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23 Infantry Brigade

August 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit... HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 0100 hrs 1 Aug 44 to 31 Aug 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field WAW . N.G.	1 Aug		<p>Lt SCOTT (SC RA) called to obtain information ref entry to proposed Arty Range area at BULOLO. He was accompanied by Lt FRANK (IO RA) Capts PERCIVAL and McDONALD (GIII Air and IO respectively 3 Aust Div) called to discuss various affairs. Lt Col POPE visited Bde Comd. 1 Air craft was ready for trial loading, Lt col NORRIS attempting to load a jeep, but the job was very difficult. After a few minor alterations were made, the vehicle was satisfactorily loaded. Lt TYNAN (MGO (E) Branch) visited 7 Aust Inf Bn to discuss equipment after a conference with the Comd. Capt EDWARDS OC A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb) called on BM to discuss proposed exercise of one months duration in BLACK CAT MINE Area. Bde Comd, accompanied by the BM (L) visited 28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt at range practice.</p>	
	2 Aug		<p>Capt LORD (BM(L) RA) called on BM en route to LAE. 2 Aircraft arrived in, the weather being satisfactory. Lt PIPER (Adjnt 27 Aust Inf Bn) called. Major PAINE (Senior RC chaplain 3 Aust Div) arrived by a/c and called in enroute to BULOLO.</p>	
	3 Aug		<p>3 aircraft in during the day. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Rugby League team defeated Fd Bakery by 13 to 3. Bde Comd at 3 Aust Div</p>	
	4 Aug		<p>Bde Comd, Chaplain General RILEY, and senior Chaplain HUME MOIR returned to HQ from 3 Aust Div. BM (Maj DRIVER) returned to Bde HQ after attending 1 Aust Corps Staff and Comd Combined Ops Course. In the evening General RILEY, Lt Col HUME-MOIR, Major DRIVER, Lts BURKETT and EDWARDS SC(L) and LO111) attended mess at 27 Aust Inf Bn</p>	

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	5 Aug		<p>GOC (Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD) accompanied by AA & QMG 3 Aust Div and ADC, arrived at Bde HQ at 1100 hrs, and after morning tea inspected the 7 Aust Inf Bn in training, and went on to 27 Aust Inf Bn, where the party lunched prior to inspecting 27 Aust Inf Bn in training. After afternoon tea with 17 Aust Fd Amb, and an inspection of Camp Hospital, the party left for BULOLO at 1530 hrs.</p> <p>Maj Gen RILEY and Lt col MOIR were unable to leave for LAE as the weather did not permit the arrival of aircraft.</p>	
	6 Aug		<p>At short notice, information was received that 10% leave was available. Lts BURKETT and EDWARDS, left with 8 ORs from Bde HQ, 6 members of 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, and 4 ORs from 28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt.</p> <p>Maj Gen RILEY and Lt col HUME-MOIR left by aircraft for LAE.</p> <p>G1 3 Aust Div visited Bde Comd, and after discussion on training and other matters, watched a match between the Rules football teams of Bde HQ and 2/2 Aust Cav Commando Sqn. Bde HQ won in a good match. Scores 16.10 to 9.4.</p> <p>Padre JOHNSON visited Bde HQ mess for lunch. Visitors to evening mess included Major GRIMSHAW and Capt DEWAR. A panel discussion took place in the evening. On the subject of the forthcoming referendum. Members of the panel were Capts LAVAN and O'KEEFFE, Lt JONES and Sgt ODGERS. The response from the fairly large audience was very good.</p>	
	7 Aug		<p>Comd and BM visited Bde Junior Leaders School, where Comd gave the opening address. Later the Comd and BM rode to the 7 Aust Inf Bn Fd Firing Range, where they met the CO.</p> <p>Pictures in the evening</p>	

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	8 Aug		<p>A trial parade for the GOCs parade was held for Bde HQ and attached and Divisional tps. Details of the GOCs parade were received from AA & QMG by Bde Comd.</p> <p>Comd and BM (L) visited 17 Aust Fd Amb, where Pte BOOKER (Bde Comds batman) was in hospital, and thence to 27 Aust Inf Bn, to watch training.</p> <p>Training reports from 27 Aust Inf Bn and 7 Aust Inf Bn forwarded to 3 Aust Div.</p> <p>Lt BENNETT (40 Aust Indep Bde Tpt Pl) visited SC and discussed the appointment of OC Tpt Pl and also the pl area.</p> <p>BM went to mess at 109 Aust Bde Wksp. Heavy Rain overnight.</p>	
	9 Aug		<p>Advice received that owing to heavy rains overnight the parade for GOC 3 Aust Div was cancelled.</p> <p>Bde Comd discussed Junior Leaders School with Lt SMITH (LO 23 Aust Inf Bde)</p> <p>Capt GRIFFITHS (RMO 7 Aust Inf Bn) called, and reported that Pte BOOKER (batman to Bde Comd) had been diagnosed as an MT malaria case.</p>	
	10 Aug		<p>3 Planes in. Capt BARNES (ALO) called en route to BULOLO airstrip. Bde Comd visited Junior Leaders School.</p> <p>BM called on Lt cols POPE and NORRIS and informed them that a message had been received ordering the GOCs parade for the following day.</p>	
	11 Aug.		<p>GOC 3 Aust Div (Maj Gen BRIDGEMOND), accompanied by the AA & QMG (col WHEELER) and ADC, inspected the 27 Aust Inf Bn where he spoke to the troops and expressed appreciation of their turnout and bearing, and spoke of a forthcoming move and the necessity for hard training to make the most of what</p>	

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	11 Aug		<p>little time lay ahead. After inspecting 27 Aust Inf Bn he then inspected the 7 Aust Inf Bn on WAU oval, where his remarks were similar, and then arrived at Bde HQ for morning tea. After morning tea he inspected Bde HQ, 2/108 Aust LAD, 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig sec, 109 Aust Bde Wksp, 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk, 4B Aust Indep Tpt Pl, 14 Aust Indep Bde Pro Pl, and 28 Pl, G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt, in a parade on WAU oval. He complimented the parade on its steadiness, saying that it was at least equal in standard to that of Inf Battalions, and expressed his wish that saluting be carried out on every occasion. He also spoke on lines similar to his remarks to other units. The GOC left for BULOLO after lunch at 7 Aust Inf Bn. During the morning Bde Comd discussed with GOC modification of Bde colour patch in order to retain Identity with 8 Aust Div AIF. He also discussed, with officers of the 27 Aust Inf Bn, various problems they had to contend with.</p>	
	12 Aug		<p>Bde Comd received a ring from DAQMG advising the expected arrival of Messrs HOLLAND and McKIERNAN (civilian ACF representatives) They arrived by plane and lunch at Bde HQ where Lt col BRETHERTON (9 Aust Fd Amb) was also a guest. After visiting BULOLO they returned to WAU where they spent the night at 9 Aust Fd Amb, where the Bde Comd dined in the evening.</p>	
	13 Aug		<p>Bde Comd, accompanied by the BM and SC addressed the 27 Aust Inf Bn, and later the officers.</p>	

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	15 Aug		<p>Bde Comd visited Brig SANDOVER (6 Aust Inf Bde) and discussed training and the transfer of Capt MAGAREY (27 Aust Inf Bn attached to 36 Aust Inf Bn)</p> <p>The Bde Comd lunched at Div HQ with GOC. G1 discussed the future role and training of the Bde, while the proposed move of the Bde to LAE was shown to Bde Comd by AA & QMG.</p>	
	16 Aug		<p>Bde Comd, Major DRIVER, Capt O'KEEFFE and Lt WILSON moved to LAE as adv HQ party arriving at 1910 hrs. An adv party of tpt, sigs, and 1 personnel moved separately under Capt POWELL and Lt ALEXANDER (BASCO and 2 i/c Sig Section respectively) Capt WILD and Lt WORRAL (8 Aust Inf Bn) were appointed as LOS at LABU and LAE for the move of the Bde Gp.</p>	Appx "H1"
	17 Aug		<p>Bde Comd with Maj DRIVER and Capt O'KEEFFE visited proposed unit campsites, which were on the whole in poor condition, being either dirty, boggy, or in need of heavy clearing. It was decided to locate the 7 Aust Inf Bn at Map ref LAE 1:25000 (series 0445) 685489, but this was later cancelled by LAE BASE SUB-AREA. The party called at LAE BASE and NGF but were unable to contact AA & QMG 3 Aust Div. He was finally contacted and in a discussion with Capt GIDDINGS and AA & QMG, the Bde Comd criticised the conduct of the movement. Later the party visited the proposed Div HQ. In the evening signals were sent calling SC, BM(L) and Capt BARNES to LAE.</p>	Appx "H1"
	18 Aug		<p>At 0900 hrs GOCs conference was attended by Brig POTTS, G1 and AA&QMG, where the future role of the Bde was discussed, and the target date set as at the first week in Sept.</p>	

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	18 Aug		<p>It was decided to accelerate movement of remainder of Division, and that 23 Aust Inf Bde would be responsible for the preparation of campsites for themselves and for 6 Aust Inf Bde. A signal was despatched for Lt cols IRWIN and POPE. A site for Bde HQ was selected at map ref LAE 1:25000 682427 At 1500 hrs SC, BM (L), Hyg Offr (Lt ELLIOTT) and LO2 Lt WEBB arrived at 8 Aust Inf Bn, Capt BARNES (8 Aust Inf Bn) also arrived. Lt WEBB moved on to GDD to depart for AUSTRALIA to attend RAAF School of Army Co-operation. In the afternoon the Bde Comd discussed administrative problems with Lt cols NORRIS and BERRY.</p>	Appx. H 1
	19 Aug		<p>Bde Comd interviewed Maj DESNOY, Capt McARTHUR, Lts ROWE, RYDGE, CASEY ref confidential reports submitted on them. BM (Major DRIVER) and DAQMG (L) 3 Aust Div (Capt GIDDINGS) selected site at LAE for 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE. AA & QMG (col WHEELER) 3 Aust Div called on Bde Comd with further information on the operational move following a conference at NGF. In the afternoon the Bde Comd visited the Bde Gp area, and called on Col MALE (2/7 AGH) who was, unfortunately absent. Lt cols POPE and IRWIN arrived at LAE at approximately 1515 hrs. In the evening a conference of COs was held by the Bde Comd at 8 Aust Inf Bn, and the details of the operational move as contained in the Agenda were gone through. Camp construction of the new Bde HQ area, under Capt HOPTON and Sgt CUMMINS commenced during the day.</p>	NGF. Appx. F 12
	20 Aug.		<p>BM departed at 0800 with NGF recce party to operational area. Camp construction continued during the day. Lt cols BISCOE (Liaison Staff British Mission) and CHALLON (LO1 NGF) lunched with Bde Comd at 8 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	

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LAE	21		Bde Comd visited all areas with Lt Col BERRY (8 Aust Inf Bn), and during his inspection encountered Brig VOWLES (BASE COMMANDANT LAE BASE SUB AREA) and Lt Col HALL (AA&QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA) and disputed Lt Col HALL's statement that 125 natives had been supplied by ANGAU for use by 23 Aust Inf Bde (Actually only 50 had been sent) Bde Comd continued to 3 Aust Div where he discussed problems with the AA & QMG, DADMS, and DAQMG(L) 3 Aust Div. Later AA & QMG rang to say the FPC was to be taken over from 8 Aust Inf Bn immediately (see below)	
	22		Camp construction continued in the Bde HQ Bde Comd visited all unit areas. An additional 50 natives were allotted from ANGAU. The "Chinaman" for gravel loading promised by LAE BASE SUB AREA has not yet been provided	
	23		Bde Comd visited Col MALE (2/7 AGH) Bde Comd visited all unit areas. At 7 Aust Inf Bn site he contacted the CO (Lt Col NORRIS) and discussed with him the request of Lt SMITH (7 Aust Inf Bn) for reinstatement. On his return he found waiting a personal signal from AA & QMG 3 Aust Div (Col WHEELER) which stated that certain areas of the river were out of bounds. After taking the matter up with LAE BASE SUB AREA the Bde Comd did not act on the signal	
	24		Bde Comd dined with Brig VOWLES. Bde HQ changed sites Maj DRIVER returned from recce of operational area. Bde Comd conferred with Lt Col BERRY ref Bde Schools, and the adoption of a firm policy on chain of comd throughout the Bde. The Bde Comd spoke to the AA & QMG 3 Aust Div ref personal signals, and his future relations with the Bde.	Appx H1 Signal I219

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	25		<p>BM spent considerable time on his Recce Report which was completed during the day. Bde Comd and BM attended Bn parade at 8 Aust Inf Bn, where the Bde Comd took salute.</p> <p>BM went to NGF to see G11 (I). Lt Col BERRY (CO 8 Aust Inf Bn) called on Bde Comd, as also did Lt Col MOLLOY and Maj WELLS (NGF Sigs) and later Maj MERRITT (LO1 3 Aust Div) who also visited BM Lt Col IRWIN (CO 17 Aust Fd Amb) called on Bde Comd</p>	
	26		<p>Bde Comd called on 27 Aust Inf Bn and expressed his pleasure at the work done and progress made by the unit while in the WAU area.</p> <p>Later he visited GOC and AA & QMG (3 Aust Div) and discussed BM's recce report. In the evening the Bde Comd and staff and officers</p>	
	27		<p>of Bde HQ watched some excellent boxing at 29 Bde Oval site Bde Comd and BM to 8 Aust Inf Bn to speak to all ranks on team work. G1 and LO1 (3 Aust Div) called on Comd and BM. ADOS (Lt Col CAYLEY) called on Comd, SC and BOO, later visiting units with BOO. BM called a conference of all officers at Bde HQ, for general information and discussion of proposed move. Bde Comd interviewed Bde Education Sgt (Sgt ODGERS) ref his application for a commission in the Education Service. Comd, BM and BM(L) visited swimming carnival at MALAHANG BEACH and later the Comd and BM dined at 8 Aust Inf Bn</p>	ref

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XX	28		Conference of COs was held at 0900 at Bde HQ	(Appx Agenda)
			Lts WORRALL (8 Aust Inf Bn) and DUNSTAN (27 Aust Inf Bn) reported as LOs Col MAGWICK (Director of Education) called and discussed educational facilities during future ops. Capt HANTKE (P&RT NGF) called on BM who took him to 3 Aust Div, where the BM saw G1 and discussed his recce, and also had one hour's talk on general matters. DAQMG LAE base, Maj DUFFY called on Bde Comd. At 1700 Bde Comd	
	29		addressed all officers on chain of command and training Comd to BGS NGF. Maj GRIMSHAW called ref MT allotment in Bn Gps. Lt Col IRWIN saw comd ref DDMS Orders as to split up of Fd Amb... Lt Col MIDDLETON CO 2 Div Sigs called on Comd ref	(Appx F6)
			OC 23 Bde Sig Sec. G1 called on Comd 1530 hrs. SC saw all units. BM called on COs 7 Aust Inf Bn, 8 & 27 Aust Inf Bns during evening distributing maps and clearing up several points - schools etc. Brig SANDOVER and BM 6 Aust Inf Bde called on Comd	
	30		in evening. SC visited ^{SC} 6 Aust Inf Bde. Comd, SC? CO's 7, 8, 27 Aust Inf Bns left by plane ex LAE at 0830 hrs for 5 day recce of future Bde areas. 8 Aust Inf Bn (2 offrs 10 NCOS) interviewed by BM before going to Trg Bn. Adm Comd 7 & 8 Aust Inf Bns called on BM. DADH (3 Aust Div) called on Hyg Offr. BM saw him on subject of diarrhoea outbreak in Bde HQ. Lt Col	
	31		IRWIN called on BM BM and LSO called on Div BM to discuss with G1, Brens, Schools, BAZOOKA shoot etc. BM called on Comd 6 Aust Inf Bde and 23 Aust Fd Coy. Various rumours current in Bde HQ were followed up. Maj SISSON (NGF) called and went to 8 Aust Inf Bn to examine WE amn - BM and BM(L) to 6 Aust Inf Bde for evening.	

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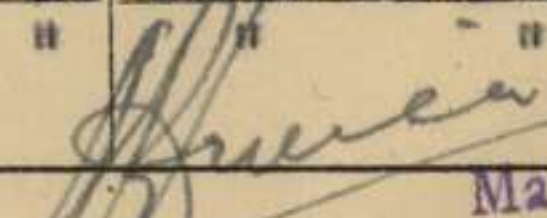
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LAE NG	31 Aug 44		Brig WX 1574 POTTS A W	Bde Comd	
			Maj WX 11052 DRIVER A R	BM	
			Capt SX 231 HOPTON M L	BM(L)	
			Capt NX 70682 HEATHWOOD A M	SC	
			Capt WX 2875 O'KEEFE E R	IO	
			Lt WX 28898 BURKETT K R	SC(L) Dep for Aust on ARL 6 Aug 44	
			Capt VX114122 FARRAR G C	TO	
			Lt VX114156 SMITH H W	LO 1	
			Lt WX 33831 WEBB R G	LO 11 Attending RAAF Sch of Army Co-op Dep Bde 17 Aug 44	
			Lt SX 25134 EDWARDS F G	LO 111 Dep for Aust on ARL 6 Aug 44	
			<u>Services</u>		
				Capt VX 39042 POWELL L G	BASCO
				Capt WX 33868 LAVAN J H	LSO
				Lt VX100371 WILSON A W F	BOO
				Lt WX 30121 JONES R E	EO
		Lt NX105757 ELLIOTT A G	HO		
		Lt VX133926 TOLLEY W N	Pay O Transferred to DFO LAE 4 Aug 44		
		Lt VX 30357 FITZGERALD A J	AO		
		<u>Chaplain</u>			
		NX163533 FRY F V	Detached to 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
		NX139070 DILLON R F	" " 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
		SX 32806 RAWLINS H E A	" " 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
		<u>Attached</u>			
		Lt VX 47188 WORRALL E S W	Acting IO II Attached as from 28 Aug 44		
		Lt NX160013 DUNSTAN D B	" IO III " " " "		

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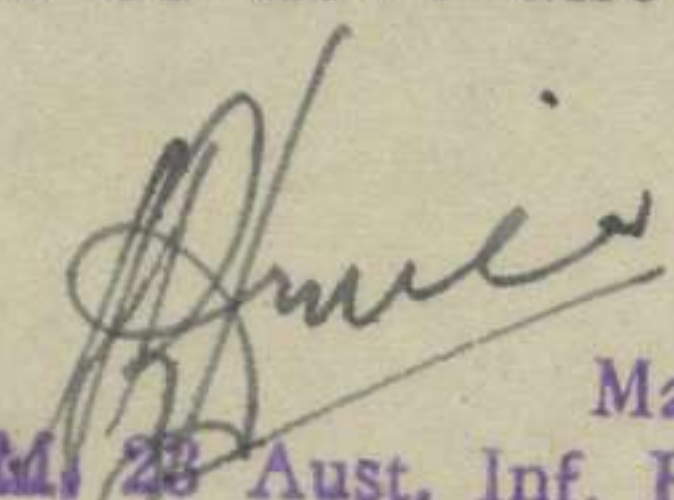
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SUMMARY OF MONTH OF AUG 44

General health and discipline of the ^{HQ} troops is good and sport has featured prominently in their training, with some success. Training covered hardening and smartening with a little musketry. Upon receipt of Warning Order for move WAU - LAE (See Appx ~~H1~~) all stores were crated, and mechanical condition of all vehicles was checked. Maintenance of vehs and weapons was found to be excellent. Balance of month till 27th was taken up with movement and settling in new camp sites. A complete Bde Gp area will finally be constructed. Ancillary troops who were under command until reverting to 11 Aust Div when Bde arrived WAU in Jun 44, have been reverted from under command 3 Aust Div (whose HQ relieved HQ 11 Aust Div) and are now under command 23 Aust Inf Bde. Thus our complete Bde Gp (less Arty) has been reconstituted and are concentrating in LAE area pending advice of move overseas. Credit was passed to Bde during the month, on behalf of 8 Aust Inf Bn's working parties, 7 & 27 Aust Inf Bns and Bde HQ ~~GOCS~~ parade, general discipline, maintenance of vehicles and stores and security and neatness of move WAU - LAE


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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 19 AUG 44

DATE	UNIT	SERIAL	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
14 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	Camp	Bn Sports Day		EAU 1" to 1 ml
	27 Aust Inf Bn	2	Bde Fd Firing Range	Shoot	2" Mortar, Tk A Rifle, Grenade throwing and firing.	
		3	BULOLO River	Coy Exercise	Approach, first contact, patrols, attack	Opposed Coys
		4	do	Coy Exercise	Bunkers, perimeter defence, patrols, ambush, camouflage.	
		5	Range	Musketry	Rifle Grouping, Snap, Bren, OSMG, Hip, Snap, Fire control.	
		26	Fd Firing Range	Specialist Trg	3" Mortar Shoot, Construction of Bunkers	
	28 pl 2/1 Gd Regt	7	BLACK CAT MINE	Pl Exercise (2 days)	Bivouac, construction Pl Perimeter defence, siting of weapons	
	23 Bde Sig sec	8	Camp	Sec Trg	Sig procedure, semaphore, Laying out Sig Stores in plane loads	
15 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	9	Fd Firing 415750	Coy Exercise	Fd Firing with Supporting Arms	
		10	EDIE CK Rd	Coy Exercise	All day march	
		11	Camp	Individual Trg	Weapons, Rifle, Bren, OSMG, 2" Mortar, Rifle grenade, Tk A Rifle	
		12		Specialist Trg	HQ Coy	
	27 Aust Inf Bn	13	Camp	Bn Trg	Parade and Sports trials	
		14	Fd Firing Range	Specialist Trg	MMG shoot	
	28 Pl 2/15 Gd Regt			Serial 8		
	23 Bde Sig Sec	16	Camp	Weapon Trg, Sec Trg.	LMG, Bayonet, Map Reading, Elementry electricity and magnetism	
16 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	17		Serial 11		
		18		Serial 10		
		19		Serial 9		
		20		Serial 12		

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16 Aug	27 Aust Inf Bn	21 22 23 24 25 26	BULOLO RIVER	Serial 3 Serial 2 Serial 4 Serial 5 Serial 14 Coy Exercise	River Crossings, improvisations	
28 Aug	Pl, 2/127 Gd Regt	28	Camp	Sports Individual Trg	Weapon Trg, LMG, OSMG, Bayonet	
23 Aug	Bde Sig Sec	29		Sec Trg	Sport Testing and superposing telephone and fullophone	
17 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	30 31 32 33		Serial 10 Sport Serial 11 Serial 12		
27 Aug	Inf Bn	34 35 36 37 38 39	Bde Fd Firing Range	Serial 3 Serial 4 Serial 5 Serial 2 Specialist Trg Serial 26	Tk A Shbot	
28 Aug	Pl, 2/1 Gd Regt	40		Serial 8		
23 Aug	Bde Sig Sec	41	BLACK CAT TRACK	Sec Trg	All day march	
18 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	42 43 44 45		Serial 11 Serial 9 Serial 10 Serial 12		
27 Aug	Inf Bn	46		Bn Sports Day		

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18 Aug	28 Pl, 2/147 Gd Regt		Serial 8		
	23Bde Sig Sec		Sec Trg	Battery Charging, Bde Sig communications combined ops, in miniature	
))))			Individual Trg	Map Reading, Weapon Trg, OSMG, semaphore	
19 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn		Coy Parades	Smartening Drill	In conjunction with band
			Serial 9		
			Serial 11		
			Serial 12		
	27 Aust Inf Bn		Serial 5		
			Serial 3		
			Serial 4		
			Serial 2		
		Bde Fd Firing Range	Specialist Trg	3" mortar shoot	
	28 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	Camp	Serial 27 Pl Trg	Cleaning of weapons	
	23 Bde Sig Sec		Sec Trg	SWPA Authentication systems semaphore	

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23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 12 AUG 44

DATE (a)	UNIT (b)	SERIAL (c)	AREA (d)	SUBJECT (e)	LESSONS (f)	REMARKS (g)	
7 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	399746	Musketry	Owen & Bren Hip	WAU 1" : 1 ml	
		2	Camp	Coy Trg	Ceremonial, TOET, Rifle Grenade		
		3	BULOLO RIVER	River Crossings	Improvisations, tactical lay out, opposed crossing		
		4	415750	Coy Exercise (2 days)	Pl & Coy contact drill and counter attack - Pd Firing Exercise		
		5	Camp	Specialist Trg	HQ Coy Pls		
		6	Camp	Sport			
27 Aust Inf Bn	Inf Bn	7	Camp	Coy Emplanement Exercise	Tac loading, Drill on loading ground	Required after pro- longed period on exercise in wet ground	
		8	EDIE CK RD	March	Hardening		
		9	Camp	Musketry	Gp Snap Shooting. Fire control by Sec Gps		
		10	Pd Firing Range	Specialist	3" Mortar		
28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	Pl	11	Camp	Weapon Trg	Grenade, Bayonet		
		12		Musketry	Live Grenade throwing		
8 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	13		Serial 3		Tac Loading, Drill on loading ground	
		14	Camp	Coy Emplanement Exercise			
		15		Serial 2			
		16		Serial 5			
		27 Aust Inf Bn	17		Sports Day		
		18		Weapon Trg	Discharger cup, Grenade, 2" Mortar		
27 Aust Inf Bn	Inf Bn	19	Pd Firing Range	Specialists	MKG Shoot		
		20	Camp	Serial 11			
		21		Map Reading	Resection		
28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	Pl	22		Booby Traps	Demo & Practical	Use of No 36 Grenade	
		22					
9 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	23	Camp	Pl Exercises	Sec & Pl Battle Drill in Attack		
		24		Serial 3			
		25	Pd Firing Range	Coy Exercise	Pd Firing		
		26		Serial 2			
		27		Serial 5			

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	27 Aust Inf Bn	28 29 30 31	BULOLO RIVER AREA	Coy Trg Serial 9 Serial 8 Individual Trg		Battle Drill Defence
	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	32 33		Sports Day Individual Trg		Weapon Trg 2" Mor, Grenade Tk/A Rifle, Map Reading Compass March
10 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	34 35 36 37		Serial 6 Serial 25 Serial 3 Serial 5		
	27 Aust Inf Bn	38 39 40 41		Serial 8 Serial 28 Serial 9 Serial 31		
	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	42		March		Hardening, Formations
11 Aug	7 Aust Inf Bn	43 44 45 46		Serial 2 Serial 23 Serial 1 Serial 25		
	27 Aust	47 48 49		Serial 17 Serial 18 Serial 19		
	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	50		Serial 42		
12 Aug	7 Aust	51 52 53 54		Serial 25 Serial 23 Serial 1 Serial 5		
	27 Aust	55 56 57 58		Bn Trg Serial 9 Serial 28 Serial 8		Ceremonial Parade
	28 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	59		Serial 42		

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

CAPT R L HORTON

A/DM 23 AUST INF BDE

Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde
1 Aug 44

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DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCO

Tues 1	Aug	Capt	O'KEEFE H R	Sgt	STANTON F
Wed 2	"	Lt	JONES H R	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P
Thur 3	"	Lt	ALEXANDER C	Sgt	CUMMINS C H
Fri 4	"	Lt	BURKETT K R	Sgt	GILL F
Sat 5	"	Lt	ELLIOTT A G	Sgt	STANLEY F
Sun 6	"	Lt	WHIS H G	Sgt	SIMPSON R A
Mon 7	"	Lt	FITZGERALD A J	Sgt	ORDERS G
Tues 8	"	Capt	POWELL L G	Sgt	LADNER H
Wed 9	"	Lt	EDWARDS F G	Sgt	WILL R

R. L. Horton
Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE

CANTEN ACCOUNTS (Period July 44)

To balance 1/7/44	82. 0. 6	<u>CASH A/C</u>	By Purchases	399.11. 5
Sales	433. 4. 5		Less Discounts	19.19. 1
			Sundry expenses	16. 1. 9
			Balance 31/7/44	119.10.10
	<u>£515. 4.11</u>			<u>£515. 4.11</u>

STOCK A/C

To Stock 1/7/44	105. 2. 5	By Sales	433. 4. 5
Purchases	399.11. 5	Stock 31/7/44	71. 9. 4
	<u>£504.13.10</u>		<u>£504.13.10</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

To Discounts for July	19.19. 1	By Sundry Expenses	16. 1. 9
		Balance (Profit)	3.17. 4
	<u>£19.19. 1</u>		<u>£19.19. 1</u>

BALANCE SHEET

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Capital	197. 2.11	Cash - On hand	78.10. 7
Add Profit	3.17. 4	Trust A/C 514	41. 0. 3
	191.0.3		119.10.10
		Stock	71. 9. 5
	<u>£191. 0. 3</u>		<u>£191. 0. 3</u>

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ A R DRIVER.

HM 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Aug 44

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DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCOs

Mon 7 Lt FITZGERALD A J
 Tue 8 Capt POWELL L G
 Wed 9 Capt FARRAR G C
 Thurs 10 Capt HOPTON R L
 Fri 11 Capt O'KEEFE E R
 Sat 12 Lt JONES R E
 Sun 13 Capt LAVAN J M
 Mon 14 Lt WHEB R G

Sgt OIGERS G
 Sgt STANTON F
 S/Sgt MULLAVEY P
 Sgt CUMMINS C
 Sgt GILL F
 Sgt SIMPSON R A
 Sgt OIGERS G
 Sgt STANTON F

92 BATTERIES, SECONDARY, PORTABLE LEAD - ACID: CARE, CONSERVATION and MAINTENANCE.

Care and Conservation

1. It is apparent that all ranks have not always been impressed with the seriousness of the present shortages of batteries, secondary, portable, for MT and Wireless requirements. Every effort will be made to preserve and prolong the working life of this equipment.
2. The organisation in the fourth echelon AMMS workshop re - conditioning batteries is designed to reduce both the time lag in evacuation for repair over very long lines of communication and the present excessive breakage rate which is occurring while these stores are in transit. Replacement parts are in very short supply and new cases are unobtainable, which situation is further aggravated by the return of batteries from units with cell-covers broken and cases smashed.
3. It is the direct responsibility of all units to prevent this wastage and of ordnance depots to ensure that defective batteries are returned in such condition that the maximum reclamation can be effected. Batteries will only be returned through authorized ordnance service channels. Provision is now being made for the supply of a returnable battery container for the transportation of new and reconditioned batteries which will eliminate the present usage of non-standard and inefficient crating methods.

4. Cleanliness, regular maintenance, correct storage and use, supplemented by technical advice from SAs and Signal technical sections, AASO workshops and LAEs will ensure that units obtain the maximum service from batteries and that sound, well preserved stores are returned for reconditioning.

5. Adequate facilities exist for all units to maintain their battery equipment in a high state of efficiency and it is essential that COs of units rigidly enforce unit battery maintenance. All officers directly concerned with the operation or handling of batteries will take immediate action to reduce the present excessive usage rate of these stores and to impress upon all personnel the necessity for exercising the greatest care in handling and transportation.

6. The use of batteries, secondary, portable, for any unauthorized purpose, such as the lighting of tents, huts and similar uses, will be discontinued forthwith, and such batteries will be returned to the nearest RSB immediately. COs of units will be held responsible for the implementation of this instruction.

Sentencing

7. Instances have occurred where units have returned batteries to RSBs as unserviceable when they merely required charging. The time-lag in the receipt of such stores by workshops causes the battery components to deteriorate to the extent that recharging, or even repair, may not be practicable, thus making complete rebuild necessary.

8. AASO units will only accept batteries, secondary, automotive or wireless types, for replacement when labelled and sentenced by an ARSB or AASO workshops officer as - "Not responding to recharging - to be evacuated for" -

- (a) "Repair"
- (b) "Rebuilding", or
- (c) "Unrepairable".

Batteries in category (c) "Unrepairable", will not be sent direct to Salvage, but will be appropriately labelled and evacuated to RSBs for such reclamation as may be possible in 4th echelon workshops.

93 ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE : VACANCIES FOR STAFF CADETS

1. Applications are invited for admission by way of Normal Entry to the Royal Military College, Duntroon (25 vacancies). Successful candidates will enter the college early in 1945, to undergo a three years' course, and on graduation, will be appointed to the Australian Staff Corps.

2. Applications must be made on the prescribed form, and forwarded to HQ New Guinea Force for transmission to reach HQ Q'Isn L of C Area, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, by 30 Sep 44. Forms of application and particulars of eligibility, examinations, etc, may be obtained from HQ, New Guinea Force.

3. To be eligible for admission to the college as a cadet, a candidate must -

- (a) be medically fit;
- (b) be unmarried;
- (c) be a British subject permanently resident in Australia;
- (d) be over 16 years of age and under 20 years of age on 24th February 1945.

(e) have the following minimum educational qualifications:
a Pass or higher certificate at a public examination for the "Leaving" (or "Senior") or the "Intermediate" (or "Junior") in:
English - Mathematics - one other language and any one of the following subjects:

Physics or Chemistry Geography

Book-keeping

Economics, etc, in accordance with RMC Regulations

Candidates who have qualified for the "Leaving" (or "Senior") certificate will receive preference over those who have qualified for the "Intermediate" (or "Junior") certificate.

4. A confidential report from the Commanding Officer will be submitted with the application.

A. Hathaway

Capt,
SG 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ A R DRIVER

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
16 Aug 44

94.

DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCOs

Wed	16	Capt	FARRAR	G C
Thur	17	Lt	JONES	R E
Fri	18	Lt	FITZGERALD	A J
Sat	19	Capt	LAVAN	J
Sun	20	Capt	FARRAR	G C
Mon	21	Lt	JONES	R E
Tues	22	Lt	FITZGERALD	A J
Wed	23	Capt	LAVAN	J

S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
Sgt	STANTON	F
Sgt	ODGERS	G
S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
Sgt	STANTON	F
Sgt	ODGERS	G
S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
Sgt	STANTON	F

A. Ashwood

Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Wardman

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

CAPT L I HOPTON

A/BN 23 AUST INF BDE

95. DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCO's

Thur	24 Aug	Lt	ELLIOTT	A G	Sgt	ODDERS	G
Fri	25 Aug	Lt	FITZGERALD	A J	Sgt	SIMPSON	R A
Sat	26 Aug	Lt	JONES	R E	Sgt	LADNER	B
Sun	27 Aug	Capt	O'KEEFE	B R	Sgt	STANTON	F
Mon	28 Aug	Capt	LAVAR	J	Sgt	BENNETT	
Tues	29 Aug	Lt	ALEXANDER	C	Sgt	CUMMINS	C
Wed	30 Aug	Capt	POWELL	L G	Cpl	JOCKOFF	M
Thur	31 Aug	Capt	PARRAR	G C	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	F
Fri	1 Sep	Lt	WILSON	A W F	Cpl	CAIRE	R H

96. MALARIAL & DENGUE PRECAUTIONS

Owing to the high rate of malarial and dengue cases in this area, personnel will wear shirts at ALL times excl whilst actually bathing. In addition bathing must be completed by 1700 hrs daily and sleeves rolled down. All tents will be sprayed with mosquito spray at 0700 and 1800 hrs daily to expell dengue mosquitoes.

97. SWIMMING POOL

The small swimming pool adjacent to 243 Aust Sep Bde Pl site is out of bounds to all ranks excepting personnel of that unit.

98. DAILY TIME TABLE

0645 hrs	Reveille	(Sunday 0715)
0700 "	Adm Parade	R11
0715 "	Sick Parade	
0730 "	Breakfast	(Sunday 0800)
0830 "	Morning Pl or Coy Parade	
1100 - 1115 "	Morning Tea	
1230 "	Luncheon	
1400 "	Afternoon Parade	
1500 - 1515 "	Afternoon Tea	
1515 "	Stand Down	
1700 "	All bathing to be complete and sleeves rolled down	
1715 "	Evening Meal	
1745 "	Atabrin Parade	
2030 "	Supper	
2230 "	Lights Out.	

L. H. Hutton Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT NO 2
as at 2359 hrs 26 Aug 44

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
27 Aug 44
I2020

Ref Map: No 0445 LAE 1:25000

1. Herewith 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement No 2.
2. ACK

W.P. Kelly
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
3 Aust Div (AIF)	1
23 Aust Fd Coy	2
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	3
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	5
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	6
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	7
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	9
17 Aust Fd Amb	10
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	11
109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	12
2/108 Aust LAD	13
Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	14
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27 JLT INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT No 2 as at 2359 hrs 26 Aug 44Ref Map:- No 2445 LAE 1:25000 Series

SERIAL	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	LAE	682427	
2	23 Aust Fd Coy	"	690430	
3	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	682427	
4	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	686428	
5	3 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	685423	
6	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	683425	
7	28 Pl, G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	682427	
8	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	682426	
9	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	"	681433	
10	17 Aust Fd Amb	"	680430	
11	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	679429	
12	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	"	679428	
13	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	"	679427	
14	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	"	682426	
15	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	"	686433	

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23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 6

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
4 Aug 44

1. As from 4 Aug, 23 Aust Inf Bde Pay Det will cease to operate as such. In lieu thereof the 23 Aust Inf Bde Sub-depot Cash Office will be operated by personnel detached from 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.
2. The new pay cypher will be P26.
3. All forms and requisitions for cash will be addressed to Paymaster 3 Aust Div but will be forwarded to 23 Aust Inf Bde Sub-depot.
4. Prior advice of the amount required for unit pay will be given to the sub-depot on each Monday before pay day.

REFUND ON INCOME TAX GROUP YEAR 1 MAY 43 - 30 APR 44

1. Further to my Adm Instruction No 5 of 22 Jul 44, the following are draft letters to assist personnel in requesting refund of Income Tax paid during the above Group Period:-

- (a) Draft of letter to be sent by a member who embarked on or before 30 Apr 44, and who has received credit in the paybook for tax instalments deducted during the Group Year 1 May 43 - 30 Apr 44.

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation,
436 Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne.

Tax Exemption - Service Outside Australia

On 24 Apr 44 I embarked for service outside Australia, and by serving a continuous period of 90 days, have qualified for tax exemption on military income earned outside Australia.

This advice is forwarded for your information, and in lieu of a Tax Return, since my private income earned in Australia does not exceed £250.

- (b) Draft of a letter to be sent by a member who embarked between 1 May 44 and 30 Jun 44, and who has not received credit in the paybook for tax instalments deducted during the Group Year 1 May 43 - 30 Apr 44.

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation,
436 Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne.

Tax Refund - Service Outside Australia

Herewith statutory declaration in support of my application for a refund of Tax Instalments paid during the Group Year 1 May 43 - 30 Apr 44.

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The claim is in respect of 366 days at
----per day, totalling-----.

Please forward a cheque for this amount.

NOTE

The statutory declaration to be sent with letter
(b) will give the following details:-

- (a) that I embarked for service outside
Australia on-----.
- (b) that I am still on service outside
Australia.

W. H. H. H. H. H. Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

Serials 1,3,5,6,8 - 13,15,28,29.

HISTORY OF UNITS UNDER COMD 23 AUST INF BDE

For information GOC 3 Aust Div on occasion of GOCs inspection 9 Aug 44

1. 27 Aust Inf Bn

(a) Pre-war unit known as South Aust Scottish Regt with excellent record, being successful in most Army & Sport competitions in S.A. - Qualified (AIF) but is not yet gazetted. 14 months service in N.T., being moved up prior to Jap raid on Darwin. CO during that period was Lt Col FARQUHAR comd then to Lt Col A POPE, who is still in comd. Under comd 3 Aust Inf Bde (Brig KING) until sent south under comd Brig WINNING. Moved to TOWNSVILLE, engaged upon ship loading for five months with nearly 100 percent OR pers on working parties.system. Offrs lost contact to a great extent. Pers attended many LHQ and 1 Aust Army Schools during this period. Joined OOB 23 Aust Inf Bde Dec 43.

(b) Comments

- (i) At time of joining 23 Aust Inf Bde, unit was back to individual trg standard and except for musketry, trg standard and morale was low.
- (ii) present standard morale high, weapon trg etc good and tremendous strides made in tactical trg and still improving. Adm good. Junior leaders only fair.
- (iii) Unit ready for scrap in 2 months.
- (iv) Unit will take over the responsibilities and tasks of the ~~the~~ 2/40 Aust Inf Bn.

2. 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NW MURRAY BORDERERS

(a) Pre-war was the MILDURA Regt. Qualified (AIF). Rushed to N.T. for Jap raid on Darwin, and placed on OOB 23 Aust Inf Bde to replace an AIF Bn lost in the Islands. (2/21 Aust Inf Bn, AMBOINA). Comd by Lt Col SADDLER, then by Lt Col WILMOTH, under leaving N.T. in Sept 43. Lt Col NORRIS took comd Nov 43.

(b) Comments

- (i) Morale high, standards of all trg good. Sports at a very high standard, football (XVIII) being beaten once only in their history, and then in a return match with 2/11 Aust Inf Bn on ATHERTON TABLELANDS.
- (ii) Quite ready for a fight.
- (iii) Will take over responsibilities and tasks of 2/21 Aust Inf Bn

3. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Formed in 1940 being one of the original Bdes of 8 Aust Div, sister Bde being 22 and 27, both of which were lost in MALAYA. Original comd being Brig LIND, Bns under comd were 2/21, 2/22, 2/40. These units were lost in AMBOINA RABAUl TIMOR respectively. Sent to DARWIN Mar 41 less 2/22 Bn, and came under comd 7 Mil Dist. 2/22 and 2/40 Bns sent to their islands Dec 41.

Brig DOUGHERTY took comd early 1942, the Bde then being on OOB N.T. FORCE. Brig DOUGHERTY exchanged to 21 Aust Inf Bde Brig POTTS (ex 21 Aust Inf Bde) took comd Nov 42. Bde occupied forward role in defence plan for protection of DARWIN. OOB included during that period 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn, 19 Aust MG Bn, 7 and 8 Aust Inf Bns.

(b) Bde sent south for leave Sep 43, with 7 and 8 Aust Inf Bns only. To be disbanded in Oct 43, but action rescinded and Bde was given 20 Aust Mot Regt, then 62 Aust Inf Bn, neither Regt joined Bde and finally 27 Aust Inf Bn to fill present OOB.

(c) Comments

(i) Standard reached in Adm Trg and sports good.

(ii) Ready for action

4. 2/108 AUST LAD

(a) Formed Dec 41, moved to N.T. immediately on OOB 23 Aust Inf Bde to replace 2/75 Aust LAD which was lost in TIMOR. With 23 Aust Inf Bde ever since.

(b) Comments

Tech trg very good, discipline and order very fair.

5. 109 Aust Bde Wksp and 109 Aust Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

(a) Both units sent to Port MORESBY approx Jan 42. Kept in MORESBY area and worked extremely hard being the only wksp in area for some time. Sent south Jul 43.

(b) Joined OOB 23 Aust Inf Bde Jan 44. Comd by Maj GRIMSHAW. - Bde Wksp
" " Capt DEWAR - Ord Fd Pk

(c) Tech trg good, general discipline and trg fair.

6. 17 Aust Fd Amb

(a) Formed early 1942, built up with AIF reinfts and sent N.T. Apr 42, as Force Fd Amb. Sent south Oct 43, and comd then taken by Lt Col IRWIN. Joined OOB 23 Aust Inf Bde Jan 44.

(b) Comments

(i) Fd Amb ~~the~~ engaged in Fdtrg in N.T. and KAIRI and have reached good standard in medical and Adm trg, discipline physique.

(ii) Ready for scrap in one month.

7. 40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl

(a) Formed Dec 43 from 1 Aust Corps Composite AASC Pool. Joined OOB 23 Aust Inf Bde Jan 44.

(b) Comments

Gen trg and discipline very fair.

Subject: BDE HQ AND DIV TPS PARADE - 9 AUG 44
INSPECTION BY GOC 3 AUSLT DIV

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aug 44
AS803

1. GOC 3 Aust Div will review the above tps on 23 Aust Inf Bde Oval at 1400 hrs 9 Aug 44.

2. DRESS

- (a) Dress will be drill order, shirts, slacks, J C, anklets web (Aust) - Hats turned up, and chin straps.
- (b) IKG's will not be carried.
- (c) OSMS will be carried on left hip, slung over right shoulder, left hand on foregrip, and will remain in this position throughout the parade.
- (d) Particular attention will be paid to uniformity and correct wearing of hats.
- (e) Short hair.
- (f) Officers will wear normal web eqpt less basic pouches, pistol and pistol case

3. Timing of rifle movements will be strictly that practiced on Bde Oval 8 Aug 44.

4. ASSEMBLY

Troops will be marched by their CSM's on to respective markers on Bde Oval - Officers to report to Capt HORTON.

5. PARADE COND

Will be Maj A R DRIVER.

6. ORDERS

All orders will be given verbally by Parade Cond.

7. TIME TABLE

- (i) Parade Starts to BC at 1200 hrs at Bde HQ.
- (ii) 1340 hrs markers report to Parade Sgt Major (WOXIE DOWNS)
- (iii) 1345 hrs - Parade falls in,
Open Order march
Right dress
Fix Bayonets
- (iv) 1350 hrs Officers posted by Parade Cond
- (v) 1400 hrs Arrival of GOC
General Salute
Inspection by GOC
March past in column of route

8. SEQUENCE OF ORDERS

Attention - Arrival of GOC
Slope Arms
General Salute
Slope Arms
Order Arms
Stand at ease
Inspection by GOC
General Salute
March Past

9. After passing saluting base, units revert to unit Comd and return to unit lines.

10. Unit Comd fall out on passing saluting base where they will remain during march past, thence moving to attend afternoon tea at Bde Hq at approx 1515 hrs and meet GOC.

A. Shakhmurov
Capt
SQ 13 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

S3 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
SQ Pl, G Coy, S/1 Aust Cd Regt
S/108 Aust LAD
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)
17 Aust Pd Amb
109 Aust Bde Whops (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Ord Pd Pk (AIF)
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8 AUST INF BN (AIF) - SUMMARY OF WORKING PARTIES

PERMANENT DUTIES

Hospital Guard: 1 Offr and 54 ORs
Reduced to
1 Offr and 36 ORs on 5 Aug 44

Three shifts 2400 - 0800 - 1600 - 2400

Daily Duties - Average for MAY

"Q" Liaison	- 3 Offrs	320	ORs
B.S.D.	3 Offrs	150	ORs
TOTAL		<u>6 Offrs</u>	<u>470 ORs</u>

Average for June

"Q" Liaison	- 3 offrs	300	ORs
B.S.D.	3 offrs	70	ORs
Wharf (constr	uction)	1 offr	30 ORs
Other parties	1 offr	20	ORs
TOTAL		<u>8 offrs</u>	<u>420 ORs</u>

Average for July

"Q" Liaison	- 3 offrs	290	ORs
B.S.D.	2 offrs	80	ORs
Other Parties	1 offr	30	ORs
TOTAL		<u>6 offrs</u>	<u>400 ORs</u>

Average for August

"Q" Liaison	3 Offrs	200	ORs
B.S.D.	2 Offrs	60	ORs
Other Parties	1 Offr	30	ORs
TOTAL		<u>6 Offrs</u>	<u>300 ORs</u>

POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED BY BDE COMD
AT GOC 3 AUSTRALIAN DIV CONFERENCE NGP
18 AUG 44

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1. Who is responsible for lay-out of 23 and 6 Bde Gp Areas and present allotment?
2. If 7 Bn stay in present area, 7 Bn will relieve 8 Bn Monday 21 Aug 44. 8 Bn must train.
3. Time factor in Lae:-
 - (a) Period likely to be LAE
 - (b) When 6 Bde will arrive
4. (a) $\frac{1}{2}$ shelters - B.O.O. has been advised to indent
(b) PITA's
5. Tpt maintenance, e.g., limiting duties of Bde tpt for this purpose.
6. Fd Punishment Centre at present 8 Bn
7. Relief of any Lt.Col of Bde Gp on Pre-Selection Board.
8. Barge traffic and Accn at LABU
9. When is Div coming to LAE?
10. Tents.
11. Engr stores - have indented for 17 Aug 44.

12. Boongs and Bulldozer & Engrs for 7 Bn -
Tip truck from LAF BASE.
27 Bn requires some too.

13. Blankets - intended to withdraw down to
1 / man

14. ? Ops. Recce party

15. Bde HQ)
Bde Sigs)
C&P Pl)
2/108 LAD)
7 Bn)
8 Bn)
27 Bn)
17 Fd Amb) O.O.B. 23 Bde
243 Sup Depot Pl)
244 Sup Depot Pl)
40 Gen Tpt Pl)
109 Bde WR/shops)
109 Ord Fd Park)
14 Bde Pro Pl)
??? 23 Fd Coy)

16. Do we take -
(a) Tentage ?
(b) Scale A Accn Stores?
(c) Gots ?

17. 3rd Bde ?

18. Extra Offrs (5/Bn)
(LOs)

19. Maps and Terrain studies of ops area

20. Bde & Bn dumps?
LOB ? (Leave pers)

21. Clothing posn? - say 10% reserve

22. Amn - 1st line & what number days refill

23. Inefficient offers to be withdrawn to HGDD.

WackDray.

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BRIGADE COMMANDER'S ADDRESS TO ALL OFFICERS
OF 23 AUST INF BDE - 28 AUG 44

As it was possible that this would be the last opportunity of seeing all officers of 23 Aust Inf Bde AIF together for some time the Bde Comd, Brig A.W. POTTS, DSO, MC, took the opportunity of addressing all officers on 28 Aug 44.

Our future movements were becoming clearer, he said, and he wished to emphasize certain aspects of the training of the Bde which would need to be stressed in the future. Although it was probable that the Bde would be split up to a certain extent in the place to which we were going it was desirable to recapitulate what had been achieved and state what might be necessary in future developments. In the training at KAIRI and subsequently at WAU a high standard of efficiency had been reached in the Bde.

Weapon training and tactics within the company had been thoroughly covered, administration and the "Q" side were good and we were able to move as a Bde smoothly and cleanly.

As in his address to the 8 AUST INF BN (AIF) on the previous day the Commander stressed the necessity for developing the Bde team spirit to such an extent that each unit could place full reliance in the others.

"We have reached a high standard of efficiency", the Comd said, "but that has been done at the expense of our junior leaders. The next object of our training therefore is to eliminate that weakness in our junior leaders by thoroughly grasping and putting into practice the principles of the chain of command". The Bde Comd then referred to the attached diagram which illustrated those principles and stated that that would be the ideal at which we would aim in the future.

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CONFERENCE BY 23 AUST INF BDE COMD & CO'S
1500 HRS 11 AUG 44

war diary

Present Brig A W POTTS
Lt Col A POPE
Lt Col G NORRIS
Maj A R DRIVER
Capt L HOPTON
Capt M HEATHWOOD

Brig POTTS explained that the Conference was called for the purpose of explaining an addendum in policy. At KAIRI and since arrival in New Guinea, units have been training and generally working within themselves - carrying out Bde Comd policy as units.

From the Conference date onward it was desired to now combine as the Bde team of three Bns working towards a common goal, the success of the Bde. Bde spirit is now paramount to Bn spirit; as the Bns have reached a high esprit de corps of Bn now they must reach the same standard in Bde. The three Bn team with Bde HQ as leader must now train for the job ahead.

GOC was pleased with the Bde Parade by Bns 11 Aug 44. Bde Comd stated that although the standard of the men was high, the standard of junior leaders was low. Bns responsibility to improve rapidly their junior leadership.

Remarks from C.I. Bde Junior Leaders School to Bde Comd were passed on. Generally men are keen and are learning, but leadership sense lacking and general bearing was not up to standard. As a cross section of the Junior Leaders within the Bde, they were not impressive.

Bde Comd laid down timings for rifle exercises - ceremonial and at all times. RSMS to report to Bde HQ 12 Aug for purpose of standardisation of timings within Bde. Only good troops can do this and it gives section comds a responsibility in carrying out orders - a good test for junior leaders.

Promotion of non AIF personnel must cease. One Bn had just previously forwarded recommendation for promotion of a non AIF private.

RSMS still have not been given the authority that they must have. COs will in future give them the responsibility.

Chain of Comd must be rigidly adhered to and delegation of authority will go right down to Sec Comds. COs will delegate authority through the correct chain of comd and sit back and watch and police. This conforms with GOCs policy.

Bde Comd will keep out of picture and will not interfere with Bns internal adm and training - suggested that COs do the same with their ~~own~~ Coys.

Difficulties have arisen in past between Bn and Bde staff. In future when orders are given to units from Bde, it must be understood by units that their point of view has been considered, and the order is to be carried out without excuses and differences of opinion. All grievances and difficulties will be brought out into the open and if mistakes are made lessons will be hammered home.

Officers must see that courtesies are carried out vide GOCs policy - suggested that at times officers may get in first and help the soldier with his respects. Aspects of saluting were discussed - on march, without headgear etc.

COs will watch for "letting down of hair" by tps when coming out of action, with consequent slacking of discipline.

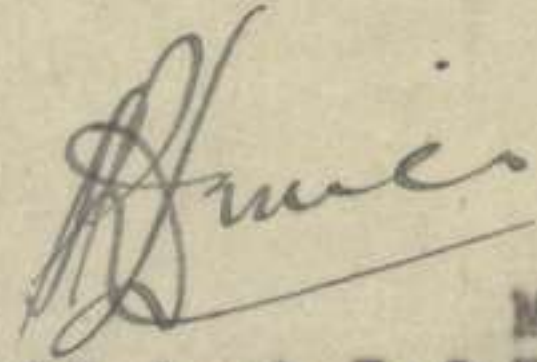
Colour patch position of Bde discussed. COs in agreement with unit's colour patches being placed on grey oval background - suggestion to be forwarded to 3 Aust Div from Bde.

GOC may call for Bde Parade and possibility of C in C's parade. Units train in ceremonial, drill of which is ~~not~~ ^{now} firm within Bde.

SC gave details of Bde move to LAE, in particular packing and hygiene. Conditions at LABU being investigated by DADH.

No questions by COs.

Conference closed 1605 hrs.



Maj,
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Subject:-

AMENDMENTS TO WAU AND NAUTI 1" TO 1 MILE SERIES

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

10 Aug 44

I2014

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3 Aust Div
6 Aust Inf Bde
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A W Roberts Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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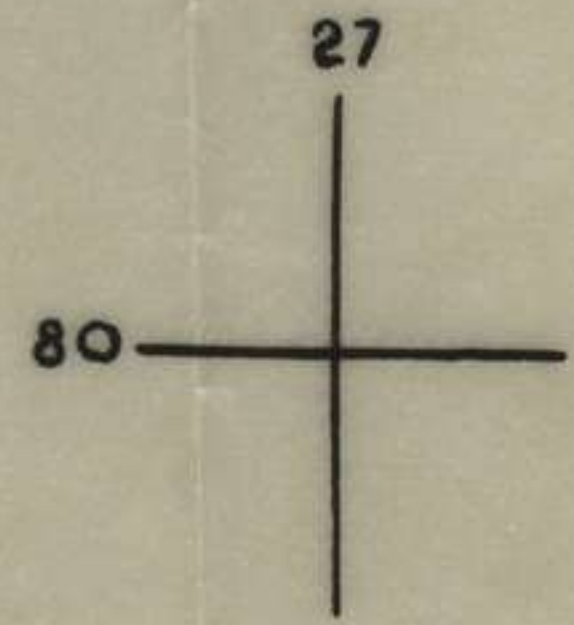
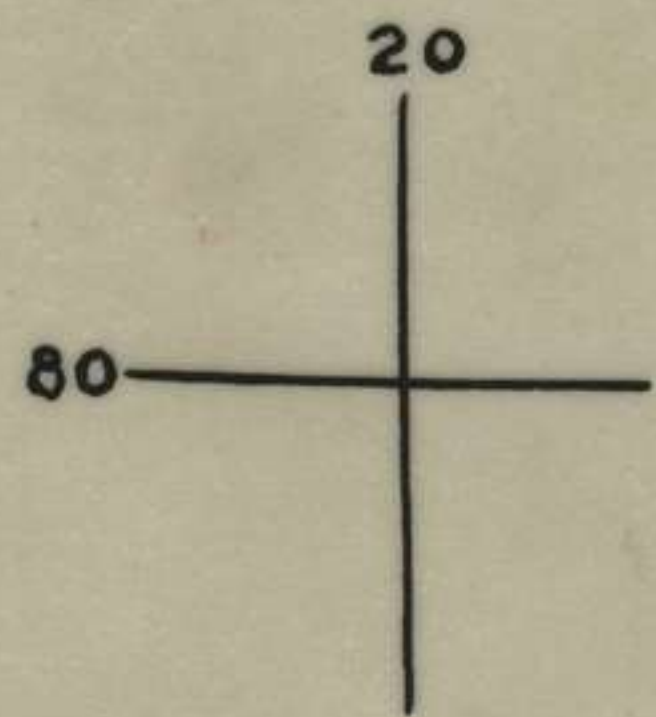
Brig,

Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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REF MAP NAUTI EAST 1 IN TO 1 ML

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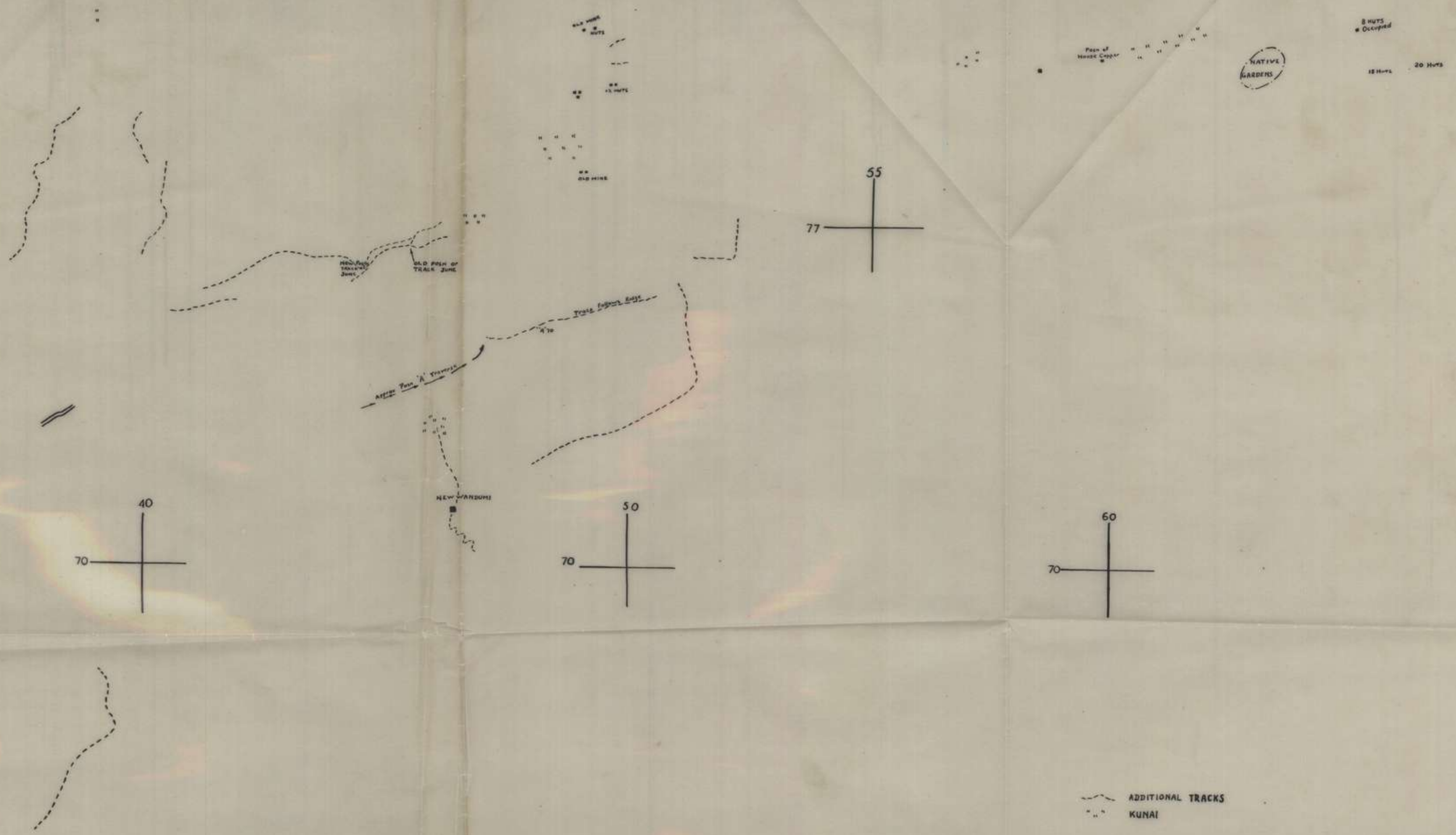
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HQ 23 AUST INF BDE
PEP 10 AUG 44

ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION TO WAU INTO IML MAP BY 23 AUST INF BDE

REF MAP WAU 1:50,000 to 1:250,000



SCALE 1 in to 1 ml.

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HQ 23 AUST INF BDE
PEP 10 AUG 44

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Aussie
2/1/44

In reply please
quote SVY/32/1101

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Subject: AMENDMENTS TO WAU & NAUTI 1" TO 1 MILE SERIES.

Survey Directorate,
HQ NG FORCE.
16 Aug 44

✓ HQ,
23 AUST INF BDE.

Reference your I2014 of 10 Aug 44.

2. Receipt of overlays, shewing extra information on WAU and NAUTI 1" sheets, is acknowledged.

3. This is valuable information to Survey, and will be incorporated in next revisions of these sheets.

4. Any further information of this type, shewing tracks, names of villages and rivers, etc., would also be appreciated.

5. Acknowledgement will always be made of such data to signify safe receipt at this Directorate.

N. A. Johnson Major.
AD SVY, NG FORCE.

War Diary

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Subject:-

RECCE REPORTS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Aug, 44
I 2018

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

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received at this HQ on 26 May 44.

2. The information referred to was consolidated at this HQ from recce reports compiled by officers, NCOs and men of the units. It may be some reward for their extensive patrolling and excellent reporting to know that the information gained has been put to use by Survey.

A. W. Potts Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Subject:-

HOLDING FILE 13 AUST INF BDE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.
12 Aug, 44
I 2015

HQ 3 AUST DIV (AIF)

Ref 23 Aust Inf Bde memo I2014 of 10 Aug 44 and further to telephone conversation G11 3 Aust Div and BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Holding file opened at this HQ for 13 Aust Inf Bde has been destroyed.

[Handwritten Signature]
For Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.
AOD

War Diary

Subject:-

FILES ON WAU AREA

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HQ 3 AUST DIV (AIF)

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

15 Aug, 44

I2016

1. Files as under, containing information relevant to WAU area, likely to be of value to a relieving unit or brigade have been forwarded by hand, through "V" Sec FSS.

- (a) Range and Danger Areas
- (b) Out of Bounds and Training Areas
- (c) Recce Reports
- (d) Master Maps

(enc)

A. W. Pett Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

VX 30357 Lt FITZGERALD A J
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
Wed 19 Jul 44

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The Editor,
Australian Women's Weekly,

Dear Sir,

In a recent issue of your publication, 10 Jun 44 which enjoys a wide distribution among the troops, you outlined the ~~feat~~ of the 4 AIF Divisions. In dealing with the activities of the 8th Div, however, no reference was made to the units of one brigade.

The brigade from its HQ at DARWIN held a battle-line which extended from TIMOR to NEW BRITAIN. A thin crescent of 3 battalions extended over 2000 miles, the sole outposts of Australia's northern defences.

When the Japanese flood engulfed the islands to the north of our shores, these three battalions, pitifully inadequate though they were, gallantly withstood the enemy advance, and, perhaps, by their stand against hopeless odds, snatched a brief respite so urgently needed.

The story of the three lost battalions has not yet been pieced together. Some day, after the war, the story of a fighting defence, of eventual surrender after incredible efforts in the face of impossible odds, of comradeship and sacrifice, of hardship, privation, hunger and thirst, as the few who escaped made their stealthy way from island to island through the Japanese hands, will be told.

Not for those survivors the triumphal marches through the city, the excitement of welcoming crowds.

Quiet talks with wives and mothers of their mates left behind, and the memory of their mates in Jap hands, have left them inarticulate and silent, but with a resolve that some day they would return to free their comrades.

The Brigade lives on, reconstituted around the original HQ and attached troops, by including 3 young and virile CMF (now AIF) battalions.

Behind their training in jungle warfare, they remember their special obligation to the original battalions of the brigade.

This letter is written to suggest that if at some future date, you give some publicity to the lost battalions and their successors, the relatives and friends of the men lost in AIDON, TIMOR, and RABAU will realize that their sacrifice is not forgotten, and that the Brigade waits to strike again for the freedom of its original members.

Yours, etc.,

Sheppard G.

an original member of this Brigade

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Subject:-

SKETCH MAPS OF CAMP AREAS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aug, 44
I 1/10

1. Units will prepare and forward to reach this HQ by 31/8/44 sketch maps 1 inch to 50 yards, of camp areas, showing latrines, cookhouse, latrine or iron-roofed huts, and similar installations of a semi-permanent nature.

2. For smaller units, sketches will be prepared by units possessing qualified personnel. For this purpose areas of responsibility are as follows -

- 8 Aust Inf Bn - Bn area, 2/1st Aust LAF, 1st Bde Coy, 1st Pz, 1st Bde Hosp, 17 Aust Pz Bde.
- 7 Aust Inf Bn - Bn area.
- 27 Aust Inf Bn - Bn area, 40 Tpt Pl, 14 1st Bde Pz Pl.
- 23 Aust Pz Coy - Coy area
- HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde - HQ area, 2nd Pl 2/1st Aust Bde Regt, 23 Bde Signal Section, 1st 12 Aust Div Postal Section, 241 Aust Bde Pz Pl.

Major
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Reference: List 'A'.

Serials 1 - 7, 9 - 13, 14, 20.

1. Minutes of Bde Comd's Conference held at 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at 1930 hrs on 19 Aug 44.

2. The following offrs were present:

- Lt col B N BERRY
- L Lt col A POPE
- Lt col G M NORRIS
- Lt col W I IRWIN
- Major A R DRIVER
- Capt A M HEATHWOOD
- Capt L I HOPTON

3. The conference was called to discuss in outline the forthcoming activities of this Bde, and was opened by the Comd giving the general set up which will probably apply throughout SOLOMONS and probably NEW GUINEA. It is thought that Aust tps will take over American responsibilities in these areas.

4. Phase I will be the relief in the SOLOMONS and as 23 Aust Inf Bde are the only Bde ready to move, they will move first. Bde gp will be under comd 14 US Corps, whose HQ are at TORAKINA in EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY.

5. The relief is to be complete by 1 Oct 44, units may anticipate move in first week of Sep and will be ready to move not later than 1 Sep 44.

6. The Bde will be divided into 4 gps

- (a) 1 Bn
- 1 Det Engrs
- 1 Det Fd Amb
- 1 Sup Dep Pl
- 1 Tpt Pl

to be stationed on EMIRAU ISLAND.

- (b) 1 Bn less one Coy
- 1 Det Engrs
- 1 Det Fd Amb
- 1 Sup Dep Pl
- 1 Tpt Pl

to be stationed on TREASURY ISLAND

- (c) 1 Coy from Gp (b)

plus dets to be allotted later to be stationed at MUNDA

- (d) 1 Bn
- 1 Det Engrs
- 1 Det Fd Amb
- 1 Sup Dep Pl
- 1 Tpt Pl
- plus Bde Gp HQ

to be stationed on GREEN ISLAND

7. A Bde Liaison party will be attached to HQ 14 US Corps

8. OOB for Bde Gp is not yet firm, consequently above mentioned gps are given as a possibility.

9. No allocation of units will be made until after BM's return (BM leaves 200740L for 4 to 5 days recce)
10. 3 Aust Div will take over from 14 US Corps at TORAKINA at a later date.
- 12a. The comd has asked higher formation for 6 pr Tk A guns to replace 2 prs at present held and in addition for the Mtn Bty to be placed under comd.
11. 30 days reserves of all types will be carried, with probable addendums in trg amn and other items which will be brought fwd by unit comds.
12. Div will lay down WE Amn to be carried, based on 1st line Tropical scale and WUR as shown on memo issued to Bns.
13. This Bde is on first priority for all sups and BCO has the matter in hand.
14. The move will depend on shipping availability and acting on the knowledge that all available shipping will be turned on, everything will be taken:
eti Cots, all blankets, res clothing 50% etc.
15. Units were warned that the general set up of sups is a little vague at present and may be disrupted when Div takes over from 14 US Corps about Nov/Dec.
16. The Comd then intimated that this relief is only a preliminary, with bigger task to follow; giving approx 3 months to units, mainly occupied by taking over from Americans, general reorganisation work and recce.
17. Tps may be warned that the Bde is moving and to an area not previously occupied by Aust Tps; the actual destination will not be disclosed.
18. Units may anticipate a limited number of water craft being available and will take every opportunity to practice shore to shore operations both as an exercise and 'business'.
19. It is thought that it may be possible to get a det of 4.2 mortars under comd each Bn gp.
20. It is envisaged that dets of RAN and RAAF will be attached to the Bde.
21. ANGAU and ATIS reps have been requested.
22. Amenities sups are to receive special attention, unit badds will be taken and libraries, cards and other game sups checked - Education Services.
23. Lt col IRWIN to check re Dental Secs and malaria control units *operating facilities X-rays Surgeons*
24. There is no question of any possibility of meeting the enemy during settling in period, although it is envisaged that ops may commence, by offensive recces, shortly after.
25. It must be emphasized that the men are soldiers all the time and in spite of working parties, fatigues and so on, it is of great importance to maintain and improve the standard of discipline and trg, in preparation for ops in later phases. Comd and SC, (if possible COs of Bns) will make a recce of Bde areas, leaving on 4 Sep. It is anticipated that should time permit further recces will be undertaken

26. The question of Aust formations taking over US stores is to be checked on, a recent GRO refers.
27. This move is an AQ move only.

LAE AREA

1. The period in LAE will be spent in the main, by units carrying out various construction, wharf and guard duties.
2. 6 Bde will probably be concentrated as soon as 23 Aust Inf Bde mov is complete, thus necessitating the mov of 7 Aust Inf Bn and Bde HQ from their present sites.
3. 7 Aust Inf Bn will vacate their present site by Thursday.
4. 7 Aust Inf Bn will take over all LAE base duties from 8 Aust Inf Bn as from Monday 21 Aug 44. 27 Aust Inf Bn will be on camp construction and will work on the following priorities:

7 Aust Inf Bn site
6 Aust Inf Bde
5. It is to be emphasized to the tps that this camp area is of a purely temporary nature and that the attendant discomforts and lack of facilities are unavoidable. It is anticipated that the stay of this Bde in LAE will not exceed 3 weeks.
6. SC to contact AQ re bulldozers and 'chinaman' for Bde use.
7. Lt col NORRIS to take over from Lt col BERRY on Pre-Selection Board.
8. 5 extra offrs per Bn have been asked for owing to extensive Liaison work which will be part of future ops.
9. The question of offrs under review was brought up and their transfer to NG Details Depot is to be expedited.
10. Units will lay down standard marching order incorporating tents half shelter.
11. Unit Comds to check equipment on WER but not required. On receipt of Div policy, instructions will be issued for disposal.
12. Tk A Rifles will be withdrawn and SC will check PITA question.
13. SC to check colour patch question.
14. The 8 Aust Inf Bn will at a date to be notified parade for GOC 3 Aust Div, and Comd emphasized GOCs interest and enthusiasm in his Div and the GOCs policy in keeping close and personal contact with units.
15. SC gave details of remainder of mov from WAU.

1. Minutes of Bde Comd's Conference held in offrs Mess HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde at 0900 hrs 28 Aug 44.
2. The following offrs were present:
 - Lt col BERRY
 - Lt col POPE
 - Lt col NORRIS
 - Lt col IRWIN
 - Maj DRIVER
 - Capt HEATHWOOD
 - Capt HOPTON
 - Capt O'KEEFFE
3. Brig stated that a recce party consisting of the 3 Bn Comds, SC and himself would leave on Wed morning - No batmen to be taken. Lt col IRWIN would go on recce later should time permit. Bn Comd's to go to their own islands as soon as possible and may remain four or five days to contact opposite numbers and get to know as many people as possible. Comds will study the alteration in conditions - Aust - American.
4. Allocation of islands:

7 Aust Inf Bn	TREASURY ISLAND
8 Aust Inf Bn	EMIRAU ISLAND
27 Aust Inf Bn	GREEN ISLAND
5. Comd and SC's route will be approx:
 - TORIKINA
 - TREASURY ISLAND
 - GREEN ISLAND
 - EMIRAU ISLAND
6. Unit comds to bear in mind problems arising from the movement of American base units and their stores and equipment.
7. Island Comds will, as far as units are concerned, be Adm Comds and will not interfere with trg.
8. Unit Comds to check question of transport required and submit forecast of requirements.
9. The SC gave following suggestions on transport question:
 - Per Bn
 - 8 Jeeps and 8 Trailers
 - 2 15 cwts
 - 4 3 Ton
 - Transport Pl to be reorganised as follows:
 - 16 Jeeps and 16 Trailers
 - 16 3 Ton
10. Unit Comds to remember possibility of use of transport by Island Comd for unloading of ships etc.
11. The question of Water Carts and Water Trailers was discussed and SC will check with ADOS.
12. The probable allotment to each Gp will be:
 - Tpt Pl
 - AASC Sup Pl
 - Wksp Sec
 - Medical Sec possibly augmented
 - Sec Engrs
 - Special Task Force Sig Sec

13. Comd discussed 8 Aust Inf Bn return of equipment considered surplus to WE.
14. BM gave ammendment to Recce Report, Part II Sec 2 Page 4 para 1, ref EMIRAU ISLAND average width $\frac{3}{4}$ mile not maximum width.
15. Playing, and sports grounds are good and there are plenty available.
16. Transport Drivers to be warned that therule of the road is right hand drive.
17. No NEW ZEALAND on islands with the exception of a unit of the NEW ZEALAND Air Force.
18. Exchange of compliments to be discussed with opposite numbers especially is regard to saluting without hats.
19. The GOC is desirous of retaining colour patches as long as possible.
20. Conference of all offr in Bde Gp to be held in 27 Aust Inf Bn lines at 281700K to discuss review of training, outline of what is desired from the Bde, Chain of Comd.
21. Question of IOs was d iscussed and build up of Bn offr to 40 or 45.

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26 Aug 44.

REGGE REPORT

by

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

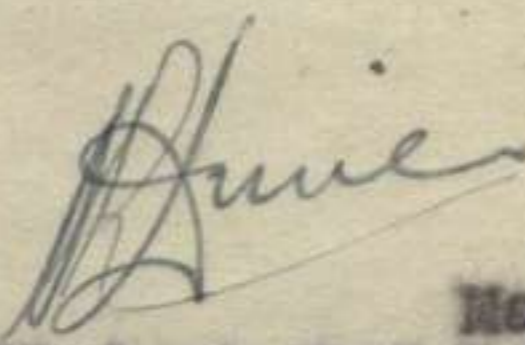
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OBJECT: A preliminary general survey of the Outer SOLOMON ISLANDS with particular reference to the relief by 23 Aust Inf Bde, of US Garrison Forces in occupation of MUNDA, TREASURY ISLANDS, GREEN ISLAND and EMIRAU ISLAND.

TIME OUT: 200915K Aug 44.

TIME IN: 241120K Aug 44

ROUTE: LAE, KIRIWINA, TORIKINA - TORIKINA, MUNDA, TREASURY ISLAND, TORIKINA - TORIKINA, EMIRAU ISLAND, GREEN ISLAND, TORIKINA - TORIKINA LAE.


Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

PART I

1. The Islands of NEW GEORGIA, TREASURY, GREEN and EMIRA are known as the "OUTER ISLES".
2. XIV US Corps is established at BOUGAINVILLE;
Comd - Maj Gen GRISWOLD
Chief of Staff - Brig Gen ARNOLD
3. 93 US Div has HQ established at TREASURY ISLAND and defends the OUTER ISLES.
Comd - On leave USA
Asst Comd - Brig Gen BOYD
4. Relief of 93 US Div can be effected tactically by:
 - (a) One Aust Inf Bn Gp in each of GREEN and EMIRAU Islands.
 - (b) Bde HQ at GREEN ISLAND.
 - (c) One Aust Inf Bn Gp less one Coy at TREASURY ISLANDS.
 - (d) One Rifle Coy at MUNDA.
5. General Details (under two Sections) of OUTER ISLES and each Island separately form Part II of this Report.



Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

PART II - SECTION I

1. 93 US Div is entirely a coloured Div with fewer white officers than coloured.
2. It is intended that, upon completion of relief of 93 US Div by 23 Aust Inf Bde, Brig A W POTTS will be command of "OUTER ISLES", under direct command XIV US Corps, until an Aust Corps relieves.
3. It was decided by Command HQ Force that a US Army Officer (probable rank of Col) plus a staff will be appointed as Island Command in each of TREASURY and EMIRAU Islands, Brig POTTS will be Island Command GREEN ISLAND. Bn Commands will be responsible for tactical decisions, dispositions and training of their troops on each Island.
4. Inter Island W/T communication will be by 133 sets on each Island, linked to the Command HQ at GREEN ISLAND. Rear link from Command HQ to TORIKINA will be by 112 set and sets should be established as reliefs are effected. Special Aust Signal Task Sections will operate all the above sets.
5. Complete internal intercommunication set-ups are established on each Island.
6. Airfields, constructed from Coral, (average length 7000 ft) in extremely good condition are on each Island and at MUNDA.
7. The roads on each Island link to all points on the Island, and being of Coral construction and well drained, are excellent highways.
8. Maintenance problems (unless US Forces leave portion of Engineer Bn on each Island) are going to be difficult without mechanical equipment.
9. A constant link between Islands by Aircraft is controlled by SCAT (Service Comd Air Transportation) using Douglas C 47's. It is intended to utilize these Aircraft for mail, perishable supplies and liaison between Islands. It is understood these Aircraft run daily, weather permitting.
10. Supplies to each Island will be by 3 Liberty ships each 2 months. Details of harbourages and small craft are given in Part II - Section 2.
11. It is considered desirable that one small Motor Launch be left on each Island for use by Island Command.
12. Local resources are plentiful on each Island and neighbouring small Islands. Fresh fruit and vegetables are obtainable from native gardens, natural sources and some unit gardens, while fish seem to be in plentiful supply. Line fishing mainly is pursued.
13. Water Supply with exception of GREEN ISLAND is by well, pumped to storage tanks and either reticulated (in few cases only) or carted by vehicles from tanks, presenting no problems either quantity or delivery. GREEN ISLAND however has no natural fresh water and the only water on the Island comes from Condensation of Sea Water. At the rate of 4 gallons per man per day (drinking and cooking only) sufficient water

is obtained from Condensers for present members on the Island.

14. Hygiene generally is very good, drainage systems being adequate on each Island. Very little malaria has been contracted in the OUTER ISLES but some dengue. US Commands when questioned had no knowledge of scrub typhus. Scorpions and centipedes are the only nuisances in the areas. Very few mosquitoes were encountered in any of the Islands.
15. Sports fields are constructed in plenty on the Islands and in particular at MUNDA where there are probably 50 concrete tennis courts. Pictures are shown on an average of 4 - 5 nights per week, the films (mostly Pre-Release) coming from a Pool situated at HQ XIV US Corps. It is understood that the projectors at present in use on the Islands will go out with US units.
16. There should be no coverage problems on any of the Islands, providing Units bring tents Accomodation Scale "A". Huts, offices, messes and tent frames plus surplus timber will be readily available. It is not the intention of any present Island Command to move any semi permanent buildings, with which the Islands abound.
17. POL supplies and interchange of present stocks on the Islands is the decision of Higher Command.
18. Fostering in of Aust Units has been discussed with each present Island Command and the Unit advance parties can tie this up more definitely.
19. It should be mentioned here that Aust troops will probably have to live cheek by jowl with coloured US troops until Unit tentage is erected.
20. The total strength of US Forces at present situated in the OUTER ISLES is 64,863. Details of their dispositions is included in Part II Section 2 under the various Island details.
21. Sufficient bulk refrigeration controlled by Service Comd exists on each Island, for perishable foods and manufacture of ice, which seems to be an integral necessity in this part of the globe.
22. Radar stations are established on each Island, being sufficiently accurate to pick up all approaching craft, either by land, sea, or air.

PART II - SECTION 2

MUNDA

1. MUNDA is actually an airfield and environments situated on the S W coast of NEW GEORGIA, distance approx 150 Air miles from TREASURY ISLANDS and approx 190 air miles from TORIKINA.
2. The hinterland of NEW GEORGIA is thickly wooded with tropical undergrowth but has a coastal strip of sound coral formation.
3. US Forces at present in occupation:

US	115 Army Ground Force Combat	6438
US	115x Army Ground Forces Service	175
US	118 Army Air Force Combat	380
US	118 Army Air Force Service	805
US	118x Army Services of Sup	3677
	Total US Army	11475
	Other US Forces	
	Navy	5359
	Marines	1720
	Total US Forces	18554
	Others: Allied Forces	95
	US Civilians	7
	SOLOMON ISLANDS	
	Labour Corps	380
	Grand Total	19036
4. Col HICKSON is Service Comd of the area and Lt col JONES is G2 (Int)
5. The combat Gp consists of 368th Inf Regt less 3rd Bn. This Gp does NOT appear to have fixed defensive positions, and is bivouaced close to the MUNDA Airfield.
6. No JAP Forces are known to be on NEW GEORGIA.
7. Liberty ships cannot approach direct into MUNDA, but are berthed at a wharf on the NE tip of ROVIANA ISLAND. Supplies are then conveyed by road through that ISLAND and loaded onto LCTs and LCMs for the crossing of the 1000 yds of water separating ROVIANA from MUNDA. A floating wharf is in progress of construction at MUNDA but at present barges are off loaded onto the beach.
8. Maps of area of scale 1:20000 and all Air photographs will be left with G2 (Int). One issue of scale 1:10000 was procured and is held by 23 Aust Inf Bde.
9. Approx 250 natives, under control of Maj CLEMENTS, British Commissioner in the SOLOMONS, are located on HOPUPEKA ISLAND, approx 1 mile from MUNDA. It is believed that NEW GEORGIA has a large population of natives living normally in villages in the hinterland. Natives are believed to be friendly and native gifts and vegetables are obtainable.
10. Weather is quite pleasant with afternoon rains general. Winds as far as can be ascertained are mild with few cyclonic disturbances.
11. PT base (2 sqns) is established at MUNDA, and it is anticipated the base will be in operation for some months.

TREASURY ISLANDS

1. TREASURY ISLANDS consist of two Main Islands, STIRLING and MONO, (approx 350 yds apart) separated by BLANCHE HARBOUR.
2. STIRLING ISLAND is approx 3 miles in length and an average width of 1000 yds. It is wooded but most timber has been cut for milling purposes. The soil is of firm coral formation. With the exception of two one Rifle Coys, the garrison forces are on this Island.
3. MONO ISLAND approx 7½ miles by 4 miles is a heavily wooded island with good millable timber, the soil being the normal coral formation.
4. Air distance to TORIKINA is only 130 miles.
5. US Forces at present in occupation:

US Army Gd Force Combat	4625
US Army Gd Force Services	255
US Army Services of Supply	143
US Army Air Force Combat	1633
US Army Air Force Service	904
Total US Army	<u>7329</u>
Other US Forces Navy	<u>5062</u>
Total US Forces	<u>12391</u>
6. The combat Gp consists of HQ 93 US Inf Div plus 3rd Bn of 368 US Inf Regt. This Gp has fixed defence positions for the Combat Gp with one Coy on MONO ISLAND.
7. Strong JAPANESE Forces are known to be established on SHORTLAND ISLANDS, only 16 miles north of MONO ISLAND. No definite numbers of enemy are obtainable because no US patrol has investigated. Native reports are unreliable as to numbers. FAISI on the eastern tip of SHO TLAND ISLES is known to be a JAP base.
8. Liberty ships can pull right in to the wharf on STIRLING ISLAND and be unloaded direct onto transport. Facilities are in situation for the direct pumping of fuel oils from tankers to storage tanks. LCMs are also used for passage in BLANCHE HARBOUR.
9. No maps in quantity are available but Air photos will be left. One copy of the area North to BOUGAINVILLE and EAST to NEW GOERGIA scale 1:250000 was obtained, also one copy scale 1:20000 of the TREASURY ISLAND Gp.
10. Approx 300 natives (mixed sexes) are on MONO ISLAND, a percentage are available for labour. The chief's name is Chief ROY and TIMOTHY is the missionary.
11. Capt HODGES, a Coy Comd with British Commission in SOLOMONS has his HQ on VILLA LAURELLA ISLAND approx 50 miles ESE of TREASURY. The numbers of natives there is not known.
12. Climate is delightful with light rain each afternoon for only one hour. A light breeze (NE) comes in each evening which makes for pleasant night. No cyclonic disturbances have disturbed the forces now in occupation.

13. PT Base (2 sqns) is established ~~xx~~ on a bay, NW tip of STIRLING ISLAND. It is anticipated these craft will remain for considerable time. These Sqns do continuous patrolling around the SHORTLAND ISLANDS and the SE coast of BOUGAINVILLE.

GREEN ISLAND GP

1. NISSAN ISLAND, commonly known as GREEN ISLAND is an atoll, being horseshoe in shape, total length 14 miles and an average of 900 yds in width. Two small Islands are situated in the entrance of the harbour and these rather complicate harbourage facilities.
2. This Island is probably the dirtiest of the OUTER ISLES, having an overburden of black mud over the coral formation. Camp sites must be cleared of this mud and quarried coral laid as a base. Timber on the Island is not very suitable for building purposes but a saw mill is in operation at present.
3. PINAPEL ISLAND approx 10 miles to the north of NISSAN is inhabited by natives, numbers of whom are unknown.
4. Air distance to TORIKINA is only 160 miles whilst EMIRAU ISLAND is 360 Air miles to the NW
5. US Forces at present in occupation:
- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| US Army Gd Force Combat | 5921 |
| US Army Gd Force Service | 39 |
| US Army Air Force Combat | 58 |
| US Army Air Force Service | 261 |
| US Army Services of Supply | 1375 |
| Total US Army | <u>7654</u> |
| Other US Forces - Navy | 5443 |
| Marines | <u>2148</u> |
| Total US Forces | <u><u>15245</u></u> |
6. Col DE BOYS is the Comdt and Col McNAUGHT his Executive officer. Lt col CARROLL is G3 (Ops)
7. The Combat Gp consists of 25th Inf Regt Comd by Col YON with a large number of medium and heavy AA guns. This island has the heaviest concentration of AA guns in the OUTER ISLES. The Gp ~~has~~ has fixed defences and Bns ~~at present~~ are at present occupying them.
8. No JAPANESE forces are known to be in the Island Gp.
9. Liberty ships have to anchor outside the harbour entrance as the clearance draught is only 15 ft. Unloading of the ships is executed by 10 LCT's and 40 - 50 LCM's, these craft unloading at a small wharf centrally situated on the stores of the enclosed lagoon.
10. No maps of the Island were available although one copy ~~copy~~ and ~~xx~~ Air photographs will be left for use by Aust Forces.
11. A few natives are available for labour, controlled by Cpl KENNEDY of ANGAU. It was not clearly understood whether ANGAU control the natives on PINAPEL ISLAND


12. As mentioned in Part II - Section 1 of this Report the water supply on the Island is limited.
13. The climate is rather extreme, being very hot and muggy during the day but mild during the night. A constant but light NE breeze is common at this period of the year, coming in during the evening only. No cyclonic disturbances have been known to occur.
14. Fishing is particularly good in the lagoon and in the straights between NISSAN and PINAPEL ISLANDS.
15. PT base (2 Sqns) is established in the lagoon on the Western side of the harbour entrance. It is considered these craft will remain for a considerable period as they patrol the Eastern coast of NEW BRITAIN and also RABAU.

EMIRAU ISLAND

1. EMIRAU ISLAND sometimes known as SQUALLY ISLAND is a picturesque island situated $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ South of the Equator, length approx 8 miles and an ~~average~~ ^{average} width of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Shaped like a clover leaf it is ideal for defensive positions. The island is well wooded and has much millable timber. Soil is mainly coral with very little overburden. Approx $\frac{1}{2}$ of coastline is high coral cliffs, rising on the SW side to 40 - 50 ft.
2. There is a good harbourage HAMBURG BAY on the Northern side of the Island, ⁱⁿ which ships can anchor.
3. Air distance to GREEN ISLANDS is 350 miles.
4. US Forces at present in occupation:

US Army Ground Force Combat	5537
US Army Ground Force Services	68
US Army Air Force Combat	73
US Army Air Force Services	399
US Army Services of Supply	<u>1731</u>
Total US Army	7807
Other US Forces - Navy	8009
Marines	<u>2762</u>
Total US Forces	18578
Allied Forces	17
US Civilians	3
Native	518
Chinese	<u>114</u>
Total	<u><u>19230</u></u>
5. The Island Comd is Brig Gen BOYD, who is Assistant Comd 93 US Div. Capt STAPLES is G4 (Maintenance)
6. The Combat Gp consists of 369th Inf Regt with some light and heavy AA btys. This Regt is disposed tactically, each Bn being in occupation of one of the clover like leaves of the Island.
7. No JAPANESE forces are known to be wither on the Island, or the large Island known as MASSAU some miles to the north. This Island is occupied by natives, approx 2400, incl chinese who were placed there after being evacuated from KAVIENG.

8. The Island Comd considers it possible that JAPANESE Forces in KAVIENG (latest estimate 6000) may endeavour to invade the Island. An Air Cover by day and PT boat patrols by night cover all likely enemy lines of approach.
9. No maps were available but Air photographs will be left for relief Forces.
10. Maj McDONALD is ANGAU representative on the Island and having just relieved the previous offr, was not a great deal of help. The natives on MASSAU ISLAND are available for labour, and chinese carpenters are in use at present on various small buildings.
11. Liberty ships anchoring in HAMBURG BAY unload onto LCTS and LCHs, which have very good off loading wharves only approx 300 yds from the ships. Another bay towards the NW end of the Island is used for supply of the PT base.
12. The climate is the best of any of the OUTER ISLES, being pleasant during the day and quite cool during the night. Rain usually falls for two hours each afternoon and then clears. Trade winds seem constant from NE between months of May - Oct and SW for the remainder of the year.
13. The change of prevalent winds has made necessary the construction of alternative small craft landing points for unloading of Liberty ships anchoring in the SW lee of the Island.
14. PT base (2 sqns) is established at the NW end of the Island and it is anticipated that they will remain for a considerable time. These sqns participate in continuous patrolling of the coast of NEW IRELAND and in particular KAVIENG.
15. EMIRAU ISLAND is the most improved of any of the OUTER ISLES, the general lay out maintenance and simplicity of lines of supply being a credit to the Island Comd


Maj
BN 23 Aust Inf Bde

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

32e/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 8 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	* Brigadier *										
2	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
0	2		9	Majors										
6		1	8	Captains										
				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.
				A.	19									19
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
(100371	Lt	WILSON W F C	17 Bd Amb	29/7/44	Returned to unit ex hospit

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX133296	Lt	TOLLEY W N	DFO LAE BARR SMBARRA	28x 4/8/44	Paymaster DFO LAE

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 8 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	R L	BM(L)	"		
Capt	NX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFE	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	"		
<u>Services</u>							
Capt	VX 39042	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	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		8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON	W C S	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.

5 Aug

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 / 8 / 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.
AAOC Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Palaters				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			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen Int	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Ident'n. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Sty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AALC:Clerk	1		
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AASC:Clerk	1		
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES:Clerk	1		
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS: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	8	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.) AEME	1	-		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Orderlies	15	15	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3		Hyg Duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CQMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				1pt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AAOC:Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAOC:Med Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAOC:Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				XXXXXXXXXX			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAChD:Batm	3	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AALC:Batm	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAEC			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.V. AEME	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Clerks		2	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	13		CARRIED FORWARD	17	16		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	72	*

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

5 Aug
Date of Despatch

L. Burdell Capt
Signature of Commanding Officer

DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

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

TRADE RANK WE PS DEFICIENT SURPLUS

TRADE	GP I	Details of Tradesmen	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
AAOC: Amm Exam		Sgt	1			
"		S/Sgt				
Int Draughtsmen		Cpl	1	1		
AEME Armourer		Sgt	1	1		
Trade Gp II						
AAOC Cooks		Cpl	1			
Int Duties		S/Sgt	1			
Int Duties		Cpl	1			
Trade III						
Inf Clerks		WOII	1	1		
"		Cpl	1	1		
AAES		Sgt	1			
"		Cpl		1		
AAAS		Sgt	1	1		
AALC		Cpl	1			
AASC		Cpl	1	1		
Non Tradesmen						
Dvrs MT		Cpl	1			
Tpt Sgt		Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties		Cpl	1			
CSM		WOII	1			
CQMS		S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC						
Med Ord		Cpl	1	(1 Pte)		
AAPC						
Clerks		S/Sgt		1		
		Sgt		1		
SURPLUS NCO'S						
VX116765	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P J	Amn Exam	28	A2	Remain Amn Exam
VX127783	Cpl	ODGERS G J	AED Clerk	28	A1	Appt Sgt
CARRIED FORWARD						

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

33/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/8/1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf (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			1	Brigadier										
2	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
10	2		2	Majors										
6		1	1	Captains										
			8	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
				A.	19									19
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

* 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.
SX 32806	Chap	RAWLINS H E A	19 MG Bn	28 Jul	Appt Chap 27 Bn

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX 13215	Chap	JOHNSON W C S	6 Bde	28 Jul	

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/8/1944 (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	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	AE	BM	"		
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	R L	BM(D)	"		
Capt	WX 70683	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)	No	leave ARL	
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	Yes		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	No	ARL	
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lt/ T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON W	F C	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	BO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AD	"		
Lt	WX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Chaplain							
"	WX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Detached	7 Bn	
"	WX139070	DILLON	R F	do	do	8 Bn	
"	SX 13215	JOHNSON W	C S	do	do	27 Bn	
"	SX 32806	RAWLINS H	E A	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.

18 Aug 44
Date of Despatch

Capt
Signature of Commander
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12 / 8 / 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	2	2		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								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 Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Valcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		3	3	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)	1			Gun Operator				GROUP III							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks		4	3				
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	4	Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photewriter				Mechanics, M.T.		1	1	Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Moulders				Farriers							
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	13		CARRIED FORWARD	17	16		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	72	*

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

12 Aug 44
Date of Despatch

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

34, 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/ 8 /1941 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Unit) (TS)

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'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
1			1	* Brigadier*												
				Lieut.-Colonels												
2	1		1	Majors												
10	2	1	9	Captains												
6		2	8	Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
18	3	3	19													
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/8/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	WX11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	R L	BM(L)	"		
Capt	NX 40683	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2375	O'KEEFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 25893	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	No	ARL	6Aug44
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	Yes		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	"		
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	No	ARL	6Aug 44
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BAS CO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON W	F C	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	VX 30857	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Chaplain	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Detached	7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	R F		do	8 Bn	
"	SX 32806	RAWLINS	H E A		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.

19 Aug 44
Date of Despatch

for *Powell*
Signature of Commander
Capt

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/ 8/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
1	1										
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Rivettors		
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						Radlographers			Stevedores		
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Befitters		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					
Electricians			Cooks	3	3	Woodturners					
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics								
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
Fitters			Driver-Operator								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators								
Fitters (M.V.)	1	-	Gun Operator			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Battery Surveyors			Orderlies	15	15
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Butchers			Water Duty	1	1
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks	4	3	Hyg Duty	1	1
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Supply			CSM	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	4	4	Clerks, Technical			CCMS	1	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Coach Trimmers			Tpt Sgt	1	1
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Concretors			AASC:Batm	1	1
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Cooks			AAMC:Med Ord	1	1
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Dental Clerk Orderlies			AACC:Batm	1	1
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Draughtsmen, Signals			AACHD:Batm	3	1
Pattern Maker			Masons			Drivers, H.T.			AALC:Batm	1	1
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Mechanics					
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	Driver Tptn. Plant					
Photowriter			Miners			Engine Hands, I.C.					
Plumber			Moulders			Equipment Repairers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Farriers					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Fitters' Mates					
						Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	CARRIED FORWARD	13	13	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	69

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.

19 Aug 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Capt

DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

TRADE RANK WE PS DEFICIENT SURPLUS

Trade Gp I

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

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as reported in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.S.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacements not detailed note accordingly on return by number of NCO's in col. "Replacements".
(e) Where any request or action is made on part of force, the words "see back" should be written in the space provided on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

35 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 8 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust. Inf. (Unit) (TS)

W.E. 2 / 3 OFFRS 19 O.R's 57 + 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'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	* Brigadier*										
2	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
10	2	1	9	Majors										
6		2	8	Captains										
				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.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	19									19
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

* 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).

10 23 Aust Inf Bde (TS) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/8/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	SX 231	DOPTON	R L	BM(L)	"		
Capt	WX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	No	ARL	6Aug44
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	Yes		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	K G	LO2	No	RAAF Sch of Army Coop	17Aug44
Lt	SX 23134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	"	ARL	6Aug44
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WISON	W F C	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	K E	EO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	WX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Chaplain	WX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Detached		7 Bn	
"	WX139070	DILLON	F F	do		8 Bn	
"	SX 328	RAWLINS	H E A	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.

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Date of Despatch

A. Heathway Capt
Signature of Commander.

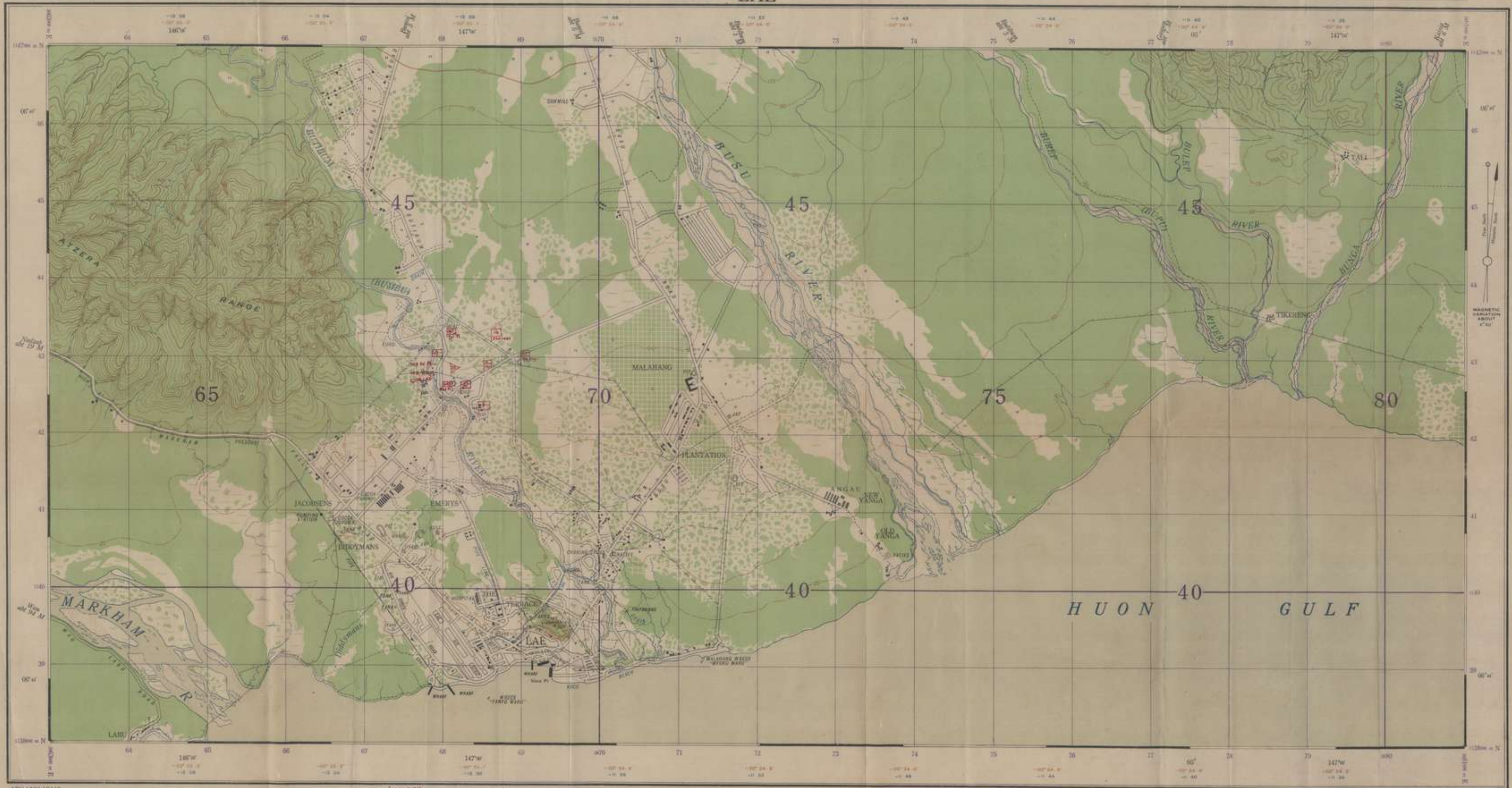
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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

NEW GUINEA LAE

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
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ADV/703/0445

Location: 25 840 500 Sec
28 Pl G Coy 4th Cav Regt
241 18 400 2nd Postal Bn - 44 1st 242 Coy 2nd B.



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Triangulation Station	▲ 92'
Second	▲ 92'
Third	▲ 92'
Fourth	▲ 92'

Astronomical Station

- Native Garden
- Native Village
- Unidentified Native Village
- Building
- River or perennial Stream
- New perennial Stream
- Fathom Line



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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A) 3 aust div

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

101005K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0126 SECRET (.) 23 aust inf bde will prepare for rd mov LAE at early date
(.) details later

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

Signed

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
(A)	3 aust div	102303K	
<i>For Action</i>			
23 aust inf bde			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
	area comd WAU		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0129 SECRET WARNING ORDER (.) following units will move by rd to
 LAE NOT before 14 aug (.) HQ 23 bde 23 bde sigs 7 bn 27 bn
 40 tpt pl 243 sup pl 17 fd amb 109 ord fd pk 109 bde wksp 2/108
 LAD det 3 div cash office det 12 div postal unit 14 pro pl less OC
 and one sec (.) all units forthwith under comd 23 bde pending arrival
 3 div LAE area (.) mov under arrangements of 3 div ACK all informed

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(A) 3 Div

Originator

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111100 K

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23 bde D coy 2/1 Gd regt ^{For Action}

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0133 restricted (.) 28 pl G Coy 2/1 aust gd regt will

prepare to move from WAU to BULOLO at early date (.) will remain
under comd D coy 2/1 gd regt (.) move with vehs unit eqpt tentage
& accom stores present held (.) date move accn under arrangements
Q 3 Div

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(A) 3 Div

112200 K

TO

6 Bde 23 bde ^{For Action} D coy 2/1 gd regt

Message Instructions

GR

(w) For Information (INFO.)

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0136 restricted (.) 18 pl E coy 21 gd regt will move
to site adjacent HQ 3 Div (.) mov aacom under arrangements to
3 Div (.) temporarily pass from in support 6 bde and remain
under comd D coy 2/1 gd regt for special trg for period not less
than 10 days. 28 pl G coy 2/1 gd regt will move same site same
date from WAU ack

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~Q319 RESTRICTED (.) comd SC one other 6 ORs HQ 6 bde mov BULOLO to HQ 23 bde in unit vehs 2 jeeps 2 trailers (.) comd SC intend return BULOLO early date (.) as discussed BREHENY HEATHWOOD request you arrange accm~~

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<p><i>For Action</i></p> <p>23 aust inf bde</p>		
<p>TO</p> <p>(w) <i>For Information (INFO.)</i></p> <p>sigs 2 aust div</p>	<p><i>Message Instructions</i> GR</p>	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0246 SECRET our 0129 of 102303K aug (.) camp sites allotted LAE as follows (.) ref map LAE 1/25000 (.) HQ 23 bde 679434 (.) 7 bn 682436 (.) 27 bn 684425 (.) 8 bn now occupy area 685423 (.) allotment to other units 23 bde indefinite (.) recce these sites reveal NOT immediately ready occupation (.) arrangements will be made by this HQ to despatch adv parties to permit minimum 4 days work on sites (.) details of this mov will be advised 14 aug (.) (amck) will be available to assist adv parties

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(A) 1 Aust Sup dep coy

121130 K

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

23 bde

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SD 36 restricted 243 sup dep pl will revert

comd 23 bde as from 131200 K vide 3 div 0 192

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

X248 CONFIDENTIAL MOV ORDER (.) FIRST (.) 243 sup pl strength 2 offr
 31 ORs stores 8 tons DW 260 cubic feet will move by road convoy from
 BULOLO to LABU departing BULOLO am 14 aug (.) for mov to LAE ref map
 LAE 1/25000 686427 will be arranged by town major LABU (.) unit will
 move with veh 7 x 15 cwt 4 x 4 unit stores ord accm stores tentage
 held (.) SECOND (.) midday meal 14 aug will be carried on the man (.)
 243 sup pl will supply guide at check post BULOLO 140930K to guide
 6 x 4 ton vehs to unit areas for loading (.) loading will be
 completed as expeditiously as possible in order to avoid delay to
 convoy (.) 23 aust inf bde to advise when departure is complete (.)
 LAE BASE Q2393 NOT to all addressees refers (.) ACK all informed

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0260 CONFIDENTIAL ref mov 23 bde gp WAU to LAE (.) outline plan for mov as follows (.) FIRST (.) units will move with veh unit stores tentage and ordnance accm stores (.) SECOND (.) mov will be effected by road convoy daily except sundays WAU to LABU mov by water craft LABU to MARKHAM BEACH thence by MT to camp areas (.) arrange daily lift of 30 three ton vehs departing WAU 0700 hrs arriving TIMNE 1200 hrs LABU 1500 hrs commencing 16 aug (.) every requirements for mov of div tps affecting this allotment will be advised by this Hq to 23 bde and area comd WAU (.) under arrangement area comd WAU timing of up convoy LABU to WAU will be suitably adjusted (.) 23 bde will advise area comd WAU at earliest each day details of vehs and pers DW and cubic ~~FREE~~ measurement of stores NOT carried in unit vehs for mov on following day (.) area comd WAU will signal these details to LAE BASE SUB AREA town major LABU advanced Hq 3 aust div and confirm by signal on day of mov (.) THIRD (.) unconsumed portions of days rations to be carried on the man one days reserve in unit or sub unit bulk (.) under arrangement 3 aust div hot drink will be provided at TIMNE and staging meal at LABU (.) FOURTH (.) for LAE BASE SUB AREA (.) these arrangements made in conjunction with area comd WAU (.)

request you advise by priority signal if satisfactory (.)

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(A) 8 aust inf bn

150900K

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A1008 RESTRICTED (.) your A1151 refers (.) CAPT WILD available as IO
at LABU (.) advise ETA BDE COMD LAE

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151430K

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TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A1014 (.) RESTRICTED (.) request you advise daily number and unit of pers
moving via LABU time of departure WAU

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For Action

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0285 RESTRICTED ref 3 aust div RO 329 of 27 jul 44 (.) det 3 aust div
rec sec will not now be responsible for mov personnel at this area (.)
amend para 3 (B) to read HQ AASC 3 aust div all informed

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FROM

(A) 7 aust inf bn

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

151855K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1356 (L) trg location to 161700K (.) A coy move to LAE (.) B & C & HQ coy
camp area D coy field firing BEENLEIGH CK AREA

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(A)

27 aust inf bn

151900K

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1150 trg syllabus 16 aug (.) A and D coys moving to general area squares
4176 and 4277 for 2 day exercise (.) remainder trg camp area

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FROM

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27 aust inf bn

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

151915K

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For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

1151 5 offr 69 ORs moving out 160730K en route to LAE

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8 Inf Bn

Originator

Date—Time of Origin
152030 K

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For Action

23 Inf Bde

TO

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

A1015 (.) RESTRICTED (.) our A1008 refers (.) please
advise ETA BDE COMD

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(A)

243 SUP DEPOT PL

161700K

For Action

TO

23 AUST INF BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

N207 ref your 0200 and 0202 (.) ACK (.) move completed (.) established
map ref LAE 1/25000 sheet 682427

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FROM

(A)

7 Inf Bn

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

170915 K

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For Action

23 Inf Bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 161 (.) SITREP 51 to 170900 K (.) 7 Bn Hqs opened ref map

LAE 1/25000 683437 at 170800 K (.) 7 Bn less A Coy located WAU

(.) A Coy 683437 ref map LAE

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FROM

(A) 27 Inf Bn

Originator

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171630 K

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For Action

23 Aust Inf Bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 1 Adv party consisting 5 offrs 71 ORs arrived LAE
1/25000 Map ref 683425 approx 162000K (.) general camp
cleaning and construction carried out during 17 Aug

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(4) REAR 23 AUST INF BDE

172200K

For Action

TO

ADV 23 AUST INF BDE

Message Instructions

(w) For Information (INFO.)

GR

3 DIV RECEPTION LABU

ORIGINATOR'S No.

All 178 (.) your 0301 (.) RESTRICTED (.) staff capt bde major learner arriving tonight capt BARNES departing WAU 180700 (.) junior leaders school closing 18 aug 44 personnel returning 8 bn LAE first available transport

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(A)

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7 Aust Inf Bn

Date—Time of Origin

180800 K

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For Action

Adv 23 Aust Inf Bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 1620 SITREP 52 to 180800 K (.) 7 Bn less D , HQ Coys
located ref map LAE 1/25000 683437 (.) D, HQ Coy WAU

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(A)

rear 23 aust inf bde

181255K

For Action

TO

adv 23 aust inf bde 3 aust div rec sec

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01180 for capt WILD (.) following personnel unit stores and vehs departing
 WAU 190700K (.) 27 bn 15 offrs 303 ORs (.) unit stores 3 jeeps trailers 1
 15 cwt two 3 ton 1 3 ton water cart (.) total weight 28 tons (.) unit stores
 on supplying from repair vehs 32½ tons 3850 cubic feet (.) despatching to
 23 bde postal section 4 ORs 1 jeep and trailer (.) OC party capt MACKAY
 27 aust inf bn

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7 Bn

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190850 K

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For Action

23 Bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 1630 SITREP 53 to 190800 K (.) 7 Bn left rear party located
 Ref map LAE 1/25000 683437 (.) Bn engaged in maintaining present
 site and constructing new site 685430

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27 aust inf bn

Originator

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191500K

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23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

1200 CO adjt IO RMO 7 ORs marched in 191515K

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(A)

27 aust inf bn

191630K

For Action

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 3 general camp construction throughout day (.) main party consisting
16 offrs 300 ORs arrived in 191530K

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(A)

7 aust inf bn

200830K

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1164 (.) SITREP (.) 54 to 200800K (.) 7 aust inf bn located ref map LAE
1/25000 683437 (.) bn engaged in constructing new site

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(A)

3 Aust Div

210900K

For Action

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

TO rear HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ AASC 3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

Area Comd WAU

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q 336 RESTRICTED LAE BASE SUB AREA have agreed to provide relief for
244 Aust sup depot pl at WAU DID on 30 aug (.) pl will move LAE under
arrangements Q 3 Aust Div earliest after 30 aug

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TO (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01189 (.) RESTRICTED (.) for capt WILD (.) WAU LABU road under repair
 (.) ETD convoy from REAR - 0930 and NOT 0700 (.) ETA LABU 211730 (.)
 constitution convoy unchanged (.) q branch 3 div will move 28 pl gd
 regt 24 aug and 244 sup dep pl at earliest under div arrangement (.)
 your 02004 ACK (.) files as requested being despatched by safe hand
 21 aug (.) capt BAULDERSTONE will deliver

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FROM (A) 3 AUST DIV	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 210900K	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
<i>For Action</i>			
HQ 23 AUST INF BDE REAR HQ 23 AUST INF BDE HQ AASC 3 AUST DIV			
TO AREA COMD WAU	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q336 (.) LAEEBASE SUB AREA has agreed provide relief for 244 aust
sup dep pl at WAU DID on 30 aug (.) pl will move LAE under
arrangements Q 3 aust div earliest NOT before 30 aug

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FROM (A)	Originator 3 aust div	Date—Time of Origin 211600K
<i>For Action</i>		
TO	rear HQ 23 aust inf bde 18 aust malaria control unit (w) For Information (INFO.)	
	adv HQ 3 aust div 23 aust inf bde	

Office Date Stamp

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.
 0341 RESTRICTED (.) det 18 aust malaria control unit will move
 LAE with 17 aust fd amb as directed by rear HQ 23 aust inf bde

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FROM (A) rear 23 aust inf bde <i>For Action</i> adv 23 aust inf bde 3 aust div rec sec	Date—Time of Origin 211700K	Office Date Stamp
TO (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01193 RESTRICTED (.) for capt WILD (.) following units pers vehs and stores will depart WAU 220700 (.) 27 bn rear 4 offr 75 ORs 1 jeep 1 trailer stores 8 ton 1500 cubic feet (.) 109 wksp adv party 1 offr 15 ORs 1 jeep 1 x 3 ton water stores 2 and half ton 200 cubic feet (.) 109 fd pk 4 offr 1 x 15 cwt (.) 17 fd amb 2 offr 30 ORs stores 3 ton 160 cubic feet unit vehd NIL (.) det 14 prov pl 19 ORs 1 jeep 5 M/C stores i and quarter ton 100 cubic feet (.) 40 ind tpt pl 1 offr 50 ORs 24 jeeps 1 x 3 ton 25 ton stores 3 ton 420 cubic feet (.) 23 bde second flight 4 offr 39 ORs 2 jeeps 1 trailer 2 x 15 cwt 3 x 3 ton 3 ton 80 gall water 18 ton stores 2010 cubic feet (.) det pigeon sec 2 pers 1 x 15 cwt det 2 d: div sigs 7 offr 63 ORs 11 jeeps 11 trailers stores 9 1/2 tons (.) OC party lieut BENNETT 40 aust ind tpt pl

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(A) rear 23 bde

211750K

For Action

TO adv 23 aust inf bde 3 div rec sec

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01192 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 3 div 0196 rptd for infm (.) 23 fd coy will move
LAE under arrangements of 3 div as follows (.) adv party NOT before 22 aug
(.) main body NOT before 24 aug (.) reverts comd 23 bde on arrival LAE

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FROM

(A)

27 aust inf bn

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

220830K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I6 SECRET (.) general camp construction throughout day 10 offr 150 ORs
marched in from WAU 212030K

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(A)

27 aust inf bn

222110K

For Action

TO

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I9 4 offrs 74 ORs marched in 2045 hrs

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(A)	17 AUST FD AMB	230930K	

TO	<i>For Action</i>	<i>Message Instructions</i>
	ADV 23 AUST INF BDE	GR
	<i>(i) For Information (INFO.)</i>	

ORIGINATOR'S No.
M227 for lt col IRWIN (.) 1 offr 45 ORs B coy moved to LAE 230915K

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(A)

3 AUST DIV

231445K

For Action

23 AUST INF BDE NGF 2/8 AUST CAV COMD SQN
LAE BASE SUB AREA RAA 3 AUST DIV ADV PARTY 3
AUST DIV 3 AUST DIV SEC REC CAMP

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~0 207 SECRET (.) HQ 3 aust div close BULOLO 242359K opens same time ref
map LAE 1/25000 706440 (.) rear party will remain posn at BULOLO
pending move 6 bde (.) all informed~~

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(A)

27 AUST INF BN

242145K

For Action

TO

23 AUST INF BDE

(*ie*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

113 (.) 2 offrs 38 ORs completed mov from WAU 242100K (.) this completes
mov of bn to LAE area

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(A)

~~XXXXXXXX~~

7 AUST INF BN

260900K

For Action

TO

23 AUST INF BDE

(*ie*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

8 AUST INF BN

27 AUST INF BN

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A1004 RESTRICTED (.) HQ 7 aust inf bn will close ref map LAE 1/25000

681437 261030K open 686428 261030K (.) all informed

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FROM
(A) 3 Aust Div
Originator

Date—Time of Origin
270940K.

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO 23 Aust Inf Bde AASC 3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 217 CONFIDENTIAL (.) MORESBY BASE SUB AREA are to prepare two tpt pls
one RDI two wksp secs 131 Aust Gen tpt coy for early mov MORESBY LAE (.)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ move with unit eqpt incl GS veh (.) under comd 3 Aust Div
on arrival for allotment 23 Aust Inf Bde

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(A)

3 Aust Div

291035K

For Action

TO

23 Aust Inf Bde AASC 3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 223 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 244 Aust Sup Depot pl will move W/U LAE 31 Aug
under arrangements of 3 Aust Div (.) revert to comd 23 Aust Inf Bde on
arrival but remain under tech direction CASC for manning DID LAE in
conjunction with 243 Aust sup depot pl

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(A)

23 aust inf bde

101830K

For Action

TO

8 aust inf bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01148 (.) SECRET (.) 23 bde gp to move to 29 bde area LAE (.) no move
before 14 aug (.) request offr be made available from your unit to
capt GIDDINGS 3 div for liaison (.) GIDDINGS calling your unit 11 aug 44
(.) suggest capt ROSS (.) advise earliest

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FROM (A) 23 aust inf bde	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 130937K	Office Date Stamp
<i>For Action</i>			
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TO	243 sup dep pl		
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
	HQ comd AASC 3 aust div		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01145 (.) SECRET (.) 243 sup dep pl will move to map ref LAE
 1/25000 686427 by first available tpt (.) ~~4~~3 ton for stores
 will report DID BULOLO 141015K (.) advise completion mov

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FROM (A) 23 aust inf bde <i>For Action</i> 23 bde sig sec 7 bn 27 bn 40 tpt pl 17 fd mb 243 sup pl 109 ord fd pk 109 bde wksp 2/108 LAD det 3 aust div cash office det 12 aust div postal unit 14 ind bde pro pl	Date—Time of Origin 141800K	Office Date Stamp Message Instructions GR
TO (w) For Information (INFO.) 8 aust inf bn		

ORIGINATOR'S No.
 A200 (.) SECRET (.) further to our A197 of 11 aug (.) 23 aust inf
 bde gp will commence move LAE 16 aug (.) order of move and adm
 details as per 23 aust inf bde adm instr no 6 to be issued AM 15 aug
 (.) adv HQ bde opens HQ 8 aust inf bn LAE 170800K ACK

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(A)

23 aust inf bde

141800K

For Action

TO

8 aust inf bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1157 (.) requesteone capt be made available as IO LABU to receive
pers for bde mov (.) suggest capt WILD (.) accommodation and rations
by arrangement 3 aust dic rec sec (.) duty to commence 161200K (.)
advise

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(A) 23 aust inf bde

142200K

23 bde sigs 7 bn For Action 27 bn '40 tpt pl 17 fd amb
243 sup pl 109 fd pk 109 wksp 2/108 LAD det 3 di cash
TO office det 12 div postal unit 14 ind pro pl

Message Instructions

GR

(w) For Information (INFO.)

8 aust inf bjn

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0202 (.) this HQ A200 refers (.) for A200 and A197 read 0200 and 0197 ACK

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(A)

23 Inf Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

151540 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

8 Aust Inf Bn

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A1156 your A1008 (.) ETA bde comd LAE approx 161100 K (.)
times dependent on plane (.) if plane NOT available will
arrive LABU by behicle 161500K

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(A) 23 aust inf bde

For Action

TO

7 aust inf bn 8 aust inf bn 27 aust inf bn
2/108 aust LAD 23 aust inf bde sig sec

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0159 RESTRICTED ref 3 aust div RO 329 of 27 jul 44 (.) det 3 aust div
rec sec will not now be responsible for mov personnel ex this area (.)
amend para 3 (B) to read HQ AASC 3 aust div all informed

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FROM

(A)

23 Inf Bde

Originator

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160956 K

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For Action

3 Aust Div

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 203 (.) SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1/25000 (.) adv HQ

23 Aust Inf Bde opens map ref 686423 at 162000 K

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For Action

23 BDE SIGS 7 BN 8 BN 27 BN 244 SUP PL
 40 TPT PL 17 ED AIB 109 WREP 109 ED PK
 2/108 AUST LAD 14 IED BDE PRO PL

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

1162 (.) further to my com instr No 6 of 15 aug (.) 35 x 3 ton
 veh on 133 must gen tpt say will be available for my bde go to
 LADU all informed

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(A) 23 aust inf bde

162000K

For Action

TO

3 aust div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

rear 23 aust inf bde LAE base sub area

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I203 SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1 in 25000 (.) adv HQ 23 aust inf bde opened
686424 at 162000K 243 sup depot pl completed move to 682427 at 161700K

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(A)

adv 23 aust inf bde

161850K

For Action

TO

rear 23 aust inf bde

Message Instructions

GR

(w) For Information (INFO.)

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I202 bde comd and party arrived 8 aust inf bn area 161840K

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FROM

(A)

adv 23 aust inf bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

171123K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

3 aust div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

rear 23 aust inf bde LAE base sub area

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I204 SECRET (.) ref my LAE 1 in 25000 (.) adv HQ 7 aust inf bn plus

A coy opened 683437 at 170800K (.) 7 aust inf bn less A coy located

WAU all informed

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FROM

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(A) Adv HQ 23 Aust inf bde

171300 K

For Action

TO

Rear 23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I205 HOPTON to report 8 Aust inf bn immediately

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FROM

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(A) Adv 23 Inf Bde

171630 K

For Action

TO

3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

rear 23 Inf Bde LAE BSA

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 206 SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1 in 25000 (.) Adv Hq

27 Inf Bn consisting of 5 offrs 71 ORs opened map ref

683425 at 162000K all infm

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(A) Adv 23 Bde

171810 K

Rear 23 Bde

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0301 SC urgently required adv bde HQ (.) TO will move balance

Bde (.) Jnr Ldrs school will close immediately (.) BARNES

urgently required 8 Aust Inf Bn (.) ~~KN45KWA~~ further information

after div conference 18 Aug

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FROM

(A)

adv 23

Originator
Aust Inf Bde

Date—Time of Origin
180900 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

3 Aust Div

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 23 Aust Inf Bde LAE BSA

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 207 SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1/25000 (.) 7 Bn less D and
HQ coys located at 683437 (.) D and HQ coys at WAU all infm

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Adv 23 Aust Inf Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

181200 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

Rear 23 Aust Inf Bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I208 Cols POPE and IRWIN to report this HQ as soon

as possible

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FROM

(A)

adv 23 aust inf bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

181617 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

rear HQ Aust Inf Bde

TO

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 210 (.) restricted (.) SC and party arrived this HQ at
181545 K

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Adv 23 Inf Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

181930 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

Rear 23 Inf Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q2200 (.) SC and party arr LAE 181530 K (.) signal daily

advice of mov addressed to LO LABU (.) my signals have not
been received by Capt WILD (.) unable to return Bde HQ tpt
as is required here (.) send all available Bde HQ ORs and
stores after 27 Bn mov completed

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(A)

adv HQ 23 aust inf bde

191400K

For Action

rear HQ 23 aust inf bde

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

3 aust div LAE BSA 7 Inf Bn

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 211 SECRET ref map LAE 1/25000 (.) adv HQ 23 Aust inf bde
closes 686424 reopens 678436 at 191500 K

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(A)

Adv HQ 23 Inf Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

211500 K

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For Action

3 Aust Div

TO

rear 23 Inf Bde
LAE BSA

(w)

For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 216 det 12 aust div postal sec opened ref Map LAE 1/25000
682426 at 210800 K (.) 2/108 LAD opened 679427 at 210800 K

all infm

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(A)

rear 23 Aust Inf Bde

211750K

For Action

TO ADV 23 Aust Inf Bde 3 Aust Div Rec Sec

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q 1192 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 3 div 0196 rptd for infm (.) 23 fd coy will
move LAE under arrangements Q 3 aust div as follows (.) adv party NOT
before 22 aug (.) main body NOT before 24 aug (.) reverts comd 23 Aust
Inf Bde on arrival LAE

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(A)

adv 23 Aust Inf Bde

230855K

For Action

TO 3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

rear 23 Aust Inf Bde LAE base sub area

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

U 218 SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1/25000 (.) the adv parties of the following units arrived LAE 222000K and one disposed as follows 40 indep tpt pl 681433 17 fd amb 680430 109 bde ord fd pk 679428 109 bde wksp 67942 all infm

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(A)

adv 23 Aust Inf Bde

230915K

For Action

TO

3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

2/108 LAD

Message Instructions

GR

rear 23 aust inf bde LAE base sub area 7 bn 8 bn 27bn
243 sup dep pl 40 tpt pl 17 fd amb 109 fd pk 109 wksps

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 219 SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1/25000 (.) adv HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde closes
678436 reopens 682427 at 231400K all infm

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adv HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

231155K

For Action

TO

3 Aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

rear 23 Aust Inf Bde LAE base sub area

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 220 SECRET (.) det 14 aust indep bde pro pl 19 Ors arrived LAE area

~~XXXXXXXX~~ 222000K billited at NGF pro coy all infm

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TO ^{Dv} 23 aust inf bde 3 aust div reception <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. Q 1199 (.) RESTRICTED (.) for capt WILD (.) following unit personnel and stores departs WAU 240700K (.) 17 fd amb 4 offr 108 Ors 3 jeeps 3 trailers 1X15 cwt 3X3 ton 2X3 ton amb 1X3 ton water 1 trailer 1 ton 1 trailer 80 gal water stores 6 tons stores on ST veh 15 tons (.) rear 23 Aust Inf Bde 1 offr 40 Ors 1 jeep 1X15 cwt 1 trailer stores 1½ tons stores on ST veh 5 tons (.) det 18 Aust malarial control unit 4 Ors 1 jeep 1 trailer (.) 109 wksp 4 Ors unit tpt NIL (.) bde move ex WAU will be completed with above units (.) following personnel and unit vehs will depart WAU 250700 (.) 23 aust inf bde 2 offr 3 Ors 1 jeep 1 staff car (.) 17 fd amb 6 Ors tpt NIL (.) O C convoy 24 aug maj EDWARDS 17 fd amb (.) W/T link at rear 23 aust inf bde will close WAU 232100K

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<p>TO 3 Aust Div</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i></p> <p>LAE base sub area</p>		<p><i>Message Instructions</i> GR</p>

ORIGINATOR'S No. 223 **CONFIDENTIAL** (.) ref map LAE 1 in 25000 (.) 28 pl G coy 2/1 aust
gd regt established 682427 at 241700K

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(A)

23 AUST INF BDE

241940K

For Action

3 AUST DIV LAE BASE SUB AREA

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1224 SECRET (.) ref map LAE 1/25000 D coy 7 aust inf bn est 685428 (.)
advance party 23 fd coy 1 offr 13 ORs arrived LAE area 241800K est ~~XXXXX~~
683437

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(A)		23 Aust Inf Bde	2515.30K	
<i>For Action</i>				
TO		3 Aust Div		Message Instructions
		(w) For Information (INFO.)		GR
LAE base sub area				

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 225 rear Hq closed WAU 250800K (.) concern of bde Hq now complete

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23 Aust Inf Bde

261230K

8bn 27bn 2/108 LAD 17 fd amb 109 ord fd pk 109 wkaps
For Action

TO 243 sup pl 40 tpt pl 23 bde sigs

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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I 221

SECRET (.) HQ 3 aust div closes BULOLO 242359K opens same time

ref map LAE 1/25000 706440 (.) rear Party will remain posn BULOLO
pending move 6 bde all infm

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23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 6

CONFIDENTIAL

MOVEMENT OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP FROM WAU TO LAE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
15 Aug 44
A 6994

Ref ny 0200 of 14 Aug 44.

1. OUTLINE PLAN

- (a) The following units will move from WAU to LAE for concentration and re-equipping

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/108 Aust LAD
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl
17 Aust Fd Amb
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
109 Aust Bde Wksp
14 Aust Ind Bde Pro Pl (Less 1 Offr & 1 Sec)

One Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb will move to NADZAB and establish a 30 bed hospital for 3 Aust Div Arty Tps. 243 Aust Sup Depot Pl moved to LAE 14 Aug to establish a DID.

2. STORES & EQUIPMENT

- (a) Units will move with vehicles, unit stores tentage and Ordnance accommodation stores plus beds.
(b) All blankets will be taken as facilities for return of same are not available in this area.
(c) ACF and Amenities equipment will be taken.

3. MOVEMENT

- (a) First movement will be on 16 Aug 44.
(b) Movement will be by road convoys daily except SUNDAYS from WAU to LABU.
(c) Personnel, unit vehicles and stores will be transported by water craft from LABU to MARKHAM BRIDGE, thence by MT to camp areas.
(d) Senior Officers may move by air.
(e) Order of move, as far as can be envisaged will be as follows:-

Wed 16 Aug 44 - Adv parties of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
" " of 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Complete 2/108 Aust LAD
Adv party of 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
" " of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Thur 17 Aug 44 - Main Body of 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

- (f) The above and subsequent movement will be subject to alterations depending on tpt facilities & weather conditions.

(g) Details of tpt reporting to unit and marshalling will be notified later.

Fri 18 Aug 44 -	Rear Party One Coy	- 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) - 17 Aust Fd Amb
Sat 19 Aug 44 -	Main Body	- 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Mon 21 Aug 44 -	Rear Party Det Adv Party " " " "	- 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) - 14 Aust Ind Bde Pro Pl - 40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl - 109 Aust Bde Wksp - 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

4. TRANSPORT

Unit transport will be supplemented by vehicles of 133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. These vehicles will not proceed beyond LABU.

5. DAILY TIMETABLE

Vehicles arrive unit lines	0600 hrs
" depart unit lines	0700 "
" arrive TIMNE	1200 "
" depart TIMNE	1300 "
" arrive LABU	1500 "
" arrive LAE	up to 1800 "

6. RATIONS & MEALS

Personnel will carry -

- (a) The unconsumed portion of the day's rations
- (b) One day's hard rations in reserve.

Midday meal will be drawn from (a) above. Hot tea will be provided at TIMNE.

Overdrawn rations will be returned to DID WAU prior to departure

- (c) Evening meal will be ready at LABU.

7. RECEPTION AT LABU

Units will be received at LABU by an officer of 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (name to be notified later) who will be approached by units for all matters of reception and barge movement.

8. CAMP SITES

The undermentioned camp sites will be temporarily occupied -

Ref Map LAE 1 : 25000 Serial 0445

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde)	
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec)	679434
2/108 Aust LAD)	
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		682436
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		684425

Further unit camp sites will be notified when advice is received.

9. WAU CAMP AREAS

- (a) Close attention will be paid to the condition in which camp areas are left.
- (b) Latrines will be burned out and partially sealed. Those almost full will be completely sealed, the super-structure removed and foul ground notices erected.
- (c) Grease traps will be scrubbed out and surrounding earth burned with oil.
- (d) Units will conduct a thorough security check of area prior to departure.

10. SAFE CUSTODY OF STORES

Units will ensure that each vehicle load of stores is accompanied by at least one unit representative. Ample personnel must be made available for movement and guarding of all stores.

11. CANTEEN SERVICE

A beer canteen issuing point will be established in the Bde area at LAE. Units are advised to take all available canteen stores when moving.

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23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1
2/108 Aust LAD	2
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	5
40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl	6
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl	7
17 Aust Fd Amb	8
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	9
109 Aust Bde Wksp	10
14 Aust Ind Bde Pro Pl	11
Comd	12
BM	13
War Diary	14 - 15
File	16

A. Heathwood Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DAY	UNIT	PERSONEL		TRANSPORT											STORES			OWN TPT		S+T VEH		PERS FOR AIR	
		OFFERS	ORS	JEEP	15CWT	3TON	AMB	3TON WATER TRAILER	1TON TRAILER	JEEP	MCS	TRAILER 80 GAL	STAFF CAR	3TON TECH	D.W.T. TONS	CUBIC FEET	PERS	STORES	PERS	STORES			
MON	27 AUST INF BN	10	250	3	1	2			1	2					44	5440		3		18		OC PARTY CAPT BAULDERSTONE.	
MON	40 TPT ADV PARTY		16	5				1	5					$\frac{1}{3}$	120	5	INCL STORES	-	-			OC PARTY SGT LENNON	
TUE	27 AUST INF BN REAR	4	75	1					1					8	1500	1		5	4			OC PARTY LIEUT MYERS	
	109 WK SHPS ADV PARTY	1	15	1		1		1						$2\frac{1}{2}$	200	1	1	1	1				
	109 FD PK ADV PARTY		4			1													1				
	17 FD AMB ADV PARTY	2	30											3	160			2	1			CAPT CHRISTY	
	DET 14 PROV		19	1						5				$1\frac{1}{4}$	100	1	5 MC	1	2				
	40 AUST IND TPT PL	1	80	24		1			3	22				3	420	26	INCL STORES	-	-			OC CONVOY LIEUT BENNETT.	
	23 AUST INF BDE SIG																						
	7 AUST INF BN	1	1	1																		PADRE FRY	
	HQ 23 AUST INF BDE	4	39	2	2	3			1		3			18	2110	1		4	2	3		OC CAPT COLEMAN.	
	RAE STORES BULOLO																			2			
	PIGEON SEC		2			1													1				
	DET 2 DIV SIGS	7	63	11						11				$9\frac{1}{4}$					5	3		FROM BULOLO FOR AREA COMD.	
WED	17 FD AMB	1	43											9	900				3	3			
	109 WK SHPS	3	102	1	1	1				1									5	18		INCL 8 GUNS.	
	109 FD PK	1	17	1	1	1					1								-	-		MOVE AT REAR OF CONVOY	
THUS	17 FD AMB 2ND	4	108	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	1			40	7788	4		6	5	9			
	REAR HQ 23 BDE	1	41	1	1					1					700	1		1	3	2			
	109 WK SHPS REAR		4																				
WED	40 TPT PL REAR		3	1						1													
THURS	DET 18 MAL CON UNIT		4	1						1													
FRI	23 AUST INF BDE	2	3	1															2				
	14 AUST IND PRO PL	1	16	1						1	5			$2\frac{1}{2}$	200	1			1	2			
TUES	109 WK SHPS	3	102	1	1	2		1		1				12	$22\frac{1}{2}$	1400		18	5	10			
	REAR 23 BDE	4																					

DETAILS 23 AUST INF BDE GP MOVE

SERIAL	UNIT	PERS		TRANSPORT										STORES		OWN TPT		S+T VEHs		TENTAGE REQUIREMENT LAK	APPROX DAY OF DEPARTURE	PERS MOVING BY AIR			
		OFFRS	ORS	TRUCK 1/2 TON	TRUCK 15 CWT	TRUCKS 5 TON	TRUCKS 7 TON	TECH	AMBULANCE	WATER TRUCKS 3 TON	TRAILERS 1 TON	TRAILERS JEEP	M.C.S	TRAILERS WATER 80 GAL	STAFF CAR	DWT TONS	CUBIC FEET CAP	PERS	STORES					PERS	STORES
1	HQ 23 AUST INF BDE ADV	7	30	4	3					2	3				6	240	1	2			NIL	16/8		BOE COMD 3 OFFRS	
2	" " " "	6	30	4	2	2				1	3		2	1											
3	23 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC ADV	1	17	2	1					1					1 1/2	100		3			14	16/8			
4	" " " " MAIN BODY	1	22	2																					
5	28 PLG COY 2/1 GD REGT	1	39												2	80			3	1	9			TO MOVE FROM BULOLO	
6	2/108 AUST LAD	1	14	3							3				6	240	3			2	8	16/8			
7	1/4 AUST INF BN ADV PARTY	6	160	4	1	1		1			4				20	1470	4	3 TRAILERS	10	6	146	16/8			
8	" " " "	11	292			1									46	3500			1	19	16	17/8		CAPT GUNN OC TPS	
	" " " "	18	300	4	1	3					4				44	3600	4		4	15	16	18/8		OC MAJ JONES	
9	27 AUST INF BN ADV PARTY	5	69	1											5	800	1			4	4	16/8			
	" " " " MAIN BODY	15	303	3	1	2		1	1	2					32 1/2	3850			3	19	16	19/8		OC PARTY CAPT MACKAY	
10	" " " " MAIN BODY ADV	14	325	4	1	2				1	3				42	5990			3	20	17	21/8		OC PARTY CAPT BAULDERSTONE	
11	90 AUST IND TPT PL MAIN	1	80	25	1			1		5					1/2 TON	120	5	INC STORES							
	" " " " " "										3	25			3 TON	420	26	INC STORES							
12	17 AUST FD AMD 1 COY	2	50	1							1					1300	1	TRAILER	3	4		18/8			
13	" " " " ADV PARTY																							45 IN ALL	
14	" " " " MAIN BODY																								
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INSPECTION OF CAMP AREAS - WAB.

1. Vacated camp areas at WAB as hereunder have been inspected by an officer of this HQ with SC 23 Aust Inf Bde and Area Comd Hygiene Sgt.
2. All areas have been left in a very satisfactory state. Anti-malarial and hygiene requirements have been fulfilled and general maintenance is satisfactory except for the natural rapid deterioration of roofing.
3. Unit areas inspected :-

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
7 Aust Inf Bn
27 Aust Inf Bn
40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
2/108 Aust LAD
109 Aust Bde Wksp
109 Aust Ord Pd Pk
17 Aust Field Ambulance
14 Aust Ind Bde Up Fro Pl
23 Bde Junior Leaders School.

P. Shary
Major
AREA COMD WAB.