handling & firing 2" Mor Completion all Tests	
		C	JUARA POCKET & Grenade Range	Individual Trg	(AM Tactical use of Jungle & Scout Courses (PM Throwing & firing grenades etc	
		D	In the Field	Pl Training	Patrols, scout craft	Lessons from Bn Exer
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in resp Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. & D	North JUARA POCKET	Occupation of Coy Perimeters	Perimeter defence, patrols, ambush etc	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in resp Pls	
29 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	MAREEBA, ATHERTON FLATS	Bn Field Firing Exercise	Employment of SP arms, Arty, MMG, Air Strikes etc	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	In the Field	Pl Trg	Patrols, Scoutcraft etc	Lessons from Bn Exer
		B	JUARA POCKET & Grenade Range	Individual Trg	(AM Throwing & Firing Grenades (PM Tactical use of Jungle & Scout Courses	
		C	(AM Mortar Range (PM Coy Areas	2" Mortar Practice TsOET	Handling & Firing 2" Mortar Completion all Tests	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG & Bren Practices	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in Resp Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	(AM North JUARA POCKET (PM Bde Oval	Individual Trg Sports	Patrol Exercises, scoutcraft etc Hardening, Esprit de corps	
		B & C	30 yd Range	Musketry	Firing from hip, Rapid Firing	Weapon Trg for Pers not firing
		D	(AM North JUARA POCKET	Ambushes	Setting ambushes, Pers only Pers & Booby Traps, Booby Traps	
			(PM Bde Oval	Sports	Hardening, Esprit de corps	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in Resp Pls	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
1 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	MAREEBA, ATHERTON FLATS	Bn Field Firing Exercise	Employment of SP arms, Arty MMG, Air strikes etc	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	(AM Coy Areas (PM Bde Oval	Individual Trg Inter Coy Sports	Rifle Exercises, Bayonet, Assault Course, Tk/A Rifle Hardening Esprit de corps	CAB discussion 1115 - 1200 hrs
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A B & C D HQ	(AM Coy Area (PM Bde Oval To be notified 30 yd Range Unit lines	Individual Trg Sports Coy Training Musketry Individual Trg	Weapon Trg recap, Coy Comds discretion Hardening Esprit de corps day 1 of 3 day Exercise, Coy perimeter, defence, patrols ambushes Firing from hip, Rapid Fire Specialist Trg of Pers in resp Pls	Coy versus Coy
2 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	MAREEBA, ATHERTON FLATS	Bn Field Firing Exercise	Employment of SP arms, Arty, Air strikes etc	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A B C D HQ	(AM Mortar Range (PM Coy Areas 30 yd Range In the Field JUARA POCKET & Grenade Range Unit lines	2" Mortar Practices TsOET Musketry Pl Training Individual Trg Individual Trg	Handling and Firing 2" Mortars Completion al Tests OSMO 7 Bren practices Patrols Scoutcraft etc (AM Tactical use of Jungle Scout Courses (PM Throwing & Firing Grenades Specialist Trg of Pers in Resp Pls incl Swim Instr	Lessons from Bn Exer
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & D B & C HQ	To be notified do Unit lines	Coy Trg do Individual Trg	day 1 of 3 day Exercise, Coy perimeter, defence, patrols, ambushes day 2 of 3 day Exercise, Coy perimeter, defence.patrols, ambushes Specialist Trg of Pers in Resp Pls	Coy versus Coy Coy versus Coy
3 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A B C D HQ	Grenade Range Obstacle Course Coy Area Grenade Range Coy Area	Throwing & Firing Individual Trg Individual Trg Individual Trg Specialist Trg	(PM Priming, cleaning Grenades (AM 2" Mor Employment of No2 in direction of Firing Obstacle Course, Map Reading Air Photos Bayonet Course, Weapon Trg, Map Reading (AM Throwing, firing, priming, cleaning grenades (PM 2" Mor. Employment of No2 in direction of firing Respective Specialist Trg	
"	8 Aust	A B	JUARA POCKET & Grenade Range, Coy Area In the Field	Individual Trg Pl Trg	(AM Tactical use of Jungle Scout Courses incl Swim Instr (PM Throwing & firing Grenades Patrols Scout craft etc	Lessons from Bn Exerci

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3 Mar	8 Aust Inf Bn	C	30 yd Range	Musketry	OSMG & Bren Practices
		D	(AM Mortar Range	2" Mortar Parctice	Handling & Firing 2" Mortar
			(PM Coy Area	TsOET	Completion of all Tests
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in resp Pls
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	To be notified	Coy Trg	day 2 of 3 day Exercise. Coy Coy versus Coy perimeter, defence, patrols, ambush etc
		B & C	do	do	day 3 of 3 day Exercise. Coy Coy versus Coy perimeter, defence, patrols, ambush etc
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in Resp Pls
4 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Obstacle Course	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Map Reading Air Photos
		B & C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Bayonet Course, Weapon Trg Map Reading
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion - Duty Coy
		HQ	Grenade Range	Individual Trg	Throwing, Firing, Priming, cleaning Grenades
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.) D & HQ)	(AM Coy Areas (PM Bde Oval	Individual Trg Inter Bn Sports	Coy Comds discretion Bn Parade 0830 hrs Hardening, Esprit de corps Lessons from Bn Exercis
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	To be notified	Coy Trg	day 3 of Exercise, Coy perimeter defence,patrols,ambushes etc
		B	North of JUARA POCKET	Laying of Ambushes	Pers only, Booby Traps only, combination of both.
		C	(AM Coy Area (PM Bde Oval	Individual Trg Sports	Coy Comds discretion Hardening, esprit de corps incl Swimming Instr
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in resp Pls
5 Mar	ALL UNITS			REST DAY	

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23 AUST INF BDE AMENDMENTS TO TRAINING SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 5 MAR 44

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
28 Feb	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		B	Grenade Range	Individual Trg	(AM Priming, cleaning, throwing Grenades (PM Firing 2" Mortar	
		C	30 yd Range	Individual Trg	Group Rifle, Bren, Firing from hip	MMG Firing Prac 2 Mar
		D	Scout Course	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing, Movt by groups	
		HQ		Hardening March		
29 Feb	"	A	Grenade Range	Throwing, Cleaning Grenades	(AM Priming, Cleaning throwing Grenades (PM Firing 2" Mortar	
		B	30 yd Range	Individual Trg	Group Rifle, & Bren, firing from hip	Rifle & OSMG
		C	BLACK Mt	Hardening March		
		D	Camp	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		HQ	Scout Course	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing Movt by Groups	3PL on 3" Mor Range
1 Mar	"	A	Scout Course	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing Movt by Groups	
		B		Hardening March		
		C	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		D	Grenade Range	Individual Trg	(AM Priming, checking, throwing, cleaning grenades (PM Firing 2" Mortar	
		HQ	30 yd Range	Individual Trg	Group, Rifle Bren, firing from hip	Rifle OSMG
2 Mar	"	A	30 yd Range	Individual Trg	Group, Rifle, Bren, firing from hip	Rifle OSMG
		B	Scout Course	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing, Movt by Groups	
		C	Grenade Range	Individual Trg	(AM Priming, checking, cleaning, throwing Grenades (PM Firing 2" Mortar	
		D	BLACK Mt	Hardening March		
		HQ	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	(MMG Range Duty Coy No2Pl on
3 Mar	"	A	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		B	AM Obstacle Course	Hardening Trg		
			PM	Sports		
		C	Scout Course	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing, Movt by groups	
		D	PM Obstacle Course	Hardening Trg		
			AM	Sport		
		HQ	Grenade Range	Individual Trg	AM Priming, checking, cleaning, throwing Grenades PM Firing 2" Mortar	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
4 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	BLACK Mt	Hardening March		
		B	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		C	AM Obstacle Course	Jungle Courses	Scout & Obstacle	
			PM Sports Oval	Sport		
		D	AM Sports Oval	Sport		
			PM Obstacle Course	Jungle Courses	Scout & Obstacle	
		HQ	AM Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg of Pers in Resp Pls	
			PM Sports Oval	Sports		

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by

BRIGADIER A W POTTS, DSO, MC.

In the Field
3Feb 44

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11. DUTY OFFICERS & NCOs - To Mount on 0800 hrs on the day stated.

Fri	4 Feb 44	Lieut SMITH H W	To be Detailed by Sigs
Sat	5 Feb 44	Lieut ELLIOTT A G	Cpl IVEY R
Sun	6 Feb 44	Capt WILD W H	S/Sgt DUNSTAN J K
Mon	7 Feb 44	Leiut BURKETT A R	To be Detailed by Sigs
Tues	8 Feb 44	Lieut TUCKEY S M	Sgt JONES R E
Wed	9 Feb 44	Lieut EDWARDS F G	Sgt KENNEDY J S
Thur	10 Feb 44	Lieut FITZGERALD A J	To be Detailed by Sigs
Fri	11 Feb 44	Lieut BROWN N	Sgt GODDARD K
Sat	12 Feb 44	Capt FARRAR G C	Sgt ANGEL N S
Sun	13 Feb 44	Capt O'KEEFFE E R	To be detailed by Sigs
Mon	14 Feb 44	Lieut SMITH H W	Cpl HESTELOW J

12. CENSORSHIP

Packages, parcels, and books are being marked on the outside with the number rank and unit of sender. Placing of unit of sender on the exterior of such articles is forbidden by Appx "A" to LHQ FCl No 4, and articles so marked must be destroyed.

13. CENSORING MAIL

Section Officers are responsible for the censorship of mail for their own particular Sections Personnel will hand in uncensored mail as follows:-

Sig Sec	to	Sig Office
2/108 LAD	to	LAD HQ.
Tpt	to	Tpt Office
Pay. Pers.	to	Pay Officer
"I" Pers.	to	"I" Officer

All other mail will be passed into Bde HQ orderly room. If for any reason any of the respective Sec. Officers is absent the senior NCO of Sec will deliver uncensored mail to Chief Clerk

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14. CANTEEN STORES The supply or posting of any articles sold by Aust Army Canteen Service, to civilians, is NOT permitted. The attention of unit censoring officers is drawn to this restrictior A close check will be kept on all parcels posted.

15. PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF No member of the AMF shall, save in pursuance of his military duty, write for publication in any form any matter dealing with or referring to any military subject, whether fact or fictional, unless preparation and publicatio thereof have been approved by the Director General of Public Relations

H M Bowen Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

HQ 23 Bde Canteen A/C

Balance on hand 31/12/43-	£154/6/5	
Discounts for Jan 44	16/10/7	£170/17/-
Disbursements for Jan 44:-		
Canteen expenses	6/-/-	
Milk	2/3/4	
Ice	3/19/3	
Xmas Ham & Pork	15/14/7	
41 doz eggs	4/17/3	
Sports teams	2/2/5	34/16/10
Credit Balance 31 Jan 44		£136/-/2

HQ 23 Bde Regtl Trust A/C

Balance on hand 31/12/43	£72/ 8/5	
Canteen distribution	6 7 3	78/15/ 8
Disbursements for Jan 44		
Sports goods	19/10/ 6	
Sports Programs	6/ 7/ 3	19/19/-
Credit Balance 31 Jan 44		£58/16/8

23 Bde Sig Sec

Balance on hand 31/12/43	£66/ 4/ 8	
Transactions for month	NIL	
On hand 31/1/44	£66/ 4/ 8	
On Hand 31/1/44		£66/ 4/ 8

2/108 LAD

Balance on Hand 31/12/43	£17/ 6/10	
Transactions for Month	NIL	
On Hand 31/1/44		£17/ 6/10

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by

BRIGADIER A W POTTS, DSO, MC.

In the Field
12 Feb 44

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16. DUTY OFFICERS and NCOs - To mount on 0800 hrs on the day stated.

Sun	13 Feb 44	Lieut	TUCKEY S M	To be detailed by Sigs
Mon	14 Feb 44	Lieut	BURKETT A R	Cpl HESTELOW J
Tues	15 Feb 44	Lieut	EDWARDS F G	Cpl FITZCLARENCE E G
Wed	16 Feb 44	Capt	FARRAR G C	To be detailed by Sigs
Thur	17 Feb 44	Capt	O'KEEFFE E R	Cpl DODD G E T
Fri	18 Feb 44	Lieut	SMITH H W	Cpl IVEY R
Sat	19 Feb 44	Lieut	TUCKEY S M	To be detailed by Sigs
Sun	20 Feb 44	Lieut	EDWARDS F G	S/Sgt DUNSTAN J K
Mon	21 Feb 44	Capt	FARRAR G C	Sgt JONES R E

17. CENSORSHIP

"All ranks are forbidden to include in their correspondence information classed as censorable matter under current Field Censorship Instructions, notwithstanding that such correspondence is to be submitted to a franking officer or a censorship authority".

18. VENEREAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY

Preliminary

1. Approval has been given for the amendment of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 25 to provide that no forfeiture of pay will be incurred by a member -

(a) For the first thirty-five days of his absence after the 31st January, 1944, as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion as defined in para 3 hereof and including any days of absence as a result of a relapse from a disease acquired on any such first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed thirty-five days;

(b) Acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty; or

(c) Who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

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Commencement

2. The approval so far as it relates to sub-para (a) of para 1 or this order will take effect on and from the 1st January, 1944, and so far as it relates to sub-paras (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6th October, 1939.

Interpretation

3. For the purpose of this order, the term "first occasion" when used in connection with venereal disease will mean -

(a) The first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31st January, 1944.

(b) In the case of a member who was on 1st February, 1944, absent from duty by reasons of the disease diagnosed prior to that date - the venereal disease for which he is being treated; or

(c) In the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31st January 1944, is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to 1st February, 1944 - the relapse from which he is then suffering

Whichever first occurs.

Transfers and Re-enlistment

4. No account will be taken of any absence through venereal disease of a member -

(a) Whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Airforce, or

(b) During any previous period of service with the AMF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

Records

5. Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by medical units will be included in an amendment to "Instruction to Medical Officers". Instructions regarding method of promulgation in routine orders, Part 11, will be issued by the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, LHQ.

A Brown Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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by

BRIGADIER A W POTTS, DSO, MC.

In the Field
22 Feb 44.

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19. DUTY OFFICERS AND NCOs - To Mount on 0800 hrs on the day stated.

Tues	22 Feb 44	Lieut FITZGERALD A J	Sgt GODDARD K
Wed	23 Feb 44	Lieut BURKETT A R	To be detailed by Sigs
Thur	24 Feb 44	Lieut ELLIOTT A G	Sgt KENNEDY J S
Fri	25 Feb 44	Lieut TUCKEY S M	L/Cpl BOOKER C
Sat	26 Feb 44	Capt O'KEEFFE E R	To be detailed by Sigs
Sun	27 Feb 44	Lieut SMITH H W	S/Sgt ANGEL N S
Mon	28 Feb 44	Lieut EDWARDS F G	L/Sgt LADNER N
Tues	29 Feb 44	Capt FARNAR G C	To be detailed by Sigs.

A M Brown
Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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by

LT-COL B. BERRY, MC.

(ADMIN COMD)

In the Field
28 Feb 44

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20. DUTY OFFICERS AND NCOs - To Mount on 0800 hrs on the day stated.

Tues 29 Feb 44	Lieut ELLIOTT A G	Cpl	JOOKOFF M W
Wed 1 Mar 44	Capt O'KEEFE E R	Cpl	FITZCLARENCE E C
Thur 2 Mar 44	Lieut BURKETT A R	To be	detailed by Sigs
Fri 3 Mar 44	Lieut EDWARDS F G	Cpl	DODD G E T
Sat 4 Mar 44	Lieut FITZGERALD A J	Cpl	IVEY R
Sun 5 Mar 44	Capt FARRAR G C	To be	detailed by Sigs
Mon 6 Mar 44	Lieut ELLIOTT A G	S/Sgt	DUNSTAN J K
Tues 7 Mar 44	Capt O'KEEFE E R	Sgt	JONES R E
Wed 8 Mar 44	Lieut BURKETT A R	To be	detailed by Sigs
Thurs 9 Mar 44	Lieut EDWARDS F G	Sgt	KENNEDY J S

21. INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITED IN KIT STORES.

1. Attention is directed to para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42, which reads:- "No inflammables, explosives or loot of any description will be deposited in any Kit Store."

2. The necessity for strictly complying with the above is impressed on all ranks and severe disciplinary action will be taken where this order is not complied with.

3. During a serious fire, which occurred recently at an Aust Kit Store, there were many explosions caused by ammunition deposited in Kits. These explosions interfered with the firefighting and added to the spread of the fire, with the result that many kits, which may have been saved if the firefighters had been unhampered in their efforts, were destroyed.

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22. WEARING OF SHORTS

GRO 068 of 25 Feb is repeated herewith:-

1. Shorts will not be worn in tropical areas outside Australia or on the mainland of Australia north of 20° south latitude (excepting Northern Territory) or in Tasmania.

2. Shorts will be withdrawn from personnel stationed in, or before proceeding to, areas referred to in para 1 (except Northern Territory).

Shorts therefore will not be worn in this area, except by personnel engaged in sporting activities, and all Army issue shorts held will be returned to QM Store forthwith.

H R Rowe
Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

REGIMENTAL FUNDS

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE UNIT CANTEEN A/C -

Balance on hand 31 Jan 44		£136 - 0- 2
Credits to 27th Feb 44:-		17 - 6- 8
		153 - 6- 10
Exes to 27 Feb 44:-		
36 doz eggs @ 2/6 doz	£4 -10 - 0	
Sports teams drinks etc.	2 -12 - 0	
3 Cases Apples @ 24/-	3 -12 - 0	
2 Cases Tomatoes @ 7/6	15 - 0	
Ice to 21 Feb	1 -15 - 9	
Surplus Milk to Unit Kitchens (18½ gals)	1 -10 -10	20 - 15- 7
Canteen Exes for month	6 - 0 - 0	
CREDIT BALANCE on 27 Feb 44		£132 - 11 - 3

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE REGTL TRUST A/C

Balance on hand 31 Jan 44	CREDIT	£58 - 16 - 8
Credits to 27 Feb 44	Canteen Distributions	12 - 11 - 4
		£71 8

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B/F £71 - 8

Exes to 27 Feb 44:-		
Purchase of Sports Goods from AAAS 2	£16-14- 6	
Prizes for competitions at Mobile Broadcase Unit	£ 1 15 -	
Payment to Ince Bros for Puggarees and colour patches	£17-10 -	£35-19 - 6
Credit Balance on 27 Feb 44		£35- 8 - 6

23 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC TRUST A/C

Balance on hand 31/1/44	Credit	£66 - 4-8
Credits to 27 Feb 44 - Canteen distribution		£ 8 - 5-1
		£74- 9 -9
Exes to 27 Feb 44		
Meal at RIVERTON S A	£1 - 6 - 8	
Puggarees & colour patches	£7- 17 - 8	£ 9 -4 -4
Credit Balance on 27 Feb 44		£65/ 5/ 5

2/108 AUST LAD TRUST A/C

Credit balance as at 31 Jan 44	£17 - 6 - 10
Credits to 27 Feb Canteen Distribution	£ 2 12 5
Credit Balance on 27 Feb 44.	£19 - 19 - 3

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WAR DIARY

D1

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
4 Feb 44

INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION NO 7

1. In the event of CW action by enemy, a report will be rendered on a proforma similar to attached with all speed.

2. A specimen of the attached proforma should be carried in action to ensure that no relevent detail is overlooked.

E O Kieffe
Captain
IO 23 Aust Inf Bde.

(encl)

DISTRIBUTION

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn
17 Aust Fd Amb
23 Aust Fd Coy
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl
244 Aust Sup Dep Pl
109 Aust Bde Wkshops (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
WAR DIARY (2)
File

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C W INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Ref Map.....

1. Formation/Unit..... Date.....

2. Area of attack (Map Ref).....

.....

3. Time of attack - From.....hrs. To.....hrs

4. Weather and wind at time.....

.....

5. Source of Information.....

6. GAS was
Tear/CAP/BBC/KSK
Nose/DA/DC/DM
Choking/Phosgene/Chlorine/Chloropiorin
Blister/Mustard/Lewisite
Mixture/NOT mixed/mixed with smoke

NOT identified but colour.....

Smell.....

Symptoms of casualties.....

.....

7. Weapon used was Mortar/Artillery/Air Spray/Aircraft Bomb/
Cloud

.....No of rounds used approx.....

Comments (incl direction of the weapon-height of aircraft etc)....

.....

8. Casualties-Tps.....Dead..... Affected.....Contaminated

Civilians.....Dead..... Affected.....Contaminated

9. REMARKS (incl Samples fwd etc).....

./. .....

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Place.....Map Ref.....Signed.....

Time.....hrs. Date.....Appointment.....

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File

D2

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
19 Feb 44

INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION NO 7.

Authority - Ref ADV HQ Allied Land Forces SWPA - Fd Security Bulletin No 12

1. The information contained in this instruction will be promulgated to all ranks, and repeated, where practicable before operations by this Bde.

2. The taking of War Souvenirs by soldiers is permissable under certain conditions.

3. Every facility is offered to enable the private soldier to forward souvenirs to a private address nominated by him, including special instructions to civil postal authorities to prevent looting etc en route.

4. It should be realised that 99% of articles souvenired are not required by Higher Intelligence, but that occasionally a soldier includes as a souvenir, an article which is of value to Intelligence authorities.

5. In order that no article is overlooked the channel of forwarding War Souvenirs is through intelligence.

6. A soldier wishing to take as a souvenir any article, should affix to that article a tag showing clearly and in full, the information as under:-

No	Address to be
Rank	despatched to
Name	
Unit	
Where taken	
When taken	
Date	

and hand in the souvenir to his unit Intelligence Section.

7. Ftom the unit Intelligence Section, souvenirs will be despatched through Bde to higher formations, whose every care will be taken to ensure that the article reaches the address for whom it is intended.

8 In the event of an item being required for examination by higher Intelligence, it will, provided it is no longer required, be forwarded, after examination, to the nominated addressee.

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9. Co-operation between field troops and Higher Intelligence in this regard will be of mutual benefit in ensuring

(a) that articles which are wanted as souvenirs by troops can be transported safely and easily to home addresses.

(b) that all articles which may give valuable information, are available for examination by Higher Intelligence.

E O'Keeffe
Captain
IO 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn
17 Aust Fd Amb
23 Aust Fd Coy
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl
109 Aust Fd Park
109 Aust Bde Wk/shops

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WAR DIARY

MOST SECRET
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
8 Feb 44

E1

HQ 3 AUST DIV

LOCATION STATEMENT NO 4

As at 2359 hrs, 7 Feb 44
Ref Map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml

Serial No.	War Office Serial No	Veh No	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks and Projected Moves
1	61547	96	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI Camp Q'land	485395	Nil
2.	49275	96	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.	"	485395	"
3.	46175	63	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	482391	"
4.	46176	61	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	482391	"
5.	46170	77	27 Aust Inf Bn	"	483393	"
6.	49448		40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	"	505389	"
7.	49447		243 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	505389	"
8.	46180	70	17 Aust Fd Amb	"	473375	"
9.	46174	96	2/108 Aust LAD	"	485395	"
10.	61547	96	12 Aust Div Postal Sec F.P.O. 0102	"	485395	"

A W Roth Brigadier
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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WAR DIARY

E2

MOST SECRET

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
23 Feb 44

HQ 3 AUST DIV

LOCATION STATEMENT NO 5

As at 2359 hrs, 22 Feb 44
Ref Map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml

Serial No	War Office Serial No	Veh No	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks and Projected Moves
1	61547	96	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI Camp Q'land	485395	Nil
2	?		28 Pl G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	485395	"
3	49275	96	23 Bde Sig Sec	"	485395	"
4	46175	63	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	482391	"
5	46176	61	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	482391	"
6	46170	77	27 Aust Inf Bn	"	483393	"
7	49448		40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl	"	505389	"
8	49447		243 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	505389	"
9	46180	70	17 Aust Fd Amb	"	473375	"
10	46157		23 Aust Fd Coy	"	473374	"
11	46237		109 Aust Bde Wkshops (AIF)	"	473378	"
12	46238		109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	473378	"
13	46174	96	2/108 Aust LAD	"	485395	"
14	61547	96	12 Aut Div Postal Sec F P O 0102	"	485395	"

J J Turner Capt
By Direction Brigadier
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
27 Feb 44

F 1

RECCE REPORT

REF MAPS GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile.
State Forest R507 - DINDEN DANBULLA 4 inch to 1 mile.

ROUTE Map Ref 552555 (end of Jeep route) to 640453.

RECCE BY HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

PERSONNEL Brigadier A W POTTS DSO MC (Bde Comd) Capt A R DRIVER (BM)
L/Cpl C BOOKER, Pte K HALL (Int Sec)

START TIME & POINT 1245 hrs 13 Feb 44 - Map Ref 552555

FINISH TIME & POINT 1300 hrs 15 Feb 44 - Map Ref 640454

OBJECT OF RECCE To locate old pack track or find if a suitable track could be made for pack tpt.

LOAD CARRIED 30 lbs

PART 1

Portions of pack track located. Route taken by patrol could not be made suitable for pack tpt. Full marching time 17 hrs 30 minutes.

PART 11

Day 1. Patrol moved from 552555 along blazed track to D76. Followed "D" Traverse to D78 and then commenced to follow pack track. After following track for 25 minutes it became indiscernable, so patrol commenced blazing own trail. Numerous creeks were crossed all containing running water. Patrol then attempted to locate T162 but was unable to do so. Some of these creeks have steep rocky approaches and rocky crossings, and would be very difficult for pack tpt, but suitable crossing places could possibly be found. Crossed LOCK CK at 575530, and again at 578528 then followed along Northern bank of LOCK CK. Patrol moved 20 to 50 feet(where it was comparatively easy marching) above level of creek. Bivouaced for night at 584526, where the pack track was located crossing LOCK CK.

Total Marching time for day 1 4½ hours

Day 2. Crossed LOCK CK (10' W 1' D) and commenced blazing trail again on account of the pack track not being discernable soon after crossing Ck. Patrol moved through dense lawyer vine scrub, pandanus, wait a while etc, (about 200 yards from creek) which made progress very slow. After 3 hours marching patrol moved back to LOCK CK at 600521 where a faint track following LOCK CK was located. The track became more distinct and was followed to a waterfall at 621518 (approx) which was reached after 1½ hrs easy marching. At this point a well defined blazed track (at the commencement) and patrol followed it up a steep spur to approx 603503 from where Mt COOBAINGALOI could be seen.

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The object of following this track was to locate "T" Traverse but no marked trees were seen by patrol. The patrol then attempted to follow a SE course to 629400 (track shown to this point on map) but the difficult nature of the country and failing light forced a return to LOCK CK at approx 622508, where patrol bivouaced for night. Time taken from waterfall (approx 621518) up spur and return to LOCK CK 4 hrs.

Total marching time for Day 2 6½ hrs

Day 3. Owing to rough nature of country in proximity to creek (rocks etc) Patrol climbed to about 100 ft above creek level, and marched along the side of the spurs . After marching for 20 minutes a creek was located and patrol was able to march along the bed of same until a track was located, which was followed, and it led back to LOCK CK, and on to a blazed track. This blazed track along side of creek was very well defined and could be made Jeepable to 632500 in the dry season (creeks impassable in wet) with a few days work. Patrol crossed BREACH CK, which was approx 20 yds W and 2'6" D. The LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER was forded at 629467 - the river was 30 yds W and 3'6" D - and flowing fairly fast. The track shown on the GORDONVALE map shows fording the river twice again before reaching the house at 642454. In order to obvia this (on account of flooded nature of river) patrol moved along Northern bank of river to 638460 where track was again met, which led to ford at 642453. The river was 25 yds W and 2'6" D at this point, and very fast flowing, and with a little more rain would have been very difficult to cross. After crossing river patrol was met by Jeeps and returned to camp.

Total marching time for day 3 - 4½ hrs.

GENERAL REMARKS

WEATHER Owing to continuous rain for practically whole time patrol was out, it was impossible to keep any notes. The ground was made very slippery, this making marching more difficult and slower.

INSECTS Leeches were found to be very troublesome. Other insects NIL.

WATER Patrol was always within 15 mins of good water, and consequently water discipline was not required.

EQPT The machette was again found invaluable for many uses, and should always be taken on this type of Recce Patrol. A small clasp knife is also very useful for cutting wait a while etc

VEGETATION For the first two days (especially the second day) lawyer vines, gymple, wait a while, pandanus etc were very thick, making progress very slow and difficult.

SUPPLIES A suitable cleared area for dropping supplies, and also ground for air signals at approx 634485.

PACK TPT Route taken was NOT suitable for pack tpt but with further recce a suitable track could possibly be located.
Attached Appendix "A" Overlay Trace.

Report by K L Hall Pte
Int Sec HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

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7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn	23 Aust Fd Coy
HQ 3 Aust Div	File
War Dairy (2)	

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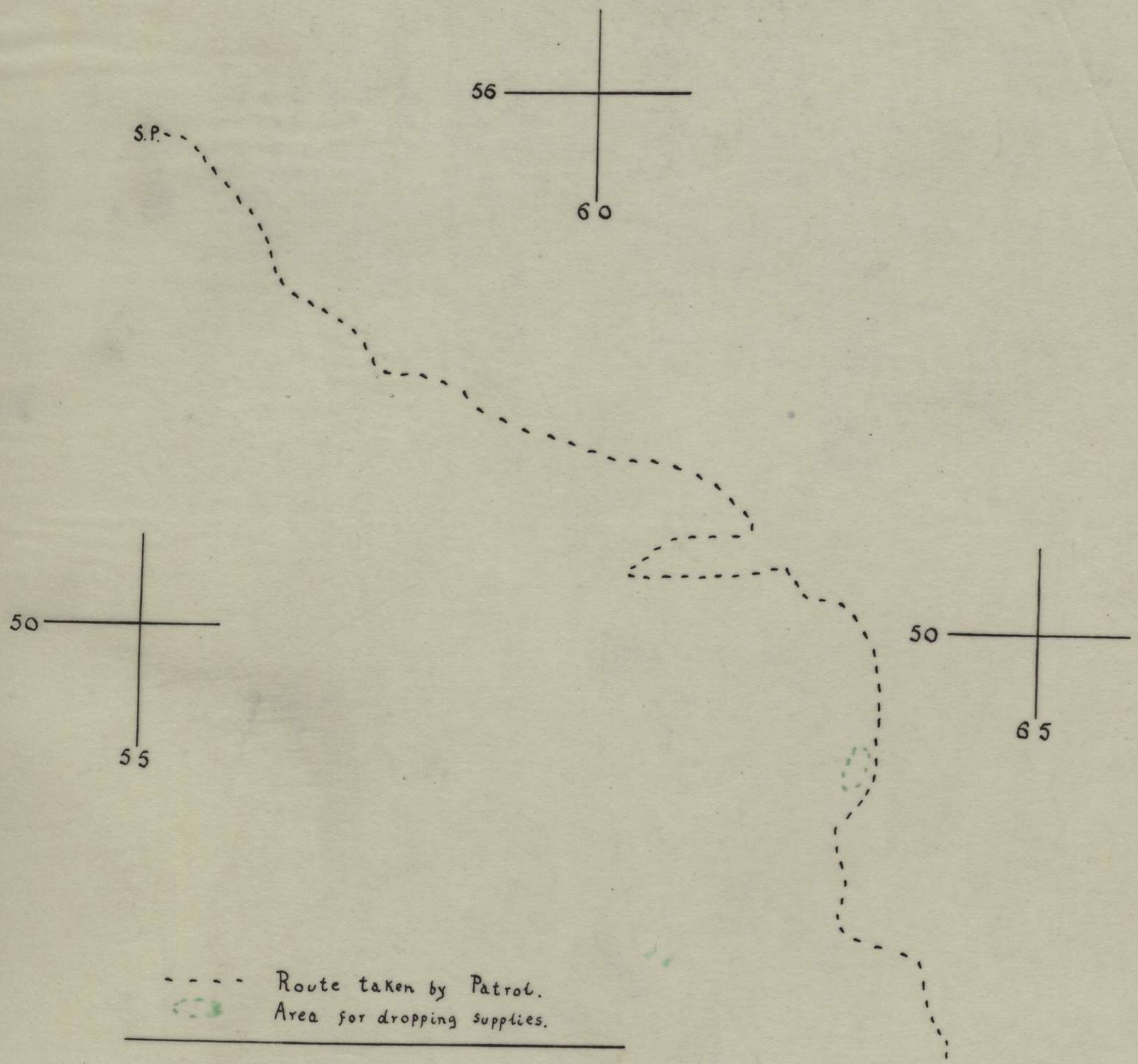
APPX. 'A'

OVERLAY.

Ref. Map: GORDONVALE 1 IN. to 1 MI.



- - - - Route taken by Patrol.

Area for dropping supplies.

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	OUT		

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TO 23 AUST INF BDE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
3 AUST DIV	0297	3	

SECRET	(.)	ref	3	aust	div
O 196	(.)	LANDFORCES	now	advise	that
23	fd	coy	will	move	with
WE	strength	(.)	bomb	disposal	trailer
is	moving	with	unit		

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T.H.I. 031444L

T.O.R. 031512L

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TO 23 AUST INF BDE

FROM 3 AUST DIV

Originator's Number: Q 435

Date: 5

In Reply to Number:

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	(.)	further	3	aust
div	signal	0920	27 Jan	(.)
23	aust	fd	coy	strength
7	offrs	169	OR	(.)
3	trailer	compressor	(.)	25 mm
1/2 tons	B.W	77	tons	cubic
(.)	departing	SECOND	AUST	ARMY
area	not	before	4FEB	(.)
further	details	when	available	

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T.H.I. 051525L

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TO 23 AUST INF BDE CAMP SO KAIRI

FROM 3 AUST DIV

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q 472	9	

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	(.)	further	to	my
signal	Q 435	of	5	feb
NOT	to	camp	SO	KAIRI
(.)	23	aust	fd	coy
arrive	CLAPHAM	12	feb	(.)
on	arrival	KAIRI	area	unit
will	occupy	that	portion	of
site	CU	vacated	by	2/3
aust	tk/a	and	8	aust
fd	svy	bty	(.)	unit
NOT	bringing	tentage	(.)	23
aust	inf	bde	will	arrange
reception	and	fostering	of	unit
on	arrival	(.)	tentage	will
be	made	available	under	arrangements
ADOS	(.)	ETA	KAIRI	follows

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T.H.I. 091940L

T.O.R. 092110L

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TO 23 AUST INF BDE CAMP SO KAIRI

FROM 3 AUST DIV

Originator's Number G 513

Date 16

In Reply to Number

SECRET (.)	23	aust	fd	coy	strength
192	all	ranks	will	arrive	TOLGA
ETA	171815L	FEB	(.)	23	aust
inf	bde	will	arrange	reception	and
i					
fostering	and	advise	strength	on	arrival
and	completion	of	movement		

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T.H.I. 161839L

T.O.R. 162131L

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TO 23 AUST INF BDE RPTD CAMP SO KAIRI

FROM 3 AUST DIV

Originator's Number: Q 533

Date: 19

In Reply to Number:

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	(.)	109	aust	bde
wkshops	and	109	aust	bde
ord	fd	park	total	120
all	ranks	arrive	TOLGA	191815L
FEB	(.)	evening	meal	being
provided	MAREEBA	(.)	23	aust
inf	bde	arrange	reception	mvt
from	rly	sta	and	fostering
(.)	advise	completion		

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T.H.I. 191215L

T.O.R. 191235L

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No. of Groups GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 23 AUST INF BDE rptd CAMP SO KAIRI

FROM 3 AUST DIV

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q 356	27	

(Write horizontally)

SECRET (.)	109	aust	bde	ord
fd	park	strength	1	offr
3	sgts	18	rank	and
file	109	aust	bde	wkshops
strength	4	offrs	2 wo 's	16
sgts	82	rank	and	file
due	to	depart	SECOND	ARMY
area	not	before	28	JAN
(.)	5X3	ton	machinery	4 X 3
ton	stores	2 X 3	ton	breakdown
vehs	1	trailer	recovery	all
o	of	gauge	moving	by
out	arrangements			
separate				

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T.H.I. 271100L

T.O.R. 271150L

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

..6../...44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 1 /1944 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. II/..2../..3.. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 7n O.R's. 16 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	A Class 15										15
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX162533	Chaplain	FRY F J	11 L of C Area	4Feb44	Ceases to be attached to 11 L of C Area
					Detached to 7 Bn.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde ..... Unit

6 / 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 2 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

GI

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BdeComd	Yes		
Captain	VX 5012	BROWN	H V	SC	"		
"	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
"	VX 28426	WILD	W H	LOI	"		
"	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
"	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO3	Yes		
"	VX136691	McDONALD	W J F	LO2	No	Attached 3 DIV Acting LO	
Services							
Capt	VX 30042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lieut	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AC	"		
"	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
"	VX133986	TOLLEY	W N	AAPC	"		
Chaplain	NX162533	FRY	F J	-		~~Detached No 11 Lect. 7 Bn~~ ~~Alice Springs~~	
"	NX139070	DILLON	H F	-		Detached 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W S C	-		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details

J M Moore Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

5 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

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Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 1 /1944 HQ 23 AIB (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 16 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1			
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
	1			Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1			Staff Sergeants					
	2	1	1	Sergeants AES, AEME, AAPC		5	3		
	1	2	6	Corporals AACC, AASC, AAMC		3			
			41	Troopers, Privates, etc. AASC, AEME,					
				Civilians counting as O.R. AAPC, AACC		6	2	6	
*	5	3	50 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		15 *	5	6	*

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

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		64		1							65
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached

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

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

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HQ 23 Aust ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5/ 2 /194 4.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asst.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Non-Tradesmen			
Electricians				Cooks	3	4		Woodturners				Batmen	13	9	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								" Drs	3	-	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CSM	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								CQMS	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Drs MT	5	8	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Ord MT	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				" Sigs	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	4		Tpt NCO	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply AASC	1	1		Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AASC			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				Dr MT	1	-	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				MC Ord	1	-	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Med Ord	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Bde Ord WO	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.V.	1	2		Engine Hands, I.C.				AAPC			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Sgts	-	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Pte	-	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asst.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	12	13		CARRIED FORWARD	19	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	65 *	*

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

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details

5 Feb44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXAMINATION OF PART "E"

DETAILS	W E	POSTED STRENGTH
Intelligence Duties		
S/Sgt	1	-
Sgt	-	1
Cpl	1	1
Pte T G II	2	2
Intelligence Draughtsmen		
Cpl	1	1
Pte T G I	1	1
Clerks		
WO II	1	1
Sgts	2	1
Cpl	1	-
Ptes T G III	2	2
CSM		
WO II	1	1
CQMS		
S/Sgt	1	-
Cpl	1	-
Tpt NCO	1	-
Drs MT		
Cpl	1	2
Ptes	4	6
Attached on WE		
AAChD Batman Drs	3	-
AASC Clerk Cpl	1	1
Dr MT	1	-
MC Ord	1	1
Batman	1	-
AMC Ord	1	1
AOC Bde Ord WO I	1	1
AEME		
Armourer Sgt	1	1
Fitters MV T G II	1	2
AAPC		
Sgts	-	3
Pte	-	1
CARRIED FORWARD	12 13	19 18

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Signature of Commander

Captain
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 2 / 1944 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 16 ATT. BY W.E.

G 2

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		A Class 15									15
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 2 /1944 .... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BdeComd	Yes		
Captain	VX 5012	BROWN	H V	SC	"		
"	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
"	VX 28426	WILD	W H	LOI	No	Attached 8 Bn	
"	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	Yes		
"	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO2	"		
"	VX134691	McDONALD	W J F	LO	No	Attached 3 Div Acting LO	
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lieut	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
"	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
"	VX133926	TOLLEY	W N	AAPC	"		
Chaplain	NX162533	FRY	F J	-		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	H F	-		" 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W S C	-		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details.

Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

12 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

7 44
____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/2/194 4 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. 10/2/3. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 16 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1			
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
	1			Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1			Staff Sergeants					
	2	1	1	Sergeants	AES, AEME, AAPC	5	3		
	1	2	6	Corporals	AACC, AASC, AAMC	3			
		2	43	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AASC, AEME				
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AAPC, AACC	6	2	6	
*	5	5	52 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		15 *	5	6	*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		66		1							67
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde ..... *Unit*

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Non-tradesmen			
Electricians				Cooks	3	5		Woodturners				Batmen	13	9	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								" Drs	3	-	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CSM	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								CQMS	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Drs MT	5	8	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hyg "	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Ord MT	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				" Sigs	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5		Tpt NCO	1	-	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply AASC	1	1		Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AASC			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Batmen	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Dr MT	1	-	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				NC Ord	1	-	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Med Ord	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Bde Ord WOI	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	2		Engine Hands, I.C.				AAPC			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Sgts	-	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Batman	-	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	12	14		CARRIED FORWARD	19	20		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	67	*

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12 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXPLANATION OF PART "E"

DETAILS	WE	POSTED STRENGTH
Intelligence Duties		
S/Sgt	1	-
Sgt	-	1
Cpl	1	1
Pte T G II	2	2
Intelligence Draughtsmen		
Cpl	1	1
Pte T G I	1	1
CLERKS		
WO II	1	1
Sgts	2	1
Cpl	1	-
Ptes T G III	2	3
CSM		
WO II	1	1
CQMS		
S/Sgt	1	-
Cpl	-	1
Tpt NCO	1	-
Drs MT		
Cpls	1	2
Ptes	4	6
Attached on WE		
AAChD Batmen Drs	3	-
AASC Clerk Cpl	1	1
Dr MT	1	-
MC Ord	1	-
Batman	1*	1
AMC Ord	1	1
AOC Bde Ord WO I	1	1
AEME		
Armourer Sgt	1	1
Fitters MV T G II	1	2
Fitters T G I	1	-
AAPC		
Sgts	-	3
Batman	-	1
Cooks		
Cpl	1	1
Ptes T G II	2	2
Ptes Not T G	-	2

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/2/194 7. .....(Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 16 ATT. BY W.E. G3

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		A Class 15									15
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Captain	VX 5012	BROWN	H V	SC	"		
"	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
"	VX 28426	WIDE	W H	LOI	No	Attached 8 Bn.	
"	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	Yes		
"	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO2	"		
"	VX134691	McDONALD W	J F	LO	No	Attached 3 Div Acting LO	
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lieut.	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
"	NX106757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
"	VX133926	TOLLEY	W N	AAPC	"		
Chaplain	NX162535	FRY	F J	-		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139079	WILSON	H F	-		" 9 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W S C	-		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details.

A M Bower Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

19 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 2 /194 4 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 16 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1			
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
	1			Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1			Staff Sergeants					
	2	1	1	Sergeants	AES, AEME, AAPC	5	3		
	1	2	6	Corporals	AACC, AASC, AAMC	3			
		2	43	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AASC, AEME,				
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AAPC, AACC,	6	2	6	
*	5	5	52 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *	5	6	*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
		A									
A		66		1							67
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19 / 2/194 4.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Non-tradesmen			
Electricians				Cooks	3	5		Woodturners				Batmen	13	9	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								" Drs	3	-	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CSM	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								CQMS	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Drs MT	5	8	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hgy Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Ord MT	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				" Sigs	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5		Tpt NCO	1	-	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply AASC	1	1		Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AASC			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Dr MT	1	-	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				MC Ord	1	-	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Med Ord	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Bde Ord WO I	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T. MV	1	2		Engine Hands, I.C.				AAPC			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Sgts	-	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Batman	-	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	12	14		CARRIED FORWARD	19	20		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	67 *	*

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

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details

19 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXPLANATION OF PART "E"

DETAILS	WE	POSTED STRENGTH
Intelligence Duties		
S/Sgt	1	-
Sgt	-	1
Cpl	1	1
Ptes T G II	2	2
Intelligence Draughtsmen		
Cpl	1	1
Pte T G I	1	1
Clerks		
WO II	1	1
Sgts	2	1
Cpl	1	-
Ptes T G III	2	3
CSM - WO II	1	1
CQSM		
S/Sgt	1	-
Cpl	-	1
Tpt NCO	1	-
Drs MT		
Cpls	1	2
Ptes	4	6
~~AkkxxxhxxdxxxxxxxWE~~		
Cooks		
Cpl	1	1
Ptes T G II	2	2
Ptes Not T G	-	2
Attached on WE		
AAChD Batmen Drs	3	-
AASC Clerk Cpl	1	1
Dr MT	1	-
MC Ord	1	-
Batman	1	1
AMC Ord	1	1
AOC Bde Ord WO I	1	1
AEME		
Armourer Sgt	1	1
Fitters M V T H II	1	2
Fitters T G I	1	-
AAPC		
Sgts	-	3
Batman	-	1

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/ 2 /1944 HQ 23 A.I.B. (Unit)

W.E. II/2 / 3. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 17 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		A Class 15									15
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 2 / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	VX 1574	POTTS	A W	Ddcom	Yes		
Captain	VX 5012	BROWN	H V	SC	"		
"	VX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
"	VX 20426	WILD	W H	LO1	No	Detached 6 Bn	
"	VX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R	LO	Yes		
"	VX114158	PARKER	G C	LO	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO2	No	RAAF Army Co-op Sch.	
"	VX134591	MCCORKLE	W J P	LO3	No	Detached 3 Div Adtg LO	
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lieut	VX 303977	FITZGERALD	A E	AO	"		
"	NX105727	ELLIOTT	A G	BO	"		
"	VX133926	TOLLEY	W H	AAPC	"		
Chaplain	NX162533	MCK	F J	"		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F	"		" 6 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W S C	"		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details					
					A Rowe Captain HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

26 Feb 44
..... Date of Despatch

..... Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/2/1944 HQ 23 A I B **(Unit)**

W.E. II/2/3. **OFFRS.** 10 **O.R's.** 52 + **OFFRS.** 8 **O.R's.** 17 **ATT. BY W.E.**

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1	1		
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1			Staff Sergeants					
	2	1	1	Sergeants AES, AEME, AAPC, AAOC		5	3	1	
	1	1	5	Corporals AACC, AASC, AAMC		3			
			41	Troopers, Privates, etc. AASC, AEME, AACC, AACD, AAOC, AAPC					
				Civilians counting as O.R.		7	2	6	
*	4	2	50 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		16 *	6	7	*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		66									66
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 2 /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	-	1	
Draughtsmen Intel	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Non-Tradesmen			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	13	8	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Drs MT	14	19	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Ord. Sig	6	4	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Tpt NCO	1	-	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen duties	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CSM	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				CQMS	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5		Att. by WE			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AASC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Dr MT	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MC Ord	1	-	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AES Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAMC Med Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC WO I	-	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Ann exam	1	-	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				BatmanDr	1	-	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AEME Armourer	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Fitters MT	1	-	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Mech MT	1	2	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AACC Cooks	3	4	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAChD BatmenDrs	3	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AARC Clerks	-	3	
												Batman			
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DETAILS NCOs WE

~~WO II S/Sgt SGT CPL WO II S/Sgt SGT CPL~~

NCOs		WE WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	POSTED STRENGTH WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	Remarks Reinfts required
TG I	Draughtsmen(Int)				1				1	
TGII	Intell. duties		1		1			1	1	
TGIII	Clerks	1		1	1	1		1	-	
Non-Specs										
	Drivers MT				1				2	
	Transport Sgt			1				-		Yes Tpt Sg
	Gen Duties				1				1	
	CQMS		1				1			
	CSM	1				1				
Services										
AASC	Clerk				1				1	
AAMC	Med Ord				1				1	
AAOC	Ann Ream			1				-		Yes 1 Sgt
AEME	Armourer			1				1		
AACC	Cook TG II				1				1	
TOTAL		2	2	4	8	2	1	3	8	

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WILL BE MARCHED OUT AS OVERAGE OR UNSUITABLE

DRIVER	CPL	1
"	PTES	3
WATER DUTYMAN		1
BATMEN		1
GEN DUTY MEN		2
AAMC		
Med	Cpl	1

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde — Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Mar 44 To 2359 hrs 31 Mar 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	1		Bde Comd landed at dawn with the 2/7 Bn in Beach Gp exercise.	
			The exercise concluded, and the Bde Comd returned to KAIRI. He expressed admiration for "an excellent exercise".	
			Lt-cols BERRY and NORRIS discussed details of the TOWNSEND GAP Exercise with Bde Comd, who later talked over same with BM	
	2	AM	Bde Comd reported to GOC at Corps.	
		PM	Lt-col GREEN called on Bde Comd, and Bde Comd, BM and umpires	
			for TOWNSEND GAP exercise, visited the exercise area. Lieut THOMPSON and personnel of the defence pl are engaged in	
			erecting targets and earthworks in exercise area.	
		evening	Lieut MacDONALD, detached from 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ, to 3 Aust Div as LO, dined in the mess.	
	3.		Lieut FITZGERALD, Bde Amenities Officer left to attend	
			special Short OCTU course, Lt-col NORRIS discussed details of TOWNSEND GAP exercise with the Bde Comd, and Lt-col POPE,	
			the policy of administering command.	
			The Bde Comd was notified that WO I STEVENS of 41/2 Bn was available for transfer, and 8 Bn were notified accordingly.	
			The officer problem was discussed with DAAG 3 Aust Div.	
			DAQMG rang to say that the ADS & T and CASC were visiting	
			243 & 244 Aust Sup Depot Pls and 40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl.	
			GI 3 Aust Div, saying that Lieut ALEXANDER, 1 Aust Corps	
			Signals, would be attached to Bde to act as 2i/c 23 aust Inf Bde Signal Section for the duration of TOWNSEND GAP exercise.	
			Lieut ALEXANDER marched in later in the day.	
	4.	AM	27 Aust Inf Bn moved out to Mt EDITH area on 3 day exercise.	
			Bde Comd discussed details of TOWNSEND GAP exercise with the	
			BM, who later held an umpires conference.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde — Date and Time.—From 4 MAR '44 To 14 MAR '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	4	PM	Bde Comd visited 27 bn, and later discussed with CO 8 bn Lt-col BERRY, MC. the policy of administering command of 23 Aust Inf Bde.	
	5	AM	TOWNSEND GAP exercise commenced Capt O'KEEFFE, Lieuts EDWARDS WEBB, THOMPSON, and ALEXANDER, with defence pl, cooks, batmen, signal and intelligence section moved out.	Details — Narrative etc Appendix "A 2"
		PM	The Bde Comd, after discussing exercise with G1 at 3 Aust Div during the morning moved out to join exercise as the 8 Bn were approaching TOWNSEND GAP.	
	6.		EXERCISE.	
	7.		EXERCISE. Reinfts for BdeHQ arrived.	
	8.		do	
	9		do	
	10		do	
	11		Exercise concluded. Bde comd called on 5 RAAF Sqn at MAREEBA on his way back to KAIRI and thanked them for their co-operation. Maj D McCARTHY, ex BM of this Brigade, and now G11 (Liaison) at 1 Aust Corps, had lunch with Brigade officers. Weekly ~~report received from HYGIENE OFFICER (Lt ELLIOTT)~~ Bde Comd discussed medical supplied with the ADMS, and later visited Col CHALLON and Maj CHAUVEL (Indian Army) at 2/6 AGH	
	12		Umpires conference at Bde HQ.	
	13		Lt-col IRWIN visited Bde Comd. Maj DAY 27 Aust Inf Bn visited Bde Comd on his return from his NEW GUINEA observer tour. At midday very heavy rain was experienced for about ~~1½ hours. Lt-col BERRY discussed with Bde Comd, his~~ Battalions part in the Brigade Exercise.	
	14		A conference was held at Bde HQ in which the Bde Comd discussed with Lt-cols BERRY, POPE and NORRIS the principal lessons. to be learnt from the Bde Exercise.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 14 MAR '44 To 19 MAR '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	14		LT WEBB (LO) attended a River Crossing Demonstration by 25 Aust Inf Bn. Capt ROSE, ex 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, of 27 Aust Inf Bn was interviewed by Bde Comd.	
	15		All Officers of 23 Aust Inf Bde paraded in YMCA hut 7 Aust Inf Bn where Bde Comd addressed them on the recent exercise The Bde Comd later addressed officers of the 27 Bn, and also discussed Signal Problems with Capt COLMAN, (Bde Sig Offr) Lieut ALEXANDER was marched in as 2 i/c 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec. In the Evening Bde Comd, accompanied by the SC and BASCO, visited 3 Aust Div Mess, where in discussion with the DAAG, it was decided that all personnel, surplus to WE plus one reinfts would remain with units until embarkation.	
	~~16.~~ 17	AM	Chaplain JOHNSON discussed 27 Aust Inf Bn affairs with Bde Comd. Lt-col POPE and Capt MAGAREY 27 Aust Inf Bn interviewed Bde Comd. In the afternoon Lt-col CAYLEY, accompanied by Major BELL and Lieut NANKIVELLE (members of the War Wages Rates Board) discussed returns with Bde Comd. Col CORNELIUS another Board member, was unable to be present. Major DRIVER and Capt GRIMSHAW accompanied Brig POTTS to dinner at 2/12 Fd Amb Mess.	
	~~18.~~		The Bde Comd inspected 23 Aust Fd Coy and 17 Aust Fd Amb, and met officers of the latter unit at morning tea. Later ~~the 109 Aust Bde Wksps and 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk were~~ inspected. The Fd Amb provided an excellent display while the other parades were good.	
	19		In discussion between SC and Bde Comd ~~after Bde Comd~~ forecast of groups for the forth coming Bde move was fixed. In the afternoon officers of Bde HQ viewed an excellent football match in which 7 Aust Inf Bn defeated 2/11 Aust ~~Inf Bn. Visiting Officers present included Lt-col BISHOP~~ Gl 6 Aust Div, Lt-col WYNN 2/7 Aust Inf Bn , Lt-col GREEN 2/7 Aust Fd Regt	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 19 MAR '44 To 28 MAR '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	19		The attendance was estimated at 4000, and included all units of 23 Aust Inf Bde, and members of 44 & 2/11 Aust Inf Bns.	
	20		At an evening in the Officers Mess, a quiet but enjoyable night was had - visiters included Lt-col COLMAN, Col FARREY 7 Aust MG Bn, Lt-col GARNER 44 Aust Inf Bn and Major McCARTHY G11 Liaison 1 Aust Corps.	
	21		QM's conference at 1530 hrs to discuss 3 Aust Div Questionnaire Lieut AUTHUR (Pay Inspection Officer) visited Bde HQ.	
	22		Bde Comd Brig FEWTRELL, BM 5 Aust Inf Bde visited Bde Comd - later Lt-col POPE who discussed the officer situation in 27 Aust Inf Bn.	
	23		Bde Comd BM, IO, and a party from each of the Inf Bns travelled to WONDECLA to witness a demonstration of tank tactics arranged by 17 Aust Inf Bde.	
	24		Capt HEATHWOOD arrived at Bde HQ to relieve Capt BROWN as SC. Brig FIELD called and discussed divisional questionnaire with Bde Comd.	
	25		Lt-col NORRIS visited Bde Comd and discussed the future posting of Capt BROWN, Lt-col BERRY and Capt BARNES later discussed training ideas with Bde Comd.	
	26		DAPM 3 Aust Div and Lt GRAY OC 14 Aust Indep Bde Pro Pl, visited Bde Comd. The above unit arrived in KAIRI area on 25 Mar and came under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.	
	27		Lt-col MAITLAND paid a social visit to Bde Comd.	
	28		Lt-col BERRY discussed proposed 6 day march of 8 aust inf bn with Bde Comd. The ADMS called and discussed the medical classification of Capt MAGAREY (27 Aust Inf Bn) Lt-col IRWIN called reference 17 Aust Fd Amb Training. In the evening the BM accompanied the Bde Comd to mess at the 44 Aust Inf Bn Officers Mess	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. Date and Time.—From 29 MAR '44 To 31 MAR '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	29		Bde Comd wrote to Major-General (now Lieut GENERAL) SAVIGE conveying the Brigade Congratulations on his appointment as GOC 1 Aust Corps. In the afternoon the Bde Comd BM moved over BLACK MOUNT area to see 27 Aust Inf Bn exercise, returning via FLYING FOX . Pay Officer Lt TOLLEY, and Bde TO Capt FARRAR, with a party from Bde I section climbed WALSH'S PYRAMID. Bde IO Capt O'KEEFFE, accompanied CO and IO of 8 AustInf Bn on a recce of the proposed route for 8 Aust Inf Bn ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ 6 day march.	
	30 31		Bde Comd and BM visited 23 Aust Fd Coy in training Lt-col NORRIS discussed the results of the 7 Aust Inf Bn practice move with Bde Comd. A Bde HQ officers basket ball team played against 61 Aust Inf Bn Officers and won after 3 strenuous sets. In the evening the Bde Comd and BM attended a dance at 3 Aust Div	
			GENERAL	
			The month after completion of Bde Exercise, which was forwarded 3 weeks from the original date as fixed by 3 Aust Inf Trg Instn No 4, has been devoted to "marrying-in" reinforcements, completion of preparations for anticipated Bde Gp move. ~~Recapitulation by Bns on points arising from Bde Exercise~~ and checking up on points raised in training. Rain has been heavy and consistent.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 44 *To* 31 Mar 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Brig WX 1574 POTTS A W Bde Comd	
			Maj WX 11052 DRIVER A R BM	
			Capt VX 5012 BROWN H V SC	
			Capt NX 70682 HEATHWOOD A M (SC from 25 Mar 44)	
			Capt WX 2875 O'KEEFFE E R IO	
			~~Lieut VX114156 SMITH H W LO 1~~	
			Lieut WX 33831 WEBB R G LO 2	
			Lieut VX 30357 FITZGERALD A J AO	
			Liuet NX105757 ELLIOTT A G HO	
			Capt VX114122 FARRAR G C TO	
			~~Capt VX 39042 POWELL L G BASCO~~	
			Lieut VX133926 TOLLEY W N AAPC	
			ATTACHED	
			Lieut WX 28898 BURKETT K R 7 Aust Inf Bn)	Attached as LO (Learner)
			Lieut SX 25134 EDWARDS F C 27 Aust Inf Bn)	
			E. O'Keeffe Capt for Major BM 23 Aust Inf Bde. A.O.D.	

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 12 MAR 44

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
5 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUANA POCKET	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course	
		B	Bayonet Course	Individual Trg	Hardening, Weapon Trg, Map Reading	Sports PM
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	APL, Orders & Messages	Sports PM
		D	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds Discretion	Duty Coy
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	TOWNSEND GAP ATHERTON FLAT Mt EDITH	Bn Exercise (7 days) under Bde Control	Movt, attack, utilizing SP arms and close SP in Fd Firing, consolidation, mopping up, hardening	Commences 5 Mar Director Brig A W POTTS
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	North Mt EDITH	Bn Exercise (2 days)	Adv, contact, attack, perimeter def.	In succession Coy attacks on Pl def posns Director Lt Col A POPE
7 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	TOWNSEND GAP ATHERTON FLAT	Bn Exercise (3 days) under Bde Control	Movt, attack, utilizing SP arms & close SP in Fd Firing, consolidation, mopping up, hardening	Director Brig AWPOTTS
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (7 days) under Bde Control			Director Brig A W POTTS 3rd Day
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (2 days)			Director Lt Col A POPE
1 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (3 days) under Bde Control			Director Brig A W POTTS
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (7 days) Now under Bn Control			Director Lt Col BERRY 4th Day
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	AM Unit lines PM Sports Oval	Individual Trg Sports	Weapon Trg, Recap, Preparation for Exercise, Hardening, Esprit de corps	
1 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Final day of Bn Exercise (3 days) under Bde Control			Director Brig A W POTTS
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (7 days)			Director Lt Col BERRY 5th Day
"	27 Aust	A.B.C. D & HQ	TOWNSEND GAP ATHERTON FLAT	Bn Exercise (3 days) under Bde control	Movt, attack, utilizing SP arms & close SP in Fd Firing, consolidation, mopping up, hardening.	Director Brig AWPOTTS

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
10 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		B	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, weapon Trg	
		C	Bayonet Course	Individual Trg	Bayonet Assault, Map Reading	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	API, Map Reading, Messages	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Individual Specialist Trg in Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (7 days)			Director Lt Col BERRY 6th Day
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Continuation of Bn Exercise (3 days) under Bde Control			Director Brig A W POT 2nd Day
11 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Bayonet Course	Individual Trg	Bayonet Assault, Map Reading	Sports PM
		B	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		C	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Weapon Trg	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	API, Orders & Messages	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Individual Specialist Trg in Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Last day of Bn Exercise (7 days)			Director Lt Col BERRY
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Last day of Bn Exercise (3 days) under Bde Control			Director Brig AW POTTS
12 Mar	All Bns		Rest Day			

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23 AUST INF BDE BATTALION EXERCISES 5 - 11 MAR 44

NOTES ON ARTILLERY CO-OPERATION

A. GENERAL NOTES

1. In the terms of 3 Aust Div Training Instruction No 4 of 13 Jan 44, it was intended that Bn training period would be completed 3 months after traihing commenced, and that concurrently with the stages of training within Bns viz Pl, Coy, to Bn phases, Artillery co-operation would take place. It was found that although two Bns did move on 5 day Exercises with representatives of Artillery, and discussed the various possibilities and tactical positions which arose, the artillery co-operation as laid down in 3 Aust Div Training Instruction could not be carried out as 2/7 Aust Fd Regt - which was the Regt under command 3 Aust Div for training - was not available. The Regt was engaged upon Regt Exercises under instructions from Corps.

2. This HQ was informed by 'G' 3 Aust Div that early in march Bn Exercises with artillery and other arms co-operation would have to be conducted. A conference of Bn Commands was held by Bde Comd on 20 Feb 44, at which attended G1 3 Aust Div, BM RAA 3 Aust Div, CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt. The date fixed for the Exercises under Bde control was 5 - 11 Mar.
Details of co-operation to the extent of:-

(a) One troop to be under command each Bn.
(b) The Bns to go through the Exercise concurrently.

were firmly fixed during that conference.
The question of the earlier date than was originally anticipated for these Exercises and the reasons were fully explained by G1 3 Aust Div. In brief the target date of 15 Mar for 23 Aust Inf Bde move was the regulating factor.

3. The employment of a Battery of Artillery was discussed, with the intention of leapfrogging troops through as the Bn advanced from TOWNSEND GAP, through feature 2800 and on past LOCK Creek to LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER. After discussion though, with reference to the condition of tracks, the weather and the probable operational conditions through the terrain selected, it was agreed upon that a troop only would be sufficient for the task.

4. Recce of the proposed location of Exercises was conducted by Bde Staff and CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt. It was decided then, owing to the target date, to restrict each Bn to an Exercise period of 2 days and 2 nights with an artillery fire task on the 3rd morning. This resulted in the Bns not moving beyond feature 2800, as troops had to return from that feature over the ground covered by the incoming Bn and troop, in order to clear the Exercise area.
By 2 Mar 44, all details were complete and the series of Exercises was commenced 0800 hrs 5 Mar 44 by 8 Aust Inf Bn with under command one troop 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, one Pl 7 Aust MG Bn, and skeleton Platoon 101 Aust Bde Support Coy.

5. Air co-operation was incorporated in the plan and 5 Tac R Sqn were supplying 2 Tac Rs each day plus an air strike consisting of one bombing run by Wirraways and straffing run by a flight of Boomerangs, on the second day of each Bn Exerise. Timings for the strikes were worked out in conjunction with the probable artillery plan.

6. Umpires were used for the purpose of painting the picture of each contact, they then becoming safety officers as each sub-unit command evolved his own plan.

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Commands utilizing artillery were advised by these safety officers only to the extent of making sure safety precautions were carried out with the narrowest of restrictions. An officer of 2/7 Aust Fd Regt was Artillery Umpire and moved generally with F O O or O P O.

7. Narrative, orders, and sequence of events were issued to 3 Aust Div with copy for RAA.

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23 AUST INF BDE BATTALION EXERCISES 5 - 11 MAR 44

NOTES ON ARTILLERY CO-OPERATION

B SPECIAL NOTES

1. INFORMATION

The information through artillery channels was excellent throughout the series of Exercises. This channel, if utilized further, could be of the greatest assistance to the higher formation in early gleaning of information and is quite capable of carrying a greater bulk, quicker than the normal information channel.

2. SAFETY FACTORS

With the exception of the first day, when safety precautions were carried further than was necessary, the troops were kept well up to the fall of shells. It is considered that with overhead fire in action, troops could snug up to within 200 yards of the target, and with flanking fire it was found that 350 yards would be the minimum. This later figure is derived from 25 pounder shells bursting on rocky ground. Tree Bursts are the subject of para 3 below. Distances given might well be reduced in jungle thick enough to intercept splinters.

3. TREE BURSTS

Did not cause as much variation of range or safety precautions as was considered previous to the Exercise. In the final phase of the assault on 2800 feature troops were drawn back to approximately 400 yards from the target area and it was felt that they could have snugged up to within 200 yards, the tree bursts not effecting the safety distance. It is now considered that with troops advancing up a wooded slope with overhead fire, that tree burst danger is at its minimum; on level ground normal; on a downward slope at its maximum.

4. DF TASKS

Were always asked for and registered by the artillery, but there were few cases when the fire would have been very effective, owing to the fact of our troops being usually on the reverse slopes of features during consolidation. This is an interesting point in Jungle Warfare - are DF tasks always possible, particularly in the direction of our advance?

5. HARRASSING FIRE

The predicted shoot for pursuit and harrassing of enemy appeared to be the logical answer, and the artillery did a very good job in this regard, particularly upon feature 3200. Harrassing fire would also have been very effective upon enemy at DAVIES CREEK CROSSING when Battalions were consolidated on TOWNSENDS GAP.

6. OBSERVATION

of fire was generally practicable, good OP's being available. Smoke was used for most initial registering and appeared to be satisfactory, being very necessary when registering at extreme range onto 3200 feature. HE burst was rarely discernible when it fell into Jungle at long ranges.

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7. MOVEMENT OF TROOP

The movement of the respective troops in and out of their Gun Positions was good, dispersal and deployment being well carried out. It is thought however that it is quite impossible to conceal from the enemy Tac R the actual positions of the guns, at least in the terrain which wasselected. When trees have to be cut for up to 300 yards ahead of the guns, the clearing is too obvious to miss and even alternative positions do not solve this problem. Where guns could be sited on the edges of timber and fire over the open land, concealment would be much simpler.

8. TIME BEFORE SUPPORT

With the necessity of cutting down the timber to enable clearance of the guns, it was 1½ hours before one gun was in action and up to 3 hours before the troop could give support to the infantry. These times are from the commencement of digging gun positions. In one instance only however did this delay affect the infantry advance. Para 7 above combined with this, may tend to alter the preconceived ideas of gun positions, In Jungle country the above times would be greatly increased and the Infantry may be delayed unduly.

9. JEEPS

The use of Jeeps well forward by both FOO and OPO is essential, but in particular FOO's must realize that the Jeep carrying their No 11 set is a very vital part of their channels of inter-communication. On many occasions this Jeep was even forward of the foremost Infantry, and in operations would have been knocked out. The transport of OPO at times tended to clutter up the area around battalion 'O' Group - this must be avoided. It is felt at this stage that the average artillery officer depends too much on his Jeep. (See para 15)

10. TRACKS

The main and only track which was used during the Exercise was one which orginally recced by brigade Command, later becoming the track. This may often be so and undue and severe traffic on a track of this nature soon makes it impassable. Traffic may be controlled easily, but Jeep with chains on do more damage than density of traffic. It is thought that more consideration could have been given to this aspect, in fact all arms were guilty to an extent.

11. CO's RESPONSIBILITY

All battalion commands realize more fully now their responsibility to allot tasks to the artillery, but not to impose restrictions upon methods employed. They give the task and the artillery carry it out and it was very noticeable that all tasks given to the artillery were carried out and completed, with the minimum of delay and the maximum of efficiency. This emphasises the close liaison and touch which must be kept between the CO and the OPO - this was at all times done with the resultant completion of all tasks as mentioned above.

12. FOO's TASK

A lesson brought out and forcibly learned was that the brigade command must give direct orders whether the FOO could or could not assume control of the fire, direct under command of forward Company command. On one occasion the company command took the responsibility upon himself, made his fire plan without contact with the CO. The FOO was not sure and the result was nearly chaotic.

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13. SMOKE

One interesting feature of the Exercise was the way smoke hung for a long period in folds, dead ground etc. Particularly noticeable in this regard was when artillery was registering with smoke on feature 3200. Terrain which was until then unknown to the infantry was shown up in detail. It is thought that this method of forward recce of ground may be made good use of - it enabled a command to appreciate ground without troops passing into enemy country. Folds, dead ground, knife edges and ridges even to re-entrants are thereby unfolded before the commands eyes and he may gain valuable information this manner. Smoke was used to blind the enemy in the final assault on 2800 feature.

14. TIMINGS OF AIR STRIKE AND ARTILLERY

An artificial air may have been observed in the attack at 2800 feature by the fact that on a timed fire plan, the Air support made a bombing run with Wirraways, followed by an artillery, MMG and mortar concentration and closing with a MG and cannon strafe by Boomerangs, led in by the Wirraways. This method was adopted at the request of Air to overcome some "Standing By" problems and necessity to "Lead In" the strafing run. Normally the Artillery would have handled the final stages of the fire plan with the Infantry assaulting as the concentration cut out or lifted.

15. The target date made it necessary to curtail the exercises from 5 to 2½ days each. For this reason some interesting lessons and experiments were missed, as the original battalion scheme had envisaged a five day move, which would have continued the advance past 2800 feature into the LOCK CREEK Area and EAST. It had been intended to request Artillery to support in the main forrest area to test the feasibility of getting reasonably close fire effect under Jungle conditions and present the problem of leap frogging the Battery by troops to maintain constant support. Signalling and Observation problems would have eventuated.

16. The Infantry were impressed by the accuracy of fire and considerable knowledge was gained of the distance it was possible to move in relation to support fire in semi open and thickly timbered country. With such accuracy in operations this incidence of tree bursts would be reasonably predictable and much of the anxiety in that point eradicated.

17. As this exercise progressed a very outstanding feature was the improvement in liaison, both operational and personal, between the various arms. Obviously if cooperation of arms is to achieve its highest standards, the marrying of the units concerned must begin before the operations in the training, sporting and social spheres. Apart from the training aspect, the willing and pleasant cooperation of the Artillery was very much appreciated by the Infantry.

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23 AUST INF BDE UNIT EXERCISES 5 - 11 MAR 44
IN CO-OPERATION WITH SUPPORTING ARMS

REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE

OBJECT

1. To exercise Bns training for Jungle Warfare in, movement, attack utilizing supporting arms against a strongly defended enemy position, consolidation, fire power from perimeter defence with supporting arms, advance, mopping up, and intercommunication.

TROOPS TAKING PART

2. (a)

8 Aust Inf Bn	5 - 7 Mar 44
7 Aust Inf Bn	7 - 9 Mar 44
27 Aust Inf Bn	9 - 11 Mar 44

with under command each Bn;

One Tp 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
One Pl 7 Aust MG Bn
One Pl 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy

(b) 5 Tac R Sqn is to be available for maximum of two sorties per day for duration of exercise.

NATURE OF EXERCISES

3. The exercises will be one sided, controlled by umpires who will act also as Safety officers.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

4. Live ammunition will be used by all troops with exception of one Pl 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy.

DIRECTOR

5. Brig A W POTTS

UMPIRES

6.

Maj	A R DRIVER	(Chief)
Lt	C A ADAMS	7 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	J H WALKERDON	do
Lt	G D WRIGHT	do
Lt	H G BELL	do
Lt	L W VINCENT	8 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	R R MOYLE	do
Lt	A R KATES	do
Lt	N GILCHRIST	do
Lt	E E SMITH	27 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	R L SMITH	do
Lt	A R SANGSTER	do
Lt	L F BOORER	do
Capt	E C PHILLIPSON	2/7 Aust Fd Regt

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NARRATIVE

7. General Narrative is attached herewith, while Special Narratives and Orders will be issued separately in accordance with the situation.

SPECIAL NOTES

8. D day will be as follows;

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7 Aust Inf Bn - 7 Mar 44
27 Aust Inf Bn - 9 Mar 44

9. ARTY: The Tp, 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, under command each Bn will move in convoy with respective Bns, at a time which will be notified as the situation develops.

The Tps under command each Bn will be as follows;

8 Aust Inf Bn - One Tp 13 Fd Bty
7 Aust Inf Bn - One Tp 14 Fd Bty
27 Aust Inf Bn - One Tp 57 Fd Bty

10. MMG: One Pl, 7 Aust MG Bn, will report to respective Bns as per Special Narratives and Orders issued by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

11. BDE SP: Representatives of 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy will report to respective Bns as per Special Narratives and Orders issued by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

12. All messages despatched with respect to this Exercise will be prefixed by code word "OGS."

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BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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7 Aust Inf Bn	1
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27 Aust Inf Bn	3
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4
23 Aust Fd Coy	5
17 Aust Fd Amb	6
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	7 - 10
101 Aust Bde Sp Coy	11 - 13
7 Aust MG Bn	14 - 17
5 Tac R Sqn	18
46 Aust AL Sec	19
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23 AUST INF BDE UNIT EXERCISE 5 - 11 MAR 44

GENERAL NARRATIVE

Information

ENEMY

1. Pt MORESBY is in enemy hands

2. COOKTOWN was invaded by a special Jap landing force aided by strong naval support and air cover from carriers on Feb 29. The port and drome without opposition and troop carrying planes commenced immediately to arrive from Pt MORESBY

3. Airborne JAP forces followed in a JAP paratroop Bn which captured the GORDONVALE drome Noon D - 2. As far as can ascertained no arty was landed with force, which comprised the 45 Inf Regt. Sufficient civilian and AWC vehicles were captured by JAPS to lift two Bns

4. Tac R dawn D - 1 showed evidence of the JAP force splitting, leaving the Paratroops to guard GORDONVALE drome. One Bn (mob) was moving northwards towards CAIRNS, one Bn (mob) was moving up GILLIES HIGHWAY, and one Bn (on foot) was moving up the JEEP TRACK along LITTLE MULGRAVE RIVER.

OWN TROOPS

5. "X" Aust Div was moved from ROCKY CREEK to CAIRNS area 1 Mar, with a view to defending that vital port against an enemy sea invasion, with special instructions NOT to move out to attack enemy ground forces. It was feared that a ground attack by the enemy may be a feint in order to weaken our CAIRNS holding force.

6. "Y" Aust Div in which Div is 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp, were ordered 1 Mar to remain in KAIRI area and be prepared to move out;

(a) To protect the MAREEBA drome
(b) To support "X" Aust Div in CAIRNS area.
(c) To destroy any enemy advancing towards the TABLELANDS.

AIR

7. Opposing air strengths are on parity, and only dromes available to the Aust Force, are at CAIRNS and MAREEBA. It was feared that the CAIRNS drome may be put out of action by enemy naval gun fire and the majority of Aust Planes are operating from MAREEBA.

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In cooperation with supporting arms

1. Further to this HQ 5142/53/20 of 23 Feb 44.

2. All map refs in communications and signals to supporting arms will be from GORDONVALE, CAIRNS, DIMBULAH, and BIBOOHRA 1 inch to 1 mile series.

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In cooperation with supporting arms

1. R/T Code Code word for use on exercise will be ~~"HERTLAZYDOG/M"~~ TIMEANDCLUBS/P

2. Map Ref Code When necessary, map ref code as under will be used:-

BLACKSMITH
1234567890 eg map ref 469502 will read CSTHL.

3. Tac/R Code Authorised abbreviations as laid down by Tac/R Code will be used.

4. SWPA Ground to Air Panel Code The following Key No Sequence will be used:-

6 AIRCRAFT LAND HERE
19
2
13
3
7 - X Serial 7 will be used to identify Bde HQ
1 - X Serial 1 will be used to identify Bn HQ
14
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REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

SPECIAL NARRATIVE I

(Situation as at 1800 hrs D - 1)

ENEMY

1. The JAP mob column moving north towards CAIRNS contacted southern perimeter "X" Aust Div at canal 2 miles South of CAIRNS and although JAPS are outflanking wide on their left flank, there is no thought that they will by-pass our forces. In fact it appears as though this Bn is being utilized as a feint.

2. JAP mob Bn moving SW on GILLIES HIGHWAY have been forced to proceed on foot, the 2/106 Aust Cav Sqn successfully attacking their vehicles by the simple expedient of rolling boulders down onto the column as it proceeded along the narrow tortuous highway. This JAP Bn appears to have ATHERTON as its objective.

3. JAP Bn on foot have pushed ahead rapidly and Tac R 1700 hrs D - 1 shows the leading elements in vicinity ISLEY CREEK, and LITTLE MULGRAVE junction, 628504 following the old PACK TRACK to MAREEBA. It appears that this Bn task is to capture or harass the MAREEBA drome.

OUR TROOPS

4. "X" Aust Div inflicting heavy casualties on JAP Bn in CAIRNS area, with harassing arty fire. Tac R over CORAL SEA reveals no JAP convoy within striking distance of CAIRNS.

5. 1 Aust Inf Bde, which is under comd "Y" Aust Div was ordered at 1200 hrs D - 1 to proceed to vicinity MT NOMICO, 626327, and hold the JAP advance up GILLIES HIGHWAY.
Latest SITREP from this Bde at 1730 hrs states they are in position MT NOMICO and are holding the enemy.

6. 2/106 Aust Cav Sqn which so successfully destroyed the enemy vehicles on the highway, continue to harass the JAPS and are at present engaged also preventing the enemy from infiltrating on 1 Aust Inf Bdes left flank via the many tracks up the LAMB RANGE.

7. 23 Aust Inf Bde at 18 00 hrs D - 1 was placed on 2 hrs notice to move to MAREEBA area with dual role to defend the MAREEBA drome and to destroy the enemy Bn which is approaching via the PACK TRACK

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE 11

23 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 8

Ref Maps { GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile
{ Forestry enlargement ATHERTON FLATS
4 inches to 1 mile

To Lt Col { B N BERRY issued at 042030L)
{ G M NORRIS issued at 062030L)
{ A POPE issued at 082030L)

APPRECIATION

1. I appreciate that the JAP force advancing up PACK TRACK will push forward with all haste to capture MAREEBA drome.

2. 23 Aust Inf Bde has been given the task of:-

(a) Defending MAREEBA drome, and
(b) Destroying the JAP force

3. I have numerical and support arms superiority, therefore I can leave one Bn to defend the drome, push forward with one Bn with its support arms to destroy the enemy force, and hold one Bn in reserve vicinity of the selected Arty position.

INTENTION

4. 23 Aust Inf Bde will destroy the JAP force which is advancing up PACK TRACK thus safeguarding the MAREEBA drome against enemy attack.

METHODS

5. When ordered to move, your Bn will have the task of destroying the enemy force; and you will move with all speed as far as possible along the track towards ATHERTON FLATS by MT. Thence on foot to contact and destroy the enemy.

6. The Arty should be able to locate gun positions vicinity of TWIDDLERS HILL.

7. Your normal Adm Standing Orders should suffice, but if you desire sups to come up to you, I can utilize the JEEP TRACK as far as 553555.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. Bde HQ will be with the reserve Bn, probably in vicinity junction BRINDLE CREEK and JEEP TRACK. I will inform you when and where I establish.

10. Your No 11 set can move forward with you by Jeep, until track does not permit.

11. Please destroy after reading.

ACK

(Sgd) A W ROTTS Brigadier
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

Issued by LO.

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For purposes of Exercise only.

NOTE

1. This Instruction is written for the Comd of the attacking Bn only, viz

8 Aust Inf Bn	-	5 - 7 Mar
7 Aust Inf Bn	-	7 - 9 "
27 Aust Inf Bn	-	9 - 11 "

2. For this Exercise one Bn only will be moving on at a time, the Reserve Bn and the Bn defending the drome (mentioned in para 3 of Instruction, but NOT detailed) will remain in their camp until they receive this Instruction, and they in turn become the attacking Bn.

Distribution as for HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde memo 5142/52/20

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Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

SPECIAL NARRATIVE 111

(Situation as at 0630 hrs D day)

ENEMY 1. JAP Bn vicinity Mt NOMICO is being held by 1 Aust Inf Bde who have already inflicted casualties estimated at 35 killed and 90 wounded.

2. Tac R during night D - 1/D picked up fires from the enemy along the PACK TRACK and it appears as though they have pushed along through the night and it is estimated they would be at 595523 by dawn D day.

OWN TROOPS

3. GOC "X" Aust Div, in view of the information concerning no enemy convoy approaching has decided to hit hard at the JAP Bn attacking him. The plan is for 2 Aust Inf Bde to attack at first light D Day and pursue to GORDONVALE drome destroying both the Bn menacing him and the paratroops guarding the drome. If this plan is successful, and the GOC is confident, the JAP forces in COOKTOWN will be derived the GORDONVALE drome. denied

4. GOC "Y" Aust Div appreciated that the JAPS moving along PACK TRAP, would push with all haste to MAREEBA, as the drome there will now probably be vital to the JAP plan.

5. At 0630 hrs D day 23 Aust Inf Bde was ordered to move to MAREEBA area and proceed as per warning order.

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Ref Map (GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile
(Forestry enlargement ATHERTON FLATS 4 inchs to 1 mile

FORECAST OF EVENTS FOR EACH DAY

Serial No	DAY	Approx TIME	SITUATION	ACTION BY UMPIRES	POINTS TO NOTE BY UMPIRES	REMARKS BY UMPIRES
1	D-1	1830hrs	Warning Order to Bn (Narrative I)	To be noted by umpires from moving Bn only	State of readiness of Bn & units under Comd	
2	D-1	2030hrs	Op Instn to CO (Narrative II)	do	Action by CO, orders, march table, instns to units under Comd	
3.	D	0630hrs	Notice to Move (Narrative III)	SITREP to CO by Chief Umpire	Discipline of Bn, action of Coy & Pl Comds, reporting of units under Comd, "Q" orders	
4	D	0830hrs	Bn Gp moves	Balance of umpires to report to Chief Umpire Bde HQ by 0730 hrs	Move discipline	
5	D	1130hrs	Bn Gp arrives EMERALD CREEK	Inform that Bn Gp except Arty debus here. Arty will move on with troops (Umpires, two per Coy two with Bn HQ)	Formation adopted when debussed Time to shake out. Security while debussing	
6	D	1130hrs	Enemy Tac/R overhead	Inform all troops	Dispersal, action of troops	
7	D	1230hrs	Arrive TWIDDLERS HILL	If CO desires, line of advance can cut across country, as far as BRINDLE CREEK	Sitting of guns, Arty umpire may remain with guns & then move forward to FOO	
8	D	1330hrs	Probable midday meal	When advance continues, umpires break down to 10 per leading Coy	Watch Security	
9	D	1400hrs	Enemy Tac/R over gun posns	Inform Troop Arty.	Dispersal, action of troops	

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Serial NO	DAY	Approx TIME	SITUATION	ACTION BY UMPIRES	POINTS TO NOTE BY UMPIRES	REMARKS BY UMPIRES
10	D	1630hrs	Leading elements fired on by 3 LMGs, posn TOWNSEND GAP. one enemy see with LMG covering these gun posns.	Explosives by Engrs. Umpires inform leading Pl and award casualties. Paint picture of enemy in good posns. Arty umpire with NOO	Information, action of Pl. action of Coy, Comds orders Should call for quick arty support onto exposed MG posns.	
11	D	1800hrs	Enemy should be knocked out and the GAP in our hands	Paint picture of some enemy fleeing down PACK TRACK.	Re-organisation, Bn should go into defense posn for night, preparation of meal, discipline, disposition of Bn. water fighting patrols	
12	Night	D/L + 1	Bn in perimeter defence	Explosives by Engrs at odd intervals during night.	Action of sentries, fire control, general demeanour of troops	
13	D + 1	0800hrs	Enemy Tac/R overhead	Inform all troops	dispersal, action of troops	
14	D + 1	0830hrs	Bn continues advance	No further information given	Shaking out of Bn for advance security, hygiene patrols.	
15	D + 1	0930hrs	Contact JAP party DAVIES CREEK	Exposives by Engrs, inform leading Pl & award casualties one Sec all told	Pl action until opened up by serial 16	
16	D + 1	1000hrs	Fire by enemy posns covering water party	Two secs enemy on left flank open fire unexpectedly with 2 LMGs	Watch disorganisation by sudden fire. May be Coy task. Award casualties if careless	
17	D + 1	1045hrs	Enemy Pl HQ plus one sec in bunker posn opens fire	Inform Pl Comds & award casualties	Method of attack & approach, the bunker being in bad tactical posn	
18	D + 1	1130hrs	Action should be completed & Bn have midday meal		Security & patrols fwd	

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Serial No	DAY	Approx TIME	SITUATION	ACTION BY UMPIRES	POINTS TO NOTE BY UMPIRES	REMARKS BY UMPIRES
19	D +1	1230hrs	Bn continues Adv		Arty should be registering on possible targets ahead	
20	D +1	1430hrs	Enemy fires on leading elements from left & right of track over feature 2400'	Explosives by Engrs Inform leading Pl, award casualties 2Secs on each side of track	Speed of attack, Coy will be necessary to knock out enemy Pl.	
21	D +1	1515hrs	Adv continues		Bn is leaving last WP for 1½ miles -- check water patrols etc	
22	D +1	1530hrs	Enemy fires on leading elements as they climb towards feature 2800'	Inform leading Pl, & pin down by strong opposition If Coy attack develops pin down by fire power from enemy. Targets should be seen clearly in strength When CO calls for orders, umpires will be present and take instructions from Chief Umpire CO should realize approx two coys enemy holding feature	Pl should endeavour to push fwd, when pinned should feel for flanks, Coy Comd should stage an attack but gets held Infm passed back. CO should co-ordinate a set piece attack with Arty bombing and close support	
23	D +1	1700hrs	Attack should develop	Rigid obedience to safety line of arty and bombing, safety precautions observed during Coys attack Chief Umpire will be with Bn HQ at all times during this attack. Point out targets during attack	Orders, timings, movement of Coys, effect of support arms, battle drill, control of fire by sec Comds, final assault, mopping up, information.	
24	D +1	1830hrs	Attack should be successful	Point out fleeing enemy towards feature 3000' map ref 558649	Re-organisation and Consolidation. Information	

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Serial No	DAY	Approx TIME	SITUATION	ACTION BY UMPIRES	POINTS TO NOTE BY UMPIRES	REMARKS BY UMPIRES
25	Night	D+1 D+2	Bn in perimeter defence	Explosives by engrs at odd intervals during night	Action of sentries, fire control, general demeanour of troops.	
26	D+2	0730hrs	Bn preparing to continue advance	Point out remnents of enemy massing on forward slopes feature 3000'	Patrol should have picked up this information	
27	D+2	0745hrs	Harrassing fire on enemy feature 3000'	Inform Bn that Mortars are being used on Bn from feature 3000'	Use of fire power from perimeter defence Effect of Arty harrassing fire, by Mortars & MMGs	
28	D+2	0830hrs	Bn adv, with patrols well fwd	Point out few enemy escaping towards track junc map ref 567545	Mopping up on feature 3000' Infm	
29	D+2	0900hrs	EXERCISE CONCLUDES			

SPECIAL NOTES FOR UMPIRES

1. It will be explained to sub unit Comds that targets are on the ground at each posn.
2. Targets will be pointed out when explosives go off.
3. Three short blasts on whistle for "Cease SA fire".
4. One long blast on whistle for "Cease Arty fire".
5. Immediately after 0900 hrs D+2 Umpires will report to Chief Umpire at Bn HQ.
6. Adm arrangements for umpires are as discussed at Umpire Conference No 2 at Bde HQ 041530L.

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ENLARGEMENT
TOWNSEND GAP AREA

REF MAP: GORDONVALE 1 IN TO 1 ML.

R.F. 1:15840

GRIDDED (APPROX ONLY) TO CORRESPOND WITH GORDONVALE 1 in to 1 ml.

SCALE 4 ins to 1 ml.

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War Diaries

Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde
14 Mar 44

23 AUST INF BDE UNIT EXERCISE 5 - 11 MAR 44

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CHIEF UMPIRES

7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. MOVEMENT TO BRINDLE CREEK. Debussing quite good and 'B' Coy got under way quickly and with little fuss. Control was good and the shaking out of Bn was smooth. The dispersal and movement seemed to be clearly understood and 'A' Coy passed through 'B' and on to BRINDLE CREEK. Information was being passed back at this stage. The security was generally poor during the midday meal, troops around the creek leaving their arms, although the leading Coy was taking steps to protectio the balance of the Bn.

2. FIRST CONTACT AND TOWNSEND GAP ATTACK. The patrolling and scouting approaching the GAP was not good but once first contact was made the Coy went into action very confidently. Enemy quickly engaged by fire and the co-ordination and development of the attack was good. No orders for consolidation or exploitation given, hence the bunching and general unpreparedness of the troops when in possession of the GAP - this is a general failing with all Bns. Good fire orders by sec leaders was reason why attack was successful.

3. APPROACH TO DAVIES CREEK. Bn concertinaed on saddle when advance continued and 'R' Group were well in the front of everything, even controlling Pl fire, once the delaying enemy forces were contacted. Security was sacrificed for speed through here and although the enemy was being pushed back he was achieving his object and the Bn were unable to take the crossing by nightfall.

4. NIGHT OCCUPATION. The defensive position and dispositions could have been improved upon although the actual siting of weapons was generally good and the ground did lend itself to an ideal holding task. "Stand To" was not good and many fires were burning until long after "Stand Down". Patrolling although ordered on a wide and vigorous scale by the CO was not well carried out. Stand To and Down in the morning was a vast improvement and an attack which had been ordered for early after first light came in with good speed and precision except for "C" Coy who although attacking over known ground failed to let their CO know anything at all. Hygeine was poor, although burying etc was ordered by Comds, the subordinate comds did not make certain it was done. Mopping up and consolidation after strongpost position attack was bad and 'D' Coy came right through and took up the advance before they were covered by the successful attacking Coy.

5. ADVANCE TO 2800'. Very fast and loss of security. Scouting bad until held up by a small party of enemy, then the Coy Comd altered his formation. No care was taken to cover past the high ground on the right flank, When contact was made the Coy did a good job and held the enemy until further information was sought. This information was very indecisive when it did come in but 'D' Coy generally were good except the tendency of the Pl comds and sec leaders to allow their troops to lie around and ask for a fast enemy attack.

6. ATTACK ON 2800'. Point pl acted as Standing patrol good fire orders, not much of a push for topographical information and patrols came back with false information to the CO. Searching for enemy flanks OK and withdrawal quite fair. CO 's plan for attack very loosely tied up and almost impossible to attack frontally with one Coy up a ridge.

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'C' Coy cut in too short and would have shot up 'A' Coy. Too much faith was placed in guides who had false information. Sec Comd control was not good during this stage, mopping up being very sticky and consolidation, when commenced, was fair.

7. NIGHT OCCUPATION 2800' Stand To was good night and morning, some troops though being very noisy. Sentries alert and general morale of troops high. Perimeter defence firing in the morning was under control although more aimed fire with better fire orders would have improved the impression. Troops appreciated the fire power from a Bn with support arms.

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
14 Mar 44

23 AUST INF BDE UNIT EXERCISE 5 - 11 MAR 44
POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CHIEF UMPIRES - 8 AUST INF BN

1. DEBUSSING, SHAKING OUT & MOVT TO BRINDLE CREEK. - Debussing by single vehicles caused severe jamming up of convoy. Some misunderstanding of route by C Coy Comd caused more bunching up of vehicles and troops. In some cases LMG magazines were being carried in packs and SMG magazines were not filled. March discipline was quite good. During midday meal security was not good, personnel wandering away from arms.

2. First contact and attack on TOWNSEND GAP. - Information back not good. Leading Pl took poor fire posns temporarily. No fire control orders. Coy Comds plan not very definate, use of his close SP weapons rather poor. Movt of Coy up to attack quite fair. No recce forward to locate enemy nor for topography. Attack rather wavering and indecisive, no effort to gain SP from within the attacking troops. After attack was successful the usual lack of appreciation by Comd and Troops regarding consolidation was evident. An enemy counter attack would have knocked our troops off the GAP and into BRINDLE CREEK before they realised what had happened. This is usual carelessness after taking any posn and is one of the main faults of all Bns. Reorganisation, when commenced, was reasonably rapid.

3. Night Occupation. Quite good generally, dispositions sound, in defence discipline was good. Water patrols well protected and protective patrols worked soundly. DAVIES CREEK patrol worked well and gained valuable information. Weapon posns were wlll sited and while stand-to was only fair in the evening it was much improved in the morning. Sentries were alert and general demeanour of troops under enemy mortar fire was good. Hygiene was well carried out though Latrines were too shallow. The move out at first light of A Coy to DAVIES CREEK was very good and their movt up till contact was good.

DAVIES CREEK ATTACK - When fired upon the point sec did nothing about finding where enemy was, direction of fire and lay of the gd ahead, no information going back. Information was not seeked for either by Comds further back. Discipline of troops was poor during this stage and very little interest was shown in proceedings. There were no definate orders given by either sec, pl or Coy Comd. The co-ordination within the Coy before during and after the attack was poor. Bunching was noticeable. Consolidation not holding the gd but below the crest, no exploitation forward.

STRONGPOST ATTACK. Not a good attack but the Pl Comds appreciation was good and troops made good use of dead ground in their approach but when fired upon troops went to ground and stayed there not throwing back any fire. In final assault the attack lost the impetus and dash which was started by the contacting Pl Comd. The Coy plan was vague and rather confusing to the subordinate Comds. Consolidation poor again.

MOVEMENT TO 2400 - The Bn moved away from the track and left it approx 500 - 600 yds on its left flank. This was a bad tactical error and may have allowed the enemy to by pass our troops and so get to MAREEBA airfield. Confusion may have been caused by the CO handing over his Comd. When adv continued Bn lost the advantage of high ground and walked into fire from the head of ATHERTON FLATS. This Coy did do something and the Coy Comd although a casualty did seek information and endeavoured to attack to find information. Although the Coy suffered heavy casualties it is felt they would have achieved something and they acted quickly.

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ATTACK ON FEATURE 2800 - Information Nil. 108 set not with Coy Comd and secs and Pls not feeling forward or patrolling in any way, It appeared as though one Pl endeavouring to attack would have been annihilated. Plan as evolved by CO was quite good although the orders were poorly given and the OC attacking force was not clear in his objective. Not much help was given to the CO by his Coy Comds during this stage. The move around the left flank was not good, talking and bunching being bad faults. Bad recce then caused the attack by C & D Coys to be a one coy attack with C Coy not exploiting or consolidating on the feature, mopping up and reorganisation was completely ignored owing to the failing light.

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POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CHIEF UMPIRES

27 AUST INF BN

ADV TO BRINDLE CREEK - Bn shook out rather well after debussing and adv in diamond formation. Inter communication was bad and control was lost. Security during midday meal was not good and the hygiene was very poor.

FIRST CONTACT AND ATTACK ON GAP - After lunch the control of Coys from Bn became worse and C Coy lead the Bn across very rough and hard going, with the rest of the Bn straggling along far behind. Under mortar fire from one light mortar the whole Coy went to earth and when one MG opened up the Bn adv was stopped for approx ¾ hour. Grumbling by all ranks was very prevalent and obvious fatigue was noticed in a large percentage of the troops. During the attack - very little control by sec leadersand no clear cut picture of the ground to be taken nor the consolidation was painted. After attack C Coy did nothing whatever for consolidation or security until informed by the Director. Reorganisation bad and other Coys walked over the skyline and into their areas in column of route (or lumps).

NIGHT OCCUPATION - Dispositions very crowded. Query the wiseness in leaving the high ground open on either flank. "Stand To" was poor. Coy Comds did not appreciate their posn nor the tactical significance of of a night occupation. Siting of weapons generally bad. Excuses were the Order of the day and mens comfort came before security. Patrol to DAVIES CREEK was good. "Stand To" in the morning again bad. Hygiene fair.

DAVIES CREEK ATTACK - Although information was gained by Tac/R and patrol, once again 2 secs of enemy held up the Bn advance for 40 minutes and eventually (although this Coy was an adv ground Coy) one Pl took the posn. Consolidation bad again. This coy then walked into trouble at the strongpost and a lack of information was the cause of another long delay. Little knowledge in the characteristics of their weapons and a tendency to sit down and wait spoilt the opportunity for a fast move here. Eventually however the posn was taken and consolidation bad again

ADV AND ATTACK ON 2800' - The adv resumed at a very slow rate but when contact was made (B Coy) the Pl Comd acted quickly and well and was in possession of the initiative right through. The whole Coy exploited, consolidated and dug in well. This wasa good attack. The next Coy feeling up the ridge towards the feature did quite a fair job and when pinned down and feeling for the flanks acted with determination. Their withdrawal was normal and well controlled. In the actual attack the outflanking Coys (C & D) missed their way and when they decided to go into posns for the night, did so with no security or dispositions.

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23 AUST INF BDE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 18 MAR 44

REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
13Mar44	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG & LMG from hip, rifle Appln.	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Field Firing on Scout Course	
		C	PYTHON HILL	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		D	Bde 2" Mortar Range	Weapon Trg	Grenades, 2" Mortars, Explosives	
		HQ	Camp Area	Administration	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG, Bren, rifle for reinfts	
		B	North JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Based on faults from Bde exercise	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Jungle, Scout & Deduction Courses	
		D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Bayonet, Bren	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Within specialist pls	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Deduction Course, Bayonet Assault Course	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Scout & obstacle Courses by groups	
		C	BLACK MOUNT	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG from hip, Rifle rapid	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	respective specialist pls	
14 Mar44	7 Aust Inf Bn.	A	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec field firing on Scout Course	
		B	PYTHON HILL	Individual Trg	Hardening march	
		C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG & Bren, from hip, rifle application	
		HQ	B de 2" Mortar Range	Individual Trg	Grenades, mines, explosives	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Jungle, Scout & Deduction Courses	
		B	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Bayonet Course, Bren	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG, Bren. Rifle for reinfts	
		D	North JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Based on faults from Bde exercise	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Within Specialist Pls	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG from hip, Rifle Rapid	
		B	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Deduction & Bayonet assault Course	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Scout & Obstacle Courses by gps	
		D	BLACK MOUNT	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Within Specialist Pls	

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ATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
5Mar44	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds Discretion	Duty Coy
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG & Bren from hip, Rifle Application	
		C	Bde 2"Mortar Range	Individual Trg	Grenade, 2" Mortars, explosives	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Field firing dn Scout Course	
		HQ	PYTHON HILL	Individual Trg	Hardening march	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	AM Coy Areas PM Sports oval	Individual Trg Sports	Smartening, CAB, Security, MR. Inter-Coy spirit, hardening	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	BLACK MOUNT	Individual Trg	Hardening march	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG from hip, Rifle rapid	
		C	Camp Area	Individual Trg	Deduction & Bayonet assault Courses	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Co rses	Scouts & Obstacle Courses by gps	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	With specialist Pls.	
6Mar44	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Bde 2"Mortar Range	Individual Trg	Grenades, 2" Mortars, explosives	
		B	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG & Rifle from hip. Rifle application	
		D	PYTHON HILL	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		HQ	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec field firing on scout Course	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	North JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Based on faults from Bde exercise	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG, Bren, Rifle for Reinfts	
		C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Bayonet Course, Bren, swimming, hardening	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Scout, jungle, & deduction Courses	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Within specialist Pls	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Jungle Courses	Scout & Obstacle Courses by gps	
		B	BLACK MOUNT	Individual Trg	Hardening march	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG from hip, rifle rapid	
		D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Deduction & Bayonet assault Courses	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Within specialist Pls	
7Mar44	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	PYTHON HILL	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		B	Bde 2"Mortar Range	Individual Trg	Grenades, 2" Mortars, explosives	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec field firing on Scout Course	
		D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Coy Comds discretion	Duty Coy
		HQ	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG & Rifle from hip, rifle application	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Obstacle Course, Bayonet course, Bren swimming, hardening	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Individual	Scout, Jungle & deduction courses	
		C	North JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Based on faults from Bde exercise	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	OSMG, Bren, Rifle for reinfts	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	Within specialist pls.	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
17Mar44	27 Aust Inf Bde	All Coys	AM Coy Areas PM Sports Oval	Individual Trg Sports	Recapitulation on weapons, Coy Comds Discretion Inter Coy spirit, hardening	
18Mar44	7 Aust Inf Bn	B & HQ A,C & D	AM Coy Area PM Sports Oval AM Sports Oval PM Coy Areas	Make & mend Sports Sports Make & mend	Interior Economy Esprit de Corps, hardening Esprit de Corps, hardening Interior Economy	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	Sports oval Coy Areas Sports Oval	0830-1000 Bn Parade, March Past 1000-1200 Individual Trg Sports	 Coy Comds discretion Esprit de corps, hardening	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	PLATYPUS CREEK	Individual Trg	MR, use of compass, Pl navigation	
19Mar44	All units Bde Gp			Church Parade, Rest Day		

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23 AUST INF BDE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 25 MAR 44

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
20 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, LMG, SMG & hip	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing by Gps	
		D	BLACK Mt	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		HQ	(AM- Coy Area	Individual Trg	Make & Mend	
			(PM- Sports Oval	Sports	Hardening, esprit de corps	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	OKEY - DOKEY trail	Coy Trg - two coys in def posns approx 1000 yds apart	Inter patrolling, Infm, sups, Coy Reliefs, dumps	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion all Practices	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Jungle Courses, Hardening Weapon Trg, deduction	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.)	(AM - Coy Areas	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg - Recapitulation	Lessons from Bde Exer
		D.HQ.)	(PM - Sports Oval	Sports	Hardening	
21 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	BLACK Mt	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, LMG, SMG & hip	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing by Gps	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	OKEY - DOKEY trail	Coy Trg, two coys in def posns approx 1000 yds apart	Inter patrolling, Infm, formation dumps, Coy reliefs, dumps	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Jungle Courses, Hardening Weapon Trg, deduction	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion all Practices	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	NORTH of JUARA POCKET	Coy Trg, 1 Pl enemy opposing Coy	Occupation def posns, patrolling Infm, attack from perimeter	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
22 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing by Gps	
		B	BLACK Mt	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, LMG, SMG & hip	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	OKEY - DOKEY trail	Coy Trg, two coys in def posns approx 1000 yds apart	Inter patrolling, Infm formation dumps, Coy Reliefs dumps	
		C	(AM - Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sport	Hardening esprit de corps	
		D	(AM - Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sport	Hardening	
		HQ	Unitlines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ)	NORTH of JUARA POCKET	Coy Trg, 1 Pl enemy opposing Coy	Occupation def posn, patrolling Infm, attack from perimeter	
23 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, LMG, SMG & hip	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec, Fd Firing by Gps	
		C	BLACK Mt	Individual Trg	Hardening March	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion of all Practices	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Jungle Courses, Hardening Weapon Trg deduction	
		C & D	OKEY - DOKEY trail	Coy Trg, two Coys in def posn approx 1000 yds apart	Inter patrolling Infm formation dump, Coy relief dumps	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	NORTH of JUARA POCKET	Coy Trg 1 Pl enemy opposing Coy	Occupation def posn, patrolling Infm, attack from perimeter	
24 Mar	7 Aust	A & B	(AM - Coy Area	Individual Trg	Make and Mend	
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sport	Hardening esprit de corps	
		C & D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	TsOBT A P I	
		HQ	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, LMG, SMG & hip	
			JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing by Gps	

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24 Mar	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Jungle Courses, Hardening	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Weapon Trg deduction Completion all Practices	
		C & D	OKEY - DOKEY trail	Coy Trg, two coys in def posn approx 1000 yds apart	Inter patrolling, Infm, formation dumps, Coy reliefs dumps	
		HQ	Unit lines	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg by Pls	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.	(AM - Coy Areas	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg Recapitulation	
		D & HQ	(PM - Sports Oval	Sports	Hardening	
25 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	Coy Comds discretion
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	TsOET A P I	
		C & D	(AM - Coy Area	Individual Trg	Make & Mend	
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sport	Hardening	
		HQ	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, LMG, SMG & hip	
			JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec Fd Firing by Pls	
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	(AM - Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	
			(PM - Sports Oval	Sport	Hardening	
		C & D	OKEY - DOKEY trail	Coy Trg, two coys in def posn approx 1000 yds apart	Inter patrolling Infm formation dumps, Coy reliefs, dumps	
		HQ	(AM - Coy Area	Individual Trg	Lessons from Bde Exercise	
			(PM - Sports Ovsl	Sport	Hardening	
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C.	Bde Oval	Bn Parade		
		D & HQ	NORTH of JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Fd Craft, Jungle Craft, patrolling	
26 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Bn Area	Church Parade Rest Day		
"	8 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Bn Area	Church Parade Rest Day		
"	27 Aust Inf Bn	A.B.C. D & HQ	Bn Area	Church Parade Rest Day		

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AMENDMENTS TO 23 AUST INF BDE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 25 MAR 44

REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
20 MAR	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	508460 to 538485	4 Day Coy Exercise	Occupation close coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, booby traps. recce patrols between Coys, track going maps.	
		B	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	[illegible] H R, A P I, TsOET, gd drill	Duty Coy
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid and weapon TsOET	FSS lecture 0900hrs
	27 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	Sports Oval Unit Lines	Bn Parade 0830 hrs Individual Trg	Weapon Trg, TsOET, Hygiene, Anti Malarial, FSS lecture	Coy Comds syllabi
21 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	508460 to 538485	4 Day Coy Exercise	Occupation close coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, booby traps, recce patrols between Coys, track going maps	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid & weapon TsOET	FSS lecture 0900hrs
		C	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	WR, API, TsOET, Gd drill	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A,B, C,D	sq, 5545 5445 4842	2 Day Exercise	Contact, attack, close Coy perimeter defence, patrols, track going maps.	In attack skeleton enemy pl holding against Coy attack, then Coy reoganises and consolidates
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	by respective specialist pls	
22 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & D	508460 to 538485	4 Day Exercise	Occupation close coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, booby traps. recce patrols between Coys, track going maps.	
		C & D	AM Unit Lines PM Sports ground	Individual Trg Sports	Make & mend Hardening	HQ Coy lecture F S S 0900 hrs
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B C & D	sq, 5545 5445 4842	2 Day Coy Exercise	Contact, attack, close Coy perimeter defence, patrols, track going maps	In attack, skeleton enemy pl holding against Coy attack, then Coy reorganises and consolidates
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	by respective specialist pls	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
23 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & B C & D	508460 to 538485	4 Day Exercise	Occupation close coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, booby traps. recce patrols between Coys, track going maps	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	AM BARRON RIVER PM JUARA POCKET	Pl Trg Individual Trg	River Crossings Obstacle Course with live ammunition	
		B	AM JUARA POCKET PM BARRON RIVER	Individual Trg Pl Trg	Obstacle Course with live ammunition River Crossings	
		C & D	AM Unit Lines PM Sports Oval	Individual Trg Sports - Inter Coy	Weapon Trg, TsOET, Anti Malarial Hardening	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	by respective specialist Pls	
24 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	MR, API, TsOET, Gd drill	FSS lecture 0900hr
		B & C	508460 to 538485	4 Day exercise	Occupation close coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, booby traps recce patrols between Coys, track going maps	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid, and weapon TsOET	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	AM Unit Lines PM Sports Oval	Individual Trg Sports - Inter Coy	weapon trg, Bren, 2" mortar Hardening	
		C	AM BARRON RIVER PM JUARA POCKET	Pl Trg Individual Trg	River Crossings Obstacle Course with live ammunition	
		D	AM JUARA POCKET PM BARRON RIVER	Individual Trg Pl Trg	Obstacle course with live ammunition River Crossings	
		HQ	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	by respective specialist pls	
25 MAR	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rapid, and weapon TsOET	
		B & C	508460 to 538485	4 Day Coy exercise	Occupation close coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, booby traps. recce patrols between Coys, track going maps.	
		D	Unit Lines	Individual Trg	MR, API, TsOET, Gd drill	FSS lecture 0900hrs
	27 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	BLACK MOUNT-TINAROO CREEK	Bn movement	control during move and hardening march	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUJBECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
26 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & D		Church Parade & Rest Day		
		B & C	508460 to 538435	4 Day Coy Exercise	Occupation close Coy perimeter incl camouflage, weapon pits, bo by traps, recce patrols between Coys, trauk going maps.	

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23 AUST INF BDE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 2 APRIL 44

REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
27 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	Coy Comds discreti
		B	BARRON RIVER	River Crossings	equipment across crossing	
		C	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Movement and formations and protection	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Gp, application, - Rifle Bren and hip.	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist trg	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Completion all practices	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Swimming inst., weapon trg, CAB discussion	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Gping, application, rapid SMG.	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Swimming inst., Pl drill, Bren, OSMG grenade hardening	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Map reading & CAB discussion, specialist trg, weapon trg, gas swimming	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Application, snap	FDT by pers waiting to fire
		B	Grenade Range & Juara Pocket	Individual Trg	Throwing 36m grenade. Field craft. Sec formations.	
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	CAB discussion, weapon trg recap.	Bn parade 0830 - 0945 Hrs
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	CAB discussion, weapon trg recap.	
		HQ	To be notified	Pl trg	Movement across country formation protection, hardening	
28 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	gping, application. Rifle Bren & hip	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	Coy Comds discreti
		C	BARRON RIVER	River Crossings	Ferrying equipment across crossings	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	movement and formations, protection	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist trg	
	8 Aust Inf Bn /	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	TsOET, Bren, 69 grenade, rifle, swimming	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, gping, application, snap, rapid, OSMG practices	
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Field craft, hardening, Bren, rifle	
		D	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Sec field firing exercise control movement under own support fire.	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist trg, swimming, M Rm Gas weapon trg booby traps	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
28 Mar	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	To be notified	Pl Trg	Recce patrols, scouting, information protection, reports	Report to be rendered within 3 hrs of retu
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Application, snap.	
		C	Grenade Range & JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Throwing 36m grenade, field craft Sec formations.	
		D	Coy Area.Sports Oval	Individual Trg	weapon trg, recap., hardening	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	specialist Trg	
29 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Movement, formations, protection.	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Gping, application, Rifle Bren & hip	
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	Coy Comds discreti
		D	BARRON RIVER	River Crossings	Ferrying equipment across crossings	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area Sports Oval	Individual Trg	Hardening, OSMG, Booby Traps, Map reading	
		B	do do do do	do do	Hardening lecture, treatment of natives grenade discharger	
		C	do do do do	do do	Hardening, OSMG, grenade. A P I.	
		D	BARRON R. do do	do do	Hardening, ferrying equipment across river	
		HQ	Coy Area do do	do , do	Hardening, booby traps, OSMG, Bren Bayonet, weapon trg.	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	SportsOval CoyArea	Individual Trg	Hardening, weapon trg, recap.	
		B	To be notified	Pl Trg	Recce patrols, scouting, information, protection reports.	Report to be rendered within 3 hrs of retur
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Application, snap.	
		D	Grenade Range JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Throwing 36m grenade, Field craft Sec formation	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg	
30 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A	BARRON RIVER	River Crossing	Ferrying equipment across crossing	
		B	JUARA POCKET	Sec Trg	Movement, formations, & protection	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Gping, application, Rifle Bren & hip	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg	Coy comds discretic
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Bren siting,supply amn in field, ambush track traversing	
		B	Map Ref 5041	Sec Pl Trg	Control movement under own support fire. Perimeter defence by pls, ambushes and booby traps.	
		C	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

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DATE	UNIT	COY AREA	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
30 Mar	8 Aust Inf Bn	C	Coy Area	Individual Trg & Sec Trg	control and movement under own support fire, hardening, bayonet lecture and discussion on attack.	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	OSMG, Bayonet, 2" Mortar, M R, ATM discussion, swimming	
		HQ	JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Hardening march carrying stores	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Grenade Range JUARA POCKET	Individual Trg	Throwing 36m grenade, Field craft Sec formation	
		B	Coy Area	do do	Hardening, weapon trg, recap.	
		C	Sports Oval To be notified	Pl Trg	Recce patrols, scouting information protection, reports	Reports to be rendered within 3hrs of return
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	gping, application, Rifle Bren & hip	
31 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Gd drill, weapon trg, TsOET M R, API.	
		C & D	Coy Area SportsOval	Individual Trg	Hardening, Make and mend	
		HQ	Miniature Range	Musketry	Gping, application, rifle bren & hip	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area & 2" Mortar Range	Individual Trg	M R, booby traps, firing 2" mortar	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Swimming, Map reading, weapon trg, movement by night	
		C	Coy Area BARRON RIVER	Individual Trg	Bren, lecture and discussion defence Methods river crossing	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle, Bren OSMG	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Weapon trg, specialist trg, M R, gas, swimming	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	C A B discussion, weapon trg	
		C	do do SportsOval	Individual Trg	Hardening, weapon trg.	
		D	To be notified	Pl Trg	Recce patrols, scouting, information protection, reports	Reports to be rendered within 3hrs of return
		HQ	Miniature Range Grenade Range JUARA POCKET	Musketry & Individual Trg	Application, Snap, 36m grenade throwing, field craft, sec formation	

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DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
1 Apr	7 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Hardening, Make and mend	
		C & D	do do	do do	Gd drill, weapon trg, TSOET M R, API	
		HQ	Miniature Range	Musketry	Going, application, Rifle, Bren, bip	
	8 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area&Sports Oval	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg, hardening	
		B	do do do do	do do	do do do	
		C	do do do do	do do	do do do	
		D	do do do do	do do	Map reading, weapon trg, Hardening	
		HQ	do do do do	do do	Pl administration, hardening	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	A,B,C,D	To be notified	Coy Trg	Hardening, formations, security whilst on move	
		HQ	Miniature Range Sports Oval	Individual Trg & Musketry	Application, snap, hardening.	
2 Apr	~~7xAust Inf Bn~~	All Bns.	CHURCH PARADE AND REST DAY			

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Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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AMENDMENTS TO 23 AUST INF BDE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 2 APR 44

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

DATE	UNIT	COY	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
27 Mar 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle Classification Snap Shooting	
		B	Coy Area, 2" Mor Range	Individual Trg	Grenade 36m Throwing, Firing, Firing 2" Mor Weapon Trg Fieldcraft	
		C	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Hardening Trg Weapon Trg. Lecture etc (i) Hygiene (ii) Anti Malarial Precautions	
		D	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Hardening, Weapon Trg, Lecture etc (i) Hygiene (ii) Anti Malarial Precautions	
		HQ	To be notified	Pl Trg	Movt across country formation protection hardening	
28 Mar 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Hardening Weapon Trg	
		B	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle Classification Snap Shooting	Bn Parade at 0930 area Bde Oval
		C	Coy Area 2" Mor Range	Individual Trg	Grenade 36m throwing & firing Firing 2" Mor Weapon Trg Fdcraft	
		D	Coy Area & Sports Oval	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg CAB Lecture Hardening	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg	
29 Mar 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	BLACK Mt Map Ref 455422	Bn Trg	2 day exercise test Bn intercomn & admin within the Bn command	
30 Mar 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	BLACK Mt Map Ref 455422	Bn Trg	2nd day of 2 day exercise test Bn in intercomn & admin within Bn command	
31 Mar 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	A & B	Coy Area & Sports Oval	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg CAB Lecture Hardening	
		C	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle Classification Snap Shooting	
		D	Coy Area & 2" Mor Range	Individual Trg	Grenade 36m throwing & firing Firing 2" Mor weapon Trg Fieldcraft	
		[illegible]	Coy Area	[illegible]		
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialist Trg	
1 Apr 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	A	Coy Area & 2" Mor Range	Individual Trg	Grenade 36m Throwing & Firing 2" Mor firing Weapon Trg Fieldcraft	
		B	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Hardening Weapon Trg Lecture etc (i) Hygiene (ii) Anti Malarial Precautions	
		C	Coy Area Sports Oval	Individual Trg	Weapon Trg CAB Lecture Hardening	
		D	Miniature Range	Musketry	Rifle Classification Snap Shooting	
		HQ	Coy Area	Individual Trg	Specialists Trg	
2 Apr 44	27 Aust Inf Bn	All Coys	Bn Area	Church Parade Rest Day		

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

BRIGADIER A W POTTS, DSO, MC

In the Field
12 Mar 44

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24 DUTY OFFICERS AND NCO'S - To Mount on 0800 hrs on the day stated.

Sun	12 Mar 44	Lieut	WEBB R G	Sgt O'MEARA W
Mon	13 Mar 44	Lieut	EDWARDS F G	To be Detailed by Sigs
Tues	14 Mar 44	Capt	O'KEEFFE E R	L/Cpl BOOKER C
Wed	15 Mar 44	Lieut	ELLIOTT A G	S/Sgt ANGEL N S
Thur	16 Mar 44	Lieut	BURKETT K	To be Detailed by Sigs
Fri	17 Mar 44	Capt	FARRAR G C	Sgt GODDARD K
Sat	18 Mar 44	Lieut	THOMPSON	Cpl HESTELOW
Sun	19 Mar 44	Lieut	EDWARDS F G	To be Detailed by Sigs
Mon	20 Mar 44	Lieut	WEBB R G	Cpl SIMPSON R
Tues	21 Mar 44	Capt	O'KEEFFE E R	Sgt LARNER N

J M Brown Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER A W POTTS, DSO, MC

In the Field
24 Mar 44

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25 DUTY OFFICERS AND NCO'S - To mount on 0800 hrs on the day stated.

Wed	22 Mar 44	Lieut	ELLIOTT A C	To be detailed by Sigs
Thur	23 Mar 44	Lieut	BURNETT K R	Cpl JOSKOFF M
Fri	24 Mar 44	Capt	FARRAR G C	S/Sgt DUNSTAN J K
Sat	25 Mar 44	Lieut	WEBB R O	To be detailed by Sigs
Sun	26 Mar 44	Capt	O'KEEFFE E R	Cpl IVEY
Mon	27 Mar 44	Lieut	EDWARDS P O	Sgt KENNEDY J S
Tues	28 Mar 44	Lieut	THOMPSON	To be detailed by Sigs
Wed	29 Mar 44	Lieut	ELLIOTT A C	L/Cpl BOOKER C A
Thur	30 Mar 44	Capt	FARRAR G C	S/Sgt ANGEL N S
Fri	31 Mar 44	Lieut	WEBB R O	To be detailed by Sigs
Sat	1 Apr 44	Lieut	BURNETT K R	Sgt O'MEARA W
Sun	2 Apr 44	Lieut	THOMPSON	Sgt GODDARD K
Mon	3 Apr 44	Lieut	EDWARDS P O	To be detailed by Sigs

26 DISCIPLINE DRIVING OF ARMY VEHICLES

1. A recent check in this area disclosed many breaches of S Os for operation and Maintenance of MV and S Os for Drivers of MV.

2. No person, who is not in possession of an Army Driving Licence (AAF 611) will drive an Army Vehicle.

3. No Army Vehicle will be taken from its garage or lines for any purpose except by the authority of a properly issued Work Ticket. (AAF 82).

4. Personnel will NOT stand or be permitted to stand in or on Army Vehicles.

5. Officers will NOT drive Army Vehicles, except in an emergency. Whenever an officer takes over a vehicle from a driver, he will, before driving, endorse on the Work Ticket the reason for, and the time of taking over, and sign the endorsement.

6. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel, irrespective of rank, for any breach of this Order.

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27 ADVANCES OR OVERDRAWALS OF PAY

1. A unit paying officer or pay representative will not make any payment that will cause the overdrawing of a member's paybook, except as set out hereunder:-

(a) A member whose paybook is overdrawn may be paid within the limit of the restricted drawing rate which has been endorsed in the pay book by a member of the AAPC.

(b) A formation paymaster or a depot paymaster may overpay a member to the extent of 75% of any estimated claim for travelling allowance on the written authority of the member's CO, and such overpayment will be adjusted by the member on payment of his claim for travelling allowance.

(c) A member proceeding on leave of more than 72 hours may be paid in advance against his credit earnings calculated to the date of expiration of such leave.

(d) A member may be paid in advance in special circumstances(for example, prior to embarkation or upon disembarkation) where such payment is authorised by instructions issued by LHQ. In exceptional circumstances, an advance against the security of deferred pay may be made where the necessary approval has been obtained in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief Finance Officer.

28 APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING TO THE ARMY

Reports from the Director of Rationing indicate that his Deputy Directors in the various states are still receiving applications for clothing coupons direct from individual members of the AMF. Such applications are contrary to GRO F 422/1943 and will cease. Personnel placed in circumstances of extreme necessity will follow the procedure laid down in that order.

A M Buwer Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT NO 6

as at 2359 hrs 7 MAR 44

Vehicle Sign - KOALA on BOOMERANG

Ref Map:- GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile

Serial NO	Arm of Service	War Officer Serial No	Vehicle No.	UNIT X	LOCATION	Map Ref	REMARKS and moves projected
1	HQ Units	61547	96	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI Camp Q'land	G485395	Warned for tropical service - No move before 15 Mar 44
2	Engrs	46157		23 Aust Fd Coy	do	G473374	do
3	Sigs	49275	96	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	do	G485395	do
4	Inf	46175	63	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	do	G484391	do
5		46176	61	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	do	G482389	do
6		46170	77	27 Aust Inf Bn	do	G483393	do
7		61005		28 Pl 3 Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	do	G485395	do
8	AASC	49448		40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	do	G505389	do
9		49446		243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	do	G505389	do
10		49447		244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	do	G505389	do
11	AAMC	46180	70	17 Aust Fd Amb	do	G473375	do
12	AAOC	46238		109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	do	G473378	do
13	AEME	46237		109 Aust Bde Wkshops (AIF	do	G473378	do
14		46174	96	2/108 Aust LAD	do	G485395	do
15	POSTAL	61547	96	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	do	G485395	do

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HQ 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT NO 7

as at 2359 hrs 22 MAR 44

Vehicle Sign - KOALA on BOOMERANG

Ref Map:- GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile

Serial No	Arm of Service	War Officer Serial No	Vehicle No	UNIT	LOCATION	Map Ref	REMARKS and moves projected
1.	HQ Units	61547	96	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI Camp Q'land	G485395	Warned for tropical service
2.	Engrs	46157	89	23 Aust Fd Coy	do	G473374	do
3.	Sigs	49275	96	23 Bde Sig Sec	do	G485395	do
4.	Inf	46175	63	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	do	G484391	do
5.		46176	61	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	do	G482389	do
6.		46170	77	27 Aust Inf Bn	do	G483393	do
7.		61005	225	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	do	G485395	do
8.	AASC	49448	97	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl	do	G505389	do
9.		49446	64	243 Aust Sup Depot Pl	do	G505389	do
10.		49447	64	244 Aust Sup Depot Pl	do	G505389	do
11.	AAMC	46180	70	27 Aust Fd Amb	do	G473375	do
12.	AAOC	46238	83	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk(AIF)	do	G473378	do
13.	AEME	46237	76	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	do	G473378	do
14.		46174	96	2/108 Aust LAD	do	G485395	do
15.	POSTAL	61547	96	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	do	G485395	do

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
21 Mar 44
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23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 1/44

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF MALARIA

1. On entering a malarious area the following malaria control measures will apply.

2. DRESS
(a) Dress will be shirts with long sleeves, slacks and gaiters.

(b) From sundown to sunrise shirt sleeves will always be rolled down and buttoned, in certain areas sleeves may be rolled up by day.

3. ATEBRIN
(a) Thrice weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a malarious area, and on every day except Sunday in a highly malarious area Atebrin will be taken by all ranks.

(b) This will be taken under supervision and units will develop a sound and efficient method of control.

(c) If any detachment or patrol operating independantly lacks a NCO or Officer, one member will be specifically nominated as being responsible for observance of this order.

4. MOSQUITO REPELLANT
(a) Not later than sundown daily personnel will apply mosquito repellant lotion to all exposed parts of the body.

(b) It will be applied at intervals of 2 hours until personnel retire under their nets mosquito; more frequently if in an area which is particularly heavily infected with malarial mosquitos.

(c) Sentries during hours of darkness will apply lotion on commencement of duty and thereafter as directed in sub paras (a) and (b).

(d) Every soldier will retain a bottle of insect repellant lotion in his possession and will apply for re-issue on exhaustion of supply.

5. NETS MOSQUITO
(a) All personnel will be equipped with nets mosquito and sleep under them at all times.

(b) The nets will be regularly inspected and immediate repairs effected where necessary.

(c) Before sundown daily all nets will be lowered and tucked well under sides of bed, and inspected to see that no mosquito has gained entry.

6. SPRAY
If living in tents or a hutted encampment, tents and huts will be sprayed at night and morning with hand sprays.

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7. UNIT ANTI MALARIAL SQUADS

Unit anti malarial squads will work under direction of Hygiene Officer, Hygiene personnel, or unit RMO.

(a) They will supervise the destruction of the adult mosquito by spraying tents etc and be directly responsible for spraying all shelters or offices which have no fixed occupant.

(b) They will oil, drain, or fill in all mosquito breeding grounds within the unit lines except where these are too extensive or difficult.

(c) Assist in policing other malarial discipline within the units.

8. Malaria is the greatest individual factor to be overcome by troops operating in the tropics, and the standard of malarial discipline might well be the deciding factor in any operation undertaken.

9. Malaria is not the inevitable reward of every soldier who serves in the tropics, but the decision as to whether or not he contracts the disease rests in the hands of the individual, and it is his task to use intelligently the means provided for protection.

10. The disease can be controlled and the army's most effective weapon is discipline.

11. Malarial Control will figure in training programmes and all orders and instructions rigidly enforced.

H Burns Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde F2

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AGENDA for BDE COMDS CONFERENCE held 21 MAR 44

1. CEREMONIAL DRILL
Bns to concentrate of this and have Coy Parades for Ceremonial.

2. HAT BANDS
Units to endeavour to have all puggarees removed and replace with hat bands (khaki)

3. REINFORCEMENTS
Marrying into section. Reinfts must be DPl as soon as possible. Reports to Bde HQ.

4. COMPLIMENTS
Payment of compliments by allranks on move and stationery.

5. TsOET
General improvement. A TOET to be instituted for loading mags for rapid fire.

6. WEAPON TRAINING
Daily training to be adhered with.

7. SPORT
To be concentrated on.

8. SHORT EY RIFLE
Results not good from 8 Bn, 7 Bn will now experiment

9. SHIP MOVEMENT
Lectures, TEWTs and debates for purpose of ship movement - talks to officers and troops on movement and security - carry on weapon training on shipboard.

10. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS
Reinforcements mainly.

11. HIP FIRE
Suggest prolongation of bayonet to deliver aim to rifle -,point with rifle in aggressive attitude.

12. FSR's
Endeavour to obtain issues of FSR Vols I, II, & III

13. JUNGLE WARFARE
BM to obtain copies of 6 Aust Divs Jungle warfare Pam.

14. TACTICS IN OPEN TERRAIN
Pl Comds to work on cloth models ref tactical value of edges on Jungle, Kunai, Mountain forests etc.

15. SECTION LEADERS
Plans, sequence, fire orders.

16. BATTLE DRILL
For occupation of perimeter defence in particular.

17. TRAINING AMMUNITION
Concentration on musketry.

18. BDE PARADE
Probably have to parade in sixes for GOC - no date yet available.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

..10/44..(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/194 4 HQ 23 ATB (Unit)

W.E. II/2/3 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 17 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
	1		4	Captains *	(AASC	1			
					(AMChD	3			
	1		1	Lieutenants *					
				Quarter-masters *	(AAEC	1			
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	(AEC	-		1	
					(AAAS	1			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AAOC	-		1	
					(AAPC	1	1		
	3		7			7	1	2	

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.		A Class 25									25
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX134601	Lieut	McDONALD W J F	3 Aust Div	11Dec43	Transferred to 3 Div

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/3/194 . (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	VX 1574	POTTS	A V	BdeCond	Yes		
Captain	VX 5012	BROWN	H V	SO	"		
Major	VX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Captain	VX 20426	FIELD	V H	IO1	No	Detached 8 Bn	
"	VX 2875	O'BRIEN	B R	IO	Yes		
"	VX114122	TAYLOR	G C	IO	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H V	IO2	No	RAAF Army Co-op Sch	
Major	VX 39048	POWELL	L G	DAAQ	Yes		
Lieut	VX 39327	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	No	Short OCTU School WAYVILLE	
"	VX105726	ELLIOTT	A G	IO	Yes		
	VX133926	FOLLER	W H	AAIC	"		
Captain	VX162533	FRY A	E J	"		Detached 7 Bn	
"	VX 13278	FRAZER	E J	"		" 8 Bn	
"	VX 13215	JOHNSON	E S C	"		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	VX 33831	WINN R G	8 Bn	28Feb44	Acting IO
I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details					
					Captain SO 23 Aust Inf Bde.

4 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 **/** 3 **/194**4 HQ 23 A I B **(Unit)**

W.E. II **/** 2 **/** 3. **OFFRS.** 10 **O.R's.** 52 **+ OFFRS.** 8 **O.R's.** 17 **ATT. BY W.E.**

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1	1		
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1			Staff Sergeants					
	1	1	2	Sergeants	AIB, AEME, AAPC, AAOC	5	3	1	
	1		4	Corporals	AACC, AASC, AAMC	3			
	6		35	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AASC, AEME, AAOC, AACHD	7	2	6	
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AAOC, AAPC.	16	6	7	
*	9	1	44 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		59		1							60
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

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

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No 23 Aust Inf Bde .....Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/ 3 /1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	-	1	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen (Int)	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				~~Whitesmiths~~ ~~Storemen~~			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Batmen	13	8	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Drs HT	14	15	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Hyg Duty	1	1	5
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Ord Sig	6	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Tpt NCO	1	-	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Water Duty	1	-	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	1	1	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CQMS	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	5	5		Att. by WE.			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				AMC Clerk	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Dr HT	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				NCO Ord	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AIF Clerk	1	1	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AIF Bed Ord	1	1	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AAC NO 3	-	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AMC Mech	1	-	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				BatmanDr	1	-	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AIF Armourer	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Fitter HT	1	-	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Mech HT	1	2	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AMC Cooks	3	3	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AACD BatmanDrs	3	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AAPC Clerks	-	3	
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	6		CARRIED FORWARD	11	11		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	60 *	*9

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

I certify that the above return is found this return to be correct in all details

4 Mar 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Capta
No 23 Aust Inf B

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NCOs	WE				P POSTED STRENGTH				REMARKS REINFTS REQUIRED			
	WOII	S/Sgt	SGT	Cpl	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl
TG I Draughsmen(Int)				1				1				
TD Int duties		1		1			1	1				
TG III Clerks	1		1	1	1		1	-				
Non-Spec												
Drivers MT				1				1				
TransportSgt			1				-					
Gen Duties				1				1				
CQMS		1				1						
CSM	1				1							
Services												
AASC Clerk				1				1				
AAMC Med Ord				1				1				
AAOC Amn Exam			1				1				1	
AEME Armourer			1				1					
AACC Cook T G II				1				1				
TOTAL	2	2	4	8	2	1	3	7				

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WILL BE MARCHED OUT AS OVERAGE OR UNSUITABLE

AAMC Med Cpl 1

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

..11/..44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/194 4 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. II/2/3 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 17 ATT. BY W.E.

G2

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
	1		4	Captains	AASC	1			
					AACHD	3			
	1		1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters	AAEC	1			
					AAES	-		1	
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	AAAS	1			
					AAOC	-		1	
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAPC	1	1		
	3		7			7	1	2	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		A CLASS 14									14
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/ 2 /1944 .... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BdeComd	Yes		
Major	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Captain	VX 5012	BROWN	H V	SC	"		
"	VX 28426	WILD	W H	LO 1	No	Detached 8 Bn	
"	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	Yes		
"	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO2	No	RAAF Army Co-op School	
Services							
Captain	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lieut	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	No	Short OCTU School WAYVILLE	
"	VX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	Yes		
"	VX133926	TOLLEY	W N	AAPC	"		
Chaplain	NX162533	FRY	F J	-		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	H F	-		" 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W S C	-		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	VX 33831	WEBB R G	8 Bn	28 Feb	Acting LO

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details

H M Rowe Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

11 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

11/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/1944 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. II/2/3. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 52 + OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 17 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AAOC	1	1		
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1			Staff Sergeants					
	1	1	2	Sergeants	AES, AEME, AAPC, AAOC	3	3	1	
	1		4	Corporals	AACC, AABC, AAMC	2		1	
		4	45	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AABC, AEME,				
				Civilians counting as O.R.	ACC, AACHD	11	3	3	
*	3	5	54 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AACC, AAPC	19 *	7	5	*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
		A									
A		68		5							73
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

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

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/ 3 /1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen Int)	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Non-Tradesmen Batman	13	13	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Drs MT	14	15	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Ord Sig	6	6	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Tpt NCO	1	-	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								CSM	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. CQMS	1	1	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Att by WE			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers		AASC		Clerk	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	5	5		Batman	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Dr MT	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				MC Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5		Coach Trimmers		AES		Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors		AAMC		Med Ord	1	-	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks		AAOC		WO I	-	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Amn Exam	1	-	1
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				BatmanDr	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		AEME		Armourer	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				FitterMT	1	-	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Mech MT	1	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.		AAOC		Cooks	3	4	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers		AAChD.		BatmenDrs	3	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers		AAPC		Clerks	-	3	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Batman	-	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	7		CARRIED FORWARD	11	12		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	73 *	2 *

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

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all detial

11 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
A Moder Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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NCOs	WE				POSTED STRENGTH				REMARKS Reinfts Required			
	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WO II	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl
G I Draughtsmen(Int)				1				1				
G II Int Duties		1		1			1	1				
G III Clerks	1		1	1	1		1	-				
Non-Spec												
Drivers MT				1				1				
Tpt Sgt			1				-					
Gen Duties				1				1				
CQMS		1				1						
CSM	1				1							
Services												
AAC Clerk				1				1				
AAC Med Ord				1				-				1
AAC Ann Ekam			1				-			1		
AAC Armourer			1				1					
AAC Cook T G II				1				1				
TOTAL	2	2	4	8	2	1	3	6				

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 3 /1944 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 70 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.

G3

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
	2		3	Captains					
	2		4	Lieutenants	AAFC	1			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	5		14			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		A Offrs 15									15
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 70682	Capt	HEATHWOOD A M	3 Aust Inf Bde	23 Mar	Appointed SC, vide Captain H V BROWN

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 3 /194.4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	MedCpnt	Yes		
Major	WX 11052	DRIVER	A H	BM	"		
Captain	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	BC	"		
"	WX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R,	IO	"		
"	VX114122	FARLAR	G C	TO	"		
Lieut	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
"	VX114156	SMITH	H V	LO1	No	RAAF Army Co-op School	
Services							
Captain	WX 39042	POWELL	L G	MASCO	Yes		
Lieut	WX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	No	Short OCTU School WAYVILLE	
"	VX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	RO	Yes		
"	VX133926	TOLLEY	W H	PO	"		
Chaplain	NX162533	FRY	F J	-		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	H F	-		" 6 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W S C	-		" 27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	WX3[illegible]90	BURKETT K R	7 Bn	12 Feb	Acting LO
Capt	VX 5012	BROWN H V	2/6 Bn	2/6 Bn	Awaiting Appointment
I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details					
					A Heathwood Captain BC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

25 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 3 /194 HQ 23 A I B (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 70 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants	1 AAPC	1			
5	2	1	4	Sergeants	2 "	2			
8	2		6	Corporals					
53	2		51	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 "	1			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
70 *	6	2	66 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	4	4 *			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		65		5							70
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 3 / 1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Batmen	14	11		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery				Ord Dr MT	9	9		Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine				Drs MT	5	5		Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths				Hyg Duty	1	1		Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers				Ord. Sigs	6	6		Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors				Tpt Sgt	1	-1		Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	2	1	
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Services			
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AASC			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				Water Duty	1	1		Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)				Gen Duties	3	4		Batman	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator				CSM	1	1		DriversMT	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers				CQMS	1	1		MC Ord	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								AANC			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Med Ord	1		1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAOC WOI	-	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Amn Exam	1	-1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	6		Batman Dr	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AEME			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Armourer	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5		Coach Trimmers				FitterMV	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MechMT	1	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAChE			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				BatmanDrs	3	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	70	66	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAPC			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Pay Clerks	3	3	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				BatmanDr	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.					4	4	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	45	42	1	CARRIED FORWARD	57	55	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	74	70	* 2

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

I certify that I have personally checked and found this return to be correct in all details

25 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

CAPTAIN
S.C. 23 AUST INF BDE

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	WE				POSTED STRENGTH				REINFTS REQUIRED			
	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	WOII	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl
TG I Draughtsmen(Int)				1				1				
T G II Int Duties		1		1			1	1				
T G III Clerks	1		2	1	1		2	-				
Driver MT				1				1				
Tpt Sgt			1				-					
Gen Duties				1				1				
CSM	1				1							
CQMS		1				1						
SERVICES												
AASC Clerk				1				1				
AAMC Med Ord				1				-				1
AACC Amn Exam			1				-			1		
AEME Armourer			1				1					
AACC Cook T G II				1				1				
TOTAL	2	2	5	8	2	1	4	6				
ATTACHED												
AAPC Pay Clerks		1	2			1	2					

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