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2nd Australian Imperial Force and Commonwealth Military Forces unit war diaries, 1939-45 War

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23 Infantry Brigade

June - July 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted,)

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 0001 hrs 1 Jul *To* 2359 hrs 30 Jun 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the field.	1.		DAQMG (Major DUNLOP) 11 Aust Div called. Capt HEATHWOOD(SC) arrived LAE.	
	2.		DAQMG 11 Aust Div arranged with TO (Capt FARRAR) for supply of extra jeeps and trailers to 23 Aust Inf Bde.	
	3.		Capt HEATHWOOD arrived 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ WAU	
	4.		40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl received 30 jeeps and trailers. Church Parade (RC) at 7 AustInf Bn	
	5.		Lt col BERRY arrived at Adv Bde HQ WAU, after lunching at 11 Aust Div BULOLO with Brig POTTS, with whom he discussed training and the appointment of BM.	
	6.		Bde HQ settling in to new camp site in WAU area. Adm Bde Comd with BM(L) visited 7 Aust Inf Bn camp area, thence proceeding to 109 Aust Bde Wksp and 17 Aust Fd Amb. At the first unit he discussed training and the work of 7 Aust Inf Bn officers on Bde HQ staff and with CO 17 Aust Fd Amb, the medical policy.	
	7.		Further parties of Bde HQ arrived in WAU area from LAE area. Camp construction.	
	8.		Lt col BERRY Capt O'KEEFFE and 2 ORs on recce SANDY CK, BLACK CAT area.	
	.		BM to Div ref Air Photograph Interpretation School - also to discuss position of 23 Aust Inf Bde Pay Section with DAAG A/GII 11 Aust Div (Major HILL) called and discussed points of general interest. In the afternoon the BM recced GOLDEN RIDGE Area.	

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	9		Lt cols NORRIS and POPE called and discussed training and camp accommodation. Lt col POPE also discussed Chaplain JOHNSON.	
	10		Lt WEBB arrived and brought verbal notice of the following (as yet unofficial) complaints ref LAE area. 1. 23 Bde HQ took all spare rations 2. Area dirty. In this respect it is pointed out that 6 Bde HQ were asked to stay out of area until it was cleaned up after the condition in which it was left by 29 Aust Inf Bde, but this request was not complied with. 3 23 Bde HQ took all fittings and accommodation stores (These had been made over to 23 Bde by 29 Bde)	
	11		Brig COMBES (Military College Commandant) and Col BARRETT (DDMT) accompanied by Capt SMITH (ADC to Gen SAVIGE) lunched at Bde HQ while on a visit to the area. In the evening BM dined at 11 Aust Div and attended a training conference.	
	12		Brig POTTS Adm Comd 11 Div and ADC lunched at Bde HQ. General matters were discussed with Lt col BERRY including 6 Bde complaint	
	13		Capt POWELL (BASCO) and Lt SMITH (LOI) on recce to EDIE CK. ADMS and Lt col ERWIN lunched at Bde HQ. Lt FITZGERALD (AmenOffr) returned to Unit from Short OCTU (Special)	
	14		Lt col BERRY to LAE to visit 8 Aust Inf Bn.	
	15		Lt col BERRY visited Brig VOWLES Comd LAE BASE SUB AREA and discussed how many men 8 Aust Inf Bn could supply for working parties. On his return trip he called on 11 Aust Div and discussed general matters with Brig POTTS	

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	16		Lt col NORRIS called to discuss exercise in area BLACK CAT MINE to HOUSE COPPER. In the afternoon Lt col BERRY accompanied by BM (L) Capt HOPTON recced KORANGA CRATER area as a possible mortar range.	
	17		Lt col BERRY, Capt O'KEEFFE commenced a recce of WANDUMI - JAP TRACK - BLACK CAT - 7000' feature. Very strenuous.	
	18		Lt EDWARDS (MGO Branch) called ref transport to EDIE Ck. It was arranged that Lt WEBB (LO II) would accompany him on his recce for pyrites crystals. Col DAVIES (ADOS 11 Aust Div) remained to mess.	
	19		Church parades. Brig POTTS accompanied by the AA & QMG 11 Aust Div and ADMS 11 Aust Div. VISITED 6DE. Brig POTTS discussed the lack of effort on part of 27 Aust Inf Bn in training and 7 Aust Inf Bn policy of keeping to known tracks.	×
	20		Capt HOPTON and 2 ORs left on recce of JAP TRACK. Dr THOMAS WOOD (Authur of "COBBERS") on a special mission for British Government and Mr UREN was correspondent attached to Dr WOOD, accompanied by Capt PATERSON (LO NGF) - lunched at Bde HQ Maj EDWARDS and Capt BARNES (8 Bn) arrived to discuss unit matters with Lt col BERRY.	
	21.		Major GRIFFITHS (DAQMG 11 Aust Div) called.	
	22.		Lt col BERRY went to 11 Div to discuss with Brig POTTS the training areas allotted to this Bde, which have been considerably restricted.	
	23		Brig POTTS relinquished Adm Comd 11 Aust Div and resumed Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde at 1230 hrs. Lt col BERRY relinquished Adm Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde and resumed Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn at the same hour	

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	24		A conference of CO's was held at Bde HQ to discuss training, staff tables for movement by air - with Lt col NORRIS the Bde Comd discussed the application of Capt MEARES for leave and with Lt col BERRY the question of overage officers.	
	25		Bde Comd, SC and their respective batmen left PONT DE WATTS at 1030 hrs and went via WANDUMI to the old JAP posns returning at 1730 hrs. Capt LAVAN (ex 10 Aust Light Horse) arrived to take up posting as Legal Officer.	
	26		Lt col BERRY, Capt O'KEEFFE and 2 OR's left for SALAMAUA via GAP, BLACK CAT, HOUSE COPPER, BITOI RIVER, MUBO and KOMIATUM Lt WEBB left by jeep for SKINDEWAI 3 to rendezvous with the former party at MUBO. GI and AQ, 3 Aust Div called and visited the area calling on Lt cols POPE and NORRIS.	
	27		Gen BOASE and Col HURLEY (Ass Mil Sec) visited Bde Comd. Major DRIVER returned to Bde HQ to previous appointment of BM. Comd, Lt col NORRIS and Lt EDWARDS (IO 7 Bn) left for BLACK CAT They inspected the positions of Capt BLABEY's Coy at the GAP, and Capt CAMERON's Coy at the mine. Time taken 3 hrs 50 mins to GAP - 1 hr 30 mins to MINE.	
	28		Bde Comd's party proceeded by jeeps to FRASER's MINE for lunch and returned to Bde HQ. Time for return 3 hrs 10 mins.	
	30		Bde Comd and BM conferred. Lt col POPE called and discussed with Bde Comd, camp improvements, recce reports and general training policy. Major CRAWFORD (OC 11 Aust Div Sigs) called ref damage to sig installations. An immediate court of enquiry was commenced, formed of Lt ALEXANDER (2i/c Bde Sigs) Lt GREY (OC 14 Aust Indep Bde Pro Pl) and Lt EDWARDS (LO)	

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			~~Major MOORE (Salvation Army) paid a social call to Brig POTTS~~	
			Lt MILNE (11 Aust Div) called ref firewood supplies from timber mill and also ref a charge of stealing against 7 Bn, of money from a hut in BLACK CAT AREA. Major JONES and Capt LAVAN commenced a court of enquiry into the alleged theft.	
			Lt BELL ANGAU (SALAMAUA) called on Brig POTTS.	
	30		Major PEACHEY (CASC 11 Aust Div) called and brought for interview 3 ASC NCO's for consideration as instructors for ASC school	
			Lt col NORRIS called ref BLACK CAT exercise, and adverse reports on officers	N B. Attached as Appx "F3" are Maps of WAU local Area and Area Map WAU - LAE
			GENERAL SUMMARY	
			The principal activity of Bde HQ has been the number of recces carried out by all officers. Nearly every officer has been out on one, two or three day marches and become thoroughly familiar with the environs of the camp. Men and officers are fit and appreciate the excellent climate and good food, which is of a high standard for such an advanced base. Weather is much drier than normal	
			Adopt capt Maj BM 23 Aust Inf Bde. AOJ	

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Unit _____ *Date and Time.—From* 0001 Jun 44 *To* 2359 hrs 30 Jun 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Admin Comd 11 Aust Div to 23 Jun 44. Resumed Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde 23 Jun 44
			Lt-col	QX 6047	BERRY	B N	Adm Comd	Adm Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde to 23 Jun 44. Resumed Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 23 Jun 44
			Major	VX 13469	JONES	C	A/BM	To 27 Jun 44
			Major	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	From 27 Jun 44
			Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	R L	A/BM (L)	
			Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	
			Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC (L)	
			Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	
			Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO I	
			Lt	WX 35831	WEBB	R G	LO II	
			Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO III	
			Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	
		Services	Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	
			Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	
			Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HQ	
			Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	
			Lt	VX133926	TOLLEY	W N	PO	
			Lt	VX100371	WILSON	W F C	QO	From 29 May 44

Hopkins Capt Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde
ADC

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 12 JUN 42

Serial	DATE	UNIT	AREA	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	12 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	BLACK CAT MINE AREA	(a) 2 Coys 6 Day Exercise	1. WAU 1" to 1 mile 388787 (a) Patrol reports, briefing, track going maps, times, vegitation, water, additional information and correction of maps
			CAMP AREA	(b) 2 Coys Individual Trg HQ Coy Specialist Trg	(b) Security lecture, weapon trg.
2		27 Aust Inf Bn	CAMP AREA	Camp Construction	
3	13 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)	BLACK CAT MINE AREA WAU AREA CAMP AREA	2 Coys 6 Day Exercise 1 Coy Hardening March 1 Coy and HQ Coy Individual & Specialist Trg	
4		27 Aust Inf Bn		as for serial 2.	
5	14 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)		as for serial 3	
6		27 Aust Inf Bn		as for serial 2	
7	15 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		(c) as for serial 3	(c) Lectures by ANGAU on natives
8		27 Aust Inf Bn	CAMP AREA	(d) Individual Trg	(d) Weapon Trg, J.D. Fire Control, TOET, Close Order drill
9	16 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)		as for serial 3	
10		27 Aust Inf Bn		(e) as serial 8	(e) 1 Coy on Hardening March
11	17 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		as for serial 3	
12		27 Aust Inf Bn		as for serial 10	

GENERAL 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Coy Comds TEWT, preparation of appreciations and OO for defensive positions.
Half Day Sport

27 Aust Inf Bn Recce of Trg areas by Bn and Coy Comds.

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23 AUST INF BDE TNG SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 24 JUN 44

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
17 Jun 44
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SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	AREA	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	19 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(a) GAP HOUSE COPPER WAU AREA	(i) 2 Coys 6 Day Exercise 2 Coys Weapon Trg, Map Reading, Gas Trg	(a) WAU 1 inch to 1 mile 467770 - 593603 (i) Briefing & Examination of patrols, track going maps, patrol formations, supply by carrier line
2		27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU AREA	All Coys - close order drill, Weapon Trg J.D. Recognition of targets	
3	20 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(b) BLACK CAT TRACK	Serial 1 - Hardening March, Patrolling	(b) WAU 1 inch to 1 mile
4		27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 2 -	
5	21 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	Serial 3 -	
6		27 Aust Inf Bn		Hardening March by all Coys	
7	22 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		Serial 1 HQ Coy - Preparation and organisation of carrying parties and Coy loads	
8		27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 2	
9	23 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	WAU AREA	Serial 1 (ii) 1 Coy 30 yd Range practice	(ii) Application, Grouping, Snap
10		27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 2	
11	24 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		Return to Camp 1 Coy 30 yd Range	
12		27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 2	

GENERAL Each Bn will spend half day on sports
LECTURES - AES, Security by a member of FSS

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 1 JUL 44

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	AREA	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	26 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn	BLACK CAT MINE BLACK CAT GAP CAMP AREA	2 Coys 6 day Exercise (i) 2 Coys, TsOET, Adm, Sport	(i) Live out and Trg Exercises, Patrolling, briefing patrols, patrol reports, Perimeter Defence Supply by carrier
2		27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU AREA	Individual Trg & Specialist Trg 1 Coy recce patrols	Fd craft, Fire Control Orders, Weapon Trg. 30 mins rapid Fire Trg muscle exercises
3	27 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn	Camp Area	~~Serial xxx~~ 2 Coys Exercise (i) 2 Coys Specialist Trg, Map Reading, Gas Trg	
4		27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 2	
5	28 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn	Miniature Range - 397747	~~Serial x~~ 2 Coys Exercise (i) 1 Coy Range Practice 1 Coy Section & Pl attack	Area to be notified
6		27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU AREA	1 Coy Pl recce patrols 3 Coys Section Leading & Map Reading 1 Coy Specialist Trg " "	
7	29 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 3	
8		27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 6	
9	30 Jun	7 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 5	
10		27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU AREA	Individual Trg A M(PM Sport)	Weapon Trg, judging distance, Fd craft
11	1 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn	WAU AREA	2 Coys Exercise (i) 2 Coys Specialist Trg, Gas Trg, Map Reading.	
12		27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU AREA	1 Coy Specialist Trg 3 Coys Section Leading, Map Reading 1 Coy Pl recce patrols	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

11 June 44

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 42

TRAINING POLICY FOR W.U AREA

Ref : 11 AUST DIV STANDING ORDERS
11 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 47

Ref : NAUTI EAST 1" to 1 mile
WAU 1" to 1 mile
BULUWAT EAST 1" to 1 mile

1. GENERAL

Training of units and sub units of 23 Aust Inf Bde Group will follow the general training policy formulated in 11 Aust Div Training Instruction No 47, and as implemented by this instruction.

2. BOUNDARIES

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) area will be NORTH of a line EDIE CREEK Map Ref 310700, WAU Map Ref 378728 BLACK CAT Map Ref 489787.
27 Aust Inf Bn area will be SOUTH of this line.
Other unit training areas will be by mutual arrangement with 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and 27 Aust Inf Bn will arrange movement in and through respective areas by mutual agreement.

3. TRAINING PERIODS

Training to be arranged on following basis:-

WEEK	TRAINING
1 - 2	Camp construction Close recce of training area, and hardening trg. Recce of miniature and open range sites. Recce of Fd firing ranges incorporating firing up and down hill. Tests of Elementary Training. Musketry and close order drill. Judging distance and Fire Control Orders. Preparation of Staff and Loading Tables for:- (a) Plane movement (b) Using carrier line, (1) Bn (11) Coy and Pl patrols for periods of up to 10 days. Preparation of exercises by Pl and Coy in open and close country
3	Section Training
4 - 5	Pl and Coy Training
5 - 6	Bn exercise

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After 3rd week of training, 27 Aust Inf Bn will receive separate training instructions.

4. RECONNAISSANCE

Recce of unit training areas will be continuous and patrol reports and information submitted to this HQ. Particular attention to be paid to following:-

Tracks
"Going" times
Natives
Water
Fruit and vegetables
Vegetation
Map additions and corrections

5 SCHOOLS

The availability of LHQ and NGF schools is not yet known, but in order to submit a consolidated request to DIT, Unit requirements of the following are requested:-

(a) Unit Schools
(b) Bde Schools
(c) NGF Schools
(d) LHQ Schools

This information is to be forwarded to this HQ within 4 days of receipt of this instruction.

Major
A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn
28 Pl, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
244 Aust Sup Dep Pl
17 Aust Fd Amb
109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
2/108 Aust LAD

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTHUCTION NO 43

MAP READING AND PHOTO INTERPRETATION SCHOOL

1. GENERAL

NG Force have made available instructors and equipment from AAPIU to conduct courses in reading and interpretation of air photos and photo maps.
Date of commencement of school will be notified later.

2. OBJECT OF SCHOOL

To train a number of officers NCOs in each unit who will be capable of conducting unit schools on similar lines.

3. DURATION AND SYLLABUS

Three courses each of 8 days duration will be conducted for units of 11 Aust Div.
To ensure uniformity of instr a standard syllabus will be followed in each course. Copy of this syllabus is attached as Appx "A"

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS

4. Two suitable students are to be selected from the first course to assist with the instr of the two following courses.

5. LOCATION

School will be situated in area occupied by 14 Ind Pro Pl. (Map Ref WAU 1 in to 1 mile 378735)

6. ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES

(a) Course 1	23 Aust Inf Bde	1
	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1
	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1
	27 Aust Inf Bn	1
	2/2 Aust Commando Sqn	4
	RAE 11 Aust Div	4
	Sigs 2 Aust Div	2
	Total	14
(b) Course 2	23 Aust Inf Bde	4
	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	7
	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	7
	27 Aust Inf Bn	7
	17 Aust Fd Amb	1
	6 Aust Inf Bde	2
	Total	28
(c) Course 3	6 Aust Inf Bde	28

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7. NOMINAL ROLLS

(a) One copy to be taken to the school and handed to CI by senior student from each unit.

(b) One copy to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 3 days before commencement of each course

8. MOVEMENT AND REPORTING

Students will be moved to school under unit arrangements and will report to CI by 1500 hrs on day prior to commencement of each course.

9. ADM ARRANGEMENTS

23 Aust Inf Bde will arrange for messing and accommodation of AAPIU instructors.

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will arrange for messing and accommodation of students as follows:-

Course 1	6
Course 2	4
Course 3	14

27 Aust Inf Bn will arrange messing and accommodation of students as follows:-

Course 1	5
Course 2	5
Course 3	14

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A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn
17 Aust Fd Amb
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Appx 'A' to
23 Aust Inf Bde
Trg Instr No 43

SYLLABUS FOR AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATION COURSE

DAY	TIME	SUBJECT
1	0830-0900	Opening lecture
	0900-1000	Types, uses and characteristics of air photos
	1000-1030	Scale of photos
	1030-1200	Scale and calculations
	1330-1700	Plotting runs of photos on maps
	1900-2000	Discussion
2	0830-0900	Photographic tone and shadows
	0900-1100	Examination of photos
	1100-1200	Titling and Demands
	1330-1400	Theory of Stereoscopy
	1400-1700	Eye stereoscopy and use of stereoscope
	1900-2000	Discussion
3	0830-0900	Characteristic of vegetation
	0900-1200	Examination of photos for vegetation types
	1330-1400	Characteristics of tracks
	1400-1700	Examination of photos for tracks
	1900-2000	Discussion
4	0830-1200	Examination of photos of local areas
	1330-1700	Comparison of photos and ground
	1900-2000	Discussion
5	0830-0900	Coastal characteristics
	0900-1200	Examination of coasts on photos
	1330-1430	Tactical interpretation - theory
	1430-1700	do do - practice
	1900-2000	Discussion
6	0830-1000	Construction of mosaics
	1000-1200	Tactical interpretation
	1330-1430	Sketching from photos - theory
	1430-1700	do do do - practice
	1900-2000	Discussion
7	0830-1200	Examination of photos of local areas
	1330-1700	Comparison of photo and ground
	1900-2000	Discussion
8	0830-1700	Interpretation and annotation of photos
	1900-2000	Final discussion

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
22 Jun 44
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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 44

STAFF TABLES AND TABLES FOR MOVEMENT

1. The following tables will be prepared to ensure a state of readiness for movement in all units.

(a) MOVEMENT BY AIR

(i) Staff Table of Weights - Appx "A"

(b) MOVEMENT BY JEEP

(i) Jeep loading Table - Appx "B"

(c) MOVEMENT BY AIR AND LAND - GENERAL

(i) AQ move - Table of weights and measurements by units - Appx "C"

(ii) Operational - Table of weights and measurements by sub-units - Appx "D"

(d) MOVEMENT BY NATIVE CARRIER

(i) Total of Stores to be carried by native carriers - Appx "E"

(ii) Native Carrying Table - Appx "F"

(iii) Native Carrier Loading Table - Appx "G"

(e) MOVEMENT BY PACK TRANSPORT

(i) Pack loading Table showing total stores to be carried in a move by pack transport - Appx "H"

(ii) Mule Loading Table - Appx "J"

2. Figures shown in Appendices "B" - "J" are set out as guides only and are not to be taken as an indication of weights, loads or priorities of movement.

3. These tables will be completed and a copy forwarded to this HQ by ~~3 Jul~~ 30 Jun 44. Tables will be kept amended and alterations advised fortnightly.

4. In all movements, which allow for only a limited amount of equipment or stores to be carried, all surplus woodwork such as weapon chests and boxes and all large cumbersome cases will be dispensed with. It is suggested that essential stores be crated to have gross weight of approx 35 lbs for a one man load and not more than 80 lbs for a two man load.

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5. The following factors will be borne in mind during the compilation of these tables:

L O B		-	INF BN	
			Offrs	ORS
2 i/c	(i)		1	
Offrs	(ii)		5	
WOs)	one from			2
Sgts)	each Coy			3
Cpls				7
ORs	(iii)			41
			6	53

(i) 2 i/c or other offr suitable for Comd
(ii) Incl an offr suitable to replace Adjt but NOT to incl QM. Three to be made up of majors or captains
(iii) Incl 3 Sigs, 2 Mortar, 2 MMG pers.

Maj
A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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List "A" less 11,12,14,16,20a, 21 - 27

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Appx "A" to
23 Aust Inf Bde
Trg Instr No 44

PRO FORMA FOR
STAFF TABLE OF WEIGHTS

UNIT.....

Correct as at.....Date

Serial N umber (a)	Unit and/or Sub-unit (b)	PERS N umber (c)	PERS Weight at 250 lbs each (x) (d)	Unit Weapons (lbs) (e)	Amn (lbs) (f)	Rations (lbs) (g)	POL (lbs) (h)	Unit Stores (lbs) (j)	Tpt (lbs) (k)	Tech Eqpt (lbs) (l)	Total Weight in lbs (m)	Number of A/C at 5000 lbs each (n)	REMARKS (o)

(x) Weight of each member plus personal eqpt, amn, etc to be brought up to 250 lbs maximum.

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Appx "B" to
23 Aust Inf Bde
Trg Instr No 44

JEEP LOADING TABLE

Tables will be compiled on following data:

(a) Maximum operational jeep load - 600 lbs (excl driver)
(b) Maximum operational trailer load - 900 lbs (excl weight of trailer)
(c) Due regard must be given to bulk of loads

Jeep No (a)	Trailer No (b)	Eqpt carried (c)	Weight (lbs) (d)	Remarks (e)
1		Reserved for unit Comd		
	1	1 Tent fly Personal baggage 2 picks 1 axe RAP	30 60 20 172	
2		1 Box 9 mm	102	
	2	I Office 1 drum kero	350 32	

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A Q MOVE BY LAND OR SEA

Serial	UNIT	PERSONNEL			STORES		AMN WE		RATIONS		NO OF 3 Ton Veh				SHIPPING SPACE				REMARKS
		Offrs	ORs	Total	Wt	Blk	Wt	Blk	Wt	Blk	Pers 15 per Veh	Stores	Amn	Rations	Pers	Stores	Amn	Rations	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)
1	113 Bn	32	830	862	32	1200 c ft	18	500 c ft	10	350 c ft	58	11	6	4	32 offrs 830 ORs	1200 c ft	500 c ft	350 c ft	Tpt NOT incl

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TABLE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS BY SUB UNITS

Serial (a)	Sub Unit (b)	PERSONNEL Offrs (c)	ORS (d)	TOTAL (e)	WEIGHTS OF EQUIPMENT NOT CARRIED ON MAN (LBS) Weapons (g)	Amn (h)	Rations (j)	Stores (k)	Cub ft (l)	REMARKS (m)
1	2 Pl	1	32	33	1 Tk A Rifle and Mags 58	.303 Bdr 84	1 full 2 gal w/container20 12 Fd Operations 42	5 shovels 20 1 Axe 7 25 sand bags 7½		
2	17 Pl	1	42	43	3 LMG Tripods 90	3 x.303 Ctn 252		1 roll flannelette 1		Tk A Rifle remain with 'B' echelon

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TOTAL OF STORES TO BE CARRIED IN A MOVE BY NATIVE CARRIERS

Table will be based on an absolute minimum of stores and equipment

Weapons, Stores, and Equipment to be carried (a)	Number (b)	Weights (lbs) (c)
WEAPONS		
3" Mortar	2	
MMG	2	
AMN (excl on the mnm)		
SAA .303 Bdr	1000	78
SAA .303 Ctn	1248	84
3" Mortar HE	120	1280
TECHNICAL		
Picks	10	40
GENERAL		
Fd Op rations	84	294
Cooking Gear	-	80

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NATIVE CARRYING TABLE -
AVERAGE LAOD 40 LBS PER NATIVE (APPROX)

NATIVES REQUIRED (a)	DESCRIPTION OF LOAD (b)	WEIGHT (LBS) (c)	REMARKS (d)
	AMMUNITION		
2	SAA .303 Bdr 1 case 1000 rounds	78	) 2 Man loads
2	SAA .303 Ctn 1 case 1248 rounds	84	) Sling on poles
4		162	
	TECHNICAL		
1	Picks (10)	40	) Pickheads and
1	RAP gear (incl 1 stretcher)	40	) handles wrapped in
2		80	) one bundle hessian
	GENERAL		
2	Cooking gear	80	Slung on poles
5	"I" Office	200	
2	Q Store (6 spare blankets, 6 spare ground sheets, spare clothing)	80	
	2 cases of 40 lbs		
9		360	

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NATIVE CARRIER LOADING TABLE

15 Pl, C Coy, 113 Aust Inf Bn

UNIT (a)	NO (b)	STORES (c)	WT (d)	REMARKS (e)
15 Pl, C Coy	1	500 Rounds .303 Bdr; 1 tin water	42	
	2	17 No 36 Grenades hand	38	
	3	6 Picks; 1 tin dubbin	37	
	4	11 Op rations; 1 lantern	40	
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PACK LOADING TABLE

Total Stores to be carried in a move by pack tpt -
A Coy 113 Aust Inf Bn

WEAPONS, STORES and EQUIPMENT to be CARRIED (a)	NUMBER (b)	WEIGHT (LB) (c)
WEAPONS		
3" Mortar	1	
AMMUNITION		
TECHNICAL		
GENERAL		

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MULE LOADING TABLE

UNIT (a)	MULE NO (b)	NEAR (c)	Weight (lbs (d)	TOP (e)	Weight (lbs (f)	OFF (g)	Weight (lbs) (h)	TOTAL Weight (i)
Bn HQ	1	.303 Bdr 1000 rounds	78	1 full 2 gal w/container	20	2 cases No 36 grenades	60	158
	2	9 mm OSMG 1250 rounds 1 axe	52 7	5 picks	20	6 lanterns 1 Drum kero x 6 wash basins 6 buckets canvas	12 30 30 12 84	193
	3	Command Shelters (2 tents)	60	"I" Sec	50	Command Shelters (2 flys)	60	170
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	5							
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SUBJECT:- TRAINING INSTRUCTION

TRAINING POLICY FOR WAU AREA - BDE HQ

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
21 Jun 44
G 6286

1. TIMES OF TRAINING

(i) All personnel on Bde HQ will train for 2 half days per week - Allocation Appx "A".

(ii) Sig Sec 3 half days per week excl of Technical Trg.

(iii) 28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt, 4 whole days per week.

2. SYLLABI

(i) For Bde HQ personnel will be laid down by BM(L).

(ii) Sig Sec and 28 Pl to submit to BM (L) by 1500 hrs on each Friday for following week.

3. TRAINING

To be arranged on following basis:-

Week	Training	
1	Weapon Training	(Rifle (OSMG (Bren (Grenades
	Map Reading	
2	do	
3	J.D. Fire Control Orders, Indication of Targets, TsOET, Lecturettes on patrol reports.	
4	Verbal, written messages. General outline of OO - verbal.	
5	Outline and discussion of Defence of Bde HQ - Open country	
6	Establishment of Bde HQ in Field - Perimeter Defence Movement Grouping	

GENERAL 1 half day in each week will be used for hardening march, Gd Pl 1 whole day per week.

4. Owing to the limited time personnel can spend on training; it is very necessary that the trg of HQ personnel be most intensive, even if only for short periods. Instructors will therefore ensure that no time is wasted in unnecessary Smoke Oh's or prolonged discussions. This calls for careful preparation and complete knowledge of subjects being taught.

5. INSTRUCTORS

OFFICERS	
Capt O'KEEFFE	) patrol reports, verbal and) written messages. Map Reading.
Lieut SMITH	supervise Weapon Trg & TsOET

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Lieut	EDWARDS	supervise JD Fire Control Indication of Targets
Lieut	WEBB	O.O.
Maj	JONES)	Defence of Bde HQ
Capt	HOPTON)	

NCOs

WO 11 BUCKNALL	Weapon Trg
2 Sgts from 7 Bn	TsOET
2 Sgts from 27 Bn	
Sgt KENNEDY	O.O.
WO 11 BUCKNALL	Defence of Bde HQ

6. At the completion of the first six weeks of trg it is intended to conduct special courses for Batman and Orderlies, covering map reading, elementary sig procedure, verbal messages, concealment and camouflage and field cooking.

Major
A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Sgt	Pte	Cpl	Sgt		Pte	Pte	Sgt	Cpl	Cpl	Cpl	Pte
KENNEDY	KURKOWSKI	CUMMINS	LADNER		KURKOWSKI	MOONEY	KENNEDY	JOOKOFF	CUMMINS	JOOKOFF	MOONEY
Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte		Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte
HALL	MANSELL	FAHEY	ANDERSON		MANSELL	PRIOR	HALL	FREE	FAHEY	FREE	PRIOR
Cpl	Pte	Pte	Pte		Pte	Pte	Pte	Cpl	Pte	Pte	Pte
NOLAN	SMITH	CONQUEST	BURNS		SMITH	CONQUEST	BENNETT	OBST	BENNETT	ANDREWS	HOPE
Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte		Pte	Cpl	Pte	Cpl	Pte	Pte	Pte
VELLA	CATLING	ANDREWS F	DALTON	SPORTS	CATLING	OBST	EARL	NOLAN	EARL	LAVELLE	HEWITT
Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte		Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte
WEIGHTMAN	MORRIS	FOLEY	HEWITT		MORRIS	NOLAN	ATKINSON	BOSLEY	ATKINSON	WEIGHTMAN	DIXON
Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte		Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte	Pte
BOSLEY	HOPE	HARRIMAN	PALMER		DIXON	HARRIMAN	BURNS	LEEK	DALTON	LEEK	VELLA
Pte	Pte	S/Sgt	Pte		Pte	Pte	Pte	S/Sgt	Pte	Dvr	Pte
DAVIES	WALLACE	MULLAVEY	BYRNE		LAVELLE	DAVIES	FOLEY	MULLAVEY	PALMER	ANDREWS	BURTON
Sgt	Pte	Sgt	Pte		Pte	S/Sgt	Pte	Sgt	Pte	Dvr	Sgt
SIMPSON	KING	STANLEY	CUSBERT		WALLACE	ANGEL	BYRNE	STANLEY	KING	IRVING	BUTLER
Dvr	Cpl	Dvr	Cpl		Pte	S/Sgt	Pte	Dvr	Sgt	Dvr	Dvr
LIEFELS	HESTELOW	DILLON	MARTIN		CUSBERT	BUTLER	BURTON	CARLYON	GODDARD	COWEN	THOMAS
Dvr	Dvr	Dvr	Sgt		Dvr	Dvr	Cpl	Dvr	Dvr	Dvr	Dvr
JACOBS	GULBRANDSON	WEST	GODDARD		ANDREWS	THOMAS	HESTELOW	GULBRANDSON	DILLON	BENNS	HAYWOOD
Dvr	Dvr	Dvr	Sgt		Dvr	Dvr	Cpl	Dvr	Dvr	S/Sgt	Dvr
CARLYON	ANDREWS	LINDRUM	ODGERS		IRVING	HAYWOOD	MARTIN	ANDREWS	WEST	ANGEL	CAIRE
					Dvr	Dvr	Sgt	Sgt	Dvr		Dvr
					COWEN	CAIRE	SIMPSON	ODGERS	LINDRUM		HERRON
					Dvr	Dvr	Dvr				
					BENNS	HERRON	LIEFELS				
							Dvr				
							JACOBS				

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL G BERRY, MC

(ADMIN COMD)

In the Field
Wed 7 June 44

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44 DUTY OFFICERS AND NCO'S - To mount on 0900 hrs on the day stated.

Mon	5/6	June	44	Lt	SMITH H	Sgt	SIMPSON	R
Tues	6/7	June	44	Capt	O'KEEFFE E R	Sgt	ODGERS	G
Wed	7/8	June	44	Lt	ALEXANDER C	Sgt	KENNY	K
Thur	8/9	June	44	Capt	POWELL L G	Sgt	KENNEDY	J
Fri	9/10	June	44	Lt	JONES R E	Sgt	STANLEY	F
Sat	10/11	June	44	Lt	ELLIOTT A C	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
Sun	11/12	June	44	Lt	EDWARDS F C	Sgt	SIMPSON	R
Mon	12/13	June	44	Capt	HOPTON R L	Sgt	ODGERS	G
Tues	13/14	June	44	Lt	WEBB R G	Sgt	KENNY	K
Wed	14/15	June	44	Capt	FARRAR G C	Sgt	STANTON	F
Thur	15/16	June	44	Lt	BURKETT K R	Sgt	KENNEDY	J

45 ROUTINE TIME TABLE

Reveille		0645 hrs
Adm Parade		0700 hrs
Sick Parade		0710 hrs
Breakfast		0745 hrs
Morning Parade		0845 hrs
Midday Stand Down		1215 hrs
Midday Meal	OR's	1230 hrs
do	OFFRS	1245 hrs
Afternoon Stand To		1330 hrs
Evening Stand Down		1645 hrs
Evening Meal	OR's	1730 hrs
do	OFFRS	1830 hrs
Retreat (Atabrin and repellant parade)		1800 hrs
Lights Out		2215 hrs

46 MORNING PARADE

~~(to follow Daily Routine)~~

All personnel except the following will attend the Bde HQ morning parade at 0845 hrs

No 1 Pl. (Bde HQ personnel excl transport incl Pay Det)

Int Sec	1 clerk
Orderly Room	1 clerk
Pay Det	2 clerks

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No 2 Pl. (Tpt Personnell)

Duty Dvrs

No 3 Pl. (Sigs)

1 Switchboard Operator
1 Duty Linesman
1 Cipher Personnel
1 Storeman
1 Line Operator
1 Sig Clerk
1 Sig Orderly

No 4 Pl. (28 Cd Pl)

Sentry Mounting at 0830 hrs.
4 Routine Duties

Additional exceptions will only be permitted by authority of Staff Captain.

DRESS

Shirt
Slacks
Anklets Web (Aust)
Web belt
Straps Shoulder left
" " right
Pouchers basic
Side Arms
Personal Weapons
Hats Turned Down.

Personnel excluded from 0845 hrs parade will parade in the above dress at 1430 hrs daily by the CSM under the supervision of the Duty Offr.

47. DUTIES OF DUTY NCO

(a) He will report to duty Officer for the day and take over duties from retiring NCO at 0900 hrs daily.

(b) Be at the disposal of the duty officer for necessary tasks during his tour of duty.

(c) Accompany the duty officer and CSM on Bde HQ Camp inspection at 1000 hrs.

(d) Conduct all meal parades ensuring that they are held punctually, strictly supervised and that oncoming Duty personnel are first to be served.

(e) Ensure that meals are kept for ALL current duty personnel.

(f) Accompany the duty officer in inspection of the meals

(g) Inspect picquets in the company of, and at times stated, by the duty officer.

(h) Inspect all sleeping huts in camp area at 2200 hrs and ensure that malarial precautions are observed.

(j) Ensure that 'Lights Out' is adhered to.

(K) Attend 0700hr Adm Parade accompied by the Duty Offr.

48. ATEBRIN AND MALARIAL PRECAUTION PARADE

(a) This parade will be conducted by Pl Sgts with the exception of Bde HQ personnel (excl Tpt Pl) which will be conducted by the CSM.

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(b) Atebrin will not be taken on Sundays.

(c) Personnel will parade wearing sleeves down and gaiters and will carry water bottle, and bottle of insect repellant lotion.

(d) NCO or WO i/c parade will then issue each man with one atebrin tablet, ensuring that it is taken immediately and that repellant lotion is applied to hands, wrist, face, and neck.

(e) As each man is checked an M will be marked against his name in the Pl Roll Bo k.

(f) On dismissal of parade the NCO or WO in question will contact all personnel of his Pl on duty and supervise the procedure detailed in paras (d) and (e) above.

(g) Should personnel be absent from camp on duty later than Tattoo such personnel will be questioned on the Adm Parade on following morning.to ascertain if abebrin tablets has been taken.

(h) It is the personnel responsibily of every Pl Comd to ensure that the above procedure is strictly observed

49 MALARIA - DENGUE FEVER and SCRUB TYPHUS ARE VERY PREVALENT in the WAU AREA

SCRUB TYPHUS PRECAUTIONS

1. Precautions against Scrub Typhus Mite, by use of mite repellant lotion as detailed below will be observed.

(a) Scrub Typhus can be prevented if clothes are treated with anti-mite fluid. This fluid is harmless to the skin and clothes, but poisonous to "mokas", and it resists washing much better than mosquito repellent lotion.

(b) FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION

One treatment protects until the clothes have been washed cold with soap (including persil) 7 times or boiled (10 minutes) with soap 3 times. Sweat and rain do not affect the time. Generally, therefore, treatment ~~xkikxxxxxxkxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ should be done every fortnight. Treated clothing put away and not washed will remain protective for at least two months. If mosquito repellent lotion is used, treatment must be carried out weekly.

(c) AMOUNT USED

1 fluid ounce (two tablespoons) for one set of ~~clothes~~ clothes - shirt, trousers and socks.

(d) METHOD OF AP LICATION is by rubbing the fluid into the cloth (all cloth in contact with the body) by hand. Dipping is out of the question and spraying must be avoided as it gives erratic results.

Details

Each man receives his issue (enough to treat all his clothes, worn and unworn) in a tin.

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He dips the finger tips of one hand in the fluid, taking out enough to give a light smear over the inner surfaces of the two hands. With the smeared hands he crumples and rubs the fluid into the material with an action like that of washing, or he may spread the clothes on a flat surface and wipe the hands firmly over them. Socks and trousers being worn may be stretched and rubbed against the skin, but a shirt must be taken off, and it should be turned inside out to avoid the pockets. From the point of view of protection it does not matter which side of the cloth is done.

There are at least 70 light smears in a fluid ounce. Heavier smears would give a patchy cover. Success depends on thoroughness. The full quantity must be used thus:

SOCKS — 6 smears to each. If no socks are worn, 6 smears inside each boot, but treated boots will not protect if worn with untreated socks.

TROUSERS — 8 smears to each leg, 14 about waist and fly.

SHIRT — 6 smears to each sleeve, 6 about the neck and front, and 12 on the body. If underpants and singlets are worn, extra fluid should be issued to allow 10 smears to each garment.

THE REASON FOR REQUIRING A FULL COVER IS AS FOLLOWS

The fluid acts by poisoning mites. This poisoning takes time. Treated cloth that has been washed may take h half an hour to kill a mite, in which time the mite can travel for a foot or more, and could therefore cross a treated band and bite under untreated patches. Double dosage is no more effective than single (1 oz is liberal). Therefore heavy treatment of strips or patches will not protect. Complete cover is essential.

To treat a set of clothes takes 15 minutes.

(c) DISTRIBUTION

The scale of issue is 4 ounces per man per month. Units should draw 2 ounces per man per fortnight. Within the unit the fluid should be issued to companies or platoons in billies (some tins which make convenient measures are listed below).

The men parade with all their clothes, and each man with a tin. Small tobacco tins are too small andcause waste. They should be forbidden. The men file past the issuing point and receive one ounce per set of clothes. The fluid should be ladled out with a measure. A 2 oz Capstan tobacco tin or 4 oz cream tin, cut in half way down and fitted with a handle, makes a good 2 fluid ounce ladle. Clothes should be treated on the spot and under supervision. The clothes may be dry, damp or wet, but preferably dry, as the fluid then "shows up" better. New clothes fresh from store take and hold the fluid as wel as those that have been worn and washed. Treatment of all articles at one time is necessary to avoid confusion later as to which are done and which are not.

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Men should live and sleep in treated clothes

MEASURES	Kia-ora fruit tin	30 ozs
	Jam tin	20 ozs
	Milk tin	12 ozs
	Bully beef tin	8 ozs
	2 oz tobacco tin	4 ozs

(f) RESULTS

(i) Where anti-mite fluid has been made available, its use has been followed by a reduction in scrub typhus of from 70% to 90%. The failures that have occurred have nearly all been due to failure in distribution; for example, whole platoons or sections have been sent no fluid or too little.

(ii) Persons returning to units have not immediately received fluid, and have worn untreated clothes until the next general issue.

(iii) New clothing (particularly socks) has been taken forward and issued without fluid.

(iv) All available evidence indicates that where men are given the fluid and shown how to use it, they get results.

50. REMOVAL OF SHIRTS

Other than at dressing or ablution periods shirts will NOT be removed except at the express permission of the Fd Comd to personnel engaged in heavy manual tasks.

51. RELATIONS WITH NATIVES

All ranks will in NO way contact natives. Similarly all Native Areas are strictly Out of Bounds. The practice of local bartering, offering cigarettes to, or conversing with natives is detrimental to native discipline and 'white' prestige.

52. GARDENS AND FRUIT PLANTS IN WAU AREA

All gardens and fruit plants in the WAU Area - with the exception of Unit gardens - are out of Bounds.

53. PICTURES

Pictures will be shown at the Bde Picture Area at 1900 hrs on Thursdays and Saturdays of each week as from 9 June 44.

A Blackwood. Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LT COL B N BERRY MC.

ADMIN COMD 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
13 Jun 44

G 1 MAP REQUISITIONS

Map requirements should be approximated as far ahead as possible. Except in unusual circumstances, the procedure as laid down in 23 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Instruction No 5 para 3, should be followed, as maps have to be brought forward from LAE, or in some cases from AUSTRALIA.

Major
A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

A 2 REVEILLE AND RETREAT

The following times will be accepted as times of Reveille and Retreat throughout the Bde.

Reveille	0630 hrs
Retreat	1800 hrs

A 3 BDE MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) RMO ATTENTION
(i) RMO 7 Aust Inf Bn will do sick parades for Bde HQ.
(ii) RMO 27 Aust Inf Bn will do sick parades for 2/108 Aust LAD
(iii) 244 Aust Sup Depot Pl, 109 Aust Bde Wksp (AEME) and 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk will attend sick parades at 17 Aust Fd Amb.

Times of sick parades will be by mutual arrangement.
Sick parade at 17 Aust Fd Amb is 0715 hrs.

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Personnel concerned will be paraded to respective RAPs and accompanied by sick report in triplicate. One copy will be kept by RAP concerned and two copies returned to unit. A seperate form must be used for each man.

(b) MEDICAL RETURNS

All units will submit DDMS Pro Forma "A" (attached as Appx A to this order) in duplicate to Bde HQ by 1200 hrs each Saturday. Bde HQ will forward one copy to SMO. SMO will extract necessary information for ADMS 11 Aust Div and furnish a copy of this to Bde HQ.

Daily return of Clinical Dysentery, Diarrhoea and URTI is no longer required.

SMO will obtain information on hospital admissions, discharges, final diagnoses, etc, from 9 Aust Fd Amb. A Pro Forma will be prepared and forwarded to ADMS, with a copy to Bde HQ.

(c) MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The following RAPs will be maintained:

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
7 Aust Inf Bn
27 Aust Inf Bn
17 Aust Fd Amb
109 Aust Bde Wksp (AEME)

The above units will submit weekly indents on AAF D50 (a) in duplicate to 17 Aust Fd Amb each Monday and will collect supplies on Thursdays. Units will provide a box to collect the indent in, and all empty containers will be returned to 17 Aust Fd Amb.

The "on hand" column on the AAF D50 (a) must be filled in and the requisition signed by an officer.

The items supplied will be in accordance with "List of Expendable Medical Stores available and approved for RAPs".

Additional items will only be issued if the requisition is signed by a Medical Officer.

Owing to an unsatisfactory supply line, medical stores may be in short supply. It is requested that requirements be kept as low as possible.

In addition to the above, small First Aid Kits will be supplied to 244 Sup Depot Pl and 2/10S Aust LAD. These will be replenished as required. It is not desirable that they be used for routine RAP work.

(d) REPORTING OF SICKNESS

To ensure the measures for the prevention of disease are carried out it is essential that all personnel suffering or suspected to be suffering from malaria, dengue, scrub typhus, URTI or any PUO, dysentery or diarrhoea even in an extremely mild form, report sick immediately, and are entered on a sick report. No attempts at self-treatment will be made. All cases of PUO will be kept under a mosquito net day and night pending admission to hospital.

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(e) EVACUATION OF SICK

Until further notice, 9 Aust Fd Amb will admit cases requiring evacuation. Except in cases of emergency all personnel will be accompanied by AAF W3118 (Revised May 1943) correctly filled in and signed by a medical officer. Diagnoses of malaria, dengue, scrub typhus, etc, will not be made in RAPs - all such cases will be evacuated as PUO.

An ambulance will call at RAPs between 0900 and 1000 hrs daily. If an ambulance is required urgently, units will communicate direct with 9 Aust Fd Amb.

(f) EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL RECORDS OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED

Only messing gear and toilet gear, paybook and AAB 83, will be taken to 9 Aust Fd Amb. If it is intended to evacuate a patient to AGH, 9 Aust Fd Amb will communicate direct with the unit concerned and GRO 729/43 and NGF Order 440/43 will be complied with.

A 4 ALLOTMENT OF BDE OVAL

The oval west of Bde HQ will be allotted to units of the Bde and Sub Area as follows:-

Sun	-	Sub Area
Mon	-	7 Aust Inf Bn
Tue	-	27 Aust Inf Bn
Wed	-	AM Bde HQ - PM Sub Area
Thur	-	7 Aust Inf Bn
Fri	-	27 Aust Inf Bn
Sat	-	109 Aust Bde Wksp, 109 Aust Bde Fd Pk, 17 Aust Fd Amb by mutual arrangement

All reservations will be made with Bde Amenities Offr. Where matches are arranged between Bde and Sub Area units it will be the responsibility of the Bde unit to request the allotment of the oval. The above allotment will be adjusted as unit ovals are completed.

A 5 PICTURES

Pictures will be shown at the Bde Picture Area at 1900 hrs on Thursdays and Saturdays of each week. Two Regtl Police will be supplied by 7 Aust Inf Bn and 27 Aust Inf Bn on Thursday and Saturday evenings respectively, with instructions to exclude OR's from the Operating Box and Offrs Enclosure.

A 6 WEARING OF SHIRTS

Shirts will be worn by all ranks, except under the following conditions.

(a) Dressing and ablution periods

(b) When digging below ground level

(c) Tasks associated with intense heat such as blacksmithing.

(d) Between 1330 and 1530 hrs but only by the express order of an Offr, when personnel are NOT in long grass, damp areas or under trees

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A 7 CONTACT WITH THE NATIVES

All ranks, except in special cases of emergency will in no way contact natives. Accordingly all Native Areas are Out of Bounds. The practice of local bartering, offering cigarettes to, or conversing with natives is detrimental to native discipline and white prestige, and must cease forthwith.

A 8 SCRUB TYPHUS PRECAUTIONS

Precautions against Scrub Typhus by use of Mite repellant lotion as detailed below will be observed

(a) Scrub Typhus can be prevented if clothes are treated with anti-mite fluid. This fluid is harmless to the skin and clothes, but poisonous to "mokas", and itresists washing much better than mosquito repellant lotion.

(b) FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION

One treatment protects until the clothes have been washed cold with soap (including persil) 7 times or boiled (10 minutes) with soap 3 times. Sweat and rain do not affect the time. Generally, therefore, treatment should be done every fortnight. Treated clothing put away and notwashed will remain protective for at least two months. If mosquito repellant lotion is used, treatment must be carried out weekly.

(c) AMOUNT USED

1 fluid ounce (two tablespoons) for one set of clothes - shirt, trousers and socks.

(d) METHOD OF APPLICATION is by rubbing the fluid into the cloth (all cloth in contact with the body) by hand. Dipping is out of the question and spraying must be avoided as it gives erratic results.

Details Each man receives his issue (enough to treat all his clothes, worn and unworn) in a tin. He dips the finger tips of one hand in the fluid, taking out enough to give a light smear over the inner surfaces of the two hands. With the smeared hands he crumples and rubs the fluid into the material with an action like that of washing, or he may spread the clothes on a flat surface and wipe the hands firmly over them. Socks and trousers being worn may be stretched and rubbed against the skin, but a shirt must be taken off, and it should be turned inside out to avoid the pockets. From the point of view of protection it does not matter which side of the cloth is done.

There are at least 70 light smears in a fluid ounce. Heavier smears would give a patchy cover. Success depends on thoroughness. The full quantity must be used thus :-

SOCKS 6 smears to each. If no socks are worn, 6 smears inside each boot, but treated boots will not protect if worn with untreated socks.

TROUSERS 8 smears to each leg, 14 about waist and fly.

SHIRT 6 smears to each sleeve, 6 about the neck and front, and 12 on the body. If underpants and singlets are worn, extra fluid should be issued to allow 10 smears to each garment.

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THE REASON FOR REQUIRING A FULL COVER IS AS FOLLOWS

The fluid acts by poisoning mites. This poisoning takes time. Treated cloth that has been washed may take half an hour to kill a mite, in which time the mite can travel for a foot or more, and could therefore cross a treated band and bite under untreated patches. Double dosage is no more effective than single (1 oz is liberal). Therefore heavy treatment of strips or patches will not protect. Complete cover is essential.

To treat a set of clothes takes 15 minutes.

(e) DISTRIBUTION

The scale of issue is 4 ounces per man to companies or platoons in billies (some tins which make convenient measures are listed below).

The men parade with all their clothes, and each man with a tin. Small tobacco tins are too small and cause waste. They should be forbidden. The men file past the issuing point and receive one ounce per set of clothes. The fluid should be ladled out with a measure. A 2 oz Capstan tobacco tin or 4 oz cream tin, cut in half way down and fitted with a handle, makes a good 2 fluid ounce ladle. Clothes should be treated on the spot and under supervision. The clothes may be dry, damp or wet, but preferably dry, as the fluid then "shows up" better. New clothes fresh from store take and hold the fluid as well as those that have been worn or washed. Treatment of all articles at one time is necessary to avoid confusion later as to which are done and which are not. When in operations or on exercises, men should live and sleep in treated clothes.

MEASURES	Kia-ora fruit tin	30 ozs
	Jam Tin	20 ozs
	Milk tin	12 ozs
	Bully beef tin	8 ozs
	2 oz tobacco tin	4 ozs

(f) RESULTS

(i) Where anti-mite fluid has been made available, its use has been followed by a reduction in scrub typhus of from 70% to 90%. The failures that have occurred have n nearly all been due to failure in distributions; for example, whole platoons or sections have been sent no fluid or too little.

(ii) Persons returning to units have not immediately received fluid, and have worn untreated clothes until the next general issue.

(iii) New clothing (particularly socks) has been taken forward and issued without fluid.

(iv) All available evidence indicates that where men are given the fluid and shown how to use it, they get results.

Q SALVAGE IN WAU AREA

All salvage material in the WAU area is controlled by 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy. Units desiring to obtain such material will make application (per phone if urgently required) to this HQ.

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Q10 UNIT GARDENS

Attention is directed to NGF Routine Order Q110 of 1944. Units wishing to include fruit trees etc at present growing near their unit areas will make application for same to this HQ.

Q11 CANTEEN SUPPLIES

Canteen supplies will be available at the Canteen Issuing Point at WAU to units on the following days:

Monday	(PM) -	7 Aust Inf Bn
Tuesday	(all Day) -	27 Aust Inf Bn
Wednesday	" -	Bde HQ, 109 Aust Bde Wksp, 17 Aust Fd Amb, 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl, 14 Aust Ind Bde Pro Pl.
Thursday	-	7 Aust Inf Bn
Friday	-	27 Aust Inf Bn
Saturday	-	Bde HQ, 109 Aust Bde Wksp. 17 Aust Fd Amb, 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl, 14 Aust Ind Bde Pro Pl.

Tobacco and cigarettes should be collected on first unit issue day of each week. Urgent requisitions may be submitted on any other day of the week.

Q12 FIELD OPERATION RATION NO 1 (OLD TYPE)

Supplies of the above ration are available on indent on AAB 55 through Bde AASC Officer, for training purposes. This ration will be issued in lieu of 1 days normal ration

Q13 PUGGAREES KHAKI

With a view to facilitating the purchase by all units of PUGAREES 7 fold Khaki colour, with unit colour patch, from Regtl Trust Fund Accounts, a quote from Messrs IIICE BROS, MELBOURNE, has been obtained for the supply of these at a cost of 3/- ea.

Q14 CARE OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

Owing to conditions in NEW GUINEA all arms and items of equipment should receive the utmost care and attention. Particular attention should be directed to the following:-

(a) Small arms should NOT be left without breach and muzzle covers attached. Barrels should, atall times except for inspection and firing, be maintained in an oilly condition so as to prevent rusting and pitting and corrosive action due to certain fungus.

(b) Binoculars and optical equipment must be examined by officers daily for signs of fungus on lenses and immediately traces of fungus are observed such items should be evacuated to 2/108 Aust LAD for prompt attention. Fungus will rapidly damage lenses and render the same unserviceable in a very short period. So as to maintain rifle slings in a clean condition, it is advisable when evacuating rifles for repairs, to have slings removed and retained by personnel concerned.

A Heathcote
Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DISTRIBUTION:

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn
28 Pl 2/1Aust Fd Regt
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl
17 Aust Fd Amb
109 Aust Bde Wksp
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/103 Aust LAD
14 Aust Fnd Bde Pro Pl
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
BM
SC
Bde HQ Notice Board
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NOTICES

THEFT OF CAMERA AND OTHER ITEMS

The following items were stolen from 109 Aust Bde Wksp unit lines on 5 Jun 44 at LABU. It would be appreciated if units would keep a close watch on personnel with similar items so as to assist in recovery of the loss.

Owner - VX132099 Sgn C RICHARDSON, 109 Aust Bde Wksp

(a) Camera valued at £35.
Name VOIGHTLAND 127
Make KODAK. (Made in Germany)
Shutters Speed. BT. 25 - 50. 100/sec
Focus 0 - 3½-ft - 50 ft - Infin.
Depth 4 " 5 to 11
Size Approx 3½"x 6½"
Type and Details:- Folding with tripod, screws on side and bottom, quick release button for opening. Two view finders, one inside Camera with magnifying glass, one outside near quick release button. Film inside.

(b) Fountain Pen
(c) Cigarette Lighter
(d) Tobacco Pouch - Leather

Information re the above should be notified to this HQ.

WEB EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS NX39066 McCLELLAND

Items of web equipment and personal effects bearing the above regt number and name were left in a vehicle conveying stores to 109 Aust Bde Wksp. Claims for recovery of these items will be communicated direct to above unit.

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DDMS NGF PRO FORMA " "

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

For week ending 2359 hrs Fri_____

UNIT_____ LOCATION_____ MAP REF_____

STRENGTH: OFFRS_____ OR's_____ TOTAL_____

REINFORCEMENTS (a) From "X List"_____ Physical Standard_____

RECEIVED (b) Others_____ Physical Standard_____

	Total attendances at R.P		Total Personnel treated		Total New Sick		Total Evacuated		Total Light Duties		Total No Duties	
	Offr	OR's	Off	OR's	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR's
DYSENTERY												
DIARRHOEA												
URTI												
PUO												
TINEA												
OTHER SKIN DISEASES												
BATTLE CASUALTIES												
ACCIDENTS												
-/-												
OTHER DISEASES												
TOTAL.....												

-)AVERAGE DAILY SICK RATES Per Cent: Offrs.....OR's.....All Ranks...

RMO's REMARKS ON HEALTH OF UNIT

§ General Physical Condition of Personnel_____

Severity of Work or Training_____

General_____

NOTES: I f reinforcements from a malarious or otherwise infected area. RMO to state in Appendix "A"

-/- To be used only on instructions from DDMS or ADMS.

§ Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A"

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RMO's REPORT

1. STORES (Details of stores requisitioned but not obtained to be attached as Appendix "B").

(a) MEDICAL:

Expendable_____

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Non Expendable_____

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(b) EXPENSE STORES.

Ordnance_____

_____

A.A.S.C._____

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2. , MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personal Protection (Good, Fair or Bad)

Nets_____ Atebrin_____ Clothes_____ Repellant_____

(b) Larval Control_____

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(c) Adult Destruction_____

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(d) General Comments_____

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3. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO_____

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3(a) RATIONS_____

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4. TRANSPORT_____

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5. HYGIENE

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(Signed)_____

UNIT_____

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by

MAJ C JONES.

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
14 Jun 44

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54. DUTY OFFICER

					DUTY NCO		
Fri	16 Jun	Lt	FITZGERALD	A J	Sgt	KENNEDY	J
Sat	17 Jun	Lt	ALEXANDER	C	Sgt	LADNER	N
Sun	18 Jun	Capt	FARRAR	G C	Sgt	STANLEY	F
Mon	19 Jun	Lt	SMITH	H W	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
Tues	20 Jun	Capt	O'KEEFFE	E R	Sgt	SIMPSON	R
Wed	21 Jun	Capt	POWELL	L G	Sgt	ODGERS	G
Thur	22 Jun	Lt	JONES	R E	Sgt	KENNY	K
Fri	23 Jun	Lt	ELLIOTT	A G	Sgt	STANTON	F

55. ROUTINE TIME TABLE

Bde HQ RO 45 of 7 Jun 44 is amended as follows:-

Reveille	0630 hrs	(Sunday 0700 hrs)
Adm Parade	0645 "	Nil
Sick Parade	0700 "	(Sunday 0700 hrs)
Breakfast	0730 "	(Sunday 0800 hrs)
Morning Parade	0830 "	

56. PERSONNEL EXEMPT FROM 0830 hrs PARADE

Bde HQ RO 46 of 7 Jun 44 is amended as follows:-

No 1 Pl (Bde HQ incl Pay and Postal Det excl Transport)

Int Sec	1 Clerk	
Ord Room	"	
Postal Office	1 "	
Pay Det	2 "	
Cpl CAMERON)		
Pte MURPHY)		
Pte BURTON)		Mens Kitchen
Pte DAVIESS)		
Pte SEIDEL)		
Pte CONQUEST)		Sgts Kitchen
Pte BYRNE)		
Cpl MARTIN)		
Pte BARTELS)		Offrs Mess
Pte KING)		
L/Cpl WALLACE	-	Hygiene Dutyman
Pte BOSLEY	-	Ration Storeman
Cpl NOLAN	-	RAP Cpl

Total 17 (18)

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No 2 Pl (Transport Personnel)

Total 1 — 1 duty Dvr

No 3 Pl (Signals)

Total 8
1 Switchboard Operator
1 Duty Linesman
1 Cypher Personnel
1 Storeman
1 Line Operator
1 Sig Clerk
1 Sig Orderly
Sig BROWN - Mens Kitchen

No 4 Pl (28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt)

Total 7
4 Routine Duties
Pte COTTON - Orderly Room
Pte LIGHT - Mens Kitchen
Pte GREEN - Hygiene Duties

57. TELEGRAMS

Many cases have recently been reported by Censorship, of senders of telegrams including name of unit on back of telegram forms. Censorship instructions lay down that number and name only will be shown, and franking officers will take particular care to ensure that this instruction is carried out.

58. CENSORSHIP, SOUVENIRS OF ENEMY ORIGIN - DANGEROUS DRUGS AND EXPLOSIVES.

1. Censorship reports have shown that large numbers of parcels contain explosives and/or dangerous drugs. The despatch of such material is forbidden.

2. Where it is desired to include specimens of enemy ammunition in parcels, such ammunition must be:-

(a) Rendered harmless by qualified personnel by the removal of all explosive and the firing of all detonators.
(b) Certified as being of no further use for Intelligence purposes, by the holder of a War Souvenir Stamp.

3. War Souvenir Stamps are held by GS of Formations.

4. Drugs of enemy origin are not permissable souvenirs.

5. It is the duty of every franking officer to ensure that no articles of these types are included in parcels.

59. DAMAGE TO SIG INSTALLATIONS

1. Instances have occurred recently in WAU Area of considerable damage being caused to Sig Installations, due to interference by unauthorised persons.

2. In future disciplinary action will be taken against any unauthorised persons found interfering with lines, terminal boxes or other sig installations.

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60. BATTERIES SECONDARY, PORTABLE, LEAD - ACID

The above are in very short supply and Units will ensure that Drivers of MT will pay particular care to the Battery during vehicle maintenance. The points to be particularly stressed are :-

(i) Correct level of Electrolyte
(ii) Terminals clean and free of corrosion
(iii) Battery firm in Carrier
(iv) Correct operation of Generator and Voltage Regulator.

61. PROHIBITION OF SALE OF LOTTERY OR ART UNION TICKETS

1. A member of the Military Forces shall not act as a vendor of, or as agent to sell or to receive applications for, any tickets or shares in tickets in any lottery or art union.

2. A member of the Military Forces shall not purchase from, or apply to purchase through, any vendor or agent situated in New Guinea, any ticket or share in a ticket in any lottery or art union.

62. CLOTHES RATIONING - EXPIRATION OF 1943-44 CLOTHING COUPONS

1. The maintenance issue of Clothing Coupons issued for the coupon year cannot be expended after 4 Jun 44.

2. Provision in respect of the coupon year 1944-45 is promulgated in GRO F184/44. (LHQ F45581)

63. SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTORS - COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES SERVING IN THE FORCES

1. On and from 26 Jun 1943, the Commonwealth assumed liability for the payment of all superannuation contributions by members of the Commonwealth Public Service and Permanent Military Forces while serving in the forces on continuous full time duty during the present war.

2. This decision applies to any such member's normal fortnightly contributions to the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund as determined by -

(a) the age for retirement for which the member has elected to contribute by election prior to -

(i) 9th July, 1943; or
(ii) the date on which the contributor joined the forces

whichever is the later; and

(b) the number of units for which the member was contributing on -

(i) 8th July, 1943; or
(ii) the day prior to the date on which the members joined the forces,

whichever is the later, plus contributions for any additional units for which the member has, since such later date, become eligible by reason of an increase in the salary on which his superannuation contributions are based.

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3. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for contributions in respect of any units for which a member was eligible on or prior to the later of the two dates mentioned in para 2 (b) but which he had not accepted at such date.

4. A member who on or since -

(a) 9th July, 1943; in the case of a member who was serving on that date; or
(b) the date upon which the member commenced to serve, in the case of any other member,

has elected -

(c) to contribute for an earlier retiring age; or
(d) to contribute for units for which the Commonwealth will not accept liability

will now elect, in writing, either to allow his previous election to stand, or to withdraw the previous election on the ground that it was made on the mistaken assumption that the Commonwealth would pay the additional cost.

5. Superannuation contributions of members of the PMF will be taken into account in determining any allowance payable under WFR 9 to bring the member's WFR rate up to his PMF rate.

64. MORNING, AFTERNOON TEA AND SUPPER

The above will be served for OR's at Mens Mess at the following hours -

Morning Tea	-	1100 - 1115 Hrs
Afternoon Tea	-	1500 - 1515 "
Supper	-	2030 "

Pl Comds will as far as is practicable relieve personnel at the above times. They will ensure however that all personnel resume duty at the completion of these periods.

Duty NCO will supervise the issue of same and ensure that personnel do NOT remain in the vicinity of the Mess

65. REMOVAL OF SHIRTS

Bde HQ RO 50 of 7 Jun is cancelled.

Shirts will be worn by all ranks, except under the following conditions:-

(a) Dressing and ablution periods
(b) When digging below ground level
(c) Tasks associated with intense heat such as blacksmithing.
(d) Between 1330 and 1530 hrs but only by the express order of an Offr, when personnel are NOT in long grass, damp areas or under trees.

Capt.
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

23 Bde Sig Sec	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
Bde Notice Board	Sgts Mess
Offrs Mess	SC
TO	CQMS
CSM	File
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by

MAJ C JONES

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
23 Jun 44

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66. DUTY OFFICER / DUTY NCO

Sat	24 Jun	Lt	BURKETT	K		Sgt	LADNER	N	
Sun	25 Jun	Lt	FITZGERALD	A	J	Sgt	STANTON	F	
Mon	26 Jun	Capt	HOPTON	L		Sgt	KENNEDY	J	
Tues	27 Jun	Lt	ALEXANDER	C		S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P	
Wed	28 Jun	Capt	FARRAR	G	C	Sgt	SIMPSON	R	A
Thur	29 Jun	Lt	SMITH	H	W	Sgt	ODGERS	G	
Fri	30 Jun	Capt	O'KEEFFE	E	R	Sgt	STANLEY	F	
Sat	1 July	Capt	POWELL	L	G	Sgt	WILL	M	

67. AFTERNOON PARADE OF DUTY PERSONNEL

Bde HQ RO 46 is amended as follows:-

Personnel excluded from 0830 hrs parade will parade in drill order at 1400 hrs daily in charge of the CSM and DUTY OFFR. Only one man from each of the three kitchens will remain on duty at that period.

68. PROTECTION AGAINST SCRUB TYPHUS

Attention of all personnel is directed to the necessity of treating all clothing with MITE REPELLANT LOTION every 14 days. Pl Comds will ensure that the above is strictly adhered to.

69. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE - SUSPENSION OF ALLOTMENTS AND DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCES

1. Amendments have been made to War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations providing for the shortening od the period upon the expiration of which a member's allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended in the event of his absence without leave. These amendments have effect on and from 1st June, 1944.

2. Where a member has been declared an illegal absentee, the District Finance Officer will, under the regulations as now amended, take the action outlined in paras 3 and 4 of this order.

3. Where no dependants allowance is payable in respect of the member's allotment, the District Finance Officer will suspend payment of the allotment as from the earliest possible date.

4. Where the member has made an allotment in respect of which dependants allowance is payable, the District Finance Officer will at once forward a notice to the member's allottee. This notice will inform the allottee that the allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended after payment of two more fortnightly instalments, including any instalment which may be payable on the date of the notice.

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5. In addition to the forfeiture of all active and deferred pay (including the amount paid as allotment) for the whole period the member's absence without leave, the total amount of the dependants allowance paid in respect of any date after the date of the notice mentioned in para 4 of this order will be debited to the member and will be recovered from his future pay.

6. Any allotment and related dependants allowance which has been suspended on account of the member's absence without leave will not be reinstated until the District Finance Officer has been advised of the Member's apprehension or return to duty.

7. <u>CLOTHING RATION COUPONS</u>

Approval has been given for personnel in New Guinea who are holding unused 1943/44 Clothing Ration Coupons to exchange them for 1944/45 series.

Members concerned will make application to the Cash Office on and from Monday, 26th June, 1944 to Saturday, 1st, July 1944, between 0900 hrs and 1200 hrs.

a Shakespeare Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE

The following Comforts have been received and distributed to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde, 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec and 23 Fl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt as under:-

2 ozs Tobacco	per man
1 Pkt Papers	"
1 Pkt Chocolate	"
1 Tube Toothpaste	"
1 Cake Laundry Soap	"
1 Cake Toilet Soap	"
Writing paper and Envelopes	

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u>

23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
Bde Noti ce Board	Sgts Mess
Offrs Mess	SC
TO	PO
CSM	CQMS
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15 Jun 44

SUBJECT:- 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 142359K JUN 44

Ref Maps - WAU 1 inch to 1 mile - LAE 1:25,000

SERIAL	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	REMARKS
1.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	WAU	380725	
2.	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WAU	379725	
3.	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	WAU	377726	
4.	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	LAE	675432	Under Comd LAE BASE SUB AREA for local administration.
5.	27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU	377729	
6.	28 Pl "G" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WAU	380727	
7.	2/108 Aust LAD	WAU	376732	
8.	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	WAU	380725	

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B.L. Berry Lt Col

Adm Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

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SUBJECT:- 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2023S9K JUN 44

Ref Maps - WAU 1 inch to 1 mile - LAE 1:25,000

SERIAL	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	REMARKS
1.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	WAU	380725	
2.	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WAU	379725	
3.	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	WAU	377726	
4.	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	LAE	675432	Under Comd LAE BASE SUB AREA for local admin-istration.
5.	27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU	377729	
6.	28 Pl "C" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WAU	380727	
7.	2/10S Aust LAD	WAU	376732	
8.	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	WAU	380725	

A W Potts Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
14 Jun 44
G6190

Subject : DISTRIBUTION LISTS

1. Herewith HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Distribution Lists as at 13 Jun 44.

List A - Bns and units under Comd Bde

List B - Coys and Equivalent Units

List C - Pls and equivalent Units

2. It should be kept in mind that these are maximum lists, and serials may be ommitted where desired, provided that any ommissions are indicated.

3. Recipients will destroy all previous Distribution Lists.

SERIAL	UNITS	LISTS A	B	C
1	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	1	1
2	23 Aust Fd Coy	-	1	1
3	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1	6	20
4	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1	6	20
5	27 Aust Inf Bn	1	6	20
6	28 Pl, G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	1	1
7	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	1	1
8	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	1	1
9	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	-	1	1
10	17 Aust Fd Amb	-	1	4
11	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	-	1	1
12	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	-	1	1
13	2/108 Aust LAD	1	1	1
14	23 Aust Inf Bde Pay Det	1	1	1
15	14 Aust Indep Bde Pro Pl	1	1	1
16	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Sec	1	1	1
17	Comd	1	1	1
18	BM	1	1	1
19	SC	1	1	1
20	IO	1	1	1
21	BASCO	1	1	1
22	BOO	1	1	1
23	Legal Offr	1	1	1
24	IOs	1	1	1
25	Amen Offr	1	1	1
26	Edu Offr	1	1	1
27	Hyg Offr	1	1	1
28	War Diary	2	2	2
29	File	1	1	1

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A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 23 aust inf bde

Date: Time of Origin
171200K

TO For Action

23 aust inf bde sig sec 23 aust fd coy 7 aust inf bn
8 aust inf bn 27 aust inf bn 28 pl, G coy, 2/1 aust gd regt
243 aust sup dep pl 244 aust sup dep pl 40 aust indep tpt pl
17 aust fd amb 109 aust bde wksp 109 aust ord fd pk
2/108 aust LAD 23 bde pay det 14 aust indep bde pro pl
det 12 aust div postal sec

ORIGINATOR's No. 0136 (.) distribution list of 14 JUN 44 (.)
add 20a. TO 1, 1, 1,

Glenn Riley

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SUBJECT:- HQ 23 AUST INF BDE FIRE ORDERS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
20 Jun 44
A 6272

1. Clearing Danger Areas of grass and scrub.

(a) All grass will be cleared and kept cleared for a distance of 10 feet from huts and vehicle harbours; for a distance of 20 feet from incinerators, kitchens, ration sheds, bush shelters etc, for a distance of 30 feet from petrol and ammunition dumps. This will be completed by 25 Jun 44.

2. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

Naked lights will NOT be used in tents or huts. The following precautions against fire will be taken:-

(a) Fire breaks will only be burned under supervision of an officer or the CSM.

(b) Rubbish will not be burned within 30 feet of any hutment or tent.

(c) Laundry fires will only be lighted in allotted laundry area.

(d) Each hut will keep one 4 gal drum filled with water (top kerosene) suitably marked (FIRE BUCKET).

(e) Two 4 gal drums of sand will be left at each POL dump and Q Store.

3. FIRE FIGHTING DRILL

(a) On discovery of fire the alarm will be given by calling "FIRE".

(b) The senior person at the scene of the outbreak will direct fire fighting operations until the arrival of the Duty Offr who will then assume control.

(c) Gd Pl personnel on picquet during evening will constitute the fire picquet by night. By day Q Store staff and Gd Pl will be responsible for Q Store area. Tpt personnel for Tpt Office, POL store and vehicles. All office staffs to respective offices. Batmen for Officers lines.

4. On sounding of the alarm the fire picquet and all other personnel in the vicinity of the outbreak will proceed at the double to the fire and will -

(a) Form bucket chains from available water supply.

(b) Use available material as fire beaters where possible.

(c) Salvage property and goods.

A Heathwood Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

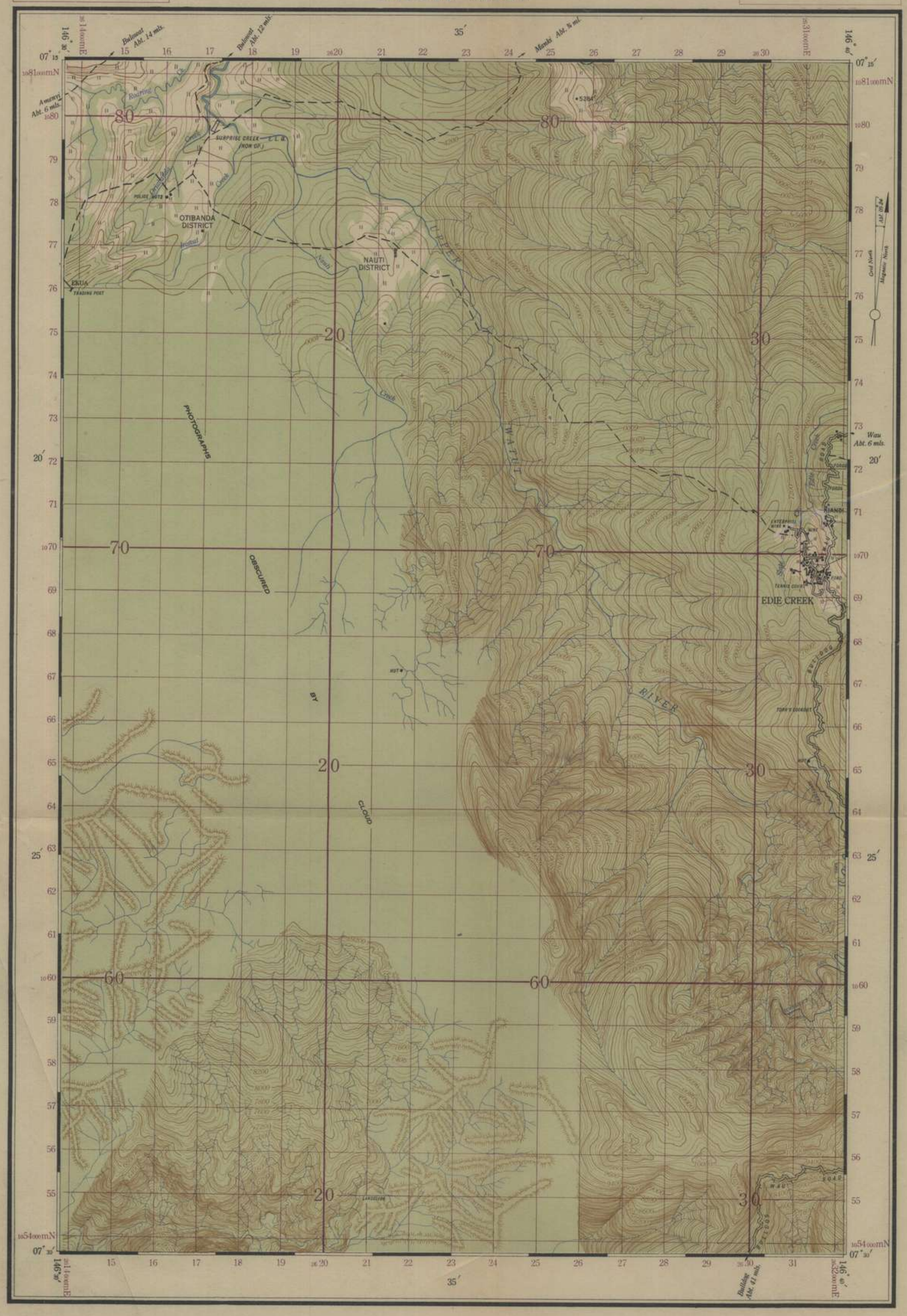
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1024038

F3

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

NEW GUINEA
NAUTI EAST

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
NAUTI EAST 3520 1 INCH SERIES.



SCALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE (1:63,360)

MILE 1 ½ ½ ¼ 0 1 2 3 4 MILES

YARDS 1000 500 0 1 2 3 4 5 6000 YARDS

CONTOUR AND FORM LINE INTERVAL 50 FEET

KILOS 1 ½ 0 1 2 3 4 5 KILOS

METRES 1000 0 5000 METRES

NOTE: This map was produced from Aerial Photographs. Due to lack of accurate ground control, distances and heights on this map may be at variance with actual ground distances.

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CONTROL:	Traverses by 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF connected to Astronomical Fixation by 2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Survey Coy. at Wau Lat. 07° 20′ 28·12″ Long. 146° 42′ 55·69″ Datum for Heights Wau Astro Fix R. L. 3780′
PROJECTION:	Lambert Conical Orthomorphic
AIR PHOTOGRAPHY:	8th. Photo Squadron Fifth Air Force
MISSIONS:	16 h 151 z
DRAWING:	3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF
COMPILATION:	Surveyed and Compiled in December 1943 by 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF with the aid of Air Photographs.
REPRODUCTION:	2/1 Aust Army Topo Survey Coy

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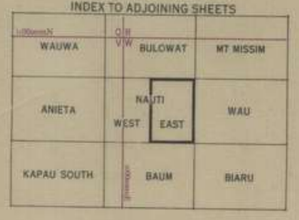
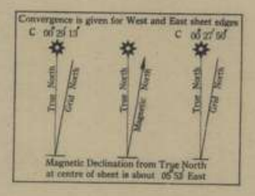


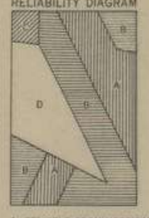


Bridge (used, except where shown otherwise)
Motor Road
Jeep Track
Foot Track
Reported Track
Telegraph Line
Airfield — 2000 YDS.
Sea Plane Base
Cemetery
Mission Station
Spot Height — 361′
Grasslands

Reef
Trig. Stations and altitude: First Class ▲ 905′; Second ▲ 652′; Third ◎ 529′; Fourth • 202′
Astronomical Station
Native Garden
Native Village
Unidentified Native Village
Buildings
River or perennial Stream
Non perennial Stream
Fathom Line

Swamp (subject to inundation)
" (permanently inundated)
Spring Well, Waterhole
Mangroves
Dense Jungle Forest
Forest
Scattered Timber
Plantation (rubber, coconuts)
Secondary Growth
Contours - Form Lines (numbers read facing uphill)
Ridges
Cliffs

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM



A RELIABLE FROM VERTICAL PHOTOS
B FAIRLY RELIABLE FROM OBLIQUE PHOTOS
C SKETCHY FROM OBLIQUE PHOTOS
D NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET
PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE SMALLER CO-ORDINATE FIGURES AT THE CORNERS AND IN MARGINS. THEY ARE FOR FINDING FULL CO-ORDINATES
PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES AND TO THOSE PRINTED ON FACE OF THE MAP

POINT EKUA (VILLAGE)

EAST		NORTH	
Take west edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed opposite this line on north or south margin or on the line itself on the face of the map. Estimate tenths eastwards.	13	Take south edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed opposite this line on east or west margin or on the line itself on the face of the map. Estimate tenths northwards.	76
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	138		760

REFERENCE 138 760

UNIT METRE SQUARE 1000 REFERENCE TO NEAREST 100
NEAREST SIMILAR REFERENCE DISTANT 100 KILOMETRES

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31 JAN 1944

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1024038

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

NEW GUINEA
WAU

SECOND EDITION

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
WAU 3518 1 INCH SERIES

SCALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE (1:63,360)

CONTROL: Astronomical Fixations at Wau by 2/1 Aust Army Topo Survey Coy Lat. 07° 20' 28"12" Long. 146° 42' 55·69" Guadagasal by 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF Lat. 07° 15' 33·6" Long. 146° 58' 42·0" and adjacent fourth order trig. points

PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 8th Photo Squadron Fifth Air Force

MISSIONS: Sch. 19 y 30 x 53 y 105 yy 149 xx

COMPILATION: Surveyed in June 1943 by 8 Aust. Field Survey Sec AIF Revised and Compiled in Jan 1944 by 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF from Air Photographs and Intelligence Reports.

DRAWING: 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF

REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Survey Coy

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Convergence is given for West and East chief edges

Magnetic Declination from True North at centre of sheet is about 7°30' East

	MT WUGUM	SALAWAU
WAUTI	WAU	BADEN REST
BAUM	BARIG	MOMOTU MTS

Bridge
Motor Road
Jeep Track
Foot Track
Reported Track
Telegraph Line
Airfield
Sea Plane Base
Cemetery
Mission Station
Spot Height
Grasslands

Reef
Trig. Stations and altitude — First Class, Second, Third, Fourth
Astronomical Station
Native Garden
Native Village
Unidentified Native Village
Buildings
River or perennial Stream
Non perennial Stream
Fathom Line

Swamp
Spring, Well, Waterhole
Mangroves
Dense Jungle Forest
Forest
Scattered Timber
Plantation
Secondary Growth
Contours Form Lines
Ridges
Cliffs

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

A ACCURATE FROM CONTROLLED VERTICAL PHOTOS
B FAIRLY RELIABLE FROM OBLIQUE PHOTOS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS
C SKETCHY FROM OBLIQUE PHOTOS
D NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

TO USE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET
PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES AND TO THOSE PRINTED ON FACE OF THE MAP.
POINT KAMPION (TRIG A1282)

REVERSE

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THIS AREA NOT COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHS

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1024038

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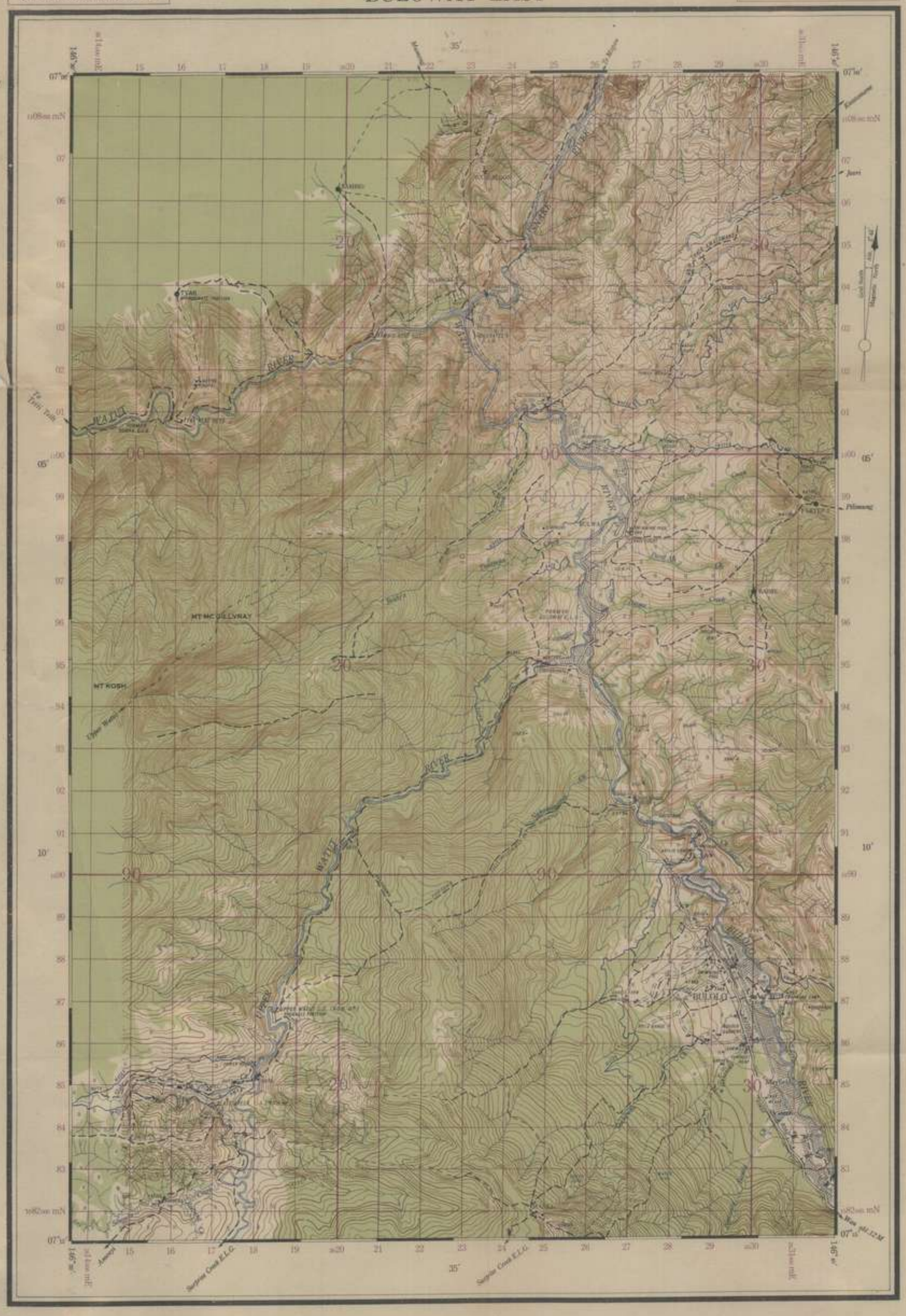
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

NEW GUINEA
BULOWAT EAST

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
BULOWAT EAST 3019 1 INCH SERIES



SCALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE — (1:63,360)

CONTOUR AND FORM LINE INTERVAL 50 FEET

Note Form Lines are intended to indicate shape of hill features and should not be taken as contours. Heights are only approximate.

CONTROL:	Astronomical Fixation by 2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Svy. Coy. at Wau Lat. 07°20'28·12" Long. 146°42'55·69" and adjacent 4th order trig. points
PROJECTION:	Lambert Conical Orthomorphic
AIR PHOTOGRAPHY:	8th Photo Squadron 5th Air Force
MISSIONS:	19y 30w 83xx
COMPILATION:	Surveyed in June 1943 by 8 Aust. Field Survey Section A.I.F. Compiled by 3 Aust. Field Survey Coy. A.I.F. From Air Photographs and Intelligence reports
DRAWING:	3 Aust. Field Survey Coy. A.I.F.
REPRODUCTION:	2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Svy. Coy.

INDEX TO ADJOINING SHEETS

Bridge
Motor Road
Jeep Track
Foot Track
Reported Track
Telegraph Line
Airfield — 3000 YDS.
Sea Plane Base
Cemetery
Mission Station
Spot Height — 381'
Grasslands

Swamp
Spring Well, Waterhole
Mangroves
Dense Jungle Forest
Forest
Scattered Timber
Plantation
Secondary Growth
Contours- Form Lines
Ridges
Cliffs

Reef
Trig. Stations and altitude — *First Class* 905' / *Second* 652' / *Third* 529' / *Fourth* 202'
Astronomical Station
Native Garden
Native Village
Unidentified Native Village
Buildings
River or perennial Stream
Non perennial Stream
Fathom Line

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

A. CONTROLLED VERTICAL AIR PHOTOGRAPHS
B. OBLIQUE PHOTOS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS
C. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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N.G.F. (SVY)/3578

SEPT. 1943

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1024038

HUON GULF SPECIAL

NEW GUINEA

1:253,440

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
2022 HUON GULF SPECIAL
4 MILE TO 1 INCH

H U O N

G U L F

RIN/806/2022

CONTROL: Field Survey by Aust Svy Corps NGF.
AIR PHOTOS: 5th Air Force.
COMPILATION: 1 Aust Mob Litho Sec A.I.F. Aust Svy Corps Aug 43.
REPRODUCTION: 6 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy AIF, Aust Svy Corps.

Permanent Water
Stream of Uncertain Course
Water Race
Swamp or Marsh
Hill Features
Limit of Navigation for Launch
Coconut Plantations
Rubber Plantations
Native Gardens
Grassland
Dense Jungle Forest & Forest and Grass
Mangroves

Scale 4 Miles to 1 Inch

Miles 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Miles
Yards 10000 0 10,000 20000 Yards

1 Centimetre to 2·5344 Kilometres

Kilometres 10 5 0 10 20 Kilometres

INDEX TO ADJOINING SHEETS
(Approx. Magnetic Variations 6°E)

MARKHAM | LAE
HUON | GULF
SPECIAL
WAU | SALAMAUA

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

HUON GULF

A: Accurate: Controlled Air Survey
B: Reliable: From Air Photos
C: Sketchy: From Numerous Plans

Motor Roads
Jeep Tracks
Foot Tracks
Probable Tracks
High Tension Line and Powerhouse
Native Village and Mission Station
Known Height
Approx. Height
Coral Reef
Aerodrome, or E.L.G.
Seaplane Base
Huts, Buildings, Camps, Mines, Etc.
Tailings

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE TO THIS SHEET
LETTERS AND FIGURES ARE GIVEN ON THE FACE OF MAP

POINT	Sabai	LETTERS (L) W
East: Take next east of square in which point lies and read the figures printed opposite the line on north or south margin. Estimate tenths mentally.	8 2	North: Take south edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed opposite the line on east or west margin. Estimate tenths mentally. 8 9

FULL REFERENCE (L) W 8289

Unit Metre Source 50,000 Reference to nearest 1000

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

.23./.44. (Serial No.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/6/1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 . OFFRS. 20 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.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
WE 1			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	2		-	Majors					
11	4		7	Captains					
6	-	1	7	Lieutenants	AAPC	1			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
20	6	1	15						

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.		16									16
	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., 30 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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Army Form W.3008
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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde *Unit*

23./.44. (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3./.6./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	Bde Comd	No	Detached to HQ 11 Aust Div	26/5/44
Captain	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lieut	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Lieut	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO(2)	"		
Lieut	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO(1)	"		
Lieut	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO(3)	"		
Services							
Captain	VX 59042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lieut	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lieut	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lieut	VX133926	TOLLEY	W N	PO	"		
Lieut	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	No	In 2/7 AGH	30/5/44
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		to 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	H F	do		to 3 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W C S	do		to 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.
Lt Col	QX 6047	BERRY C N	8 Bn	26/5/44	Adm Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	Acting BM
Captain	SX 231	HOPTON R L	do	27/5/44	Acting BM (L)

3 Jun 44
Date of Despatch

Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

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Army Form W.2009 (Adapted)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 6 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 12 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.		WE Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE		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			
9	4	1	6	Corporals	:				
52			50	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 AAPC	1			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
70 *	7	3	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								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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

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

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
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23 / 44 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 6 /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				Batman	14	11		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery				Dvrs MT	5	5		Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine				Ord MT	9	9		Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths				Water Duty	1	1		Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers				CSM	1	1		Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors				CQMS	1	1		Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		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 Erecters			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Gen Duties	3	9	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				Hyg "	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)	1	-		Dental Mechanics								Sig Ord	6	5	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Tpt Sgt	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AASC			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Clerk	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batman	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvr MT	-	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAOC			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				WO 1	-	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Amn Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Batman	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AAMC			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Med Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AALC			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Batman	1	-	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACHD			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Batman	3	-	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics Mot. MV	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Clerks	3	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Batman	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	43	39		CARRIED FORWARD	49	44		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	74	70	*

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.

3 Jun 44 .....
Date of Despatch

Captain
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde .....
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...24.../...44...(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/6/1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 20 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.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
WE:									
1			1	Brigadier*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	2		-	Majors					
11	4		7	Captains					
6	1	2	7	Lieutenants	AAPC	1			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
20	7	2	15			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.	16										16
	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 / 6 / 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	No.	Detached to HQ 11 Aust Div	26/5/44
Captain	NX70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt/T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28098	BURKETT	K R	SC (L)	"		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO (2)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO (1)	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO (3)	"		
Services							
Captain	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	VX133926	TOLLEY	W N	FO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	No	In 2/7 AGH	30/5/44
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		to 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F	do		to 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W C S	do		to 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.
Lt-col	QX 6047	BERRY B N	~~26/5/44~~ 8 Bn	26/5/44	Adm Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	Acting BM
Captain	QX 231	HORTON R L	do	27/5/44	Acting BM (L)

10 June 44
Date of Despatch

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

Truth—7/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 6 / 1944. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 20 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.
W.E.					W.E.				
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	1	1	1	Staff Sergeants	1 AAPC	1			
5	3	1	3	Sergeants	2 AAPC	2			
9	4	1	6	Corporals					
52			50	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 AAPC	1			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
70 *	8	4	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								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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

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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 10 / 6 /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				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Batmen	14	11		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery				Dvrs MT	5	5		Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine				Ord MT	9	9		Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths				Water Duty	1	1		Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers				CSM	1	1		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 Int	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erecters			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Gen Duties	3	8	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				Hyg "	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Sig Ord	6	5	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Tpt Sgt	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AASC			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Clerk	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batman	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvr MT	-	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (MV)	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAOC			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				WO I	-	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	5		Amn Sgt	1	-	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Amn S/Sgt	-	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batman	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				AAMC			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Med Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AALC			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Batman ATTACHED BY W.E.	1	-	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAChD			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Batmen	3	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					80	66	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, MV				Engine Hands, I.C.				Clerks	3	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Batman	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	43	39		CARRIED FORWARD	49	44		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	74	*70*	

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.

10 Jun 44
Date of Despatch

A Heathcote Captain
Signature of Commander SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	A.W.	Posted strength	Posted Reinforcements	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	A.W.	Posted strength	Posted Reinforcements	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	A.W.	Posted strength	Posted Reinforcements
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering		1		O.F.O. Assistants		1	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical			1	Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Triangulation			1	Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Toolmakers			1	Pipe Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Turners			1	Saddlers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Watchmakers				Saddlery makers			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Welders			1	Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Artificer, Artillery				Between [illegible]	14	11		Stevedores			
Artificer, Engine				Dyrs MT	5	5	1	Stokers, Stat. Engine		1	
Blacksmiths				Drvg MT	9	9		Storemen, Technical			
Boilermakers				Water Duty	1	1		Tailors			
Computers				CSM	1	1		Textile Refitters			
Cooks, Hospital							1	Tinsmiths			
Coppersmiths				GROUP II.				Vulcanizers			
Dispensers				Armourers			1	Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen, Int	2	2		Asbestos				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bakers				Wireless Mechanics			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bkr. Coond's Asst.			1	Wireless Operators			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Boilermakers				Wireless Technicians			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters			1	Wireless Telegraphists			
Electricians (M.V.)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireless Telephone Operators			
Electricians (Signals)				Cooks	3	3		Wireless Telephonists			
Fitters				Dental Mechanics				Wireless Telephonists (Line)			
Fitters (Cycle)				Driver-Mech. (Engineering)				Wireless Telephonists (Operating)			
Fitters (Electrical)				Driver-Operator			1	Wireless Telephonists (Radio)			
Fitters (Gun)				Drivers				Wireless Telephonists (Signals)			
Fitters (Instrument)				Electricians				Wireless Telephonists (Technical)			
Fitters (M.T.)				Electricians (Engineers)			1	Wireless Telephonists (Trunk)			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Fire Control Operators			1	Wireless Telephonists (Wireless)			
Fitters, Signals				Gun Operator				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Technical)			
Grinder, Precision				Hatchmen				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk)			
Mechanics, Instrument				Height Taker				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Gunsight)				Hello Operator			1	Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Optical)				Instrument Operator				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Mechanics, Radio				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Joiners				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Mechanics, Wireless				Linemen	2	2	1	Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Millwrights				Lineman, Signals				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Operators, Excavator				Lithographers				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Metal				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Pharmacist				Machinists, Wood				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masons				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Photowriter				Mechanics, M.T.				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Plumber				Millers				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Saw Doctors				Moulders				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
				Observation Post Assts.				Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	43	39		CARRIED FORWARD			

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

GROUP III.

Battery Servicers			
Batmen			
Clerks	6	5	1
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Cooks	1	2	1
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			1 (1 Pte)
Driver Mechanics			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
Hello Operators			1
Instrument Operators	2	2	2
Intelligence Duties	4	4	
Joiners			
Linemen	2	2	1
Linemen, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Millers			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
Operating Room Assts.			1
Operators, Keyboard			1
Operators, Line			1
Operators, Signal			1
Operators, Switchboard			
Operators, Wireless			1
Opticians			
Painters			1
Panel Beaters			
Photographers, Dry Plate			1
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			1
Radiographers			
Riggers			1
Sawyers			
Signallers			1
Stenotypists			
Tailors			
Telescope Identification Numbers			
Well Borers			1
Wheelers			
Winchmen			
Wireless Operators	3	3	
Woodturners			
CARRIED FORWARD	49	44	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	A.W.	Posted strength	Posted Reinforcements
O.F.O. Assistants		1	
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Pipe Layers			
Saddlers			
Saddlery makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Stat. Engine		1	
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
Wireless Mechanics			
Wireless Operators			1
Wireless Telephone Operators			
Wireless Telephonists			
Wireless Telephonists (Line)			
Wireless Telephonists (Operating)			1
Wireless Telephonists (Radio)			
Wireless Telephonists (Signals)			
Wireless Telephonists (Technical)			
Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk)			
Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
Wireless Telephonists (Wireless Trunk Technical)			
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.25./.44. (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 6 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.
(authority LHQ memo 229322)

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
WE:									
1			1	Brigadier					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	2			Majors					
50	3		7	Captains					
6		2	8	Lieutenants	AAPC	1			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
9	5	2	16			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 17									17
	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.
VX100371	T/Lt	WILSON A W F		29/5/44	Appt BOO Lt. Authority LHQ memo 74406
VX 30357	Lt	FITZGERALD A J	2/7 A G H	10/6/44	Returned from hospital

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 17/6/1944. (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	No	Detached to HQ 11 Div	26/5/44
Captain	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28896	BURKETT	K R	SC (L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	"		
Lt	WX 33031	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	"		
Services							
Captain	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A M F	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain	4th Class	Detached	7 Bn
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F		do	do	8 Bn
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W C S		do	do	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.
Lt-col	QX 6047	BERRY B N	8 Bn	26/5/44	Adm Comd 23 Bde
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	Acting BM
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	do	27/5/44	Acting BM (L)

.....June 44.....
Date of Despatch

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

Truth—7/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

25 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 6 /194 4 HQ 23 Am t Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 4 ATT. BY W.E.
(authority LHQ memo 229322)

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.
WE:									
1				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	1	1	1	Staff Sergeants	AAPC	1			
5	3	1	3	Sergeants	"	2			
9	4	1	6	Corporals					
49		8	57	Troopers, Privates, etc.		1			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 *	8	11	70 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		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.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	71		4					[redacted]	[redacted]		74
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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

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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 17/ 6/194 .

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.
AAOC Ammunition Examiners	1	1		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				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				ARMOURER	1	1		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 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	-	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AASC:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AAES:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAAS:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AALC:Clerk	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V) AEME	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Batmen	13	12	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				DriversMT	3	5	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		General Duty	3	7	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	4	3		Clerks, Technical				Orderlies	15	14	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				WaterDuty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				CSM WOII	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				QMS S/Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Tpt Sgt	1	-	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AASC:Batman	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				DvrHT	-	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AANC:Med Ord	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs AEME	1	1		Driver Tptn. Plant				AAOC:Bat Dvr	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAChD			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Batmen Dvrs	3	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AALC:Batman	1	-	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates					67	70	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AAPC Clerks	3	3	
												Batman	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	16		CARRIED FORWARD	17	19		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	71	74 *	*

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(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.

17 Jun 44
Date of Despatch

A Heathcote Capt
Signature of Commander 23 Aust Inf Bde

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DETAILS OF WO's ~~xxxx~~ and NCO's

SURPLUS WO's and NCO's

TRADE	RANK WE	P.S.	Defn Surp	No. Rank. NAME	Age	Med	Qual.	Rec.
TRADE Gpl								
AAOC: Amn Exam	Sgt 1	-	1	1 VX116765 S/Sgt MULLAVEY P J	23	A2.	BROADMEADOW	Course No 15 A E Remain Amn Exam.
" "	S/Sgt -		1					
Int: Draughtsmen	Cpl 1		1					
AEME: Armourer	Sgt 1		1					
Trade Gp II								
AACC Cooks	Cpl 1	-	/					
Int Duties	S/Sgt 1	-	/					
	Sgt -		1	1 SX23717 Sgt KENNEDY J S	23	A1	Remain	"I" Sgt
" "	Cpl 1		1					
Trade III								
Inf Clerks	WOII 1		1					
"	Cpls 1	-	/					
AALC: Clerks	Cpl 1	-	/					
AASC: Clerk	Cpl 1		1					
AASC: Clerk	Sgt 1		1					
AAES: Clerk	Sgt 1	-	/					
"	Cpl -		1	1 VX127783 Cpl ODGERS G J		28	A1	Appt Sgt
Non Specialists								
Ovrs MT	Cpl 1		1					
Appt Sgt	Sgt 1	-	/					
Men Duties	Cpl 1		1					
RSM	WOII 1		1					
QMS	S/Sgt 1		1					
AAMC								
Med Ord	Cpl 1	(1 Pte)	1					
AAPC								
Clerks	S/Sgt 1		1					
	Sgt 2		2					
CARRIED FORWARD								

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Capt
Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W & D G4

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/6/1944. Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.
(authority LHQ memo 229322)

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
WE									
1			1	Brigadier *					
2				Lieut.-Colonels					
10	2			Majors					
6	3		7	Captains					
		2	8	Lieutenants	AAPC	1			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	5	2	16			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.		17									17
	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.
~~X 1574~~	~~Brig~~	~~POTTS A V~~	~~Detached 11 Div~~		~~Returned to Unit~~

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 24/6/1944 (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	No	Detached 11 Aust Div	26/5/44
Captain	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	"		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	"		
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A M F	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	VS133296	TOLLEY	W N	PO	"		
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F		do	do 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W C S		do	do 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.
Lt-col	QX 6047	BERRY B N	8 Bn	26/5/44	Adm Comd 23 Bde
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	Acting BM
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON R L	do	27/5/44	Acting BM (L)

24 Jun 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 6 /194 4 HQ 23 Aust Onf (Unit) (T S)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.
(authority LHQ memo 229322)

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.
WE:				W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1	1	1	Staff Sergeants	AAPC	1			
	3	1	3	Sergeants	"	2			
	4	1	6	Corporals					
		8	57	Troopers, Privates, etc.	"	1			
				Civiliams counting as O.R.					
*	8	11	70 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		4 *			*
67									

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).

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Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over. A B							
A	72			2				[redacted]	[redacted]		74
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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

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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 24/6/1944.

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	AAOC	1	1	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				Armourer	1	1		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	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	-	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AASC: Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AAES: Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAAS: Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AALC: Clerk	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Non-Tradesmen			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batmen	13	13	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Dvrs MT	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)	AASC	1	-	Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Orderlies	15	15	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CSM WOII	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	6		Coach Trimmers				Coms S/Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Tpt Sgt	1	-	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AASC:			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Batman: Dvr MT	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Dvr MT	-	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AANC: MedOrd	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC: Batman	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAChD			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	ATTER	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Batmen	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AALC			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Batman	1	*	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates					67	70	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AAPC: Clerks	3	3	
												Batman	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD	43	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	15		CARRIED FORWARD	17	19		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	71	* 74	*

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(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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Date of Despatch

A Chadwick CAPTAIN
SC 23 AUST INF BDE

Signature of Commander

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DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

TRADE	RANK	WE	P S	DFN	SURPLUS
TRADE GP I					
AAOC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	
" "	S/Sgt	-	1		
Int:Draughtsman	Cpl	1	1		
AEME: Armourer	Sgt	1	1		
Trade Gp II					
AAOC:Cooks	Cpl	1	1		
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-	1	
" "	Sgt	-	1	1	
" "	Cpl	1	1		
Trade III					
Inf Clerks	WOII	1	1		
"	Cpls	1	-	1	
AALC:Clerks	Cpl	1	-	1	
AAAC:Clerk	Sgt	1	1		
AAES:Clerk	Sgt	1	-		
"	Cpl	-	1		
Non-Specialists					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	-	1	
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1		
CSM	WOII	1	1		
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC					
Med Ord	Cpl	1	(1 Pte)	1	
AAPC					
Clerks	S/Sgt	1	1		
	Sgt	2	2		

SURPLUS WO'S AND NCO'S

No	Rank	Name	Posting	Age	Med Clas	Recommend at:
VX116765	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P J	Amn Exam	28	A2	Remain Amn Exam
SX 23717	Sgt	KENNEDY J S	Int Sgt	23	A1	Remain "I" Sgt
VX127783	Cpl	DGERS G J	AES Clerk	28	A1	Appt Sgt

W.D G5

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 7 /1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Bde)

W.E. II/2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
WE:									
1			1	Brigadier*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	1		1	Majors					
10	2		8	Captains					
6		3	9	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	3	3	19						

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 19									19
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 1574	Brig	POTTS A W	11 Aust Div	25 Jun	Returned to unit from Adm Comd 11 Aust Div
WX 11052	Maj	DRIVER A R	"X" List	27 Jun	Rejoined unit ex"X" List
WX 33868	Capt	LAVAN J M	AALC	25Jun	Appointed LEGAL OFFR

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 1/7/194.4 (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	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX 114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	"		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	"		
Services							
Capt	VX 30042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON W	F C	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	VX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	VX133296	TOLLEY	W N	PO	"		
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F		do	do 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON W	C S		do	do 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.
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	"
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON R L	do	27/5/44	Acting BM (L)

1 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 7 /194 HQ 23 Aust Inf [illegible]t)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE :				W.Os. Class I.					
2 :			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :	1	2	2	Staff Sergeants					
5 :	3	3	5	Sergeants					
9 :	4	1	6	Corporals					
49 :		10	59	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
:				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 : *	8	16	75 *	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).	Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A	B	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over. A							
* * 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.	A	71			4				[redacted]	[redacted]		75
	B(1)											
	B(2)							[redacted]				

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

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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 1 / 7 /1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen Int	8	2	
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.) AEME	1	-	
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
Armourer	1	1	
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters	-	1	
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks	3	3	
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties	4	6	
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, AEME	1	1	
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	13	15	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	4	3	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	17	18	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erecters			
Whitesmiths			
AASC: Clerk	1	1	
AAES: Clerk	1	1	
AAAS: Clerk	1	1	
AAIC: Clerk	1	-	
Non-Tradesmen			
Batmen	13	13	
Dvrs MT	3	3	
Gen Duties	3	6	
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Hyg Duties	1	1	
Orderlies	15	16	
Water Duty	1	1	
CSM	1	1	
CQMS	1	1	
Tpt Sgt	1	-	
AASC: Batman	1	1	
Dvr MT	-	1	
D/R	-	-	
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
AAMC: Med Orderl	1	1	
AAOC: Batmen	1	1	
AACD: Batman	3	1	
AAIC: Batman	1	1	
	68	71	
AAPC Clerks	-	3	
Batman	-	1	
	-	4	
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	75 *	*

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.

1 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

[signature] Capt
Signature of Commander HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO'S

TRADE	RANK	WE	P	S	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
TRADE GP I						
AAOC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-		1	
" "	S/Sgt	-	1			1
Int: Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1			
AEME: Armourer	Sgt	1	1			
Trade GP II						
AACC: Cooks	Cpl	1	-		1	
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-		1	
" "	Sgt	-	1			1
" "	Cpl	1	1			
Trade Gp III						
Inf Clerks	WOII	1	1			
"	Cpls	1	-		1	
AALC "	Cpl	1	-		1	
AAAC "	Sgt	1	1			
AAES "	Sgt	1	-		1	
" "	Cpl	-	1			1
Non-Specialists						
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	-		1	
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1			
CSM	WO II	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1			
AAMC						
Med Ord	Cpl	1	1 (1 Pte)		1	
AAPC						
Clerks	S/Sgt	1				
	Sgt	2				

SURPLUS WO'S and NCO'S

VX116765	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P J	Amn Exam	28	A2	Remain Amn Exam
SX 23717	Sgt	KENNEDY J S	Int Sgt	23	A1	Remain "I" Sgt
VX127783	Cpl	ODGERS G J	AES Clerk	28	A1	Appt Sgt

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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 0001 Jul 44 *To* 2359 hrs 31 Jul 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	1		BM to Div ref staff tables for operational and Q moves by aircraft and road. SC spent the day dealing with reports on over-age officers. 8 Bn officers left for LABU.	
	2		Capt BLOXHOME and Lieut CARRUTHERS visited Bde Comd. GOC and CRA called and met unit COs at Bde HQ. Later the GOC and Bde Comd met plane bringing members of the British Parliamentary Delegation - Col WICKHAM (Chairman) ex - Central India Horse, Mr ROSS (MOOSE JAW, CANADA) Flt Lt PERKINS and Mr SUMMERS. Later Lt McDONALD (AAPIU) c instructor at the NGF School of Air Photo Interpretation, accompanied the Bde Comd and BM to GOLDEN RIDGES.	
	3		Bde Comd rang G1 and requested permission from GOC to visit 8 Aust Inf Bn at LAE from Tues 4 July until Fri 7 July. Permission was refused, but later granted on condition the Bde Comd returned Thursday 6 July. As this did not permit of the Bde Comd spending sufficient time at 8 Aust Inf Bn, the trip was cancelled. This HQ notified of GOC's intention of visit units in training in BLACK CAT area on Sat and Sun 8/9 July. No 1 Course NGF School of Air Photo Interpretation commenced. Bde Comd dealt with Op Instns Defence of WAU with BM.	
	4		Lt Col BERRY, Capt O'KEEFFE and Lt WEBB and party arrived 1500 hrs at 8 Aust Inf Bn LAE. Lt Cols NORRIS and POPE and BM and SC discussed staff tables. BM informed G1 of cancellation of LAE visit. Capt MAGAREY went to interview Lt Col ISAACSON (CO 36 Aust Inf Bn)	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Bde Comd discussed WAU Op instns and Staff Tables with BM	
			27 Aust Inf Bn TOET results to hand, and the results were very good. BM and Bde Comd recced KORANGA CRATER and	
			returned via 17 Aust Fd Amb. Bde Comd met Maj FENNER (Malaria control unit). Bde Comd discussed 7 Bn LO with Lt Col	
	5		NORRIS and Capt MAGAREY's future with that officer. Capt O'KEEFFE and Lt WEBB returned . Capt FARRAR to LABU.	
			Dvr THOMAS, 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ Tpt Section drove a 15 cwt vehicle over the edge of BULOLO gorge. The vehicle was	
			wrecked completely, but the driver had a miraculous escape, suffering only minor head injuries. Lt BURKETT investigated	
	6		Bde Comd visited 27 Aust Inf Bn in training at GAP.	
	7		Capt O'KEEFFE visited ANGAU and Area Comd to express appreciation of assistance rendered on recce to SALAMAUA - LABU.	
			Maj ARMSTRONG (11 Aust Div Carr Coy) called and met officers of Bde HQ as also did Lt NASH (SC 6 Aust Inf Bde - ex SC(4) 23 Aust Inf Bde) and Capt J McCARTHY A/BM 6 Aust Inf Bde).	
	8		GOC 11 Aust Div, and ADMS, G1 and ADC, and Maj BENSON (LO) arrived at Bde HQ at approximately 0900 hrs and left after a short call	
			for BULOLO dressing, en route to THE GAP, where they were met by Lt Col POPE (27 Aust Inf Bn) The object of the trip was	
			as an outing, to view the area. Bde Comd, BM accompanied party.	
	9		GOC and party left BLACK CAT MINE and returned via THE GAP,	
			arriving at Bde HQ at 1600 hrs, whence they left immediately for 11 Aust Div HQ.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	10		Lts KEMP, FIRTH, and SMITH (7 Aust Inf Bn) were paraded to the Bde Comd and requested releases. Capt LAVAN completed his inquiry into the BLACK CAT MINE report, and it was finalised by Lt Col NORRIS' request to assume responsibility being attached.	
	11		GOC, Gl, and ADC visited 7 Aust Inf Bn during the morning, lunched at Bde, and inspected the Bde Parade at 1400. At the conclusion of the parade, the GOC was very complimentary on the steadiness, drill and fitness of the parade.	Appendix F 2
	12	HALLAM	Maj Gen WHITELAW (MGRA) accompanied by Lt Col ARTHUR and Capt CALLON (RA, NGF) were visiting the area during the day. Maj Gen WHITELAW visited Bde Comd. Bde Comd discussed I work with Bde IO (Capt O'KEEFFE) and also discussed with LSO and SC (Capts LAVAN and HEATHWOOD) the applications for release of Lts SMITH and FIRTH (7 Aust Inf Bn).	
	13		GOC 11 Aust Div rang and advised Bde Comd that he(Brig POTTS) would administer comd of units under comd 11 Aust Div. At 2100 hrs comd passed from 11 Aust Div to 3 Aust Div, Lt Col BAMFORD (Gl 11 Aust Div) remained behind for 1 day. Bde Comd conferred with Capt BARNES on Junior Leaders Course. Lt Col HUME-MOIR (Chaplain C of E) called on Bde Comd. ADMS's Cols RUSSELL and WARD visited Bde HQ.	
	14		Capt COOK (NGF School) arrived in area. Bde Comd delivered opening address to 7 Aust Inf Bn Jnr Leaders Course. BM on Bde training syllabus and WAU Ops INSTRUCTION Lt Col SCHROEDER (CRE 3 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ.	
			BM (Maj DRIVER) left for LAE to join Lt Col BERRY (8 Aust Inf Bn) en route to 1 Aust Corps Comds Staff School CAIRNS.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Capt CARTLIDGE (G11) and Capt McDONALD (LO 111) 3 Aust Div, visited Bde HQ - as also did Capt STURROCK and Lt CALLENDER (27 Aust Inf Bn). Bde Comd discussed malarial precautions with CO 7 Aust Inf Bn.	
	15		Bde Comd rang G1 11 Aust Div, and checked ref arrival GOC 3 Aust Div. No news of GOC's arrival, everything satisfactory at Div HQ. Following officers, of 3 Aust Div visited Bde HQ and stayed for lunch - Capts GUEST (G 111 Ops) BEIRNE (G 111 Int) BLACKMORE (Capt Int). Bde Comd lunched at Div HQ. Visitors included Lt Col MITCHELL (DD Amenities NGF) and Capt RICHE (Amenities Offr NGF)	
	16		Capts STEVENS (G 11 (L)) and McDONALD (LO 111) 3 Aust Div visited Bde HQ. Offrs Bde HQ played 7 Bn Offrs basketball. In a close strenuous game 7 Bn Offrs ~~xxx~~ won by 39 to 36 points. Guests at mess included Maj REES (LSO 3 Aust Div) Maj HENRY (2 i/c 7 Aust Inf Bn) Maj DAY (2 i/c 27 Bn) Capt HARRY (OC 2/108 LAD) Lt GRAY (OC 14 Pro Pl) Lt BENNETT (OC 40 Tpt Pl) Lt CORCORAN (7 BN) Lt BASKERVILL (7 Aust Inf Bn).	
	17		Lt Col NORRIS (7 Bn) visited Bde Comd to discuss officers and training. Capt CARTLIDGE (G 11 3 Aust Div) visited BM and discussed range areas and the use of Bofors guns in WAU area. 8 Bn party under comd Capt THOMPSON arrived at Bde HQ preparatory to breaking up into 4 recce patrols. A letter was received from Lt Col BERRY and Maj DRIVER giving their views on the possible move of 8 Aust Inf Bn from LAE to WAU.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18		Comd and LO 11 rode to BULOLO RIVER crossing to watch 27 Bn party in river crossing. Many men were swept downstream and several weapons lost. 8 Bn parties left on recce	
	19		No news of GOC 3 Aust Div Comd and LO 11 rode to BULOLO to check on river level. Water down 9 inches. 17 Aust Fd Amb crossing the river.	
	20		Capts BEIRNE and GUEST (3 Aust Div) called at Bde HQ en route to BLACK CAT MINE, HOUSE COPPER. Comd and BM (L) visited 7 Bn and after mess attended the unit concert.	
			The day was spent by the BM(L) in the preparation of Staff Tables Chaplain GOLDMAN (Jewish) visited Bde Comd. Rd WAU - LABU closed indefinitely.	
	21		Bde Comd rang 3 Aust Div. All satisfactory. He then rang	
			DAAG NGF ref comments on 8 Aust Inf Bn officers and suggested holding the report. Later the Comd visited CO 27 Aust Inf Bn	
			Brig KLEIN (CRA 3 Aust Div) and Capt BROWNE (BMRA 3 Aust Div) arrived by A/C and remained for lunch. In the afternoon G 11	
			3 Aust Div rang and advised that GOC would arrive at 0930 hrs tomorrow.	
	22		GOC arrived WAU airstrip. The plane was met by Brig POTTS(23 Bde) Col WHEELER (AA & QMG 3 Aust Div) Lt Col EDGAR (G1 3 Aust Div)	
			Brig TORR (CE NGF), and ADC to GOC accompanied GOC. Lt CARRUTHERS (ANGAU WAU) called ref out-of-bounds areas.	
			Later the Bde Comd discussed with the senior divisional officers, ceremonials, overage officers, and loss of equipment.	
			In the evening Capts BEIRNE and GUEST returned, completely exhausted.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Comd and BM went through the agenda for the proposed Inf Officers conference. Advice received that BULOLO - LABU rd would be closed for 4 weeks on account of the rise in the SNAKE RIVER.	
	23		Capts BEIRNE and GUEST returned to 3 Aust Div. A conference of Bn IOs and I Sgts was held in the I offices at 1000 hrs.	
			Bde Comd, in discussion ref use of BLACK CAT MINE area, applied for and received permission from S/Sgt OLSSON to make full use of same. Visitors for mess included Lt Cols POPE and NORRIS and Capt BLOXHAM and Lt CARRUTHERS (ANGAU WAU) Capt BLOXHAM presented the Bde Comd with a No 1"MASTER" Tablecloth, as used by District Officers.	
	24		8 Bn party under Capt ROSS departed for SALAMAUA and LABU, while another party under Capt HAYES left by road to LAE.	
			Comd and BM(L) inspected aircraft to be used for training purposes. Col RUSSELL (ADMS 3 Aust Div) and Capt MEARES arrived to catch plane on the commencement of their return to Australia. No aircraft available. Comd BM(L) and SC held a conference to decide points to be raised at GOC's conference. Capt BARNES (8 Aust Inf Bn) arrived at Bde HQ prior to commencing duty as C.I. 23 Aust Inf Bde Junior Leaders School.	
	25		Bde Comd and CO's of units attended a conference on policy by by the GOC. Lt Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) called to see Bde Comd, and talked with members of 23 Aust Inf Bde Staff. Capt LOWNDES and Lt RYE (BM & LO 6 Aust Inf Bde) called on Bde HQ and remained for lunch prior to proceeding to the funeral of Capt SHERIDAN (36 Aust Inf Bn ex 8 Bn) who died of Scrub Typhus yesterday	

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			At 1530 hrs Bde Comd returned. Aircraft moved to site near picture theatre, for emplaning practice. In the evening the Bde Comd outlined to Bde Offrs the policy of the GOC. Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD had ordered a policy of realistic training in all types of warfare, and he pressed the necessity for holding complete and detailed Staff Tables for movement of all kinds. He stressed the necessity of the staff at all times giving full and friendly co-operation and service to subordinate comds and units. Once again the importance of fundamental training was emphasised.	
	26		A party of umpires, incl Lts EDWARDS and WEBB (LO's) moved out to 6 Aust Inf Bde as umpires. Capt HEATHWOOD (SC) left for 3 Aust Div to discuss A & Q matters and clear up outstanding points. Chaplain JOHNSTON (27 Aust Inf Bn) called on Bde Comd Lt Col NORRIS called on Bde Comd to discuss Field Firing Range Area. The Bde Comd and BM(L) conferred ref 7 Aust Inf Bn Training Syllabus. A report of one case of Scrub Typhus was received from 27 Aust Inf Bn.	
	27		Lt Col NORRIS called to discuss 7 Aust Inf Bn Training Syllabus with Bde Comd. GOC 3 Aust Div (Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD) and ADC called to inspect training and stayed to lunch, where he met met Capt BLOXHAM (ANGAU WAU). Training aircraft set up on ramps although flooring and staying has yet to be completed. Maj HENRY (7 Aust Inf Bn) called to discuss engineer supplies with SC.	

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			Lt PIPER, (Adjt 27 Aust Inf Bn) called to discuss range areas	
			He also showed Bde Comd the Pack Board made by 27 Aust Inf Bn	
			Capt SMITH (OC HQ Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn) called to see SC ref engr stores. In the afternoon the Bde Comd visited 7 Aust Inf Bn training area with Lt Col NORRIS.	
			Conference Bde Comd & BM(L) ref Training Policy of the Bde, Capt BROWNE (BMRA 3 Aust Div) rang ref interchange of Arty and	
	28		Inf officers. Bde Comd called a conference attended by CO's and Adjts BM(L)	
			SC & IO at 1000 hrs, and went through training instruction. Capt LORD, BM(L)RA 3 Aust Div called ref interchange of pers.	
			27 Aust Inf Bn reported the death of one man in FRASER'S MINE AREA, death being due to GSW in head. Officers from 2/2	
			Cav Commando Sqn lunched at Bde HQ prior to a football match versus 7 Aust Inf Bn. In a onesided match 7 Aust Inf Bn	
			won by a large margin. Col EDGAR (Gl 3 Aust Div) with Bde Comd watched the match. Chaplain RAWLIN, relieving chaplain	
			JOHNSTON (27 Aust Inf Bn) arrived in area and reported to the SC. A conference between BM(L) and Bde Comd was held to discuss	
	29		23 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn 45 . Chaplain JOHNSTON brought Chaplain RAWLIN to pay his respects	
			to Bde Comd. They were followed by Lt Col POPE who also called on Bde Comd. 2 aircraft in to WAU strip during	
			the day. The first brought Lt TYNAN (MGO branch) and F/L OSBORNE, who stayed to lunch, The second brought Lt WRIGHT (4 Fd Regt)	
			Lt WEBB (LO) left to visit 8 Aust Inf Bn at LAE.	

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			Since Capt HEATHWOOD meets each A/C in to WAU, and Capt HOPTON has installed the two wrecked DC3's as training planes for emplanement, HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde can be said to be controlling two air services - the HEATHWOOD AIR SERVICE and the HOPTON STATIC AIRLINES of NEW GUINEA. Capt O'KEEFFE (IO) visited 3 Aust Div and 6 Aust Inf Bde. Capt HEATHWOOD also visited 3 Aust Div. Bde Comd watched Football match in which Bde HQ defeated 109 Aust Bde Wksp in a close match. The funeral of the 27 Bn man was held at 1500 hrs. Bde representatives Lts BURKETT and EDWARDS. Lt WILSON (Bde Amb Offr) returned from 17 Aust Fd Amb	
	30		Capt SUTHERLAND (27 Aust Inf Bn) was interviewed by the Bde Comd prior to his nomination for Junior Wing BEENLEIGH TACTICAL SCHOOL. Capt BROWN (7Aust Inf Bn). Capt ROSE(27 Aust Inf Bn) and Maj JONES investigated the death of 27 Bn man. Lt CARROLL (2 Aust Marine Food Supply Pl) arrived at Bde HQ. Maj HENRY conferred with Capt LAVAN (LSO) ref courts-martial. Visitors to the usual Sunday guest night at mess included Lt Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) Lt Col BRETHERTON (9 Aust Fd Amb) Maj LANG (Area Commandant) Capt SMITH (27 BN) Lt PIPER (27 Bn) Lt BENNETT (40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl).	
	31		Capt COOK (NGF Schools) returned to Bde HQ. Chaplain HILFORD (Senior CD chaplain) 3 Aust Div called with chaplain RAWLIN, as also did Lt Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb). Officers & NCOs from 7 Aust Inf Bn for posting to ITB were interviewed by Bde Comd. Lt SHELDON (27 Aust Inf Bn) who is OC Bde Pack Animal Training cadre called ref animals. Capt BAULDERSTONE (27 Bn) was interviewed by Bde Comd also WO11 NANCARROW of same unit.	

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			Lt TYNAN (MGO Branch) stayed two days. An enjoyable picture show "Her Primitive Man" was screened at night.	
			GENERAL COMMENT Activity during the month has been mainly the preparation of Staff Tables, and further Training in the field, in which 27 Aust Inf Bn has been particularly active. The weather has been wet, resulting in a disruption of traffic from and to LAE. Numerous visitors called on Bde HQ Mess. The Bde is looking forward to keen training and the prospect of action as a complete div under the new GOC. The policy of co-operation from Div HQ has already borne fruit. All ranks are healthy and fit and sport is of considerable interest, and plays a large part in producing a very fit Bde HQ. Early in the month a parade for the GOC 11 Aust Div was held on WAU airstrip, and the GOC expressed to the Bde Comd his satisfaction with the Bde	

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In the Field			Brig	WX 1574 POTTS A W	Bde Comd	
			Maj	WX 11052 DRIVER A R	BM	
			Capt	SX 231 HOPTON ~~R E~~ L I	BM(L)	
			Capt	NX 70682 HEATHWOOD A M	SC	
			Capt	WX 2875 O'KEEFFE E R	IO	
			Lt	WX 28898 BURKETT K R	SC(L)	
			Capt	VX114122 FARRAR G C	TO	
			Lt	VX114156 SMITH H W	LO 1	
			Lt	WX 33831 WEBB R G	LO 1a	
			Lt	SX 25134 EDWARDS F G	LO 111	
		Services	Capt	VX 39042 POWELL L G	BASCO	
			Capt	WX 33868 LAVAN J H	LSO	
			Lt	VX100371 WILSON W F C	BOO	
			Lt	WX 30121 JONES R E	EO	
			Lt	NX105757 ELLIOTT A G	HO	
			Lt	VX133926 TOLLEY W N	PO	
			Lt	VX 30357 FITZGERALD A G	AO	

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR 23 AUST INF BDE FOR WEEK ENDING 15 JUL 44

DATE (a)	SERIAL (b)	UNIT (c)	COY (d)	PL (e)	AREA (f)	TIME (g)	SUBJECT (h)	SCOPE (j)	REMARKS Ref Map WAU 1" to 1 mile (k)
10 Jul	1	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	A		BLACK CAT 401753-431755	0900-1630	Movement along Jungle Track	In proximity of maxing enemy Timings to berecorded over varied country	Individual cooking
	2		B		376728	0830 0930-1200 1345	AES Lecture Recognition of Targets, Indication, Fire Control Orders Sport	'The Newspaper' Lecture and Practical Application	
	3		C		376728	0830 1345 1445-1630	Sport AES Lecture Recog of Targets Indication, Fire Control Orders	 Lecture & Practical Application	
	4		D		376728	0830 0930 1100 1345 1500	Epidemic control in war Verbal Messages Gas Lecture Weapon Trg TOET	Ref ATM 33 Sup Sec 1 Sequence, clearness. Memory Trg Classification of war gases Stoppages OSMG LMG Rifle Bren OSMG	Pl Comds
	5		HQ	1) 2) 3) 4)	399748	0830-1630	Range 30 yds	Grouping, App, Rapid	
11 Jul	6		A				Serial 5		
			B				Serial 1		

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12 Jul	11		A		376728	0830	Epidemic control in war	Ref ATM 33 Sup Lec 1	Pl Comds
						0930	Verbal Messages	Sequence, clearness. Memory Trg	
						1100	Weapon Trg	Stoppages OSMG LMG	
						1345	Gas Lecture	Classification of war gases	
						1445	TOET	Rifle Bren OSMG	
						1530	AES Lecture	"The Newspaper"	
	12		B				Serial 5		
	13		C				Serial 1		
	14		D				Serial 8		
	15		HQ	1	376728	0830	Cable Maintenance		
						1345	Morse Reading		
						1445	Semaphore		
						1545	Instruction Freddy Phone	Technical & Maintenance	
				2		0830	Inspection & F.D.T.		
						0900	E.G.D.	MMG Competitive	
						1015	Sec Drill)	Lessons 61,65,66.	
						1100	" ")		
						1345	Slide Rule	Description & Practical	
						1430	P.T. & B.T.		
						1530	Lecture	Safety - Overhead fire	
						1615	Clean & return stores		
				3		0830	Inspection & F.D.T.		
						0900	Grenade	M 36 Igniter Sets	
						1000	3" mortar drill	Lessons 1-20 Recap	
						1100	3" mortar	Area targets	
						1345	E.M.D.	Smoke	
						1500	Map Reading	Sec 1 & 2	
						1545	3" mortar	Ranging general	
				4		0830	Pl Inspec F.D.T.		
						0900	Mech Elevating gear		
						0940	Gun Drill. Action Platform		
						1035	Rifle	TOET	
						1120	B.T.		
						1400	M.R. Sec 1 & 2		
						1440	Gundrill Misfire drill		
						1530	Daily Gun Maintenance		

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13 Jul	16		A) B) C) D) HQ)		376728	0830 1345	Interval Economy Bn Athletic Meeting	Kit Inspection Make & Mend	
14 Jul	17		A				Serial 9		
			B				Serial 8		
			C				Serial 4		
			D				Serial 1		
			HQ	1) 2) 3) 4)			Serial 9		
15	22		A				Serial 8		
Jul	23		B				Serial 4		
	24		C				Serial 9		
	25		D		376728	0830 0930 1345 1445 1530	Camouflage & Concealment Cover from view - Lecture Practical Application AES Lecture Weapon Trg TOET	Individual & Collective "The Newspaper" Adv handling LMG Gas, Grenade	
	26		HQ	1) 2) 3) 4) 1	376728	0830 0900 1345 1445 1545 0830 0900 1015 1100 1345	Smartening Exercises FDT Visual Procedure, Lamp Reading Morse Reading Message Writing R/T Procedure Inspec. Smartening Up Exercises OSMG MMG Stoppages " " Section drill	 Abbreviations Lesson 1 TOET " Lessons 67, 68, 69.	

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15 Jul				2		1530	Map Reading	Conversion of bearings	
				3		0830	Inspec Rifle Exercises		
						0900	Testing of 3" mortar sights		
						1000	3" mortar drill	Auxiliary Aiming mark	
						1100	Mortar amn. Fuse 152		
						1345	Booby Traps	A.T.M. 33	
						1500	Map Reading	Sec 2	
						1545	3" mortar ranging		
				4		0830	Weekly gun maintenance		
						1345	& cleaning		

GENERAL:- HQ Coy No 5 Pl will be carrying out Adm duties - carpentering, construction of latrines
No 6 Pl - normal Adm duties,

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10 Jul	1	27 Aust Inf Bn	A		382799) 440790)		Coy Exercises 11 Days	Defence (Bunkers) Attack, Patrols recce and fighting (inter Coy) Ambush, Booby Traps, Map Reading, Patrol Briefing	A Coy L of C Track Dredge 400752 - 4022 B Coy L of C BLACK CAT Track
			B		488768) 467770)		Attached to each Coy Sigs, 1 Sec MMG, 2 Det Mortars, 1 Sec TK A, 1 Sec Pnrs, RAP Personnel "I" Sec Personnel		
	2		C		381742	0830 0930 1100 1330 1500	Parade Weapon Trg Map Reading TEOET Fd Craft	Smartening, Rapid Fire Exercises Rifle, Bren MMG Co-ordinates Sketching Gas Grenade Use of ground control by Sec Comd	Working party to construct 30 yds Range. Carrier line to supply A Coy
	3		D				Serial 2		
	4		HQ		 381742	0830 0930 1100 1345	Parade Battle Drill Map Reading Fd Craft Lecture and practical	Smartening Rapid Fire Exercises Occupation of a position, Safety of own troops Co-ordinates Sketching Use of ground Control by Sec Comd Selection of gun positions, OP's	Secs from all Pls attached to A & B Coys on Exercise
11 Jul	5	do	A) B)				Serial 1		
	6		C		381742	0830 0930 1100 1500	Parade Weapon Trg Fd Craft Lecture and practical Map Reading	Smartening, Rapid Fire exercises Bren, 2" mortars, OSMG Adoption and preparation of fire positions Compass and Protractor	Furtherworking parties to be supplied to continue Range construction
	7		D				Serial 6		

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11 Jul	8	27 Aust Inf Bn	HQ			0830 0930 1100 1345	Parade Recapitulation Weapons Map Reading Sports	Specialist Weapons and OSMG, 2" mortar SMG, x 2" xmarkmn, Compass and Protractor	
12 Jul	9	do	A) B)				Serial 1		
	10		C) D)				Carrier line two days	2 days supplies to be taken forward L of Cs as shown in serial 1	Balance of Coy on Range Construction
	11		HQ				Serial 6		
13 Jul	12		A) B)				Serial 1		
	13		C D HQ				Serial 6		
14 Jul	14		A) B)				Serial 1		
	15		C) D) HQ)			0830 0930 1100 1345	Parade Gas Lecture Weapon Trg Sports	Classification of War Gases TK A Rifle, explanation and description of PITA(Diagram)	
15 Jul	16		A) B)				Return to Camp		
	17		C) D) HQ)				Serial 6		

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DATE (a)	SERIAL (b)	UNIT (c)	COY (d)	PL (e)	AREA (f)	TIME (g)	SUBJECT (h)	SCOPE (i)	REMARKS (j)
17	1	7 Aust Inf Bn	A		376728	0830 0845 0930 1345 1630	Parade Lecture Booby Traps Practical Booby Traps Mapping of booby trap and Mine Fd areas	Smartening & quickening exercise Types and improvisation Showing details of Coy perimeter	
	2		B			0830 0845- 1345	Parade Attacking enemy pill-boxes & fortifications Lecture Japanese earth-works & local projection	Employment of smoke & grouping of automatic weapons Methods of destruction	
	3		C		399748	0830 1630	Range 30 yds	Group 20/25 App 20/25 Rapid 15 shots per min	
	4		D			0830 1345	Sport Weapon Trg	SMLE Rifle, Grenade, LMG, Mortar 2"	
	5		HQ			0830 1345	Internal Economy Sport	Kit Inspection	
18	6		A		401933 410760 419772	0830- 1630	Pacing in jungle and estimating time taken over given distances	Flat and mountainous country	
	7		B		376728		Serial 1		
	8		C				Serial 2		
	9		D		377727 384742	0830 0845 0930 1630	Parade Map Reading Practical map reading	Sketching, features, contours Sketching	

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	10		HQ	1		0830-0900 0905-1000 1005-1200 1345-1445 1450-1645	FDT Squad drill Maint & Working of Fullerphone W/T Procedure W/T Procedure(Practical)	Trigger Pressing L & R Form Forming Squad Mk 1V Vol 111 Pam 21 Est Comms & passing messages 108 Sets Mk 111	
				2		0830-0900 0900-1100 1100-1200 1345-1515 1515-1615 1615-1630	FDT TOET MMG Stoppages TOET Results Map Reading Daily Cleaning & Return Stores	Lesson 7 & 8 Pam 7 Pt 11 Pam 7 Pt 11 Discussion & Criticism Finding post.etc	
				3		0830-0900 0900-1000 1000-1100 1100-1215 1345-1700	FDT EMD EMD EMD 3" Mortar	General Smartening Aiming Laying for direction Procedure on change being given Fire Orders-Laying by night using smoke	
				4	389736 & 389738	0830-0900 0900-1630	FDT Construction & Cam of Gun Emplacements	Digging & Rivetting	If this emplacement cannot be completed in 1 day will be done so the following week
				5		0830-0900 0900-1000 1000-1100 1115-1215 1345-1630	FDT Rifle Bren Knots and Lashings Pnr Duties	SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Less 13 & 14 SAT Vol 1 Pam 4A Less 13 & 14	
				6		0830-0900 0905-1000 1010-1100 1105-1215 1345-1700	FDT 2" Mortar Map Rdg Bren Adm Duties	Repetition SAT P 3 Less 1 & 2 MMR Ch 11 SAT Vol 1 P 4 Less 1 & 2	

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19	11		A				Serial 2		
			B				Serial 9		
			C				Serial 1		
			D				Serial 6		
			HQ	1		0830-0900	FDT	Trigger Pressing Sight Setting Aiming	
						0905-1000	Morse Rdg & sending	Key Lamp Fullerphone	
						1005-1100	Less 2 2" Mor		
						1105-1200	Cipher encodeing & decodeing	Practice	
						1345-1645	Cable laying along Jungle Track	"	
				2		0830-0900	FDT		
						0905-1000	HGD Competitive		
						1005-1100	Sec Drill night firing	Night Firing	
						1105-1200	Less 84 & 85	Pam 7 Part 11	
						1345-1430	Visual Trg		
						1430-1515	Range Cards & use of binoculars	Pam 7 Part 11	
						1515-1615	Range Finder	Initial Loss Pam 11	
						1615-1630	Daily Cleaning & Return Stores		
				3		0830-0900	FDT	Snap Shooting	
						0905-1000	Bren Characteristics	General Description	
						1005-1100	Bren	Loading	
						1100-1215	"	Holding and Aiming	
						1345-1500	"	Sightsetting & firing	
						1500-1700	"	I A Stoppages Main Stores	
				4		0830-0900	FDT		
						0900-1215	Patrols & Recce	Formations & Reports	IMT & Fd Craft & Battle Drill
						1345-1445	Map Rdg	Conversions & Bearings	
						1450-1550	Grenade	Discharger	
						1550-1630	Daily Gun Maint		

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19	15		HQ	5		0830-0900 0905-1000 1000-1100 1100-1215 1345-1630	PHT Lecture 2" Mortar Lecture Fnr Duties	Booby Traps, Mechainism SAT Vol 1 Pam 8 Less 4 Explosives and access	
				6		0830-0900 0905-1000 1000-1100 1100-1215 1345-1630	PHT J D Lecture 2" Mortar Adm Duties	SAT 6 Part 11 Ch 11 Booby Traps SAT P 8 Less 3	
20	16		A				Serial 4		
	17		B				Serial 6		
	18		C			0845 1345	Weapon Trg TOET Sport	Rifle LMG Mortar 2"	
	19		D				Serial 1		
	20		HQ				Serial 9		
21	21		A	1			Serial 9		
	22		B		377723 400752 387757	0830 1630	March	Observation, memorizing route	Lunch to be carried
	23		C				Serial 6		
	24		D				Serial 2		
	25		HQ	1		0830-0900 0905-1300 1345-1630	PHT Sig Exercise Quiz Written	Sight setting and aiming Est Comms Use of control set netting Sig Working	

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21 25	HQ	2		0830-0900	PDT		
				0905-1000	Bayonet Training	SAT Pam 13	
				1000-1100	Sect Drill N F		
				1100-1200	Lesson 86 and 87	Pam 7 P 11	
				1345-1430	Quiz	MMG	
				1430-1615	Weekly Gun Maint & Checking Stores		
				1615-1630	Daily Cleaning and Return stores		
		3		0830-0900	PDT	Rifle Drill	
	SANDY CK		SANDY CK	0900-1630	All Day March		
		4		0830-0900	PDT		
				0900-1000	Range Finder	Adjeustment for Coincidence	Range Finder H/ Book
				1005-1100	Mechanism	Firing Mechanism	ORD H/Books
				1110-1215	Lecture	Epidemic Control in war	Supp MT P 33
				1345-1445	Map Reading	Relief and its Repres. Conturs	Manual MR
				1450-1550	Gun Drill	Prepare for Action	2 PR Gun Drill Pam
				1550-1630	Weekly Gun Maint		
		5		0830-0900	PDT		
				0900-1000	Map Reading	MMR Cap 11	Definitions
				1000-1100	App of Fire	SAT Vl 1 Pam 11	Fire Control
				1100-1215	Booby Traps	Practical	
		6		0830-0900	PDT		
				0905-1000	Bren	SAT 6 P 4 Less 3 & 4	
				1000-1100	Lecture	3" Mortar Sjt FATT	
				1100-1215	Fire Control	SAT 6 T 2 Chap 3 Less 6	
				1345-1630	AEM duties		
			377726				
			380718				
			375714	1900-2100	Night Compass March		
			382713				
			383715				
			377716				
			377726				

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22	26	7 Aust Inf Bn	A			0845 1345	Supporting Weapons Interior Economy	Use and control MMG & 3"Morter	
			B			0845 1345	Weapon Trg Internal Economy	TOET LMG Grenade Rifle Mortar2"	
			C				Serial 9		
			D			0845 1345	Supporting Weapons Wireless Internal Economy	Tk A Gun R/T Procedure	
			EQ	1		0830 0905 1005 1105 1345 1450 1550	FDT L/T Procedure Message form procedure Horse reding Bren Cable Semaphore Pr Working	Message passing Lesson 3 STAA Kep Lamp Pullyphone Lesson 3 & 4 Knotting & Jointing Less 2	
				2		0830 0900 1000 1345 1430 1515 1615	FDT EGD TOET MMG TOET LMG 2" mortar grenade TOET Daily cleaning & return stores	Smartening up Mounting, aiming, laying, Less 1-6 Pam 7 Part II Rifle Bde screed Map reading	
				3	752402	0830 0900 1000 1345 1500 1600	FDT Indication & recognisation of target Fire orders Ensuthree Patrolling, forward scouts Lecture	Trigger pressing J D Sec Formation Ambushes Briefing of patrols	

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22	26	7 Aust Inf Bn	HQ	4		0830	FDT		
						0900	Bren	Sight setting, holding, aiming	SAT Pam 4
						1005	Mech 2 prs	Semi-automatic & breech mech	Ord H/book
						1105	2" Mortar	Intro sightsetting & laying	
						1345	Lecture	Gun emplacements	HQ Arty precis
						1450	Gun drill	Action - cease fire	2 pr gun drill PAM
						1550	Daily gun maint		
				5		0830	FDT		
						0900	Lecture	Jungle patrols	
						1000	Practical	Fd machines	
						1345	Fmr duties		
				6		0830	FDT		
						0900	Lecture	Jungle patrols	MTP 23 Chap 5
						1005	Target rec	SAT 6 p 2, Chap 3 Less 7	
						1105	Map reading MMR Chap 3		
						1345	Adm duties		

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17	1	27 Aust Inf Bn	A B		457799 - 440790 438768-467770		Return to Camp from 11 Day Exercise		
	2		C		381742	0830 0930 1330	Parade Weapon Trg Preparation for move to Fd Trg Ex	Smartening, Rapid Fire Exercises LMG SMG 2" Mortar	
	3		D				Serial 2		
	4		HQ		381742	0830 0930	Parade Spec Trg	Maint of weapons. TOET Occupation of posn and preparation of Fds of fire	Secs from all pls att to A & B Coys, Secs preparhg for move to Fd Trg Area with C & D Coys
18	5	do	A) B)			0830 1330	Interior Economy Sports		Claning up after exercise
	6		C D		438768-467770 457799		Coy Exercises 11 days. Attached to each coy Sigs, 1 Sec MMG, 4 dets mortar, Sec pnrs, RAP Personnel, "I" Sec pers	Defence (Bunkers), Attack Patrols, recce and fighting (inter-coy) Ambush, Booby traps, Map reading, patrol briefing	C Coy L of C BLACK CAT TRACK D Coy L of C Track DREDGE 400752 via 4022
	7		HQ	2	381742	0830 0930 1030 1115	Parade SGD Safety Weapon pits	Mechanism Overhead, flanking fire Siting	Coy Parade
				3		0930 1030 1115	EMD Adv Handling Map Reading	Quicking Exercis2 Individual loads for long carry, setting up on uneven ground Resection, Theory of Map Shooting	

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18	7	27 Aust Inf Bn	HQ	4		0930 1030 1115	Gun drill 2 pr Carriage II, III, IIIA 2 Pr sights	Quicking Exercises	
						1330	Sport		Coy
19	8	do	A) B)				Carrier Line	3 days sups to be carried to C & D Coys	
	9		C) D)				Serial 6		
	10		HQ	2		0830 0930 1330 1530	Parade Sec occupation Flanking Fire Weapon Pits	Sec organisation, Duties of Gun Numbers Maintenance of supplies Choice ofcountry, Gun posn Camouflage and concealment	Coy Parade
				3		0930 1030 1330	EMG Adv Handling Jungle Mortar posns	Clearing overhead obstacles, construction of base plate posns	
				4		0930 1030 1500	Gun drill Tactical use of 2 pdr Gun maintenance	Killing ground Defence in depth	
20	11		A			0830 0930 1100 1330 1530	Parade Map Reading Weapon Trg Sec Handling Close Order drill	Resection, compass, protractor LMG OSMG Mortar 2" Use of ground, Sec adm in the fd Smartening	Checkm dress and condition of clothing etc

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20	12	27Aust Inf Bn	B			0830 0930 - 1600	Parade Range 30 yd	Grouping 20/25 Application 20/25 Rapid 15 hits on 12"x14" target in 60 secs	
	13		C) D)				Serial 6		
	14						Recapitulation Serials 7 & 10		
21	15	do	A			0830 0930 1100 1330	Parade Map Reading Weapon Trg Sport	Sketching posns in close country, Rtr[illegible]control Fire Control	
	16		B			0830 0930 1330	Parade Serial 12 Sport		
	17		C) D)				Serial 6		
	18		HQ			0830 0930 1330	Parade Personnel who have not been on exercise to move out and join C & D Coys Sport		
22	19		A) B)				Serial 8		
	20		C) D)				Serial 6		
	21		HQ				Serial 6		

GENERAL - HQ Coy Pls 1,5, & 6 concentrating on essential Adm duties in unit lines. Dets from each pl attached to C & D Coys on Exercise.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR 23 AUST INF BDE FOR WEEK ENDING 29 JUL 44

DATE (a)	SERIAL (b)	UNIT (c)	COY (d)	PL (e)	AREA (f)	TIME (g)	SUBJECT (h)	SCOPE (j)	REMARKS (k)
24 Jul	1	7 Aust Inf Bn			399748		Musketry 30 yds	Rifle Gp App Snap Bren Hip OSMG Hip	
					Camp Area		Coy Emplanement Coy Barge Movement Message Writing	Establishment of SOP, checking of tables by dividing Coys into plane and barge gps	
	2	27 Aust Inf Bn			BLACK CAT MINE 488788 & 457799		11 Day exercise 2 Coys	Defence (Bunkers) Attack, Patrols Att (Recce & Fighting) Ambush Booby Traps. Map Reading (Panorama Sketching) Weapon Trg	1 Sec MMG 4 Det Mortar 4 Pl. RAP Sigs. 1 Sec Mnrs
					Camp Area		Map Reading	Field Sketching	
							Weapon Trg	TsOET & close Order Drill	
							Musketry 30 yds	Gp, App, Rapid	
25 Jul	3	7 Aust Inf Bn			Oval		Sports Day		
	4	27 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 2. Carrier line to be provided by 2 Coys		
26 Jul	5	7 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 1		
	6	27 Aust Inf Inf Bn					Serial 2		
27 Jul	7	7 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 1		
	8	27 Aust Inf Bn					Musketry 30 yds Map Reading Weapon Trg	Fire Control by Sec Comds Field Sketching TOET and close order Drill	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)
28 Jul	9	7 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 1		
	10	27 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 4		
29 Jul	11	7 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 1		
	12	27 Aust Inf Bn					Serial 2		

GENERAL:- Secs of 1, 5 & 6 Pls from both Bns engaged on Adm duties.
27 Aust Inf Bn : Half day for sport 24 Jul 44.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 5 AUG 44

DATE	UNIT	SERIAL	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
31 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	Camp	Sport		Ref Map WAU 1" - 1 ml
		2	415750	Coy Exercise 2 days	Pl and Coy contact drill and encounter attack. Fd Firing Exercise	
		3		Coy Emplanement exercise	SOP for emplanement, guides, mustering, dispersal.	
		4	Fd Firing Range	Range	Mortar Pl, area and point targets semi open country	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	5	30 yd Range	Musketry	Grouping, Snapshooting, fire control	
		6	Camp	Ceremonial Trg	Guards and Sentries, smartening exercises	
		7		Map Reading	Fd Sketching	
		8		Weapon Trg	LMG, OSMG, Discharger Cup	
	28 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	9	Camp	Weapon Trg	OSMG, stoppages, grenade, 2" Mortar, JD	
		10		Map Reading	Compass March	
1 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	11	Camp	Support Weapon Trg for Rifle Coys	Tk A 2 pr, 3" Mortar, R/T procedure	
		12		Serial 2		
		13		Serial 3		
		14		Serial 4		
	27 Aust Inf Bn	15		Serial 5		
		16		Sports		
		17		Serial 8		
	28 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	18		Map Reading	Conversion of bearings, compass and protractor	
		19		Weapon Trg	Bren, Fixed lines and AA Fire Orders	
		20		P T	Bayonet Trg	
2 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	21		Serial 11		
		22		Serial 2		
		23		Serial 3		
		24		Serial 4	Tk A 2 pr, direct fire AP	
		25		Map Reading	Fd Sketching and Traversing	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	26		Serial 6		
		27		Serial 5		
		28		Serial 7		
		29		Coy Exercise	Battle Drill, Adv and first contact, Patrols, Attack	Skeleton enemy to be used

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DATE	UNIT	SERIAL	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
2 Aug	28 Fl 2/1 Cd Regt	30 31		Sports Weapon Trg	Grenade Discharger, Recognition of targets	
3 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	32 33 34 35		Serial 2 Serial 11 Serial 1 Serial 24		
	27 Aust Inf Bn	36 37 38 39		Serial 29 Serial 6 Serial 6 Hardening Trg	March Discipline	Cut lunch to be carried
	28 Fl, 2/1 Cd Regt	40		Fl Exercise	Selection and discussion of Defensive posns, Approaches and patrols	
4 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	41 42 43 44		Serial 3 Serial 2 Serial 11 Serial 4	MMG Fi, direct fire, close targets	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	45 46 47		Serial 14 Serial 5 Serial 8		
	28 Fl, 2/1 Cd Regt	48		Fl Trg	March, formations, intervals,	Cut lunch to be carried
5 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	49 50 51		Coy Trg Serial 2 Serial 3	Embarking - disembarking from barges Tactical disembarking, explanation and practical of beachhead.	

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DATE	UNIT	SERIAL	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
5 Aug	27 Aust Inf Bn	52 53 54 55 56		Bn Trg Serial 39 Serial 29 Serial 5 Serial 7	Bn Parade	
	23 Fd, 2/1 Od Regt	57		Serial 48		

GENERAL - 30 mins per day to be spent on Rapid Fire Trg, close order drill. Coy Hygiene and malaria squads, lectures by RMO.

23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will beconducting a 208 Wireless exercise from 31 Jul - 4 Aug 44 in WAU, SKINDEWAI and MUBO Area.

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 45/44

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
29 Jul, 44
G 6739

1. INTRODUCTION

Trg for six weeks as from 30 Jul 44 will be as laid down in 3 Aust Div Trg Instr 9/44 of 26 Jul 44.

2. INTENTION

All training within 3 Aust Div will be directed with a view to successful operations in all types of terrain likely to be encountered with particular emphasis on :

(a) Movement, administration and attack in coastal type terrain including jungle, swamps and river crossings.

(b) Amphibious landings with related prior and subsequent problems. Such training must temporarily be "dry shod". There are two tasks for which to be prepared :

(i) The landing of the divisional task force in enemy occupied territory in the face of possible opposition.

(ii) The landing of the division in an area already occupied by Allied troops to effect relief in an operational role.

3. POLICY

(a) General

Bn exercises will not be attempted until comds are satisfied that Pl and Coy trg in all respects i.e. Fd Firing, use of supporting arms and comns have been brought to a reasonable standard of efficiency. Particular attention will be paid to patrols, gathering of infm, track discipline and anti-tropical disease discipline and hygiene.

(b) Coy Exercises

(i) Consideration will be given to the Bde Policy of coys moving out on bivouac for a period of days. During these exercises coys will, on establishing night bivouacs, dig in and maintain the normal protective screen of outposts and sentries. Special attention will be paid to night trg.
The employment of pigeons by patrols and adv HQ is to be considered.

(ii) HQ Coy specialists will co-operate in all coy exercises so as to achieve the fullest appreciation of the rifle coys problems.

(iii) Exercises will incorporate as far as practicable methods of attack on heavily defended localities, river crossings and employment of pack tpt - Bde will advise units as soon as animals have been sufficiently trained for this latter purpose

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(c) Fd Firing

(i) Consideration will always be given to the use of supporting arms during fd firing trg. Close fire support will be made a feature of realism introduced paying due regard to reasonable safety precautions.

(ii) Bde will notify bns when supporting or attached units are available for co-operative trg.

(iii) Co-operation with other arms by interchange of offrs will commence on approx 10 Aug 44. Bde will advise the time of ddspatch of offrs from this Bde to be attached 4 Aust Fd Regt and 2 Aust Mtn Bty.

(d) Track Discipline

Special attention will be paid to the following points in respect of track discipline;

Cleanliness of bivouac areas
Cleanliness of L of Cs
Cleanliness of Jeep Heads
Water Discipline

It is emphasised that neglect of these points leaves many indications of strengths and dispositions to the enemy. The hygiene aspect must also be considered as tins, scraps of food, etc., provide breeding grounds for mosquitos, flies and other disease carrying insects.

(e) Battle Drill

Battle drill will be practised in all exercises with special emphasis on the composition, assembling, and when assembled, the dispersion of "R" "O" and "F" gps during the issue of orders

(f) Umpiring

(i) Umpiring will be introduced into exercises whenever possible. Casualties must be inflicted whenever the occasion warrants it, especially where through carelessness or ignorance risks are taken in trg which would not be tolerated in operations. Careful check will be kept at all times of all the infm conveyed to individual soldiers and their intelligence appreciations of the position.

(ii) Attention is drawn to the 'Notes on Umpiring' issued by this Bde.

(g) In Camp Periods

(i) The period spent in camp between these exercises will be devoted to intensive sport, sport which will ensure the maximum number of personnel participating such as;

football
boxing
wrestling
PT
Rough and tumble
Basketball, etc.

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In addition recapitulation of weapon trg, handling of enemy weapons, musketry and TsOET will be constantly checked.

Ceremonial parades, Sand Table exercises will also be included in this period of trg.

(ii) Standard in weapon trg will be further improved with particular stress on rapid shooting, snap and firing from the hip, description of targets and fire control.

(iii) Scout courses will be varied from time to time to prevent tps from becoming familiar with one type of country and target and thus maintain interest, increase initiative and powers of observation.

(iv) Sea and air loading and landing exercises will be practiced as far as circumstances permit. This trg will include, on the AQ side, maintenance and revision of Staff Tables, and the packing and loading of stores (trial moves).

(v) Trg of offrs and senior NCOs will include the use of R/T Code and the procedure and handling of 108 Wireless Sets.

(h) Headquarters Exercises

(i) Bde and Bn HQ will improve comd and staff comns, supporting arms aspect of trg and sup maintenance problems; with this view in TEWTs, both in the field and on sand tables, will be drawn up and conducted throughout this period of trg.

(ii) Bde HQ will be conducting sig exercises without tps in which HQs down to coys will take part.

(i) Administration

Efficiency in adm is essential and will be continually borne in mind. Substitutes for all staff and specialist duties and 2 i/cs will be given every opportunity to fill those vacancies caused by battle casualties or sickness.

(j) Medical

(i) RAP personnel must be trained in all methods of evacuation and the possibility of being suddenly called on to hold patients for a period of days, which will necessitate rapid construction of dressing stations.

(ii) Arrangements are being made with ANGAU for medical personnel to accompany the D.O. on any of his periodical inspections. The purpose being for these personnel to make themselves familiar with the method of handling and treating sick or malingering natives.

(k) Natives

(i) Arrangements are being made for a further number of NCOs to be attached to ANGAU compounds.

(ii) It is suggested that units consider the possibilities of Offrs and NCOs carrying a small parcel of goods with which to trade and pay natives for services rendered. Such items as; tobacco, old razor blades and silver coins are considered valuable by natives.

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(l) Fitness

The high standard of fitness already attained must not be allowed to fall off. This particularly applies to offrs and ORs performing adm and tech duties.

(m) Morale

In view of the probable future roles of the Bde every endeavour must be made to further heighten the morale of the men, and to completely eliminate all possible avenues of boredom.

(n) Periods of Training

The periods suggested in 3 Aust Div Trg Instr 9/44 para 3 (n) will be used as a guide to ensure that the periods of trg have been adequately covered.

4. SYLLABI AND REPORTS

(i) Unit syllabi will be submitted on the Monday prior to the week for which the syllabus has been prepared. The layout will be based on proforma as set out in 3 Aust Div Trg Instr 9/44, para 4 (a).

(ii) Units will submit reports on trg completed since arriving in the WAU AREA. These reports will show time spent on each phase and subject, and standard reached. These reports will reach Bde HQ by 301800K.

Capt
Maj.
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

HoD.

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War Diary

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

by

MAJ A R DRIVER

BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Jul 44

				DUTY OFFICER			DUTY NCO	
71.	Sun	2	Jul	Lt EDWARDS	F G	Sgt	LADNER	N L
	Mon	3	"	Lt BURKETT	K	Sgt	GILL	F
	Tues	4	"	Lt FITZGERALD	A J	Sgt	KENNY	K
	Wed	5	"	Capt HOPTON	L	Sgt	KENNEDY	J
	Thur	6	"	Lt ALEXANDER	C L	Sgt	STANTON	F
	Fri	7	"	Capt FARRAR	G C	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
	Sat	8	"	Lt SMITH	H W	Sgt	SIMPSON	R A
	Sun	8	"	Lt WEBB	R G	Sgt	OWENS	G

72. PERSONNEL EXEMPT FROM 1400 HRS PARADE

Bde HQ NO 67 is amended as follows:-

Offrs Mess - 2 Pers only will attend 1400 hrs parade - to be worked in rotation by Cpl MARTIN.

73. MORNING TEA

Bde HQ NO 64 is amended as follows:-

Morning Tea - 1030 - 1045 hrs.

74. Wearing of Pistols

Pistols will be worn suspended from the ammo pouch on the right hand side of the belt web.

75. GAITERS

Owing to the shortage of supply of American Gaiters, one pair only to each person can be issued at present.
It is desired that American Gaiters be worn during the day and anklets web (Aust) after Retreat.

5. SHAVING

All personnel will be shaven before breakfast parade daily.

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77. PERSONAL ADDRESSES ON LETTERS

Several cases have occurred where personnel have not used the complete or correct address on personal correspondence.
The personal address should be in the following form:-

NX 100000
Pte BLANK A B
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Australia
1 July 44

23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec or 23 Fl S/L Aust Gd Regt will be used where applicable.

78. ABSENCE OF LEAVE - SUSPENSION OF ALLOTMENTS & DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCES

1. Amendments have been made to War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations providing for the shortening of the period upon the expiration of which a member's allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended in the event of his absence without leave. These amendments have effect on and from 1st June, 1944.

2. Where a member has been declared an illegal absentee, the District Finance Officer will, under the regulations as now amended, take the action outlined in paras 3 and 4 of this order.

3. Where no dependants allowance is payable in respect of the member's allotment, the District Finance Officer will suspend payment of the allotment as from the earliest possible date.

4. Where the member has made an allotment in respect of which dependants allowance is payable, the District Finance Officer will at once forward a notice to the member's allottee. This notice will in inform the allottee that the allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended after payment of two more fortnightly instalments, including any instalment which may be payable on the date of the notice.

5. In addition to the forfeiture of all active and deferred pay (including the amount paid as allotment) for the whole period of the member's absence without leave, the total amount of the dependants allowance paid in respect of any day after the date of the notice mentioned in para 4 of this order will be debited to the member and will be recovered from his future pay.

6. Any allotment and related dependants allowance which has been suspended on account of the member's absence without leave will not be reinstated until the District Finance Officer has been advised of the member's apprehension or return to duty.

A Hashmall Capt.
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART I

by

MAJOR R. MELVILLE

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
8 Jul 44

79 INDEX OF FIXTURES

INDEX NCO's

Mon	10 Jul	Capt	O'[illegible]	R	H	Sgt	[illegible]	H
Tues	11 Jul	Capt	POWELL	L	G	Sgt	WILL	H
Wed	12 Jul	Lt	JON S'	R	H	Sgt	[illegible]	H
Thur	13 Jul	Lt	[illegible]	A	G	Sgt	GYLL	H
Fri	14 Jul	Lt	[illegible]	F	G	Sgt	[illegible]	K
Sat	15 Jul	Lt	[illegible]	K	H	Sgt	[illegible]	J S
Sun	16 Jul	Lt	[illegible]	A	J	Sgt	STANTON	P
Mon	17 Jul	Capt	HOPTON	L		S/Sgt	SULLAVEN	P

80 SPEED LIMITS

The following maximum permissable speed limits will apply in this area.

Staff Cars	35 MPH
Jeeps	30 MPH
All other Vehs	20 MPH

81 OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

Sub-Units will be issued with a trace setting out all areas of WAU 1st Sheet which areout of bounds, Such restrictions will be strictly observed

82 INCOME TAX

A member on full time military duty whilst serving outside Australia need NOT lodge an Income Tax Return with the Deputy Commissioner in the State in which the member enlisted, for the year ending 1944. However a return must be lodged by a soldier whose private income earned in Australia exceeds £250

A Leahmond Capt
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

PUNISHMENTS

VX 62419 Pte ANDREWS AA - On 23 Jun whilst being a soldier of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia on War Service committed the following offence - WOAS conduct to the prejudice of Good order and Military discipline, in that he left rubbish in his vehicle on the completion of duty
Fined 10/-

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

HAJ C JONES

A/DM 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
17 Jul 44

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83. DUTY OFFICERS

					DUTY NCO		
Tues	18 Jul	Capt	FARRAR	GC	Sgt	STANLEY	P
Wed	19 Jul	Lt	SMITH	H W	Sgt	THOMPSON	R A
Thur	20 Jul	Capt	O'KEEFFE	E R	Sgt	OWENS	G
Fri	21 Jul	Capt	POWELL	L G	Sgt	WILL	H
Sat	22 Jul	Lt	WEBB	R G	Sgt	LADNER	N
Su	23 Jul	Lt	JONES	R E	Sgt	GILL	P
Mon	24 Jul	Lt	ELLIOTT	A G	Sgt	KENNY	K

84 BDE HQ OUTWARD MAIL

Closing hour Bde HQ outward mail will close at 2100 hrs daily. So as to eliminate delay of mail within the HQ all mail for censoring will be lodged with the Duty Offr before 1930 hrs. Duty officers will ensure that mail has been censored and pass to the Int Section for stamping by 2045 hrs. It is the responsibility of the Int Sec to lodge all mail at Bde Post Office prior to closing time.

85 TELEGRAMS LODGED BY ARMY PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD. DATES OF LODGEMENT

1. Cases have occurred inwhich telegrams lodged by personnel in New Guinea have reached Mainland at dates subequent to Army advices to next of kin of the death in action of the soldier concerned.The occurrences have been the cause of great distress of mind, recipients of the delayed messages being given misplaced hopes that in the circumstances the casualty telegram is in error.

2. To make clear to recipients the actual date of origin of telegrams from soldiers in New Guinea it has accordingly been decided that the date e.g."30th June" be inserted after the signature in telegrams lodged by personnel. The date detail will be regarded as chargeable additions and thus be taken into account in assessing amounts to be collected from senders.

3. This instruction applies only in the New Guinea Area, including MERAUKE.

86. ATEBRIN

As from and incl 16 Jul all ranks will take one atebrin tablet daily for seven days perweek.

87. HOSPITAL VISITING HOURS - 17 AUST FD AMB

Personnel may visit patients at 17 Aust Fd Amb during the hours only:-

WEEK DAYS	1930 - 2100 hrs
SUNDAYS	1400 - 1600 hrs

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88 GOC PARADE - 11 JUL 44

" Dear Brigadier,

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the very good performance of Your Brigade Group at yesterday's inspection.

The turnout was good, and the steadiness& drill and precision in the handling of arms reflect great credit on all concerned.

Will you please convey to all ranks of the units comprising the Brigade Group my sincere congratulations on their showing.

I regret that our association has been so short, but look forward to renewing my association with your Command during active operations in he not too distant future.

All good wishes and the best of luck in the future to you and all those under your command.

Yours Sincerely
ALLAN BOASE".

A Heathwood Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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A/HQ 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
23 July 44

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89 DUTY OFFICERS DUTY NCO

Mon	24	Lt	WEBB	R G	S/Sgt	MULAVEY	P
Tues	25	Lt	SMITH	H W	Sgt	KENNEDY	J
Wed	26	Lt	THOMPSON	W R	Sgt	STANTON	F
Thur	27	Lt	ALEXANDER	C	Sgt	STANLEY	F
Fri	28	Lt	FITZGERALD	A	Sgt	SIMPSON	R
Sat	29	Lt	BURKETT	K R	Sgt	OGDENS	G
Sun	30	Lt	EDWARDS	F G	Sgt	WILL	H
Mon	31	Capt	FARRAR	G C	Sgt	LADNER	H

A Bradwood Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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D 1

SUBJECT:- PATROL REPORTS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
14 Jul 44
G 6547

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn

1. Further to this HQ memo on above subject of 29 Nov 43.

2. As a result of further experience and resultant discussion with Intelligence and other members of units, it is considered necessary to modify previous instructions.

3. Information from recent recce patrols has been well presented and in detail. The following suggestions for improving the presentations of reports, are made -

(a) Part 1 should be a definite and concise answer to the object of the patrol.

e.g. "Track exists as shown on map"
or
Track does NOT exist beyond 456123.

(b) Part 11 should give all the details necessary to justify the statement made in Part 1 plus all additional information likely to be of value. It should not consist of chronological list of events and should not duplicate information contained in the GOING MAP.

(c) A GOING MAP should be appended to and not part of Part 11. It will show track times (in terms of the movement of a company) points of recognition and bearings and other information of value to a party actually on the track.

4. The value of the above method may be made clearer if it is remembered that:-

(a) Part 1 is a definite answer to a question in the mind of the Comd ordering the reconnaissance, which caused him to send the patrol out.

(b) Part 11 is required by the Comd and his staff (or 2 i/c coy or pl) dealing with questions such as:-

(i) Cover from air and ground observation.

(ii) Water points and supply.

(iii) OP's

(iv) Bivouac sites

(v) Supply Dropping Points

(vi) Signalling

(vii) Presence of the other troops (own and ENEMY) in the area etc etc.

and is required for planning operations in the area covered.

(c) The GOING MAP is required for use by any party which may move along the track in future, and will enable them to to decide their march routes and to check their rate of movement and approximate position.

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5. Should, however, the patrol comd feel that information may be more clearly and precisely presented he is at liberty to utilise any other form of presentation.
The ~~guarding~~ guiding principles should be -

(a) Ask first, "what is the object of the patrol" and answer it accordingly.

(b) Be concise.

(c) Ensure all useful information is included but ensure first that it is useful.

(d) Don't duplicate.

6. Ref para 4 sub para (b) sub-sub para (vii) it has been noticed that reports, otherwise excellent have been submitted without any reference to the presence of other troops on the track. The presence of signs indicating the use of the track or its vicinity is a useful lesson in deduction, and is of much value. The immediate reporting of papers, footmarks, cigs tins, fires etc must be inculcated. The presence of natives should also be reported. Appx "A" is attached as an example of an actual report giving indications of the presence of troops.

7. It is realised that in active ops it may not always be practicable to send in full reports immediately, a brief GOING MAP quickly sketched by the patrol comd and sent back by runner will suffice to give interim information. Appx B may serve as an illustration of such a brief report.

8. The value of track silhouette as a means of conveying track information should not be overlooked. Appx "C" is an actual example of information presented in this form.

9. Conciseness of reports assists in consolidation and collation at this HQ and distribution to flanking Bdes and Higher Formations.

10. Standard for expressing marching time, will be marching time (excluding halts) for one company strength NOT moving tactically.

Maj;
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix "A"

GENERAL Para from PART 11 of a recent patrol report.

Approximately 2 minutes after leaving start point party of 10 men was observed heading up SANDY CREEK, from information gathered by troops in our vicinity it was a food party moving to the GAP for - Coy - Bn. Food trains for - Bn stationed at BLACK CAT HIL were met at map refs -------,--------,-------, each party consisted of approximately 15 OR's. Ten minutes after leaving map ref------- footprints were noticed going in a southerly direction. It was deducted by size of prints, number and proximity of each other that party consisted of four men. At approximately map ref------four lolly papers were strewn on the track, these papers were dry and as rain had fallen 2 hours previously it was deducted that four troops were moving ahead of our patrol. At intervals along track were cigarette butts also dry. Fires with 2 only 2 men billies were found at map ref------- and ------- the ashes were not hot, but showed no signs of rain having fallen on them.

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APPX "B"

GOING MAP

ROUTE TAKEN BY PATROL – PL – COY – BN

Reg Map – 1in to 1mile.

ENEMY INFM

Map Ref .....
10 Enemy Ambushed
6 Killed } 8 LMG's
4 Prisoners } 8 Rifles
Prisoners and Documents sent to BN HQ
Parcel No's 7, 8, 9.
OWN CASUALTIES
1 Killed (Buried Map Ref .....)
3 Wounded (walking.)

Map Ref .....
3 Enemy surprised but escaped leaving capt and papers.
Capt and papers sent to BN HQ
Parcel No's 4, 5, 6.

FP Map Ref .....
Finish Time

SIM VILLAGE

HEAVY JUNGLE

30 mins 1 HR

KUNAI and SECONDARY GROWTH

7 HRS 10 mins

MP

RIVER

Rock bottom
Swift flowing
20' w 3'0

45 mins

10 hrs

To SUPE

SP Map Ref .....
Start Time

TOPO INFM

GRADIENT 1·3

GRADIENT 1·2.

Level Country suitable for Supply Dropping Point

Track to SUPE well defined
Sign Erected

To SUPE →

at track junction

TOTAL MARCHING TIME :-

GENERAL COMMENTS

LT
OC – PL – COY – BN.

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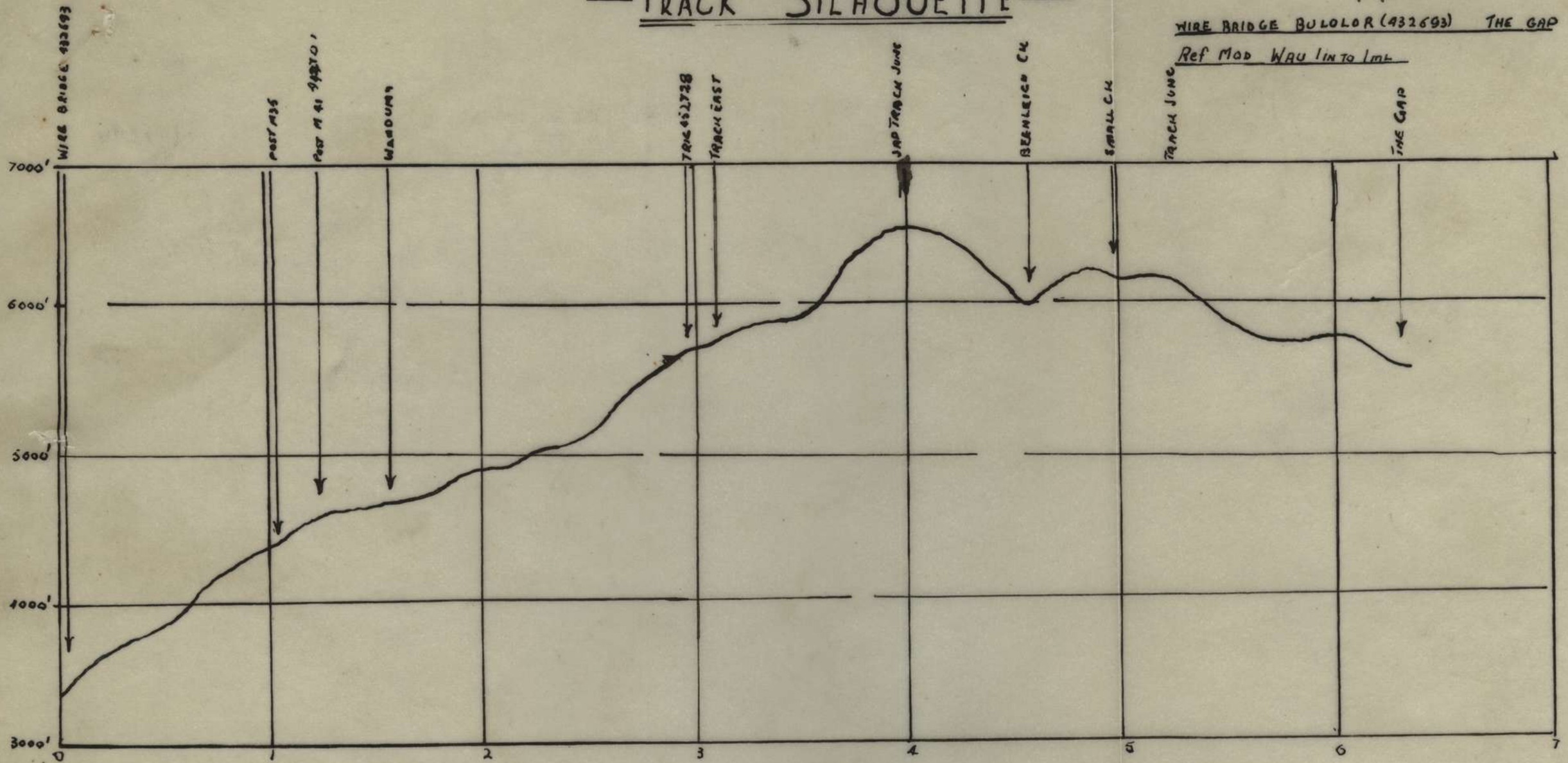
TRACK SILHOUETTE

APPX "C"

WIRE BRIDGE BULOLO R (432693) THE GAP

Ref MAP WAU 1 IN TO 1 ML



HOURS

TIMES INCL REST PERIODS BUT NOT MEAL PERIODS

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E1

SECRET
Copy No 2
29 Jul 44
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Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HRS 28 JUL 44

HQ 3 AUST DIV(AIF)

Ref Maps: WAU 1 inch to 1 mile. LAE 1 : 25000

1. Herewith 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement No 1.

2. ACK.

A W Potts BRIG
Comd 23 AUST INF BDE.

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SECRET.

23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT No1 AS AT 2359 HRS 28 JUL 44

Ref Maps:- WAU 1inch to 1mile - LAE 1 : 25000

SERIAL	UNIT	REF MAP LOCATION		REMARKS
1	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	WAU	380725	
2	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WAU	379726	
3	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	WAU	377726	
4	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	LAE	675432	Under comd LAE BASE SUB AREA for local Admin
5	27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU	378738	
6	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WAU	380727	
7	2/108 Aust LAD	WAU	376732	
8	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	WAU	380725	

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War Diary (2) 1

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
10 Jul 44
G 6518

BDE PARADE - 11 JUL 44
INSPECTION BY GOC 11 AUST DIV

1. GOC 11 Aust Div will review 23 Aust Inf Bde and Div Tps on WAU aerodrome 1400 hrs 11 Jul 44.

2. DRESS

Dress will be drill order shirts, slacks J.G. anklets web (Aust Patt) Hats turned up, chinstraps.

LMGs will NOT be carried.

OSMGs will be carried on left hip, sling over right shoulde left hand on foregrip, and will remain in this position throughout parade.

3. Timings of rifle movements will be as laid down for 23 Aust Inf Bde ceremonial parades.

4. ASSEMBLY AREA

Assembly area as shown on trace issued separately.

5. PARADE COMMANDER

CO 27 Aust Inf Bn will be Parade Comd until arrival of Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

6. DISPOSITIONS

Adjts and RSMs meet on aerodrome 1430 hrs Mon 10 Jul 44. Bandmasters and Drum-majors will also attend.

7. ORDERS

Procedure for all orders will be as follows:-

Parade Comd will give a general order i.e. Parade will come to attention and slope arms; at which all unit comds will bring units to attention and give the cautionary word "Slope". Drum-major 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will then provide the executive order by a conducted beat of drums.

8. PARADE

The parade will be drawn up in close column in following order from Right to Left -

23 Aust Inf Bde HQ	
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
27 Aust Inf Bn	
17 Aust Fd Amb	
109 Aust Bde Wksp)	
109 Aust Ord Fd Pk)	Comd Maj W S GRIMSHAW
2/108 Aust LAD)	
40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl)	
244 Aust Sup Dep Pl)	Comd Capt J J O'DONNELL
14 Aust Ind Bde Pro Pl)	

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9. TIME TABLES

(i) 1230 Pie states to SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) 1300 RSM and Coy markers report to Bde LO, Lt H W SMITH

(iii) 1310 Markers posted.
Units in assembly area.

(iv) 1320 Advance - 7 Aust Inf Bn bugler on instr Bde LO.
1325

(v) Unit comds report Bde Comd.

(vi) 1340 Arrival of Bde Comd.
General Salute - 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) band.
Bde Comd assumes comd.

(vii) 1400 Arrival of GOC
General Salute - 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) band
March past in column of route.
7 Aust Inf Bn band to play for Bde HQ and 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
27 Aust Inf Bn band to play for remainder of parade.

10. SEQUENCE OF ORDERS

Attention	-	Arrival of Bde Comd
Slope Arms		
General Salute		
Slope Arms		
Order Arms		
Stand at Ease		
Attention	-	Arrival of GOC
Slope Arms		
General Salute		
Slope Arms		
Order Arms		
Stand at Ease		
Inspection by GOC		
General Salute		
March Past.		

11. After passing saluting base, units revert to unit comd and return to unit lines.
Unit Comds fall out on passing saluting base and report to saluting base where they will remain during march past, thence moving to attend.afternoon tea at Bde HQ at approx 1545 hrs and meet GOC.

a Heathwood Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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F2

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters

11 Aust Div
12 Jul 44

Dear Brigadier,

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the very good performance of your Brigade Group at yesterday's inspection.

The turnout was good, and the steadiness, drill and precision in the handling of arms reflect great credit on all concerned.

Will you please convey to all ranks of the units comprising the Brigade Group my sincere congratulations on their showing.

I regret that our association has been so short, but look forward to renewing my association with your command during active operations in the not too distant future.

All good wishes and the best of luck in the future to you and all those under your Command.

Yours Sincerely.

Sgd. Allan BOASE

Brig A W Potts DSO, MC.
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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War Diary F3

Subject: TRACK INFORMATION - REF MAP WAU 1" to 1 mile

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
- Jul 44

11 AUST DIV
6 AUST INF BDE

1. Herewith consolidated report on routes covered by patrols of 23 Aust Inf Bde to 1 Jul 44.

2. Attached is an overlay trace showing routes taken, times for movement on Pl basis, and vegetation information.

3. Tracks as shown on WAU 1" to 1 mile covered by patrols do exist and have been re opened by patrols.

4. Routes taken where no tracks exist can only be classed as indistinct as small patrols only moved along these routes.

(sgd) A W POTTS Brig
COMD 23 AUST INF BDE

(enc)

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OVERLAY SHOWING ROUTES RECCED BY UNITS OF 23 AUST INF BDE

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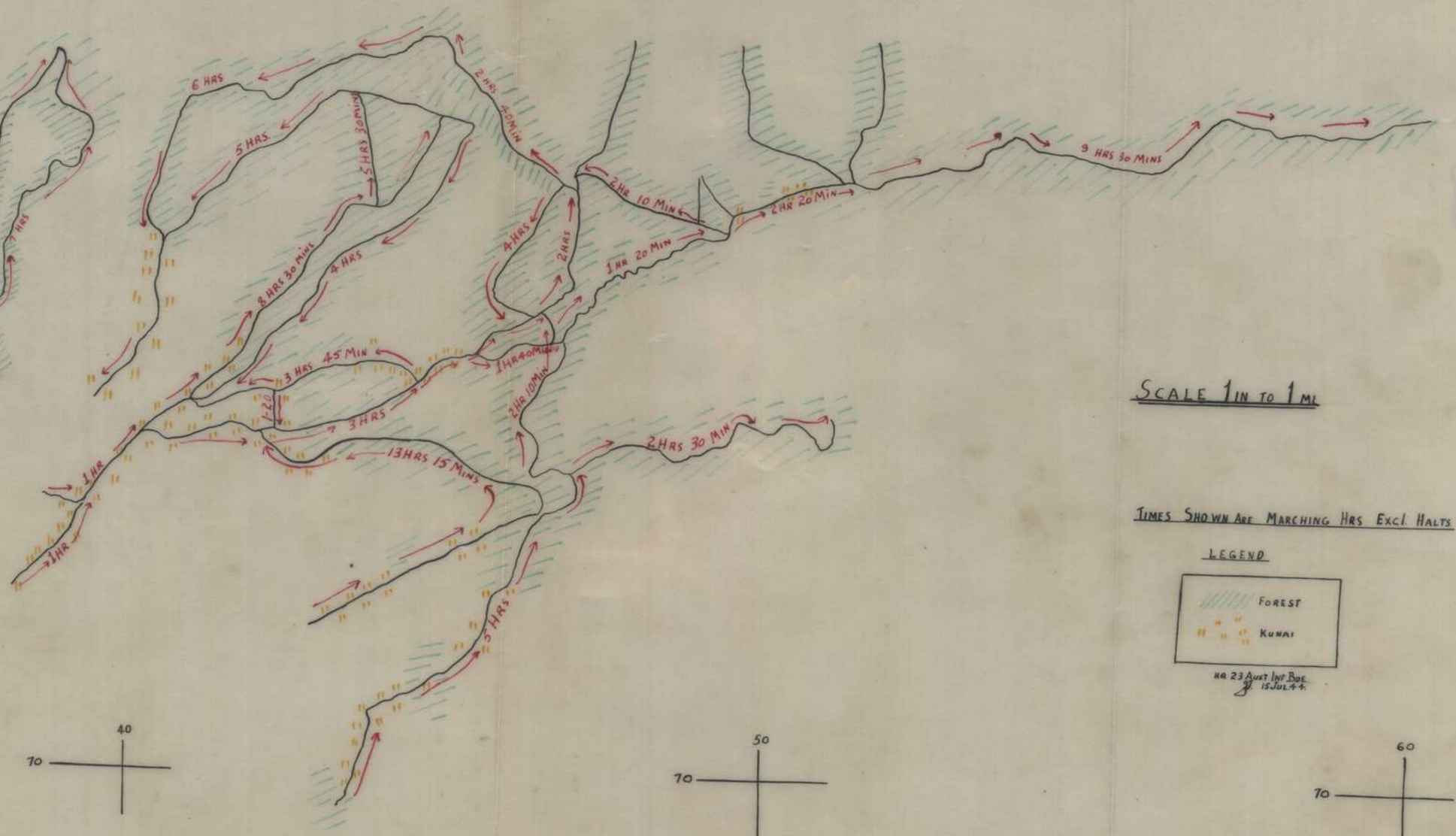

SCALE 1 IN TO 1 ML

TIMES SHOWN ARE MARCHING HRS EXCL HALTS

LEGEND

FOREST

KUNAI

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE
15 JUL 44

60
70

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F 4

SUBJECT:-

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
17 Jul 44

HQ 6 AUST DIV (AIF)
6 AUST INF BDE

Ref Maps : WAU, BULOLO EAST, MAPIT EAST
1 inch to 1 mile series

1. Herewith consolidation report on routes covered by patrols of 23 Aust Inf Bde units to 10 Jul 44.

2. Attached are overlay traces showing routes, times for movement on Pl basis and vegetation information.

3. Tracks as shown on existing maps covered by patrols do exist and have been recognised by patrols.

4. Routes taken where no tracks exist can only be classed as indifferent as small patrols only moved along these routes.

(ae)

A W Potts Brig.
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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OVERLAY

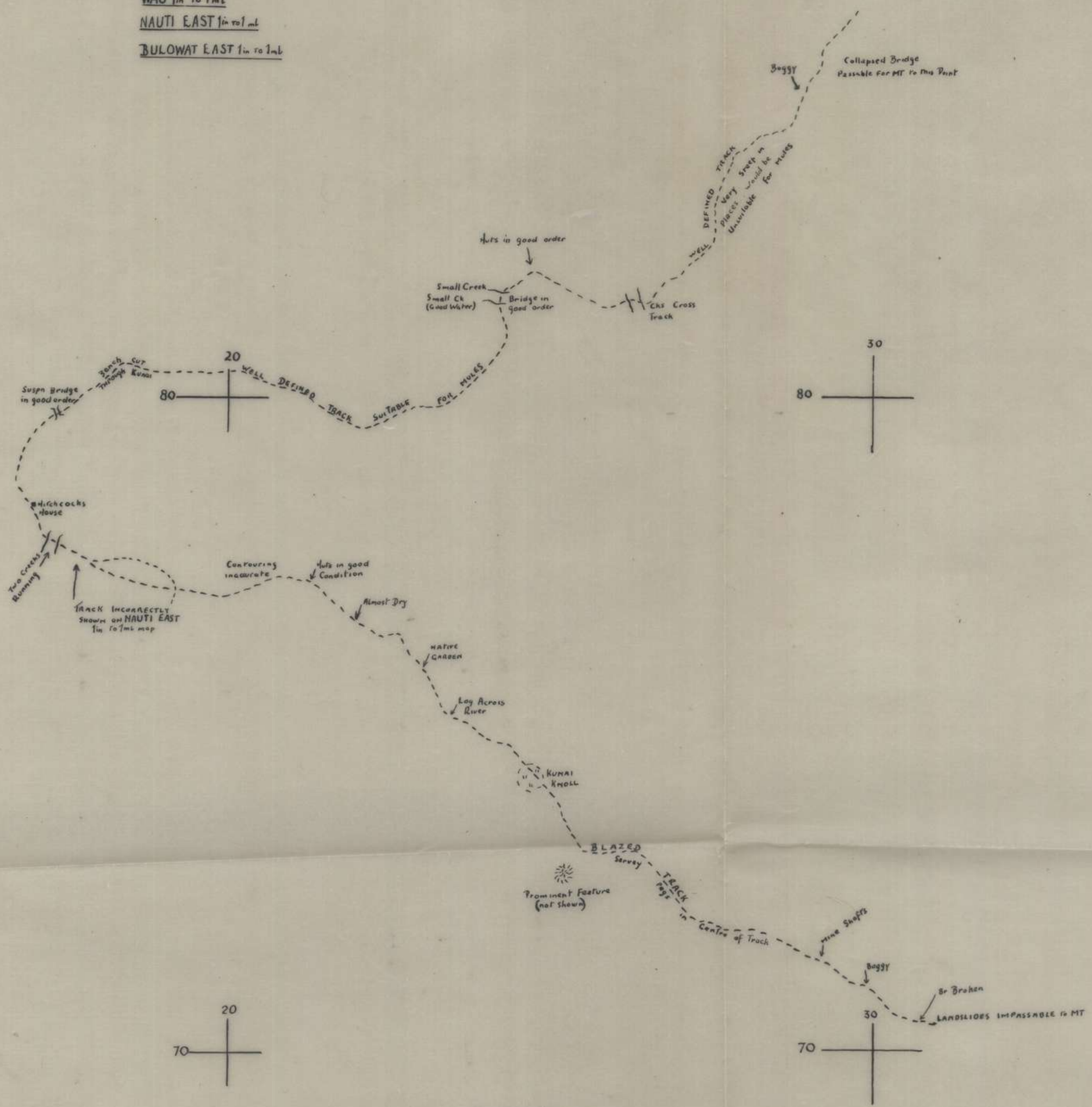
SHOWING TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF TRACK

REF MAPS

WAU 1in to 1mL

NAUTI EAST 1in to 1mL

BULOWAT EAST 1in to 1mL



SCALE 1IN TO 1ML

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE
DEP 15 JUL 44

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OVERLAY TRACE

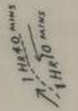
ROUTES OF PATROLS

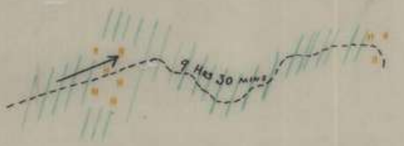
REF MAPS:-

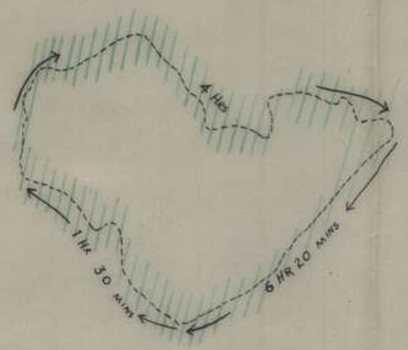
WAU 1" — 1 ML

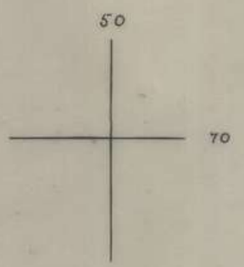
NAUTI EAST 1" — 1 ML

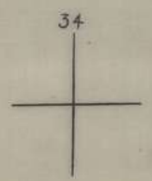
BULOWVAT EAST 1" — 1 ML











LEGEND

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KUNAI

H.Q. 23 AUST INF BDE

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Appendix

F5

Subject: RECCE REPORT

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Jul 44

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn

1. Herewith Recce Report of track WAU - SALAMAUA - LAEU as carried out by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Maj
A/BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

(enc)

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War Diary

CONFIDENTIAL

RECCE REPORT

REPORT ON TRACK WAU - SALAMAUA - LABU by Pte L J MOONEY
carried out 26 Jun - 3 Jul 44

Ref Maps WAU 3518 1 inch to 1 mile MUBO 3538 1 : 25000
KOMIATUM 3539 1 : 25000, SALAMAUA 3560 1 : 25000
2022 HUON GULF SPECIAL 4 miles - 1 inch

Weather Fine

Patrol by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Patrol Strength Lt-col BERRY (Comd 8 Aust Inf Bn) Capt O'KEEFFE (IO) Pte L J MOONEY ("I" Sec) 1 Batman
9 native carriers

Nature of Patrol Recce

Time Out HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 0820 hrs 26 Jun 44

Time In LABU No 1 1300 hrs 3 Jul 44

Object of Patrol Recce of BLACK CAT TRACK from WAU to MUBO thence along LINK track to SALAMAUA and LABU.

Route Out BULOLO RIVER crossing 402753 along BLACK CAT TRACK

Load Carried 38 lbs by ORs, and 40 lbs by natives

PART 1

Track well defined to 679827, 7 Aust Inf Bn having had patrols on same route 1 day before. From here on track is very well defined being used by natives living in area. From SALAMAUA to LABU track is flat and good walking, sig wires follow track throughout the whole journey.

PART 11

1. TRACKS

Easy to follow on foot, side tracks to native villages are confusing unless maps are followed carefully. Well benched, fair surface, in flat swampy country corduroy in fair condition is used. See Appx "B" overlay traces of route followed.

2. VEGETATION

(a) Thick undergrowth throughout as far as KOMIATUM 706926 where track leads on to Kunai ridges until OSBORNE CK 708965 is reached. Vegetation very thick much bamboo and swamp growth from here to mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER.

(b) SALAMAUA to LABU is of coastal type and not thick, many coconut plantations between SALAMAUA and BUSAM 680092 with occasional mangrove from here to LABU.

3. WATER

Presents no problem most perennials indicated on maps are flowing streams.

4. GRADIENTS

Vary considerably, first three days marching until MUBO was reached consisted of climbs up and down grades frequently 1 in 2 and 1 in 3. MUBO to SALAMAUA

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a gentle steady down grade. SALAMAUA to LABU flat.

5. OPS

Many good OPs where BITOI RIVER is followed and where open ridges are encountered in KOMIATUM area

6. DROPPING GROUNDS AND GROUND TO AIR SIGS

Such places as Kunai patches and clearings indicated on map are suitable.

7. NATIVES

Villages indicated on the maps are deserted except along coast where several large settlements are situated. One small village (three hut, ten females, six children, no males) was found at map ref 635808. Several small groups of natives seen making towards KOMIATUM from direction FRANCISCO RIVER. Large native compound at SALAMAUA.

8. FRUITS

A few paw-paw and native vegetables at WAIPALI 650812 and plentiful supply of cocoanuts SALAMAUA - BUSAM belonging to local natives.

9. NATIVE CARRIERS

(a) Worked well, do best taking own time and making up own loads. Started with YUKON packs but discarded same after first half day and carried the loads to suit themselves having alot of personal gear, rations, blankets etc. WANGAU had advised that YUKON packs would probably be acceptable to natives but this proved incorrect.

(b) Carriers suffered from old sores and fresh scratches which festered quickly and had to be attended to at least twice a day.

10. PRESENCE OF TROOPS

(a) Patrols of 7 Aust Inf Bn were encountered on BLACK CAT TRACK as far as map ref 679827, C Coy HQ of 7 Aust Inf Bn extablished at THE GAP 468772 with a Pl HQ at FRAZER'S MINE 513794.

(b) 2 Aust Marine Food Sup Depot. 17 Aust Graves Regn Unit, and det of RAAF are situated at SALAMAUA, several army sig stations (about 6 pers per station) were encountered between SALAMAUA and LABU.

(c) Contacted Lt WEBB (LO) and batman at MUBO 1200 hrs 29 Jun 44, who had moved from WAU via SKINDEWAI.

11. RATIONS

Attached Appx "A" full list of all rations carried and division of same to packs for native carriers.

12. PESTS

Mosquitoes and sand flies were prevalent along coast.

13. TIMES INCLUDING REST PERIODS

DAY 1	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	-	FRAZER's MINE 513794	7 hrs	30 mins
" 2	FRAZER's MINE	*	586803 region HOUSE COPPER	7 hrs	20 mins
" 3	586803	-	BITOI RIVER 656816	7 hrs	40 mins
" 4	656816	-	BUI EO CK 698896	5 hrs	45 mins
" 5	698896	-	SALAMAUA	5 hrs	15 mins
" 6	REST	-	SALAMAUA		
" 7	SALAMAUA	-	BUANG RIVER mouth	6 hrs	40 mins
" 8	BUANG RIVER	-	LABU NO 1	4 hrs	
			TOTAL	44 hrs	10 mins

NOTE * Times do not include camp and meal halts but do include halts which were taken at 10 mins to the hour and in addition 5 mins to half hour during climbs

Jas Mooney Lt
H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
17 Jul 44

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Appendix "A"

RATIONS AND LOADS CARRIED

Loads 1 - 4 each of four meals e.g.

Load 1 (4 meals)

LUNCH	1 M & V	2 biscuit
TEA	2 Meat Pres	3 biscuit
BREAKFAST	1 Bacon	2 biscuit
LUNCH	1 Meat Pres	2 biscuit

Weight of rations plus Yukon pack and bag approx 20½ lbs
Balance of load 20 lbs made up by blanket and pers gear of carrier

Load 5 Opened at each meal halt contained:-

RAP KIT	
Tea	2 ozs
Wheatmeal	1 lb 8 ozs
Tropical spread	2 tins
Dried Fruit	1 lb
Milk	2 tins
Dehyd onion	2 ozs
Curry powder	1 oz
Salt	1 lb
Rice	1 lb Total weight 20 lbs

Load 6	1 pack	15 lbs
	1 blanket	5 lbs
Load 7	1 pack	28 lbs
Load 8	3 blankets	15 lbs

Each carrier carried 20 lbs personal gear, ninth boy (boss boy) carried own gear only.

Two OR's carried packs 38 lbs incl ration for two meals so avoiding delays at meal halts where carriers had fallen behind.

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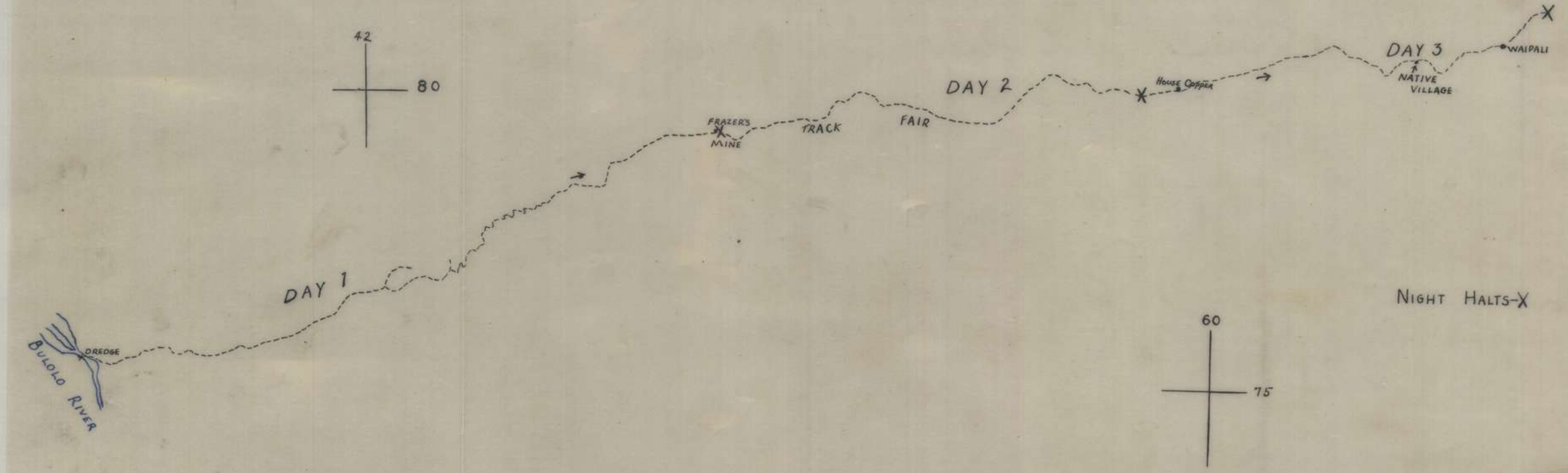
APPX "B"

SHEET 1

OVERLAY ~ WAU 1 IN : 1 ML.



NIGHT HALTS-X

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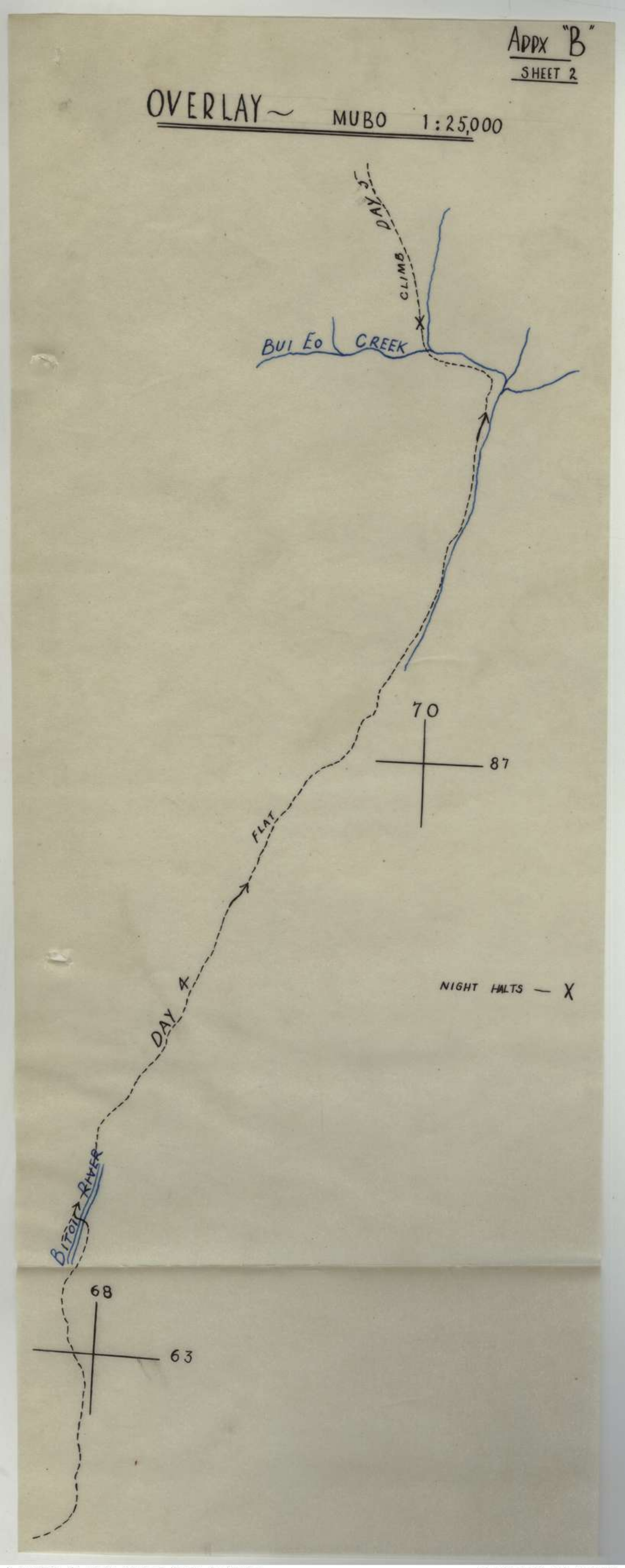
APPX "B"
SHEET 2

OVERLAY ~ MUBO 1:25,000



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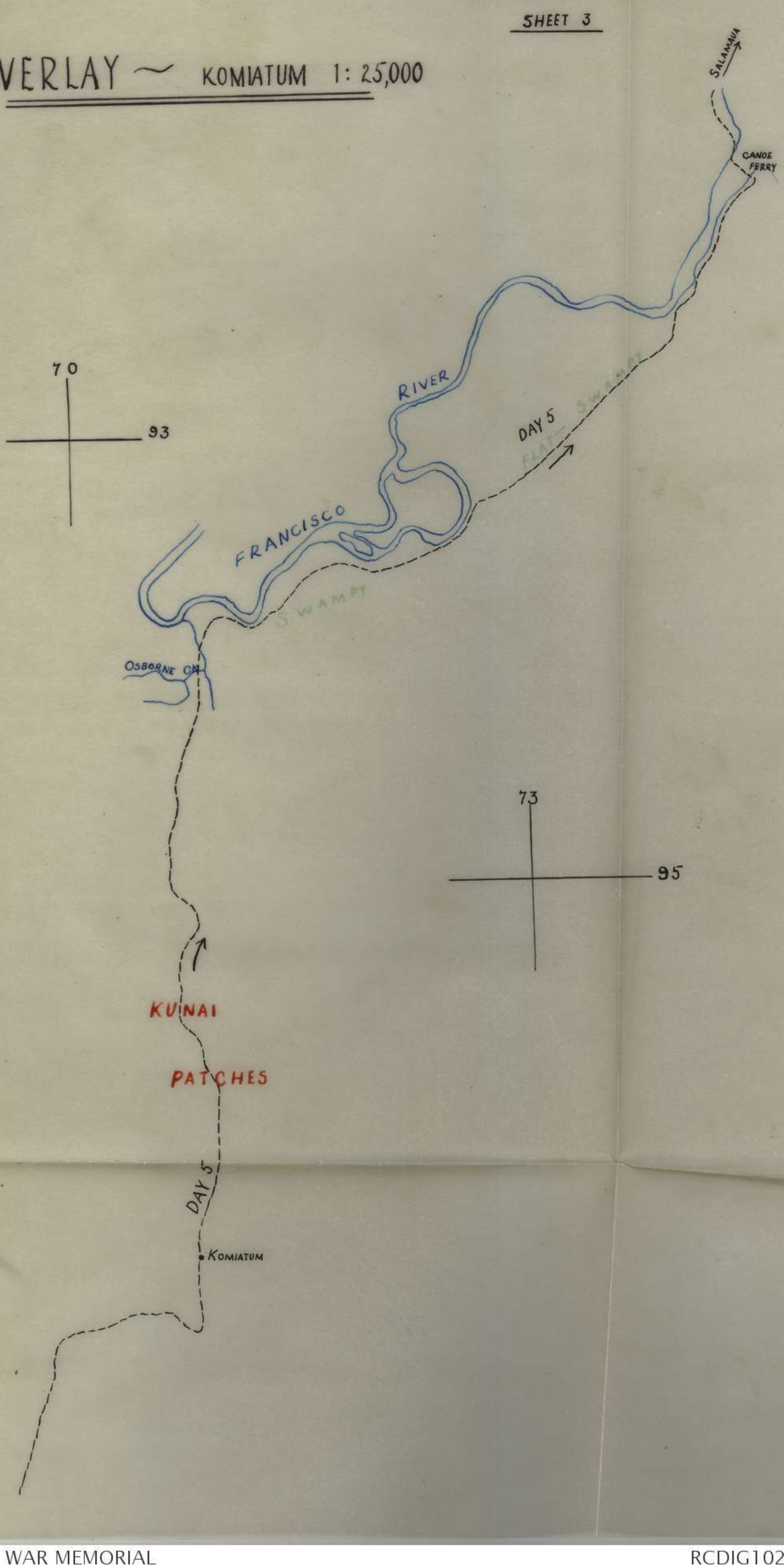
APPX "B"

SHEET 3

OVERLAY ~ KOMIATUM 1: 25,000



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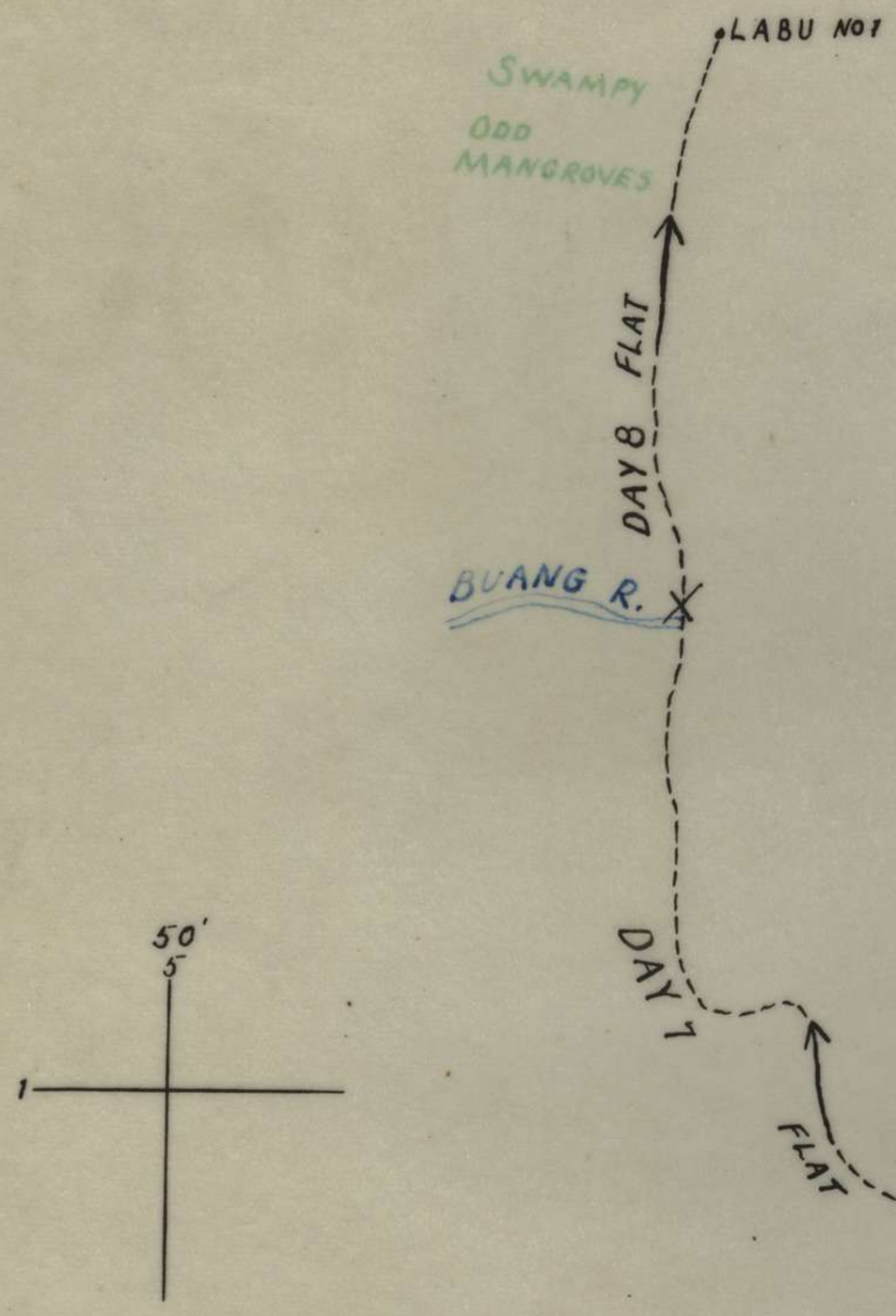
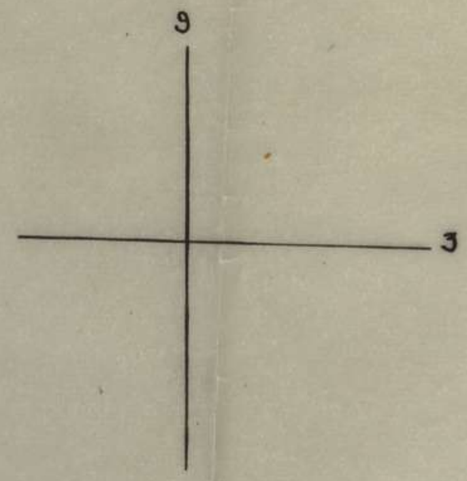
OVERLAY — HUON GULF SPECIAL 4 mls - 1 in.

APPX "B"

SHEET 4





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Subject: UNATTENDED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS

HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)
21 Jul 44
G25/101

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 23 Aust Inf Bde G6622 of 20 Jul 44.

1. The action of 23 Aust Inf Bde in this connection is appreciated.

2. It is requested that documents found be forwarded to this HQ.

3. CRE 3 Aust Div will take possession of engineer's stores in the area.

4. Action from security angle will be referred to higher authority.

(sgd) CARTLEDGE Capt for
Col
GS 3 Aust Div

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Subjeft: UNATTENDED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS
Ref Map WAU 1" to 1 mile

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
20 Jul 44
G6622

HQ 3 AUST DIV (AIF)

1. From information received by this HQ an investigation was carried out at 1120 hrs 14 Jul 44 in an apparently abandoned camp area at Map Ref 371722.

2. Unit sign indicates that 2/1 Aust Railway Construction Coy were recent apparently occupants of the area.

3. Four huts exist in area and documents and stores in these are apparently unattended.

4. Attached as Appx "A" is sketch of camp area.

5. Details of stores etc found in huts is as follows:-

No 1 HUT (used as orderly room)

WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES:-

(a) HQ INF BDE NORMAL AND TROPICAL SCALE
AAF E2 - 22 Copies 208,209,210

(b) A Light A/A Regt RAA Sib Sec Aust Corps of Sigs
AAF E2 - 158 Copies 79,84

(c) A light A/A Bty RAA AIRBORNE
AAF E2 - 28 G Copy No 130

(d) DIVISIONAL SIGNALS TROPICAL SCALE
AAF E2 - 143 A Copies 43, 58

AMENDMENTS TO WET:-

(a)	E2 - 24 B	Amendment	No 2	2 Copies
(b)	E2 - 23 T	"	No 1	8 "
(c)	E2 - 23 T	"	No 2	9 "
(d)	E2 - 23 T	"	No 3	8 "
(e)	E2 - 23 T	"	No 4	8 "
(f)	E2 - 55	"	No 2	5 "
(g)	E2 - 55	"	No 3	5 "
(h)	E2 - 82	"	No 2	2 "
(i)	E2 - 100 J	"	No 2	2 "
(j)	E2 - 132	"	No 2	5 "
(k)	E2 - 145 C	"	No 3	2 "
(l)	E2 - 500	"	No 1	2 "
(m)	E2 - 500	Supplement No 1 Amd No 2		2 Copies
(n)	E2 - 500	" No 1 "	No 3	2 "

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One case containing approx 25 lbs gelignite sticks and two coils of fuze.

HUT N o 2 and 3 are open huts and have in them vices and general engineer equipment.

HUT No 4 is largest hut and is completely closed in, with large swing doors at one end, these being held closed by wire. Has been used as a Wksp and contains drills, vices and general engineer stores.

6 Inreference to War Equipment Tables, these have been taken into custody by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

(sgd) A W POTTS Brig
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

(enc)

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WD

F 7.

Subject:- TRACK INFORMATION

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
29 Jul, 44
I 2006

3 AUST DIV (AIF)
6 AUST INF BDE

Ref Maps : WAU, BULOWAT EAST, NAUTI EAST, MT MISSIM, MADZAB WAIMB 1 inch to 1 mile series

1. Herewith consolidated report on routes covered by patrols of 23 Aust Inf Bde units to 25 JUL 44

2. Attached is overlay trace showing routes, times for movement on Fl basis and vegetation information.

3. Tracks as shown on existing maps covered by patrols do exist and have been reopened by patrols.

4. Routes taken where no tracks exist can only be classed as indistinct as small patrols only moved along these routes.

(enc)

A W Potts Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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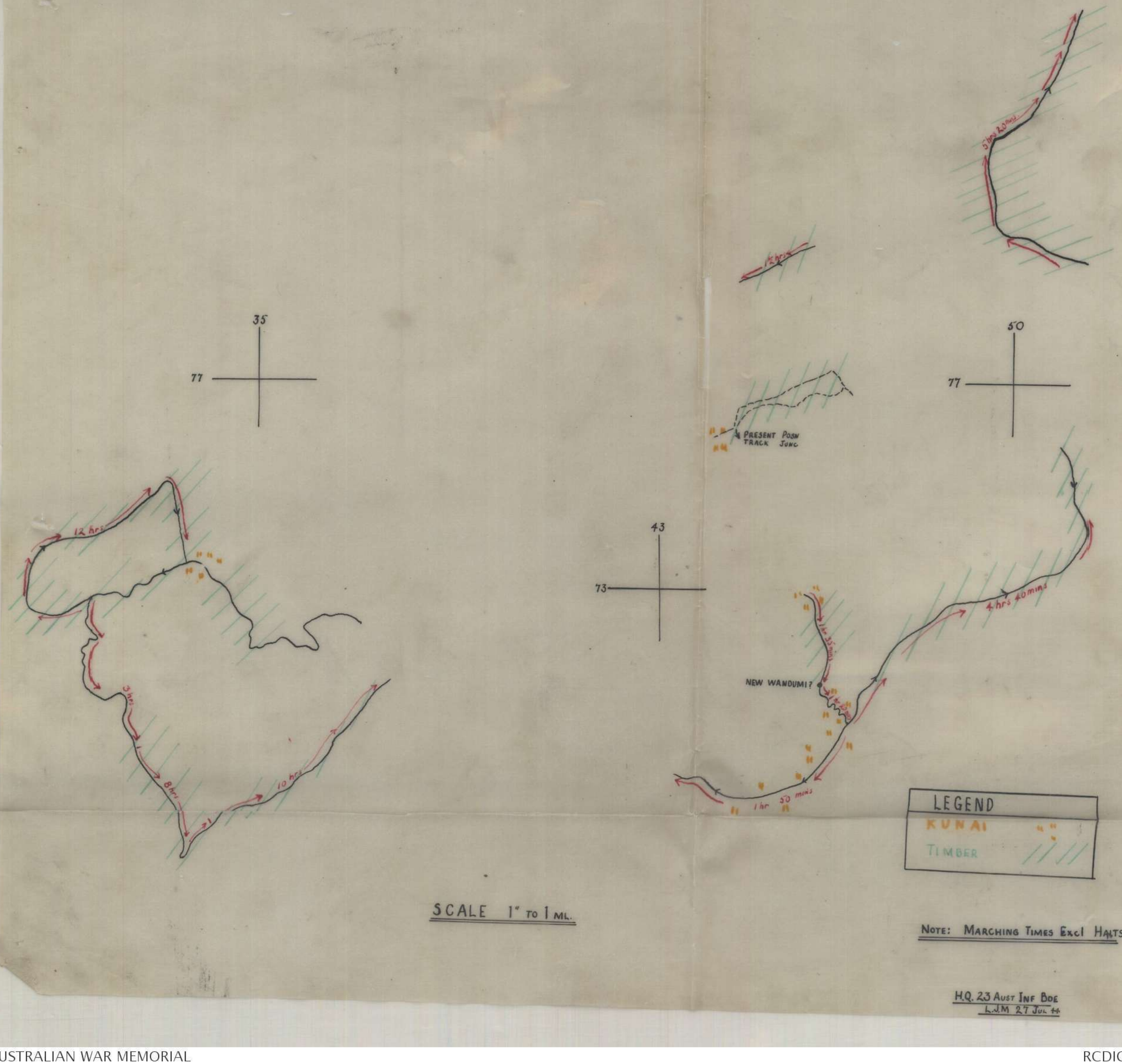
OVERLAY SHOWING ROUTES RECCED BY UNITS OF 23 AUST INF BDE

REF MAPS WAU 1 in to 1 ml MT MISSIM 1 in to 1 ml & NAUTI EAST 1 in to 1 ml



SCALE 1" TO 1 ML.

NOTE: MARCHING TIMES EXCL HALTS

H.Q. 23 AUST INF BDE
L.J.M 27 JUL 44

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War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ORDER OF THE DAY

By

GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY,

G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Headquarters,
Australian Military Forces.
15th July, 1944.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the constitution of the Volunteer Defence Corps, Australia's ''Home Guard'', I desire to place on record my continued pleasure at the manner in which all ranks of the Corps have carried out the duties entrusted to them.

Happily, the course of the war in the Pacific has proceeded in such a way that the need has not arisen for the Corps to put to the test in action the training which it has received. It is a matter for general satisfaction that the war situation has so far improved that it was possible recently to place two-thirds of the units on a reserve basis. This considerably reduces training and releases members from the necessity of attending so frequently at parades, thus enabling the organization to be kept intact to meet any future emergencies which may occur.

I have recently had the opportunity of observing on the spot the manner in which the Home Guard in England is carrying out the important role allotted in conjunction with the present operations in France. It must be obvious to all that the capacity of that splendid body to safely guard the Home Country has contributed materially to the powerful blow the field forces have made against the enemy.

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I have no doubt that had similar circumstances arisen in Australia the Volunteer Defence Corps could have been relied upon in equal measure.

The manner in which members in reserve units have signified their intention of continuing to carry out the modified training is a source of gratification to all who are charged with the responsibility for the defence of this country. This indicates the magnificent spirit which brought the Volunteer Defence Corps into existence and will continue while the need for it exists.

To those units which are still charged with the active task of manning anti-aircraft, coast artillery and searchlight equipments, my special message is that you strive to increase the efficiency which you have already attained to the point where all ''A'' Class members of the A.M.F., who have manned these equipments during past years, can be released for duty in the forward areas. This is not beyond you. The work you have already done has resulted in the replacement of more than six thousand men and their absorption by units in the forward areas--a material factor in our present difficult man power situation.

I rely with confidence on the fact that all ranks of the Volunteer Defence Corps will continue, in spite of the urgent calls made on their time and leisure by their primary jobs in civil industry and all personal difficulties, to ensure that our fortress defences are adequately manned until the war in the Pacific is won--which is not yet.

Ea Blamey

General,
Commander-in-Chief,
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 7 /1944. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	1		1	Majors					
10	2		8	Captains					
6		3	9	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	3	3	19						

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 19									19
	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 8/7/194[illegible] (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		
Capt T/Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	"		
Lt	WX 33851	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F C	LO3	"		
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	JMB	AALO	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	W F C	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	VX133296	TOLLEY	W N	PO	"		
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Detached	7	Bn
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F	do	do	8	Bn
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W C S	do	do	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.
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	-
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON R L	do	25/5/44	Acting BM (L)

8 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

A. L. Burkett Capt
Asst Adj & Q Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/7/1944 HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II 2 5/...../..... OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE									
2			2	W.Os. Class I.					
1			1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
5	1	1	1	Staff Sergeants					
9	2	3	6	Sergeants					
40	6	1	5	Corporals					
		10	59	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67	* 5	15	74 *	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	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	70			4				[redacted]	[redacted]		74
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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

Hq 25 Aust Inf Bde (T.S) ..... 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 8 / 7 /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	1	1		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				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Armourer	1	1		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 Int	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erecters			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	-	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AASC:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AAES:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				-				AAAS:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AALC:Clerk	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Non-Tradesmen			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batman	13	13	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Dvrs MT	3	3	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.) AMWI	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	15	15	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3		Water Duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CQMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	6		Coach Trimmers				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors			AASC	:Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks			AAMC	: Med Crd	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies			AADC	: Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals			AAChD	: Batman	3	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.			AALC	: Batman	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					67	70	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T. AMWI	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.			AAPC	:Clerks	-	3	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Batman	-	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	13		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	74 *	*

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

8 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

F Burchett Lt Capt
25 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

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DETAILS OF WO'S AND CO'S

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

TRADE | RANK | WE | PS | DEFICIENT | SURPLUS

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Deficient Regular	Deficient Militia	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (contd.)	W.E.	Deficient Regular	Deficient Militia	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (contd.)	W.E.	Deficient Regular	Deficient Militia	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (contd.)
Ammunition Examiner	1			Surveyor, Engineering								
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyor, R.A.A.								
Armament Artificer Fitter (Instrument)				Surveyor, Topographical								
Armament Artificer Instrument				Surveyor, Topographical								
Armament Artificer Radio				Teamakers								
Armament Artificer Signals	1			Turners								
Armament Artificer Wireless				Watchmakers	1							
Artificer, Artillery				Welders	1							
Artificer, Engine												
Blacksmiths												
Bricklayers												
Carpenters												
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.								
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1							
Dispensers				Axemen								
Draughtsmen	1			Bakers								
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bdr. Comm'n. Asst.								
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers								
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters								
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1							
Electricians				Cooks								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics	1							
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Mor. and Tank)								
Fitters				Driver-Operator	1							
Fitters (Oxy)				Drivers								
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineering)	1							
Fitters (Instrumental)				Fire Control Operators								
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hairdresser								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker								
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners								
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman								
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemen, Signals								
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers								
Medical Orderlies, Nursing Hospital				Mechanics-Motor								
Pipe Layers				Moulders								
Plumbers				Nurses, Trained								
Rope Workers				Observation Post Assts.								
Surveyors				Operators, Signals								
Telegraphers, Wire Plate				Painters								
Telegraphers, Dry Plate				Painters, Mains								
Tinsmiths				Repairers, Equipment								
Tradesmen Mates				Riggers, E.C.								
Turners				Riveters								
Upholsterers				Sailmakers								
Vulcanizers				Shipwrights								
Wheelwrights				Stokers, Mech. Engine								
Wireless Mechanics				Storemen, Technical								
Wireless Operators				Tailors								
Wireless Operators (Air)				Textile Refitters								
Wireless Operators (Ground)				Tinsmiths								
Wireless Operators (Special)				Vulcanizers								
Wireless Operators (Special Duties)				Wagon Drivers								
Wireless Operators (Special Duties) (Air)				Wheelwrights								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD								

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Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

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Trade GP I
AACC Adm Exam
" " C.P.O. Assistants
Int: Draughtsmen Cpl
AMES: Armourers S/Sgt
Trade GP II
AACC Cooks Cpl
IntDuties S/Sgt
" " Sgt
" " Cpl
Trade GP III
Inf Clerks WOII
" " Cpl
AALC " Cpl
AAAC " Sgt
AAES " Sgt
" " Cpl
AASC " Cpl
Non-Tradesmen
Dvrs MT Cpl
Tpt Sgt
Gen Duties Cpl
CSM WOII
CQMS S/Sgt
AAMC
Med Ord Cpl 1 (1 Pte)
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.
AAMC
Clerks S/Sgt 1
Sgt 2

SURPLUS WO'S and CO'S

VX116765	S/Sgt	MULAVEY	P.J.	Adm Exam	26	A2	Remain	Adm Exam
SX 23717	Sgt	KENNEDY	J.S.	Int Sgt	25	A1	Remain	WO II Sgt
VX127783	Cpl	LODGERS	G.J.	AQS Clerk	28	A1	Appt Sgt	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

29 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 7 /1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Bde)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WR				W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	1	1	1	Staff Sergeants					
25	2	3	6	Sergeants					
9	5	1	5	Corporals					
40		12	61	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 *	5	17	76 *	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	75		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		76
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

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

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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 AAOC	1	1		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				Armourer	1	1		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 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	-	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AASC:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AAES:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAAS:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAIC:Clerk	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Non-Tradesmen			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batmen	13	13	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Dvrs MT	3	5	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Duties	3	7	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.) AEME	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Adj Duties	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	15	15	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3		Water Duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CQMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	6		Coach Trimmers				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AASC:Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAMD:Med Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAOC:Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOD:Batman	3	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAIC :Batman	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					67	72	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC: Clerks	-	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T. AEME	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Batman	-	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	15		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	76 *	*

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.

15 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

[signature] Capt
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

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DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

TRADE	RANK	M	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
TRADE GP I						
AAOC Amn Exam	Sgt		1	-	1	
" " 2	S/Sgt		-	1		1
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl		1	1		
AEME Armourer	Sgt		1	1		
Trade GP II						
AAOC Cooks	Cpl		1	-	1	
Int Duties	S/Sgt		1	-	1	
" "	Sgt		-	1		1
" "	Cpl		1	1		
Trade GP III						
Inf Clerks	WOII		1	1		
" "	Cpl		1	1		
AALC "	Cpl		1	-	1	
AAAC "	Sgt		1	1		
AAES "	Sgt		1	-	1	
" "	Cpl		-	1		1
AASC "	Cpl		1	1		
Non-Tradesmen						
Dvrs MT	Cpl		1	-	1	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt		1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl		1	-	1	
CSM	WOII		1	1		
CQMS	S/Sgt		1	1		
AAMC						
Med Ord	Cpl		1	(1 Pte)	1	
AAPC						
Clerks	S/Sgt			1		
"	Sgts			2		

SURPLUS WO'S AND NCO'S

VX116765	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P J	Amn Exam	28	A2	Remain Amn Exam
SX 23717	Sgt	KENNEDY J S	Int Sgt	23	A1	Remain "I" Sgt
VX127783	Cpl	ODGERS G J	AES Clerk	28	A1	Appt Sgt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 7 /194 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E.	Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1				1	Brigadier *					
					*					
					Lieut.-Colonels					
2		1		1	Majors					
10		2		8	Captains					
6			3	9	Lieutenants					
					Quarter-masters					
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19		3	3	19						

	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 19									19
	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 15/7/1944 (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.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BdeComd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	"		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO2	"		
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	IAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON W	F C	BOO	NO	Admitted to 17 Fd Amb	
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	Yes		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	VX133296	TOLLEY	W N	PO	"		
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4h Class		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F		do	do 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON W	C S		do	do 27Bn	

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.
Major	VX136994	JONES C	7 Bn	17/4/44	-
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON R L	do	25/5/44	Acting BM (L)

15 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

A Heathwood Capt
Signature of Commander HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

30 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 7 /1944 . HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2/ 3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1			1	Brigadier*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	1		1	Majors					
10	2		8	Captains					
6		3	9	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	3	3	19						

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 19									19
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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 22 / 7 /1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	"		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	"		
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON W	F C	BOO		No Hospital 17 Fd Amb	
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO		Yes	
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO		"	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO		"	
Lt	VX133296	TOLLEY	W N	PO		"	
Chaplain	NX163553	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F		do	do do 8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON W	C S		do	do do 27 Bn	

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W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 76 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1						
1	1	1	1	Staff Sergeants					
5	2	3	6	Sergeants					
9	5	1	5	Corporals					
49		12	61	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 *	8	17	76 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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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		76						[redacted]	[redacted]		76
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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 22 / 7/1944.

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 AAOC	1	1		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				Armourer	1	1		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 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	-	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AASC:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AAES:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAAS:Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AALC:Clerk	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Non Tradesmen			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batman	13	13	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians	-							Dvrs MT	3	5	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Duties	3	7	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.) AEME	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	15	15	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3		Water Duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CQMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	6		Coach Trimmers				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AASC:Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAMC:Med Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAOC:Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMD:Batm	3	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AALC: Batm	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					67	72	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC:Clerk		3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, AEME	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Batman		1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	15		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	* 76	*

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22 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

A Chatwood Capt
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

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DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
TRADE GP I					
AAOC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	
" " Exam	S/Sgt	-	1		
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		
AEME Armourer	Sgt	1	1		
Trade Gp II					
AAOC Cooks	Cpl	1	-	1	
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-	1	
Int Duties	Sgt	-	1		1
" "	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp III					
Inf Clerks	WOII	1	1		
" "	Cpl	1	1		
AALC "	Cpl	1	-	1	
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1		
AAES "	Sgt	1	-	1	
" "	Cpl	-	1		1
AASC "	Cpl	1	1		
Non Tradesmen					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	
CSM	WOII	1	1		
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC					
Med Ord	Cpl	1	(1-Pte)	1	
AAPC					
Clerks	S/Sgt	1	1		
	Sgts		2		

SURPLUS NCO'S

VX116765	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P J	Amn Exam	28 A2	Remain Amn Exam
SX 23717	Sgt	KENNEDY J S	Int Sgt	23 A1	Transfer to ANGAU
VX127783	Cpl	ODGERS G J	AES Clerk	28 A1	Appt Sgt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 / 4 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 7 /194 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) (TS)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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	1	9	Captains					
		3	9	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	3	4	20						

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	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.	20										20
	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.
[illegible] 231	Capt	HOLTON R L	7 Aust Inf Bde	10/7/4	Seconded on HH (L)

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 29 / 7 /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.
Brig	VX 1574	POTTS	A W	McCord	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	VX 11052	DRIVER	A R	HQ	"		
Capt	NX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A H	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX 2875	O'KEEFFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	IO	"		
Lt	VX 28090	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	"		
Capt	NX 231	HOPTON R	R L	HQ(L)	"		
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	101	"		
Lt	VX 33831	WEBB	B G	102	"		
Lt	NX 25134	EDWARDS	W G	103	"		
Surgeon							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX 33868	LAVAN	J H	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100372	WILSON W	F C	POO	No	Hospital 17 Fd Amb	
Lt	VX 30121	JONES	R E	HQ	Yes		
Lt	NX85797	ELLIOTT	A G	HQ	"		
Lt	VX133596	TOLLEY	V H	RO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Chaplain	NX163553	EKX	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX139670	DILLON	R F			do do 6 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W G S			do do 27 Bn	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

31 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 7 / 1944. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (TS) (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
2	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	1	2	2	Staff Sergeants					
5	2	2	5	Sergeants					
9	5	1	5	Corporals					
49		11	60	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	9	16	74*	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		74						[redacted]	[redacted]		74
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

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

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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 29 / 7 /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	1	1		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				Armourer	2	2		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				Sigawriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	Ent	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		2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)	Ent	2	-	Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	Ent	1	1	Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		4	3	CARRIED FORWARD	13	15		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	74 *	*

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29 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

A Heathcote / Capt
Signature of Commander

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DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
TRADE GP I					
AAOC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	
" " "	S/Sgt	-	1		1
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		
AEME Armourer	Sgt	1	1		
Trade Gp II					
AAOC Cooks	Cpl	1	-	1	
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-	1	
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp III					
Inf Clerks	WOII	1	1		
" "	Cpl	1	1		
AAES 2"	Sgt	1	-	1	
AAES "	Cpl	-	1		1
AAAS	Sgt	1	1		
AALC	Cpl	1	-	1	
AASC	Cpl	1	1		
Non Tradesmen					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1		
CSM	WOII	1	-	1	
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC					
Med Ord	Cpl	1	(1 Pte)	1	
AAPC					
Clerks	S/Sgt		1		
	Sgt		2		

SURPLUS NCO'S

VX116765	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P J	Amn Exam	28	A2	Remain Amn Exam	
VX127783	Cpl	ODGERS	G J	AES Clerk	28	A1	Appt Sgt	

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Signature of Commander .....

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SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	AREA	SUBJECT	DETAIL	REMARKS
9	7 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	WAU	Range 30 yds Attack, Individual Trg	App, Grouping, Snap Sec, Pl & Coy in attack Tk/A, R/T Procedure	Battle Drill
10		27 Aust Inf Bn		As for Serial 6		
11	8 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		As for Serial 9		
12		27 Aust Inf Bn		As for Serial 6		

GENERAL:- 27 Aust Inf Bn - All Coys, Lecture WAU - MUBO - SALAMAUA by Capt STURROCK

All Bns - Half day per Coy Sport
HQ Coys - Specialist Trg and where applicable, in conjunction with Rifle Coy Exercises.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 3 JULY 44

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	AREA	SUBJECT	DETAIL	REMARKS
1	3 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	BLACK CAT MINE WAU	2 Coys completion of Exercise 2 Coys Recapitulation, Weapon Trg.	Live out & Trg Exercise patrolling, briefing patrol, patrol reports, perimeter defence, supply by carrier line TOET, Bren OSMG	WAU 1" to 1 mile Map Ref 488787 Checking points learnt on exercise
2		27 Aust Inf Bn	WAU - BULOLO RIVER AREA	Weapon Trg Fd Craft, Sec Leading	TOET, Rifle, Bren, OSMG, Grenade Formations, use of ground	
3	4 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		As for Serial 1		
4		27 Aust Inf Bn		As for Serial 2 Map Reading	Coordinates, Compass, Protractor	
5	5 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	BLACK CAT MINE WAU	Return to camp Range 30 yds	App, Grouping, Snap	
6		27 Aust Inf Bn	HUTS Map Ref 457799, 440790 WAU	2 Coys Exercise 11 days Remainder of Bn, Fieldcraft, Map Reading	Defence (Bunkers) Attack, Patrols (Recce & Fighting) Ambush, Booby Traps, Map Reading (Sketching) Weapon Trg Use of ground Construction of map	WAU 1" to 1 mile Map Ref To supply carrier lines to maintain Coys on Exercise
7	6 Jul	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	WAU	Range 30 yds Recapitulation, Weapon Trg	App, Grouping, Snap TOET, Bren, Grenade	Checking points learnt on exercise
8		27 Aust Inf Bn		As for Serial 6		

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