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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 0100 Hours 1 Sep 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1 Sep 44		<p>CO 2 Aust Div Sigs (Lt-Col MIDDLETON) called with his relief (Lt-Col FARGHER) who comd 3 Aust Div Sigs, and introduced him to BM, with whom he discussed refill of posting of OC 23 Aust Inf Bde Sigs.</p> <p>CEME (Lt-Col BARING) called to see BM ref replacement of BREN guns.</p> <p>A message was received to the effect that 2 Majors for 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) were at NADZAB.</p> <p>BM rang Lt-Col MIELL (CO 19 Aust Inf Bn) and left a message inviting him over to mess at Bde HQ on 3 Sep.</p> <p>Lt KELLY (Hyg Offr NGF) called on BM to discuss and make definite arrangements for a Bde Hyg School.</p> <p>At mess in the evening visitors included Majors CARTLEDGE and MERRITT (G II and LO I 3 Aust Div respectively) Maj JONES, (7 Aust Inf Bn) Lts DOIG, CURRAN and WHITFIELD (2/2 Aust Cav Commando Sqn). Maj SUMMERTON (BM 7 Aust Inf Bde) called later in the evening.</p> <p>Zone time changed at 2359 Hrs from K Zone to I Zone.</p> <p>244 Aust Sup Dep Pl arrived in LAE area at 1800 hrs and reverted to under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>During this time Bde Comd was still on recce and his movements during the day were as follows.</p> <p>0930 hrs left TREASURY Is by B25 for BOUGAINVILLE accompanied by SC and Col BOSWORTH (US Army).</p> <p>On arrival at TOROKINA the party emplaned by Service Comd Air Transportation (SCAT) for EMIRA where they were met by Col</p>	

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LAE	1 Sep		LANGON (US Army Chief of Staff To Is Comd) and Col WILBUR (CO of Regt) and Maj McDONALD (ANGAU). Later Bde Comd accompanied by Maj KNOX (GII (I) NGF) inspected the island.	
	2 Sep		Majs PICKETT and SAVELL marched in to join 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and reported to Bde HQ. CO 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) rang to report that US troops had approached soldiers of his unit and attempted to buy a BREN gun for £90 (Aust)	
			Maj DUNN - Coy Comd 2/1 Aust Gd Regt called on BM. NGF priority lists (SECRET) received by safe hand from 3 Aust Div BM and BM (L) visited Cpl BOOKER in 2/7 AGH. Amendment to NGF priority list received at 2100 hrs.	
			GIII (I) 3 Aust Div called on BM to leave maps of EMIRA, NISSAN, TREASURY and MUNDA areas as available.	
			During this day Bde comd on recce had an early breakfast with Col LANGON (US Army) and left by SCAT at 0630 hrs with SG, Lt-Col BERRY and Maj KNOX. The party called at NISSAN Is but did not contact the Is Comd	
			They continued to TOROKINA where they arrived at midday. After discussing the takeover with Brig-Gen ARNOLD (Chief of Staff) the Bde Comd dined with Gen GRISWOLD, and met Brig-Gen LESTER (US Army HOLLANDIA) and Maj TRACEY (US Army observer at SAIPAN)	

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LAE	2 Sep		<p>and Brig-Gen BOYD - Is Comd at EMIRA.</p> <p>Lt-Cols POPE and NORRIS arrived at TOROKINA from NISSAN and TREASURY Islands respectively.</p> <p>Bde Comd inspected a Doughnut- machine - a HEATH-ROBINSON Idyll complete with mechanical hands, revolving frying pans etc.</p>	
	3 Sep		<p>Maj JONES (2 i/c 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) ) called ref security of his unit.</p> <p>BM went to LAE Airstrip to meet Bde Comd, who, after reporting out to Gen ARNOLD, experienced engine trouble with his plane, finally departing at 0930 hrs and arrived back at LAE at 1130 hrs, accompanied by Maj KNOX, Lt-Cols POPE, BERRY and NORRIS. <del>sc</del></p> <p>Bde Comd rang BGS (NGF) requesting an interview.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs the Bde Comd outlined his views on the situation to the BM and SC.</p> <p>After Lunch the Bde Comd went to 3 Aust Div and contacted GOC and GI ref further information ref move and clarification of Comd, but no definite information was obtained, except for the GOC's statement that the Bde was Corps Tps not Div Tps. In his opinion it did not appear that 23 Aust Inf Bde would appear on OOB 3 Aust Div for actual combat.</p> <p>Lt-Col MIELL CO 19 Aust Bn dined at Bde HQ and spent the evening with Bde Comd, Lt-Col MIELL having commanded 19 Aust MG Bn under Bde Comd in NT.</p>	

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LAE	4 Sep		<p>Bde Comd discussed movement with BM, and went to NGF to discuss with the BGS, future policy ref OOB etc, but nothing firm was declared by NGF. It appears that the Bde will come under Comd at an early date. A signal ( Appx H 2 ) was received notifying Bde Comd that he was adm Comd of 3 Aust Div as from 1200 hrs.</p> <p>ADMS (NGF) called on Comd and introduced DADH (Maj McQUEEN) DAPM NGF (Maj AUSTEN) called with OC 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl and remained to lunch. In the afternoon a demonstration of the PITA, BAZOOKA and US Grenade discharger was interestingly given by Lt NEWHILL (8 Aust Inf Bn). It was attended by Brigs POTTS and SANDOVER, LOI, GII (L), IO 3 Aust Div, BM 6 Aust Inf Bde, Lt-Cols POPE, BERRY and NORRIS, and several officers from both 23 and 6 Aust Inf Bde. Lt CANAVAN, 27 Aust Inf Bn was wounded in the groin by a splinter following a PITA discharge.</p>	
	5 Sep		<p>Brigade Comd, BM, and SC discussed the forthcoming move. BM went to GI (SD) NGF (Lt-Col AYRES) and sighted a draft of NGF Op Instn No 120, details of which were discussed.</p> <p>Brig CLELAND called on Bde Comd. Bde Comd discussed Q matters and draft of 23 Bde Op Instn 21 with BM, SC and Lt-Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb)</p> <p>News was received that Maj-Gen MORRIS (ANGAU) had been injured in an air crash at CAPE GLOUCESTER.</p>	<p>"Appx H 24"</p> <p>"Appx H 25"</p>

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LAE	5 Sep		<p>Lt-Col HONE and Chaplain PICKUPP (2/14 Aust Fd Regt) called. DAAG (L) 3 Aust Div (Capt GIDDINGS) called on Bde Comd for signature on various 3 Aust Div files.</p> <p>Brigadier POTTS, BM, SC and BM (L) discussed BM's conference with GI (SD) NGF.</p> <p>Bde Comd visited Lt-Col POPE (27 Aust Inf Bn) and discussed the officer position of the unit, and the question of Bde Comd—the Bde Comd stated that there would be no alteration in his usual appointing of a deputy. He expressed his approval of the excellent NCO types at the Bde Jnr Leaders Course from 27 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>A phone call was received from Brig SANDOVER (6 Aust Inf Bde) notifying Brig POTTS of the expected arrival of Brig MARTIN and BM (19 Aust Inf Bde)</p> <p>NGF Op Instn arrived at 2020I. BM, BM (L) IO and Staff draughted and produced Bde Op Instn No 21 by 060115I.</p>	"Appx H24" "Appx H25"
LAE	6 Sep		<p>Comd and BM went to LAE air strip to meet Brig MARTIN (19 Aust Inf Bde) and BM, AA &amp; QMG, GI, and ADMS 6 Aust Div, and Lt-Col GYWNNE (2/7 Aust Inf Bn)</p> <p>A Comds conference was held at 1030 hrs to discuss Bde Gp Op Instn No 21. Lt-Col IRWIN discussed the medical plan with Brig POTTS, while Lt-Col WYLIE (B Aust Corps Sigs) called on BM and discussed the split-up of Bde Sig Section. Conferences for Bn Gp Comds were arranged as under</p>	

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LAE	6 Sep 44		7 Aust Inf Bn Gp - 061400I hrs 8 Aust Inf Bn Gp - 070800I hrs 27 Aust Inf Bn Gp - 071030I hrs	
	7 Sep		Bde Comd interviewed Majors PICKETT and SAVELL (27 Aust Inf Bn) In the evening all officers of the Bde Gp attended a lecture by Maj WILLIAMS (LHQ Psychiatrist) on NYDN at 1900 hrs. Comd, BM went on to supper at 8 Aust Inf Bn with ADMS 3 Aust Div (Col WARD) and Maj WILLIAMS. The senior US Air Corps Psychiatrist also attended. Lt-Col FORREST AMGO (E) called on Comd and BM. Brig CLELAND also called on Bde Comd, as also did Lt-Col IRWIN. Later Commissioner KEEP (Australian Red Cross Society) called on Brig POTTS GI (SD) NGF clarified many points in regard to NGF Op Instn No 120 and amn details were fixed by arrangement with DDOS NGF, and the information passed on to Bde Ord Offr (Lt WILSON) The AASC position was also clarified at BASCO (Capt POWELL) put in com- plete possession of facts. Comd and BM visited NGF and saw the CE (Brig MANN) and Lt-Col MULVANEY, ref distribution of 23 Aust Fd Coy. This was left to the discretion of Bde Comd. Thence the Bde Comd and BM continued to 3 Aust Div, met GOC, GI, and AA and QMG, and also Brig PASCOE (newly appointed Comd LAE BASE SUB AREA) Padre JOHNSTON dined at Bde HQ.	

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LAE	8 Sep		Conference by BM and SC with NGF, and Heads of Services, derived information which was passed to Bn Gps (Minutes) Comd, BM, BM (L) and TO visited 3 Aust Div in the afternoon for "Bash Ball". Each team won two (2) sets, although 23 Bde HQ team won 21 games to 14. Lt-Col IRWIN played bridge at Bde HQ at night. NGF Adm Instn 159 was received.	"Appx H27 # H28"
	9 Sep		2 philanthropic Societys representatives called on Bde Comd - Messrs BUCHANAN (YMCA) and SMITH (Salv Army) vis'd Bde Comd. Lt-Col BERRY discussed with Bde Comd training and future policy, the 8 Aust Inf Bn file on over-age officers, reinforcements Offrs, and the suspended sentence <del>ruling</del> policy. GOC NGF rang and made an appointment with Bde Comd. Mr MCHUGH (YMCA Rep) called to bid goodbye to Bde Comd. SC visited Bn Gps. Amendment to NGF Op Instn No 120 received and acknowledged, and Appx 'B' amended. Brigadier POTTS, Maj DRIVER and Capt HOPTON went swimming at MALAHANG BEACH. SC spent the pm and evening on 23 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No 7. In the evening Bde Comd and Staff attended Boxing at Bde Ring. The Adm Instn No 7 was completed late in the evening and issued by IO.	"Appx H30"
	10 Sep		A SC's conference of unit adjts, QM's etc was held at 1000 hrs Lt-Col BERRY visited Bde Comd on matters of Comd. Comd, BM, IO and LO II (Lt WORRAL) visited 8 Aust Inf Bn for mess. A relief model of NISSAN is was produced. News received that Brig FIELD's (7 Aust Inf Bde) plane was missing in the FINISTERRE Ranges.	

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LAE	11 Sep		Conference of Bde Comd, BM, and BM (L) on Training <del>Instruction</del> (to be produced). The Bde Comd saw GOC NGF at 0945 hrs Lt-Col AGAR and Lt STALLWORTHY (AACS) called. Later the Bde Comd contacted Brig PULVER ref finance for canteen Supplies, but no assistance could be obtained. Bde Comd discussed with DDMS (Brig STEIGRAD) problems of malaria also Hygiene Officers.	
LAE	12 Sep		Lt-Cols BERRY and IRWIN called during Brig POTTS' absence. BM and BM (L) compiled training notes and visited LAE Base, Mov Control, DPR and GI (SD) NGF. prior infm received from GI (SD) ref a LIBERTY ship which would be available for movement of part of Bde Gp on approx 16 Sep BM arranged that personnel for SQUAREPEG Gp should go on this ship. Col FOREST (14 MGO) called to see the Bde Comd Bde Comd called on Lt Col NORRIS at the 7 Aust Inf Bn Lt Col IRWIN 17 Aust Fd Amb called at night to see the Bde Comd	
LAE	13 Sep		More details ref ship were received and the BM sent out a message advising the units concerned, detailing the approx number <del>of</del> <i>"Appx H12"</i> of personnel to move. BM compiled a trg instr which outlined the trg to be adopted when the Bn Gps reached their new areas, this <i>"Appx B1"</i> instruction also contained advance information of schools which it is proposed to conduct at Bde HQ at a future date. The Bde Comd rang Brig GARRETT (BGS) and made an appointment to see him. He later visited NGF where he met Brig GARRETT (BGS) AQ, CRA and DDMS. Bde Comd discussed with BGS the future role of the Bde. He also discussed problems of Junior Leaders and RSM's, and the question of new colour patches was discussed.	

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			Bde Comd received a ring from ADC to GOC 3 Div ref the anticipated visit by the GOC to the boxing contest at 6 Aust Inf Bde Oval 14 Sep. Staff Capt compiled and issued an Admin Instr No 8	"Appy H33"
	14 Sep		A conference was held by the Staff Capt with unit Adjts and QMs Inthis he dealt mainly with the new Adm Instr ref the move. The Bde Comd held a conference with BM, GOp Comds and Adjts and discussed in full the future trg of <del>the</del> the Bde and also the policy of command and administration . At night the Comd went to the boxing contest with BM and BM (L) to see the RAAF boxing team. Amongst those present were Maj Gen BRIDGEFORD (GOC 3 Aust Div) Brig SANDOVER Comd 6 Aust Inf Bde Brig GARRETT (BGS) and Lt Col CALLON Gl(L). The GOC and ADC with BM 6 Bde accept Brig POTTS invitation to supper and drinks at 23 Aust Inf Bde mess.	
	15 Sep		Lt Col CHALLON (Gl(L)) and Maj McCarthy visited the Bde Comd. Lt ROBERTS 38 Works Coy and ex RSM 2/33 Bn visited the Bde Comd Brig POTTS asked <del>him</del> to talk to the RSMs of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bns and give them any advice he could. Lt ROBERTS stayed to lunch and later discussed with Bde Comd the duties of the RSM. Arrangements were made that Lt ROBERTS should meet RSMs at 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ at 16 Sep. Lt Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) called and discussed details of move with BM and Staff Captain Col BERRY; Lt WINKLE, Capt BARNES and <del>Cpt</del> BOBBIDGE of the 8 Aust Inf Bn played Bash Ball with Offrs of Bde HQ. BM(L) saw Brig VOWLE ref movement of adv party pers by air. Arrangement were made for 4 offrs from the 27 Bn and 2 from Bde HQ to go within 2 days	

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Lt WORRALL was appointed to act in the capacity of Ship's loading offr for all mvts of 23 AUST INF BDE GP.

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	16 Sep		<p>Bde Comd visited Col POPE 27 Aust Inf Bn . . . Bde Comd a conference with the BM and SC when it was decided that the SC and BM (L) should attend the AUST STAFF SCHOOL (Junior Wing) in Nov. . . . The BM and SC visited NGF and saw G1(SD) and G1 Ops and DAQMG. They also went down to the ANN MCKIM at MILFORDHAVEN wharf. . . . Lt Col RICKARD, DSO, MC, ex 103 Tk/A Regt from DARWIN called on the Bde Comd and stayed for lunch Loading on the ANN MCKIM commenced in the afternoon. . . . The Bde Comd and BM had mess with Brig SANDOVER Comd 6 Aust Inf Bde. Unit RSMS met Lt ROBERTS and had a conference at Bde HQ .</p>	
	17 Sep		<p>News had been received that Brig FIELD had been found and was safe Lt-Col IRWIN called to see the Bde Comd . . . Cpl POTTER (Public Relations) called to discuss the possibility of moving with this Bde. . . . The discussion dealt with the relationship of this Bde with 8 Div. However G1 Ops NGF ruled that no Public Relations personnel would be attached to this Bde until action is commenced.</p> <p>News received that Brig FIELDS is quite well. Bde Comd, BM and BM(L) visited the ANN MCKIM to watch the loading of 27 Aust Inf Bn stores. . . . The BM and BM(L) visited HQ 3 Aust Div mess. . . . Col POPE rang the Bde Comd and advised him that he intended going aboard the ANN MCKIM tonight</p>	
	18 Sep		<p>ANN MCKIM finished loading, and tps commenced embarking at 1300 hrs The BM and SC went to 151 Gen Tpt Coy for orderly room as witnesses on a charge of dangerous driving lodged by them against a driver of that Coy. . . . The Bde Comd and BM went to MILFORDHAVEN to watch tps embark. . . . Capt HOPTON went from Bde HQ as OC Adv HQ with Lts SMITH, JONES and ELLIOTT</p>	

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			Immediately prior to the ship leaving a message was received from <b>LAE</b>	
			BASE SUB AREA stating that seats were available on a plane leaving on the 19th for several of the Adv party. The BM pulled Col <b>POEB</b> Adjt and IO of the 27 Aust Inf Bn and Capt <b>HOPTON</b> from HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde off the ship. Col <b>BERRY</b> and Maj <b>INGLIS</b> who recently joined 8 Bn called to see the Bde Comd. It was considered by Brig <b>POTTS</b> that Maj <b>INGLIS</b> was unsuitably placed in <del>an</del> Infantry Bn.	
	19 Sep		The Bde Comd and Col <b>BERRY</b> discussed Chain-of-command. <i>LT-COL IRWIN CALLED TO SEE BDE COMD AT NIGHT.</i> Adv Party of 27 Aust Inf Bn and HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde left by plane for <b>TORIKINA</b> at 0730 hrs. The Bde Comd received a request from Lt Col <b>BERRY</b> (8 Aust Inf Bn) requesting that he be relieved of the command of the Bn. The Comd replied to the effect that he disagreed with Lt Col <b>BERRY</b> 's opinion of the Bn and requested further details. The BM visited Col <b>BERRY</b> to discuss the matter. It is strongly rumoured that <b>GERMANY</b> has unconditionally surrendered.	
			Cpl <b>POTTER</b> (Public Relations) called to see the Bde Comd. The Bde Comd called at 3 Aust Div to see Brig <b>FIELD</b> . Col <b>IRWIN</b> (17 Aust Fd <del>Abn</del> ) Maj <b>THOMPkins</b> (DAAG) and Maj <b>BREHENE</b> (DAQMG) from 3 Aust Div called for mess.	
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LAE	20 Sep		BM went to NGF and saw GI (SD) ref new colour patches. He also discussed the movement of further adv parties. BM and SC went to NADZAB Airstrip to visit 839 Engr Bn (USA Forces) and also inspected the aerodrome. Lt col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) Capt O'DONNELL (244 Aust Sup Depot Pl) Capt HARRY (2/108 Aust IA D) Capt FREEMAN (109 Aust Bde Wksp) came to mess at night and remained to talk with BM. The Comd visited 2/7 AGH. ANN Mc KIM left ORO BAY for MILNE BAY to refill with oil and water.	
	21 Sep		The BM amended NGF Priority Lists and advised NGF by signal of amendments. Bde Comd and BM went to LAE BAE SUB AREA and then to MILFORDHAVEN dock. The Bde Comd strained his back muscles at bash Ball and was ordered to bed by Lt col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) ANN Mc KIM remained at MILNE BAY.	
	22 Sep		The Bde Comd remained in bed with strained back muscle. Lt col IRWIN called to see him. Brig GARRETT (BCS) called to see Bde Comd. SC went to NGF to discuss the administration of movement. A signal was received from NGF stating the final shipping allocation for the remainder of the Bde Gp. The BM and SC went to 2/7 AGH in the afternoon and again in the evening. Lt col NORRIS contacted the BM and discussed movement of 7 Aust Inf Bn adv party <del>inxxxxxxx</del> by air. ANN Mc KIM loaded oil and water at MILNE BAY.	"Appx H 5"
	23 Sep		Bde Comd out of bed and feeling much better. Lt col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) and Lt col NORRIS called to see the Comd. BM called to see Lt col BERRY (8 Aust Inf Bn) and discussed the transfer of Pte MOONEY to I Sec 8 Aust Inf Bn	

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	23 Sep		Lt col IRWIN, BM and SC went swimming at MALAHANG beach. News was received that the ship NANCY HANKS was cancelled. ANN Mc KIM left MILNE BAY 0330 hrs. The weather was very rough and most troops were seasick.	"Appx H7"
	24 Sep		Bde Comd felt a lot better and is almost well. News was received that the ship CARLOS CARRILO was due to arrive and the Bde Comd, BM and SC went to MILFORDHAVEN to see the ship berth. It is intended that all the 8 Aust Inf Bn Gp, remainder of 27 Aust Inf Bn Gp and HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde should sail on this ship. Lt Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) and Capt O'DONNELL visited the Bde Mess and played bridge in the evening. ANN McKIM was abreast BOUGAINVILLE at approx 1130 hrs. Arrived GREEN ISLAND 1500 hrs and anchored outside lagoon. Loading of CARLOS CARRILO commenced. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde commenced striking and loading stores. The signal system was altered now providing a line from NGF to 7 Aust Inf Bn instead of to 23 Aust Inf Bde. The BM attended 128 USA hospital and watched three operations by an American surgeon. Col MAITLAND new DMS 2 Aust Corps called on the Bde Comd. Personnel (approx 800) from 27 Aust Inf Bn Gp and HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde were unloaded into 2 LCT's by slings and arrived ashore at approx 0930 hrs. Timepieces were advanced 1 hr to L zone time	
	25 Sep			
	26 Sep		Bde Comd called on Brig PULVER (AAQMG) and discussed the movement by air of himself, BM and SC. Loading of CARLOS CARRILO finished and Tps embarked.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde party was met by Capt HOPTON and conducted pers to ISLAND COMD area where HQ is to be established

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			<p>all personnel from HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde embarked with the exception of Bde Comd, BM and SC and Bde Comd's batman. Capt FARRAR (TO 23 Aust Inf Bde) was OC party HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>OC Tps aboard CARLOS CARILO Maj PICKETT (27 Aust Inf Bn) Lt Col BERRY (8 Aust Inf Bn) and Lt Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) were also aboard. The Bde Comd and BM moved the 8 Aust Inf Bn to spend the night. Maj MORAN (8 Aust Inf Bn) was then in command of remaining personnel.</p> <p>Unloading of stores was carried out on the ANN MCKIM. As USA Tps did not know when they were moving out of area a temporary camp was erected adjacent to Island Comd area for pers of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde</p>	
	27 Sep		<p>CARLOS CARRILO left LAE at 0500 hrs and arrived at FINSCHHAFEN 1200 hrs where RAN pers disembarked. Sailed again at 1500 hrs.</p> <p>The Bde Comd reported to NGF and met Lt Gen SAVIGE (GOC 2 Aust Corps) Bde Comd, BM, SC and Pte BALSRAW (Bde Comd's batman) flew to PT MORESBY where they spent the night at the Officers Club. They were met by Lt Col EYRES, Lt Col KNOX, Lt Col CHALLON and Lt Col MCCARTHY. before departure At GREEN IS adv party continued camp construction. Officers were billeted in the american officers</p>	
	28 Sep		<p>quarters. Unloading of ANN MCKIM continued. Bde Comd and party caught plane PT MORESBY and flew to BOUGAINVILLE There the Comd reported to Gen ARNOLD and Col RICE of US army. It was ascertained that no definite information was reaching 14 Corps HQ</p> <p>Capt HOPTONS arrived by SCAT service plane and Bde Comd decided to leave him at HQ 14 Corps as liaison officer. The Bde Comd joined GOC's mess and there met Brig VOWLES (Comd Corps Base Sub Area) and Brig Gen (US Army). At GREEN IS heavy rain fell all day and hindered the camp construction.</p>	

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(adapted.)

H. 100M

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time.—From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	29 Sep		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>had.</i></p> <p>Bde Comd <del>attended GOC's</del> conference with BM and SC. Col NORRIS (7 Aust Inf Bn) reported to Bde Comd after flying from New Guinea. The Comd visited 3 Aust Div HQ which had recently arrived in the area from LAE. Brig POTTS and Capt HOPTON visited TORIKINA sub base area and called on Brig VOWLES (Comd Sub Base Area). At GREEN IS Lt Smith attended conference of all CO's and OC's of Aust Island Gp at 27 Aust Inf Bn. The conference was held by Lt Col POPE (27 Aust Inf Bn). The personnel of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde have been messing with the American Tps. The American food appears to be far richer than Australian rations and there is a greater variety. Movie Pictures are shown on the area picture theatre every night. The ship CARLOS CARRILO arrived EMIRAU IS at approx 1200 hrs.</p>	
	30 Sep		<p>The Bde Comd flew to GREEN ISLAND with Brig Gen ARNOLD (US Army) Col MILTON (US Army) and Bde HQ party in the GOC's aeroplane. Party arrived at ISLAND COMD HQ at 1400 hrs. Brig Gen ARNOLD held a conference at Island Comd - those present were Col DUBOIS (Is Comd) Col McNAUGHT (Executive) Col HOPKINS (Air) Col CARLSON (Air) Maj REINDECKER and Col MILTON and Commander HOTZ (Navy) all of the US Forces and the Bde Comd and Bde Staff. Bde Comd visited Col POPE (27 Aust Inf Bn) in the afternoon and there met Col YON (25 Inf Regt HQ) Lt ELLIOTT (Hyg Offr) has been acting as Courier Officer for Island Comd for several days. Bde Comd messed with Col McNAUGHT and staff.</p> <p>At EMIRAU 8 Aust Inf Bn Gp <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> commenced to disembark. This was completed with the exception of working party which remained on board to supervise unloading of stores.</p>	

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for Maj  
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 21/8  
(adapted.)

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Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time.—From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
LAE	30 Sep 44		Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	
			Maj	WX 11052	DRIVER	AR	BM	
			Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	L I	BM (L)	
			Capt	NX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	
			Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R	IO	attending IHQ Sch of MI Dep Bde 16 Sep 44
			Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	
			Lt	WX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	Dep for Aust on ARL 6 Aug 44
			Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO 1	
			Lt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 2	
			Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 3	
		<u>services</u>	Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	
			Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	LSO	
			Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	BOO	
			Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	
			Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	
			Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	Detached to NGF 27 Sep 44
		Chaplain	N	NX163533	FRY	F J		Detached to 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
				NX139070	DILLON	R F	"	" 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
				SX 32806	RAWLINS	H B A	"	"27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

*B. M. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.*  
B. M. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

14 Sep 44

INTRODUCTION.

1. This Trg Instr covers the period during which 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be operating as Indep Bn Gps.

GENERAL POLICY.

2. The Bde Comd's policy for the ensuing months is that Gp Comds will aim to reach a very high standard in Junior Leadership, combined with a thorough understanding and functioning of "The Chain of Command".

TACTICAL TRG.

3. TANK CO-OP: When opportunity arises trg in Tank cooperation will be carried out as per 3 Aust Div Trg Instr 13/44.
4. AMPHIBIOUS: Every opportunity will be grasped by Gp Comds for trg in Shore to Shore ops. Storage in various types of Landing Craft, embarkation on near Shore with all the ramifications and difficulties associated with an Amphibious Op, will form interesting and instructive trg. If the actual craft are made available, a complete operation will be conducted as an Exercise incl landing and securing a Beach-head on the far shore.
5. NIGHT: As much Night trg as possible must be carried out, particularly in use of weapons, movement, and securing of beach-heads, climbing cliffs, etc. If Landing Craft are available, the Exercise as per para 4 above could be followed by a complete night Amphibious Exercise, actually from the main Island to an outlying one.
6. BUNKERS. Trg in Bunker Attack should be covered with use of SP arms incl Tk A guns and smoke, always bearing in mind that for Bunkers, the principle of limited objective is paramount. A sand table TEWT followed by the actual ground appreciation, then the Exercise, is suggested as the lead up for this type of trg.
7. INDIVIDUAL: Further to para 19 below, the following subjects will be covered:-
  - (a) Map Reading
  - (b) A.P.I.
  - (c) R.T procedure - Junior Leaders.
  - (d) Visual signalling.
  - (e) Fd cypher - for officers, sig and I pers.
  - (f) Handling of SP arms
  - (g) Gas - recapitulation and TSOET, up to 10% of WET. Gas eqpt and stores will be carried by each unit.
  - (h) Natives - handling of pidgeon, medical approach and trading methods.

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

8. It is intended that a School for Junior Leaders will be established at HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. This School will be solely for Junior Leaders who have passed a Bn school in Junior Leadership, or have reached an equivalent stage of efficiency, and who, in the opinion of the respective Commanding Officers, are suitable to adm comd of a Pl in action, if circumstances decree.
9. Bns will conduct their own Schools in Junior Leadership, reports on students to be forwarded to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

10. It is suggested that this period would be conducive to the holding of small Educational classes within Bns. Approached from a trg viewpoint, instructive classes in such subjects as judging distances and rough methods of calculation, conversion of bearings, working out the lengths of sides of triangles, calculations of areas, use of good English and phrasing of sentences in Patrol Reports, ability to produce legible sketches etc. It is felt that the educational standard of those pers who have not been fortunate enough to have Primary School qualifications would be considerably raised by this means.

#### TRG COURSES.

11. OBSTACLE: Each Bn will be responsible for the construction of Obstacle Courses, including the scaling of cliffs as well as the normal hardening obstacles. Stress will be laid upon the tactical covering of obstacles by gps, as was normal during the trg on the TABLELANDS. Special consideration will be given to the securing and covering of a beach-head, as part of the Course. Where possible it is further suggested that the Course finishes with an attack on a small enemy tactical position with targets and using live amm. Bn Gp Comds will be responsible for the passing over the Course regularly of all pers (incl small units) within their Bn Gp.
12. SCOUT: The normal Scout or Jungle Course consisting of fleeting targets both on ground level and in trees will also be invaluable during this trg period.
13. BAYONET ASSAULT: Difficult Bayonet Courses should be constructed with standing and prone dummies finishing with a charge on a position, firing from the hip. This final charge could be treated as a small Exercise in Sec control, with umpires awarding casualties, as they see fit.

#### MUSKETRY.

14. Range practices will be confined to Hip, Snap and Grouping practices, with Rifle, Bren and SMG. E Y Rifle practices will include high and low angle firing.
15. Night firing with all weapons will be practised with special attention being paid to Mortar 3", MMG and LMG.
16. All musketry practices will be carried out as fire control exercises under Sec Leaders.
17. Returns showing results of all musketry practices will be submitted to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde by the 3rd of each month.

#### WEAPON TRG.

18. Smartening, quickening exercises with rifle, Bren and SMG will be carried out for 15 mins each day. Attention will be paid to the loading of mags and in the case of Brens and SMGs the changing of Mags.
19. TsOET will be continued and returns submitted to this HQ by the 3rd of each month.

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING.

20. Sports which will ensure the maximum number of personnel participating will be an integral part of trg. Sports such as  
 Boxing (NOT fighting; suggest inter Sec, pl & coy contests)  
 Sawdust Pit (wrestling, jiu-jitsu, rough and tumble)

- Football (Rugby, Aust Rules, Soccer)
- Basketball
- Bash Ball
- Baseball
- Soft ball
- Cricket
- Tennis

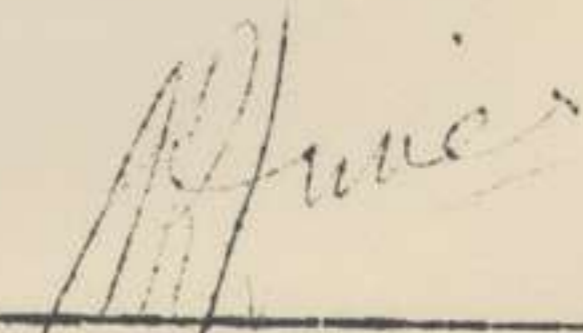
will be fostered and all pers will be taught to swim.

CEREMONIAL.

- 21. Bde standing orders will be issued at a later date, covering Bn and Bde parades. These orders lay down a standardised timing for rifle exercises and a standard method of issuing orders with drum beat or bugle.
- 22. Ceremonial drill will be an integral part of trg and as circumstances permit Bn parades will be held. Bns will practise marching past in col of pls and col of coys.
- 23. General turn out, bearing, and paying of compliments will be strictly enforced.

HEALTH.

- 24. Bde Standing Orders are in preparation covering Tropical Diseases. Gp Comds will issue orders for the removal of shirts when, in their opinion, either the nature of the work or sport necessitates it, or RMOs consider sun-baking is necessary for the health of the tps. It will be clearly understood, however, that the authority for taking off shirts is given as an order and is carried out as such.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Maj  
 BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Subject : TECHNICAL TRAINING - POLICY

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Sep 44

1. Further to 23 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instruction No. 46 of 14 Sep 44.
2. The sub-unit or detachment comd of technical units is responsible for the technical training of his personnel and will forward to HQ Bn Gp, when required, a syllabus of training for the ensuing period. Gp Comds will see that this responsibility is carried out.
3. If the Gp Comd considers that insufficient instruction is being carried out on the normal hardening, smartening, rifle exercises musketry etc, it is suggested that the detachment comd be informed and an alteration in allotment of periods between technical and Inf training to suit both Comds will be aimed for.
4. A copy of each technical detachment Trg Syllabus will be forwarded to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde for information of the respective Unit Comd.

*[Signature]*  
Maj  
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ A R DRIVER

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

2 SEP 1944

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DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCOs

Sat 2	Sep	Lt	SMITH H	Sgt	SIMPSON R A
Sun 3	Sep	Lt	DUNSTAN	Sgt	BENNETT
Mon 4	Sep	Lt	WORRALL	Sgt	LAINNER N
Tues 5	Sep	Lt	ELLIOTT A G	Sgt	CUMMINS C H
Wed 6	Sep	Lt	FITZGERALD A J	Cpl	JOCKOFF M
Thur 7	Sep	Lt	JONES R E	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY P
Fri 8	Sep	Capt	O'KEEFE E R	Cpl	CAIRN H H
Sat 9	Sep	Capt	LAVAN J	Sgt	ODGERS G
Sun 10	Sep	Capt	POWELL L G	Sgt	SIMPSON R A
Mon 11	Sep	Capt	PARRAR G C	Sgt	BENNETT R
Tue 12	Sep	Lt	WILSON A W F	Sgt	LAINNER N
Wed 13	Sep	Lt	THOMPSON	Sgt	CUMMINS C H
Thur 14	Sep	Capt	HOPTON L	Cpl	JOCKOFF M

100. DAILY TIME TABLE

As from 2400 hrs 1 Sep 44 and until further notice all units under command 3 Aust Div located west of line 150 degrees east longitude adopt zone I time. All time pieces therefore will be put back 1 hr. Hours of parades will in future be as follows:-

0545 hrs	Reveille	(Sunday 0615)
0600 "	Adm Parade	Nil
0615 "	Sick Parade	
0630 "	Breakfast	(Sunday 0700)
0730 "	Morning Pl or Coy Parade	
1000-1015 "	Morning Tea	
1130 "	Luncheon	
1300 "	Afternoon Parade	
1400-1415 "	Afternoon Tea	
1515 "	Stand Down	
1600 "	All bathing to be complete and sleeves rolled down	
1615 "	Evening Meal	
1645 "	Atebrin Parade	
1930 "	Supper	
2130 "	Lights Out	

*R. Driver* Capt,  
for SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

Regtl Trust Fund A/C Aug 44

Balance at commencement	£101 - 5 - 4
Purchase of Unit Colour Patches	17 - 6
	<u>100 - 7 - 10</u>
Canteens Profits	5 - 14 - 6
Balance at end of August	<u>£106 - 2 - 6</u>

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

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SM 23 AUST INF BDE

101.

DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCOs

Fri 15	Sep	Lt	DUNSTAN	D B	Sgt	SIMPSON	R A
Sat 16	Sep	Lt	FITZGERALD	A J	Sgt	BENNETT	R
Sun 17	Sep	Capt	LAVAN	J	Cpl	HALL	K L
Mon 18	Sep	Capt	POWELL	L G	Sgt	LADNER	H
Tues 19	Sep	Capt	FARNAR	G G	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P
Wed 20	Sep	Lt	WILSON	A W F	Cpl	CAIRN	H H
Thur 21	Sep	Lt	THOMPSON		Sgt	ODGERS	G
Fri 22	Sep	Lt	DUNSTAN	D B	Sgt	SIMPSON	R A
Sat 23	Sep	Capt	LAVAN	J	Cpl	HALL	K L
Sun 24	Sep	Lt	FITZGERALD	A J	Sgt	BENNETT	R
Mon 25	Sep	Capt	POWELL	L G	Sgt	LADNER	H

102. AIRGRAPH LETTERS

A flat rate of 4 pence now applies to all Airgraph Letters whether addressed to civilians or members of the Services.

*A. Mathewson*

Capt  
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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BM 23 AUST INF BDE

25 SEP 1944

103.

DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCOs

Sun	24	Sep	Capt	POWELL	L.G.	Sgt	LADNER	N.
Mon	25	Sep	Capt	FARRAR	G.C.	S/Sgt	MULLAVEY	P.
Tues	26	Sep	Lt	FITZGERALD	A.J.	Cpl	CAIRE	H.
Wed	27	Sep	Lt	WILSON	A.W.F.	Sgt	ODGERS	G.
Thur	28	Sep	Lt	THOMPSON	W.R.	Sgt	BENNETT	R.
Fri	29	Sep	Lt	DUNSTAN	D.B.	Cpl	HALL	K.L.
Sat	30	Sep	Capt	LAVAN	J.M.	Sgt	LADNER	N.

104.

SECOND VICTORY LOAN

1. The Second Victory Loan of £120,000,000 cash will open for subscription on 26 September, 1944, and close not later than 31st October, 1944.
2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

Particulars of loan:-

3. Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10 or a multiple of £10.
4. Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500, and £1000.
5. Inscribed Stock may be purchased at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100.
6. Interest is payable at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum if invested for five years and at  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to a member's savings bank account or current account, if desired.
7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but not to any income tax under the law of a state. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from state taxation.
8. Any bank nominated by a member will, if requested, hold the bonds in safe custody.

Procedure for lodging applications:-

9. Application forms will be available from paymasters and unit pay representatives and are required to be completed in duplicate. An applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.
10. Sufficient credit must be available in a member's pay book to cover the amount he or she desires to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the pay book.
11. Cash may be accepted in payment of a loan subscription, in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and a pay sergeant's or cash office receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.
12. Deposits on account of loan subscriptions will not be accepted. Where member's desire to subscribe by instalments, the procedure set out in GRO F.303/1944 will be observed.
13. The Commonwealth Bank will forward to a member an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

General:-

14. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable



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and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for a member, if desired.

105. ANGAU - APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT SERVICES.

1. Applications are invited from members of the AMF for appointment to the District Services of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU). This unit is a formation of the AMF and carries on the functions of the former civil administrations of the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
2. Australian New Guinea (comprising both the abovementioned Territories) has been divided into a number of districts for the purposes of administration, and each district is administered by a District Officer and a staff including Assistant District Officers and Patrol Officers. The positions for which applications are invited are those of patrol officers in the district establishments. The duties of such officers relate to all aspects of administration of the areas under control and the extension of government influence amongst the native population.
3. The age of applicants should be 20-25 years, but applications will be considered in cases of special qualifications from applicants not over the age of 35.
4. Applicants who have passed the Leaving Certificate or senior examination of any state or have qualified for matriculation at any Australian university, or who have attained at least an equivalent educational standard, will not be required to pass any educational or intelligence test before being considered for selection. In other cases, an applicant may be required to pass a special test before his application is dealt with.
5. Applicants will be medically examined before selection.
6. Selected applicants will be appointed to ANGAU on probation until they have completed a period of not less than 12 months field training and taken a course of about 15 weeks' duration at an army school of administration. Appointees who satisfactorily complete this field training and course will be confirmed in their appointments.
7. Appointment to ANGAU on probation will be in the rank held by the applicant at the time of selection, provided that selected applicants of a rank higher than that of lieutenant will be required to accept a reduction in rank to lieutenant. Selected applicants below the rank of lieutenant will be eligible for promotion during the period of field training. Upon satisfactory completion of the field training and course, appointees will be posted to ANGAU in the rank of lieutenant.
8. It is desirable that applicants should be prepared to make service in the Civil Administration of Papua or New Guinea their career. Selected applicants who are ultimately confirmed in their appointment to ANGAU will be eligible for appointment to the Public Services of the Civil Administrations of the Territories when such administrations are reconstituted. The terms and conditions of appointment to the civil administrations will be a matter of future government definition.
9. Applications should contain the following information and be forwarded, through normal channels, to reach LHQ on or before 16 NOV 44:-

Personal particulars of applicant for appointment

No.	Rank	Surname (in blocks)	Unit	Medical classification
Christian names (in full)				months
Date of birth	Age		years	country
Place of birth	town			
Married or single	Educational record (Examinations and subjects, degrees, diplomas, etc.)			
Other qualifications	Civil employment (positions held and details of experience in trade or calling)			

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Experience (including sporting record):  
(In clubs, in organising, dramatic work, music, hobbies,  
debating, sports, social services.)

Particulars of military service:  
Whether prepared to remain in NG Administration after the war:  
Names of two persons from whom references may be obtained:

*W. Heathwood*  
Capt  
SC 23 AUST INF BDE

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SUBJECT - WAR SOUVENIR STAMP

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Sep 44

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1. Enemy equipment as shown in attached list will NOT be stamped with War Souvenir Stamp but will be forwarded to GS (Int) through salvage, with captured equipment label attached.
2. Articles not included in the attached list will be permitted to be sent direct through Postal channels to home addressees, provided
  - (a) Two labels showing No, Name, Rank, Unit where item obtained and address of person to whom item is being sent, are prepared and stamped with War Souvenir Stamp.
  - (b) One label is included in parcel, and one held by this HQ.
3. War Souvenir Stamp is now held by this HQ, and will be brought to units when and where required.

BM 23 Aust Inf Bde Maj

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CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT

LIST OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY GS(INT) DV LH

CLOSE SUPPORT WEAPONS

Pistols 8mm Automatic Pistol "Yambu" pattern  
9mm Smith & Wesson Type Revolver  
8mm Automatic Pistol Type "94"  
German Type Pistols (Mauser-Luger)

Rifles 6.5mm .256" "Meiji 38" Long Rifle with detachable bayonet  
6.5mm .256" " " Short " " " "  
6.5mm .256" " 44" Carbine with folding bayonet  
7.7mm .303" "Model 99" Infantry Rifle with detachable bayonet  
6.5mm .256" Type "91" snipers Rifle with/without telescopic sight  
" " " "97" " " " " "  
7.7mm .303" "Type "99" Long Rifle  
Telescopic Sight as yet unidentified by a type number

SIG's 7.63mm .30" "Solothurn  
"Bergmann"

LMG's 6.5mm .256" Type "96" and Telescopic Sight  
6.5mm .256" Taisho "II" "Nambu"  
7.7mm .303" Type "99" and Telescopic sight  
7.92mm .312" Czechoslovakian (Bren Type)

MIG's  
HMG's 7.7mm .303" Type "97" Tank Mounted MG  
7.7mm .303" Type "92" "Juki" and tripod  
Telescopic Dial Sight for "Juki"  
AA Sight for "Juki" (both types)

GD's &  
Mortars 50mm 1.97" Grenade Discharger Type "89"  
50mm 1.97" Grenade Type "89"  
50mm 1.97" Flare Discharger 10 Year Type  
50mm 1.97" Flares of all types  
50mm 1.97" Hand Grenade Type "91" with ballastite attachment  
50mm 1.97" Grenade Discharger Type "98" (incl Range Scale & Charge Bags)  
50mm 1.97" Spigot Bomb for Type "98" GD (incl igniters)  
70mm 2.76" "Taisho" "II" Mortar  
70mm 2.76" Mortar Bombs  
Type "97" Mortar  
81mm 3.213" Small Mortar Type "99"  
81mm 3.213" Mortar Bombs  
90mm 3.56" Light Mortar Type "94"  
90mm 3.56" Mortar Bombs  
150mm 5.91" Trench Mortar Model "95"  
150mm 5.91" Mortar Bombs  
70mm 2.76" Barrage Mortar  
70mm 2.76" Barrage Shell

Mines  
Bombs &  
Booby Traps Anti-Invasion Mine (2 horn type)  
Mine (4 horn type)  
Mushroom Top (Dutch) Land Mine  
Land Mine Type "93"  
Armour Piercing Mine (Magnetized Bomb), Type "99"  
Booby Traps of all types

TK/A

Hollow Charge Rifle Grenade and Rifle Adaptor  
 13mm .52" Gun Type "92" (Single and Dual Mount)  
 20mm .79" Automatic Gun Type "97"  
 37mm 1.4" Gun Type "94"  
 37mm 1.4" Rapid Fire Gun Type "97"  
 37mm 1.4" Tank Mounted Gun Model "94"  
 47mm 1.85" Gun Model "01"  
 57mm 2.24" "  
 57mm 2.24" " Tank Mounted

Infantry Guns

70mm 2.8" Battalion Gun Type "92"  
 75mm 2.9" Regimental Gun Type "41" "Meiji"

Grenades

Pull Type Hand Grenades  
 Stick Grenades  
 Type "97" Hand Grenade  
 New Type Improved Type Hand Grenade (KISKA)  
 Rifle Grenade HE and Rifle Adapter  
 Rifle Grenade Smoke  
 Type 100 Rifle Grenade Adapter

ARTILLERY

75mm 2.9" Mountain Gun Type "94"  
 75mm 2.9" "RA" Type Mountain Gun  
 75mm 2.9" "BO" Type Mountain Gun  
 75mm 2.9" Field Gun Type "38"  
 75mm 2.9" Field Gun Type "90"  
 105mm 4.1" Howitzer Model "91"  
 105mm 4.1" Field Gun Meiji "38"  
 105mm 4.1" Gun Taisho "14"  
 105mm 4.1" Gun Model "92"  
 120mm 4.7" Howitzer Meiji "38"  
 150mm 5.9" Howitzer Taisho "4"  
 150mm 5.9" Gun Meiji "45"  
 150mm 5.9" Howitzer Type "96"  
 150mm 5.9" Howitzer Fourth Year Type  
 150mm 5.9" Gun Model "89"  
 150mm 5.9" Gun L30  
 150mm 5.9" Gun M18  
 240mm 9.4" Howitzer M12  
 240mm 9.4" Railway Gun (Types reported 80, 81, 82 and 85)  
 300mm 11.0" Howitzer M18 ?  
 410mm 14.1" Howitzer (Seige) ?

Artillery Transport

T 96 Tractor  
 T 94 Tractor  
 Prime Mover-Recce Vehicle

Artillery EdEqpt

Battery Commanders Telescope and Tripod  
 Three Power Telescope and Tripod  
 2 Metre Range/Height Finder and Tripod  
 75cm Base Range Finder and Tripod  
 Universal Type Artillery Dial Sight and all types of arty sights  
 Set of Stocks and Dies for Artillery Replacement Kit

ANTI-AIRCRAFT

AA Adapter for 7.7mm .303" Juki MG Type "92"  
 Front & Rear AA Sights for Juki " (Optical)  
 " " " " " " (Ring Sight)  
 13mm .53" Gun Type "93" No 3  
 13.2mm .54" MG (Hotchkiss)  
 20mm .79" Gun Type "98"  
 37mm 1.4" Machine Cannon  
 40mm 1.5" Gun  
 75mm 2.95" Mobile Gun Type 83  
 105mm 4.1" Gun Taisho "14"  
 25mm .98" Triple Barrel and Mounting  
 25mm .98" Twin Barrel Gun and Mounting  
 25mm .98" Single Barrel Gun and Mounting  
 75mm 2.95" High Angle Naval Gun

Equipment  
 10cm Binoculars Model 1929  
 Target Speed and Course Angle Indicators  
 Sound Locating Apparatus of all types  
 Correction and Plotting Boards of all types  
 Computers of all types  
 Searchlights and S/L Power Units  
 R.D.A.R. Eqpt of all types  
 Transport of all types for all use

ENGINEERS  
 pontoons and Rafts of all types  
 Bridging of all types  
 Demolition Equipment of all types  
 General Engineers Stores of all types

SIGNALS  
 Line  
 Trench Telephone No 2 F  
 Field Telephone Model "92"  
 Sound Powered Telephone  
 Throat Microphones and Hand Receivers  
 Microphones of all types  
 Earphones of all types  
 Telegraph Set Type "95"  
 Portable Cable Laying Apparatus  
 All other type of cable laying apparatus  
 Switchboards (telephone)

Visual  
 Type "97" Verrey Pistol  
 Portable Signal Lamp (Naval or Army Type)  
 Signal Flags of all types (Naval or Army Type)

Radio  
 Short Wave Mobile Transmitter Model "2"  
 Portable TM Type Compact Radio (Rec & Trans) Improvement 2 and compon  
 Receiver Type "94" No 5 Model "32"  
 Transmitter Model "F" No 32 Type "94" No 5  
 " " Type 96 Improvement 3 and receiver ditto  
 Rectifiers of all types  
 Transceivers Portable Mark III  
 HF " " Mark I  
 Type 94 Mark IV Transmitter Improvement 1  
 Medium Power Transmitter  
 Model SP3-A Transmitter Receiver and all components

General  
 Batteries  
 Wave Metres  
 Antennae  
 Testing Apparatus  
 General Wiring  
 Insulators

..EV's  
 Tankettes  
 M2592  
 M2598

Light Tanks  
 Early Model Light Tank  
 Recent Model Light Tank M2595

Medium Tanks  
 Early Model Medium Tank M2594  
 Recent Model Medium Tank M2597

Heavy Tanks  
 All Models (none as yet known)

Amphibious Tanks  
 New u/i Tank probably amphibious

Armoured Cars  
 "OSAKA"  
 "SUMIDA"  
 Naval Type  
 All other types (details unknown)

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Helme (compressed Silk)  
 Helme's Steel  
 Water Filter Purifier  
 Ishii Water Filter  
 Body Armour  
 Water Bottles  
 Uniforms  
 Great Coats  
 Rain Coats  
 Head Gear  
 Shirts  
 Shorts  
 Underclothing  
 Socks  
 Boots  
 Gaiters or Puttees  
 Belts or Webbing of any type  
 Pack  
 Personal possessions, Hold-all etc  
 Tabis  
 Head Net Anti-Mosquito Clothing  
 Leather Shoes  
 Food, Rations etc  
 Camouflage (personal)  
 Eye Screens  
 Messing Gear  
 First Aid Equipment  
 Swords and Sabres  
 Packs

IDENTIFICATIONS

Pocket Insignia  
 Personal Identity Discs or any identification Tags  
 Paybooks  
 Rank Badges  
 Unit Identification Badges  
 Regimental Standards  
 Decorations  
 Navy Insignia (Anchor)  
 Army Insignias (Star)  
 Flags of all types  
 Arm Bands of all types

SERVICES

Transport of all types  
 Gasoline of all types

LANDING CRAFT

Speed boats  
 Power Boats  
 Small Landing Barges  
 Medium Landing Barges  
 Large Landing Barges  
 Armoured Motor Torpedo Boats  
 Armoured Power Boats

FIELD EQUIPMENT

Tentage of all types  
 Goniometres (Angle measuring instrument)

SERVICES

Transport of all types  
 Gasoline of all types

FIELD EQUIPMENT  
(Contd)

- Magnetic Compass
- Hand Held Periscope
- Binoculars of all types
- Food Containers
- Supply Dropping Apparatus
- Hand Carts (all means of manual transport)
- Patrol Detector Equipment
- Medical Supplies of all types

AMMUNITION

6.5mm	200,000
7.7mm JUKI	200,000
7.7mm LEWIS	20,000
7.7mm Type 99	400,000
8 and 9mm	10,000
7.63mm	40,000
13.2mm	50,000
20mm	25,000
37mm and over	20.0 each type

CHEMICAL WAREARE All articles pertaining to CW are required



*E. J. Day*

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Subject:- 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION REPORT NO 1

*NG FORCE*

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
14 Sep 44  
I 2026

Ref Map : No 0445 LAE 1:25000.

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

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*AWP* Brig,  
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION REPORT NO...1.....

Ref Map 1 No 2445 LAM 1:25000 Series

SERIAL NO

UNIT

FROM

TO

DATE

REMARKS

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244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)

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12 Sep 44

Relieved by 14 Aust Sup Dep Pl

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Subject:-

DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
11 Sep 44  
AL/2/27

1. Herewith HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Distribution Lists as at 11  
~~Aug~~ 44.  
Sep

- List "A" - Bde HQ and Group HQs
- List "B" - Units, sub-units and Secs
- List "C" - Coys, Pls, Dets or Secs

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

3. Recipients will destroy all previous Distribution Lists.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
1	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	1	3
2	5 Aust WT Sec	-	1	1
3	36 Aust WT Task Sec	-	1	2
4	38 Aust WT Task Sec	-	1	2
5	23 Aust Fd Coy	-	1	3
6	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1	1	6
7	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1	1	6
8	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1	1	6
9	28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	1	1
10	A Pl 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	-	1	1
11	D Pl 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	-	1	1
12	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	-	1	1
13	243 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	-	1	1
14	244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	-	1	2
15	Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	-	1	1
16	17 Aust Fd Amb	-	1	3
17	Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	-	1	1
18	Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	-	1	1
19	Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	-	1	1
20	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	-	1	3
21	109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)(AIF)	-	1	3
22	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	-	1	1
23	Det 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	-	1	1
24	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	1	1
25	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	-	1	3
26	Comd	1	1	1
27	BM	1	1	1
28	SC	1	1	1
29	IO	1	1	1
30	TO	-	1	1
31	BASCO	-	1	1
32	BOO	-	1	1
33	Legal Offr	-	1	1
34	LOs	-	1	1
35	Amen Offr	-	1	1
36	Ed Offr	-	1	1
37	Hyg Offr	-	1	1
38	War Diary	2	2	2
39	File	1	1	1
40				
41				

Maj,  
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

List "B"

23 Bde

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HEADQUARTERS ISLAND COMMAND  
APO 293

29 September, 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 51 )

1. Following named O and EM, 718th APU are reld fr atchd to 967th AAA Gun Bn and are atchd to Service Command, APO 293.

- 1st Lt CHARLES C. CARNEY, AGD, O-1001527
- S/Sgt Claude G. Johnson, 34443342
- Sgt Kevin B. Leahy, 39187502
- T/4th James J. Ward, 333325390
- T/4th James J. Kelley, 31356894
- T/5th Norman A. Brininstool, 36406779
- T/5th Casper B. Lefort Jr., 37623497
- T/5th Robert M. Miller, 33511809
- Cpl Edward R. Smith, 7060841
- Pvt Carl W. Schroder, 36659629

2. Major WILLARD M. REILEY, O-276437, SC Hq Island Command WP fr APO 293 to APO 706. TDN, Major REILEY is designated as Safe Hand Courier Officer for purposes of this mission only. Authorized 400 lbs excess cryptographic equipment FAGAT (1). Upon completion of TD will return to proper station FAGAT (2A)

3. Following changes in asgmts and duties, effective 1 October 1944, are directed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reid fr dy as</u>	<u>Asgd to dy as</u>
Col Warren H. McNaught, O-7582 FA	Exec. Off. Is Comd	-----
Lt Col Allan K. Carrell, O-288559, M.FA	S-3, Is Comd	-----
Major Charles N. Wagner, O-355404, FA	S-2, Is Comd	-----
Major Carl J. Hansen, O-300515, FA	S-1, Is Comd	-----
Major Willard M. Reiley, O-276437, S.C.	Sig Off., Is Comd	-----
Capt James A. Henderson, O-321995, FA	Ass't S-3, Is Comd	-----
Capt Robert F. Cocklin, O-1165715, FA	Provost Marshal, Is Comd	-----
1st Lt Charles F. Powell, O-1633458 S.C.	Ass't Sig Off, Is Comd	-----
1st Lt John T. Cicur, O-1176576, FA	Courier Off, Is Comd	-----

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 continued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel'd fr dy as</u>	<u>Asgd to dy as</u>
Capt John H. Smolens, O-1043229, CAC	Voting Off Is Comd	-----
Major John G. Redmon, O-23802, CAC	-----	S-3, Is Comd
Capt James J. Mangan, O-1042254, CAC	-----	S-2, Is Comd
Lieut C. Alexander, NX27994 (AIF)	-----	Act'g Is Comd Sig O.
Lieut J. R. Grey, NX36009 (AIF)	-----	Provost M. Is Comd
Lieut A.C. Elliott, NX105757 (AIF)	-----	Officer Courier
Capt Avery W. Smith, O-395947 CE	-----	Is Soldier Voting O.

By Order of Colonel DUBOIS:

CLIFTON E. FRITSCHLE  
 Captain, A. G. D.,  
 Adjutant General.

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CLIFTON E. FRITSCHLE

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HEADQUARTERS ISLAND COMMAND  
APO 293

29 September, 1944

BULLETIN )

NO. 79 )

I. APPOINTMENT OF WARRANT OFFICERS JUNIOR GRADE

The following radiogram from Headquarters USAFFE dated 24 September 1944 is quoted for the information and compliance of all concerned.

"Appointment of warrant officers junior grade effected under provisions of AR 610-15 are suspended this date pending receipt new Army Regulations in accordance with War Department Circular 375 dated 15 September 1944. Advise all, repeat all, organizations under your jurisdiction."

II. FIRING NOTICE

57 MM AT firing will be conducted daily 0800 - 1700, 2nd - 7th incl, Oct. Position area, beach 1st Bn 25th Inf. Impact area, seashore to 10000 yds off shore.

III. AUSTRALIAN MONEY

1. The trade for, purchase, or mailing of Australian Currency by members of the U.S. Armed Forces is prohibited. Unit Commanders will call the above to the attention of personnel of their respective commands. Unit Censors are instructed to remove all such money from their organization mail.

IV. 60 MM and 81 MM Mortar firing will be held daily from 0730 - 1200, 2nd - 7th incl, Oct. Position, 600 yds south of East point. Danger area, seashore to 3000 yds off shore.

60 MM, 81 MM Mortar, 57 MM and 37MM AT will be fired daily from 0730-1200, 2nd - 7th incl, Oct. Danger area, seashore to 12000 yds off shore. Position, 500 yds South Tanaheran.

V. CHANGE 3 TO SOLDIER VOTING POSTER NUMBER 4.

Radiogram #251415 Headquarters USAFFE dated 25 September 1944 is reproduced for the information and guidance of all concerned.

This is change 3 to Soldier Voting Poster Number 4 (Dates of other changes are 15 and 18 September): add to Connecticut: For President and Vice President add Edward A. Teichert and Arla A. Albaugh, Socialist Labor, and Norman Thomas and Darlington Hoopes, Socialist; for Representative Third District, James P. Geelan, New Haven, Democrat. Delete from New Mexico. For President and Vice President Norman Thomas and Darlington Hoopes, Socialist.

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Headquarters Island Command, Bulletin No. 79 dated 29 September 1944 Cont'd:

Add to Oregon: For president and Vice President add Claude A. Watson and Andrew Johnson, Independent Democrat. Reference paragraph 28 a (4) Soldier Voting Manual.

IV. SOLDIER'S DEPOSIT BOOK AND REPORT OF SOLDIER'S DEPOSITS

Changes No. 1, AR 345-75, 7 September 1944, is published for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

AR 345-75, 8 June 1944, is changed as follows:

2½ Relinquishment of Soldier's Deposit Book in certain cases. - Where desired by the commanding officer in the interests of security, enlisted personnel may be required to relinquish their deposit books, in which case such deposit books will be filed by the personnel officer with the individual's service record. In such cases, the enlisted person will be furnished a receipt for the deposit book. This receipt will show the balance payable to the depositor as of the date of issuance thereof. Upon transfer of such an enlisted person to the jurisdiction of another personnel officer, the deposit book will be forwarded with the service record. In case a deposit book is lost while in the custody of a personnel officer such personnel officer will certify as to the circumstances attending the loss, in lieu of obtaining an affidavit from the enlisted person.

V. LOCATION OF ISLAND COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

Effective 1 October 1944 Island Command Headquarters will be located at Service Command. Commanding Officer may be reached through the Service Command operator. AGO will be located in same building with Service Command AGO. Island Command S-2 and S-3 may be reached through the Orange Operator.

By Order of Colonel DUBOIS:

CLIFTON E. FRITSCHLE  
Captain, A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

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R E S T R I C T E D

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 9 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) (TS)

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

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

1      2      3      4				5	6      7      8      9      10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'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.					
WE				*										
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 completion 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).



HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (TS) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/9/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Ma	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	R L	BM(L)	"		
Capt	NX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX 114122	FARRAR	C C	TO	"		
Lt	WX 28898	BURKEET	K R	SC(L)	No	ARL	6 Aug 44
Lt	VX 114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	Yes		
Lt	WX 33831	WEBB	R G	LO2	No	RAAF Sch of Army Co-op	17 Aug 44
Lt	SX 25134	EDWARDS	F G	LO3	"	ARL	6 Aug 44
<b>Services</b>							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L C	BASCO	Yes		
LtT/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX 100371	WIS ON	W F C	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	NX 105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Chaplain	NX 163533	FRY	F S	Chaplain 4th Class		Detached 7 Bn	
"	NX 139070	DILLON	R F		do	do 8 Bn	
"	SX 328	RAWLINS	H B 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.
Lt	VX 47188	WORRALL E S	8 Bn	28/8/44	Acting IO
Lt	NX 160013	DUNSTAN D B	27 Bn	do	do

2 Sep 44

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde  
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 2 / 9/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners		1	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Armourer	1	1		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
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				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AAIC; Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AASC; Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAES; Clerk	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAAS; Clerk	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Non-Tradesmen			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	13	13	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MF	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				Gen Duties	3	7	
Fitters (M.V.)	AEME	1	-	Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	15	15	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3		Water Duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				COMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Tgt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AASC; Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAMC; MedOrd	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AAOC; Batm	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED PERSONNEL			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAChD; Batm	3	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AALC; Batm	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.	AEME	1	2	Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		4	3	CARRIED FORWARD		13	14	CARRIED FORWARD		17	17	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	70	* *

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

2 Sep 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Army Form W 3088  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan. 1942)

DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S

PART I. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements reported as shown in

TRADE RANK WE PS DEFICIENT SURPLUS

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
<b>Trade Gp I</b>					
AAOC: Amn Exam	Sgt	1			
" "	S/Sgt	-	1		
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		
AEME Armourer	Sgt	1	1		
<b>Trade Gp II</b>					
AAOC: Cook	Cpl	1	-		
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-		
I" "	Sgt	-	1		1
" "	Cpl	1	-		
<b>Trade Gp III</b>					
Inf Clerks	WOII	1	-		
" "	Sgt	-	1		
" "	Cpl	1	1		1
AAAS	Sgt	1	-		
AAES	Sgt	1	-		
" "	Cpl	-	1		1
AALC	Cpl	1	-		
" "	Sgt	-	1		1
AASC	Cpl	1	1		
<b>Non-Tradesmen</b>					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-		
CSM	WOII	1	-		
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC					
Med Ord	Cpl	1	1		
<p>Totals of columns marked * in rows with columns 4 and 5 and 1 and 10 of Part I. respectively.</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 required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A. and/or A.A.M.W.E. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on reverse by insertion of "N.R. in col. 'Reinforcements'."  
(e) Where this report or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch: 2 Sep 44  
Signature of Commanding Officer: [Signature]

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.D

37 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 1944. 4. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 47 + 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		5	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	Brigade *												
				Lieut.-Colonels												
	1		1	Majors												
2	2		2	Captains												
10		1	8	Lieutenants												
6		2		Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
19	3	3	19													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for compilation 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.
VX 47183	Lt	MORRALL E B	8 Bn	28/3/44	Seconded up to 2 Authority HQF 2672
HX 160013	Lt	DUNSTON D B	27 Bn	"	do do 103

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
HX 33832	Lt	WHEAT R G	8 Bn	28/3/44	Seconded up to 2 Authority HQF 2672
HX 25134	Lt	DUNSTON P G	27 Bn	"	do do

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 1944.

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 9/9/1944 (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 V	McCormick	Yes		
Capt W/M	VX11052	DRIVER	A R	HI	"		
Capt	WX 231	HOPSON	L I	HI(L)	"		
Capt	WX 70633	BRATHWOOD	A H	HI	"		
Lt/Lt/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R	IO	"		
Lt/Lt/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	IO	"		
Lt	WX 28998	BURGESS	K R	BC(L)	Yes	AIL	6 Aug 44
Lt	VX114156	SITH	H W	IO	Yes		
Lt	VX 47128	WHELAN	S S	IO	"		
Lt	WX160013	BURGESS	D B	IO	"		
Harrison							
Capt	VX 3042	POWELL	L G	BSCO	Yes		
Lt/Lt/Capt	WX 33861	LAWAN	J H	ATA	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	H T G	IO	"		
Lt	WX 30121	JOHNS	R R	IO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	PITTSBERG	A J	IO	"		
Lt	WX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	IO	"		
Captain	WX163533	WILSON	B J	Captain		4th Class detached	7 In
"	WX130070	WILSON	R F	do		do	8 In
"	WX 32006	RAEJNS	H H A	do		do	27 In

**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.

9 Sep 44  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander



HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (78) Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 9 / 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, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				AMOUR	2	2		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevadores			
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 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				ALCI Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners				AACI Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AASCI Clerk	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AASCI Clerk	1	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Non-Trademen			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batman	13	13	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Dyno 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.)	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				GBM	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				COMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Tot Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AASC: Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AACI: Modord	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AOC: Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACI: Batm	3	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AALCI: Batm	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	2		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3		CARRIED FORWARD	13	14		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		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.

Date of Despatch 9 300 44

Signature of Commander *[Signature]* Capt



**DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S**

TRADE

RANK WE PS

DEFICIENT

SURPLUS

Trade Gp I

Trade	Rank	WE	PS	Deficient	Surplus
AOC: Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	
"	S/Sgt	-	-	1	
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1	1	
AME Armourer	Sgt	1	-	1	
"	Cpl	-	1	1	
<b>Trade Gp II</b>					
AOC: Cook	Cpl	1	-	1	
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-	1	
"	Sgt	-	1	1	
"	Cpl	1	-	1	
<b>Trade Gp III</b>					
Inf Clerks	WOII	1	-	1	
"	Sgt	-	1	1	
"	Cpl	1	1	1	
AAAS	Sgt	1	-	1	
AAES	Sgt	1	-	1	
"	Cpl	-	1	1	
AALC	Cpl	1	-	1	
"	Sgt	-	1	1	
AASC	Cpl	1	1	1	
<b>Non-Tradesmen</b>					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	1	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	1	
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1	1	
CSM	WOII	1	-	1	
COIS	S/Sgt	1	1	1	
AAMC Med Ord	Cpl	1	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD					

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

L.H.O. Form 411-8(43)-212m

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) Page 1  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
38/74 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 9 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) (T S)

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.

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.	O.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
				A.	A									19
				E. (1)	19									
				E. (2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion 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. .... / ..... / 1944 .....

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

No 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit

38/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/9/1944 (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	EX 1574	POTTS	A W	BdeComd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	EX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BN	"		
Capt	EX 231	HUTTON	L I	BN(L)	"		
Capt	EX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	EX 2875	O'KEEFE	S R	IO	"		
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRER	GC	TO	"		
Lt	EX 28898	BURKETT	K R	SC(2)	No	ARL	
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LD1	Yes		6 AUG
Lt	VX 47188	MURRAH	H S	IO2	"		
Lt	EX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO3	"		
<u>Services</u>							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	B SCQ	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	VX 33868	LAVAN	J H	AALG	"		
Lt	VX160371	WILSON	A W F	BOOB	"		
Lt	EX 30131	JONES	R E	BO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	PIZZONARD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	EX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	BO	"		
Chaplain-in	EX163533	HEW	F J	Chaplain 4th class Detached			7 Bn
"	EX139070	DILSON	B P	do	do	do	8 Bn
"	EX 32806	RAVENS	H B A	do	do	do	27 Bn
	16 Sep 44						Capt SC 23 Aust Inf Bde..

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.

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

16 Sep 44  
Date of Despatch





**Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 15 SEP 1944**  
**DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S**  
**Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Replacements required as shown in**

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
<b>Trade Gp I</b>					
AAOC: Amn Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	
"	S/Sgt	-	1		1
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		
AEME Armourer	Sgt	1	-	1	
"	Cpl	-	1		1
<b>Trade Gp II</b>					
AAOC: Cook	Cpl	1	-	1	
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	-	1	
"	Sgt	-	1		1
"	Cpl	1	-	1	
<b>Trade Gp III</b>					
Inf Clerks	WO 11	1	-	1	
"	Sgt	-	1		1
"	Cpl	1	1		
AAAS	Sgt	1	-	1	
AAES	Sgt	1	-	1	
"	Cpl	1	1		
AALC	Cpl	1	-	1	
"	Cpl	1	-	1	
AASC	Sgt	-	1		1
"	Cpl	1	1		
<b>Non Tradesmen</b>					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1		
CSM	WO 11	1	-	1	
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC @ Med Ord	Cpl	1	1		
CARRIED FORWARD					

NOTES—(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 required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.  
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Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

39 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 9 / 1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 1 / 2 / 4 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 69 + 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.				
WE	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	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 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.

### 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. .... / ..... / 1944 .....

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 23 / 9 / 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	JWX11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	SX 231	HOPTON	L I	BM(L)	"		
Capt	NX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A H	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	WX 2875	O'KEEFE	MRER	IO	No	LMQ School of M.I.	16 Sep
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	TO	Yes		
Lt	WX 28398	BURKETT	K R	SC(L)	No	ARL	6 Aug
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	H W	LO1	Yes		
Lt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO2	"		
Lt	NX160013	LUNSTAN	D B	LO3	"		
<u>Services</u>							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AO	"		
Lt	NX106767	ELLIOTT	A O	HO	"		
Chaplain	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain		4th Class det 7 Bn	
"	NX139070	DILLON	B F	do.		do. 8 Bn	
"	SX 32806	RAWLINS	BSA	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.

26 Sep 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

*A Heathwood* Capt.  
Signature of Commander  
SC 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 23 / 9 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room 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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				ARMOURER	1	1		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers	INT	2	2	Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters		1	
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AALC Clerk	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks		3	3	Woodturners				AASC "	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES "	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS "	1		
Fitters				Driver-Operator								<del>NON TRADESMEN</del>			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batman	13	14	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Drivers MT	9	11	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Gen Duties	3	10	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				<del>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</del>			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				HYG Duty	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		CSM	1		
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				QMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Cpt Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				AASC Batm	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AAOC "	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAOC Ord	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				<del>XXXXXXXXXX ATTACHED BY W.E.</del>			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				Mess Cpl	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Storeman	1		
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AACHD Batm	3	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AALC Batm	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	AEME	1	2	Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	5		CARRIED FORWARD	13	14		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	76	* *

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23 Sep 44  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander  
30 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Capt

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 23 / 9 / 1943  
**DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S**  
 Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Replacements required as shown in

TRADE		RANK		WE	PS	DEFICIENT		SURPLUS	
Trade	Grp	Rank	Grp	WE	PS	Trade	Grp	Rank	Grp
<b>Trade Gp I</b>									
AAOC	Ann Exam	Sjt		1					
	do.	S/sjt			1				
Int Draughtsmen		Cpl		1					
AEME Armourer		Sjt		1					
	"	Cpl			1				
<b>Trade Gp II</b>									
AAOC	Cook	Cpl		1					
Int Duties		S/sjt		1					
do.		Sjt			1				
do.		Cpl		1					
<b>Trade Gp III</b>									
Inf Clerks		WO 11		1					
"		Sjt			1				
"		Cpl		1					
AAAS Clerk		Sjt		1					
AAES		Sjt		1					
AALC		Cpl		1					
AASC		Sjt		1					
		Cpl		1					
<b>Non Tradesmen</b>									
Dvrs MT		Cpl		1					
Tpt Sjt		Sjt		1					
Gen Duties		Cpl		1					
Mess Cpl		Cpl		1					
CSM		WO 11		1					
CGMS		Sjt			1				
AAMC Ord		S/sjt		1					
		Cpl		1					
				17	18				
				CARRIED FORWARD					

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Signature of Commanding Officer: *[Signature]*  
 Date of Despatch: 23 Sep 43  
 L.H.O. Files - 11-8-43-113m

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

40,447 (Serial No.)

*War Diary*

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/12/1944 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 . OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 69 + 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		5	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.					
19	3	3	19	Brigadier Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
				DETAIL.	A.I.P.	O.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.

### 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).

40/44 (Serial No.)

Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	HX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	HX 11082	DRIVEN	A U	BH	"		
Capt	EX 231	HOPTON	L I	BH(L)	"		
Capt	HX 70683	HEATHWOOD	A H	SC	"		
Lt T/Capt	HX 2875	O'KEEFE	E R	IO	No	LHQ Sch of M I	16 Sep 44
Lt T/Capt	VX114122	PARRAR	G C	TO	Yes		
Lt	HX 28898	BURKETT	K E	SC91	No	LWOP	6 Aug 44
Lt	VX114156	SMITH	E W	LO1	Yes		
Lt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO2	"		
Lt	HX160013	DUNSTAN	D S	LO3	"		
<b>Services</b>							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L O	BASCO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	HX 33888	LAVAN	J M	AAIC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	BOO	"		
Lt	HX 30131	JONES	R E	BO	"		
Lt	VX 30357	FITZGERALD	A J	AD	No	Detached MGP	27 Sep 44
<b>Chaplain</b>							
Chaplain	HX163533	PHY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class	Oct 7	Bn	
"	HX139070	DILLON	B F		do	8	Bn
"	EX 32006	HAWLINS	H B 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.

*Heathwood* Capt  
Signature of Commander Bde

Date of Despatch



89 23 Aug 1st 1944 Unit.

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

Details of Tradesmen.			Details of Tradesmen.			Details of Tradesmen.									
GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	GROUP I. (contd.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	GROUP II. (contd.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	GROUP III. (contd.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	2	1		Pharmacist				Masseurs				Farriers			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Fitters' Mates			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Photowriter				Miners				Gun Layers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Plumber				Moulders				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assistants				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Signals				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Plate Layers			
Artificer, Artillery				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Rangetakers			
Artificer, Engine				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Riveters			
Blacksmiths				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Roughriders			
Bricklayers				Watchmakers				Opticians				Saddlers			
Computers				Welders				Painters				Saddletree makers			
Cooks, Hospital								Panel Beaters				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Coppersmiths								Photographer, Dry Plate				Stevadores			
Dispensers								Predictor Numbers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Draughtsmen	2	2						Printers				Storemen, Technical			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)								Radiographers				Tailors			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)								Riggers				Textile Refitters		1	
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)								Sawyers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)								Signallers				Vulcanizers			
Electricians								Signwriters				Wagon Erectors			
Electricians (M.V.)								Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Whitesmiths			
Electricians (Signals)								Well Borers				AALC, Clerk	1	1	
Fitters								Wheelers				AASG	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)								Winchman				AASB	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)								Wireman				AASB	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)								Woodturners				Non-Tradesmen	3		
Fitters (Instrument)												Batman	13	13	
Fitters (M.V.)												Driver	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal												Gen. Dis. Sec.	3	78	
Fitters, Signals															
Grinder, Precision															
Mechanics, Instrument															
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)															
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)															
Mechanics, Radio															
Mechanics, Typewriter															
Mechanics, Wireless															
Millwrights															
Operators, Excavator															
Pattern Maker															
Carried forward	4	3		Carried forward	12	12		Carried forward	17	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively	69	71	

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Date of Despatch.

Signature of Commander.

*R. Heathwood*  
30 23 Aug 1st 1944

**DETAILS OF WO'S AND NCO'S**

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/1/44

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

TRADE		NAME		PS		DEF TENT		SURPLUS	
Details of Trade		Details of Name		Details of PS		Details of DEF TENT		Details of SURPLUS	
<b>Trade Gp I</b>									
AAOC: Ann Exam	Sgt	1							
"	S/Sgt	-							
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1							
AEME Armourer	Sgt	1							
"	Cpl	0							
<b>Trade Gp II</b>									
AACC: Cook	Cpl	1							
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1							
"	Sgt	-							
"	Cpl	1							
<b>Trade Gp III</b>									
Inf Clerks	WOII	1							
"	Sgt	-							
"	Cpl	1							
AAAS Clrk	Sgt	1							
AAESE	Sgt	1							
AALC	Cpl	1							
"	Sgt	-							
AASC	Cpl	1							
<b>Non Tradesmen</b>									
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1							
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1							
Gen Duties	Cpl	1							
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1							
CSM	WOII	1							
"	Sgt	-							
QMS	S/Sgt	1							
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1							

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(d) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on return by location of N.M. in col. "Reinforcements".  
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Signature of Commander.

Date of Report.



# GREEN ISLANDS

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# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Transmission Instructions

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Ser. No.

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**FROM**

(A)

3 AUST DIV

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

040845 I

Office Date Stamp

For Action

**TO**

23 AUST INF BDE

(i) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

NGF

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A692 restricted (.) BRIG A W POTTS will adm comd 3 AUST  
DIV as from 040730 I until return comd 3 AUST DIV

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

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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

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# MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **3**

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<b>FROM</b> (A) 27 BN	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 181330 I	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
<i>For Action</i>			<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>
<b>TO</b> 23 BDE	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		

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			<b>THI or TOR</b>		
			<i>Time Cleared</i>		

# MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

27 aust inf bn

190710 I

For Action

**TO**

23 aust inf bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

**GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

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

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Signed

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

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Degree of Priority

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# MESSAGE FORM

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<i>Call</i>	<i>Ser. No.</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Transmission Instructions</i>
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<b>FROM</b> (A) 3 AUST DIV		<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 202000 I
<i>For Action</i>			
<b>TO</b> 23 AUST INF BDE		<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>

Office Date Stamp

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A891 restricted (.) following secs 63 aust dental unit will  
 move to new location on 24 sept (.) A sec from 7 aust inf bn to 2 aust fd  
 regt and HQ det from 27 aust inf bn to 2/8 aust commando sqn (.) 2 aust  
 fd regt and 2/8 aust commando sqn will each send 1 x 3 ton vehicle to 7  
 aust inf bn and 27 aust inf bn respectively at 1000 hrs to pick up relevant  
 sections all informed

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

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<i>Time Cleared</i>		

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM NGF

TO (1) MOV LAE (2) LAE BASE SUB AREA (3) 23 AUST INF BDE  
(4) 3 AUST DIV

INFO (5) 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA (6) 14 US CORPS (7) LANDOPS  
(8) ROLAE

QM2764 secret (.) personnel of 23 aust inf bde gps will embark as  
under at SCHOOLBOY under arrangements and on date to be advised by  
mov LAE (.) first (.) on vessel CARLOS CARILLO for BEEFSTEAK 806  
pers for SQUAREPEG 419 pers (.) second (.) on vessel CAPE VICTORY  
for SQUAREPEG 81 pers for GOODTIME 700 pers for JACONAT 165 pers (.)  
G460SD appx A parts 5 6 7 and 8 and NGF adm inst 159 NOT to all  
addressees refer

This Message Must  
Be Sent IN CYPHER

Degree of  
Priority

P. A. Martin CAPT

DRLS (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)  
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# MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 6

*Call* | *Ser. No.* | *Priority* | *Transmission Instructions*

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

<b>FROM</b>	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i>
(A)	NGF	21 1915 I
<b>TO</b>	<i>For Action</i> 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA 23 aust inf bde	
	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	

Office Date Stamp

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SD1534 SECRET (S) our G/552/SD appx 5 part 9 serial 1 2 and 3 (.)  
 three sets 82 dental unit allotted JOE HARRIS AUST BOUGAINVILLE (.)  
 15 pers 12 cub tons stores (.) on arrival 4 base sub area will  
 arrange on move of onesecc to each GREEN ISLAND EMIRAU ISLAND and  
 TREASURY ISLAND to join dets 23 aust inf bde gp (S) advise arrival  
 giving date and location

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

If liable to be intercepted or fall into  
enemy hands, this message must be  
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MOV LAE

23 0930I

TO (1) NGF (2) 23 Aust Inf Bde (3) Lae BSA (4) ESO (5) Docks Supt

FOR INFORMATION

(6) NOIC (7) RO Lae (8) NGF Adv 2 Ech

QM 3743 SECRET (.) Ref MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER G/103 (.) Vessel CAPE ST ELIAS substituted for NANCY HANKS

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23 Aust Inf Bde  
NGF  
Lae Base  
ESO  
Docks Supt  
NOIC  
NGF Adv 2 Echelon  
AQMG (Mov & Tn)  
DAQMG (M)  
S/Capt (S)  
War Diary  
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NG Lae

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*H. A. ...*  
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# MESSAGE FORM

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Action</i></p> <p><b>TO</b> 23 aust inf bde LAE BASE SUB AREA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(re) For Information (INFO.)</i></p> <p>MOV LAE</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Message Instructions</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">GR</p>

**ORIGINATOR'S No.**

SD 1574 SECRET (.) our G/552/SD (.. appx a part 5 SCHOOLBOY  
 SQUAREPEG (.) amend 23 aust inf bde sig sec to read 23 aust inf  
 bde sig sec (less dets) (.) amend 14 indep bde pro pl to read  
 14 indep bde pro pl (less dets) (.) part 6 SCHOOLBOY BEEFSTEAK  
 add det 23 aust inf bde sig sec det 14 austindep bde gp pro pl (.)  
 (.) part 8 SCHOOLBOY GOODTIME (.) add det 23 aust inf bde sig sec  
 det 14 aust indep bde gp pro pl

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**FROM**

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

NGF

241129I

For Action

**TO**

LANDOPS 23 AUST INF BDE LAE BASE SUB AREA

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

**GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

sp1581 secret 23 inf bde 0223 not to all addressees out

9/552/SD appx a (.) part 6 schoolboy beefsteak ~~at~~ add one coy 17 fd amb  
det 224 sup dep pl (.) part 7 scholboy jaconat (.) delete det (NGF) sec

a a canteens service and all details

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# MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (4) NGF	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 251033 I	Office Date Stamp
	For Action		
TO	LANDOPS 23 AUST INF BDE LAE BASE SUB AREA (re) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SD 1592 retracted our SD 1581 (.) amend 224 sup dep pl to  
read 244 sup dep pl

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# MESSAGE FORM

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**FROM**

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 aust inf bde

101650I

For Action

**TO**

7 aust inf bn 8 aust inf bn 27 aust i nf bn

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0217 SECRET (.) further to 23 aust inf bde op inst 21 (.)  
bn gps will be on 72 hrs notice to move as from 102359I  
ACK

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Degree of Priority

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# MESSAGE FORM

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<i>Warfare</i>			

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<b>FROM</b> (A) <i>23 sust inf bde</i>  <i>For Action</i> 27 sust inf bn 25 fd coy 23 bde sig sec 243 sup depot pl 40 tpt pl 5 WT sec 38 WT task sec 109 bde wksp 109 ord fd pk 17 fd amb 14 bde gp pro pl 28 pl 2/1 gd regt 30 war diary	Date—Time of Origin <div style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">131140 I</div>	Office Date Stamp    
<b>TO</b>  (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions <b>GR</b>	

**ORIGINATOR'S No.**

0820 SECRET (.) following pers be prepared move SQUAREPEG  
 by LIBERTY ship probable date commence loading 17 sep (.)  
 27 bn 10 offr 290 ORs (.) 25 fd coy 4 offr 107 ORs  
 (.) 23 bde sig sec 1 offr 28 ORs (.) 243 sup depot pl  
 1 offr 27 ORs (.) 40 tpt pl 1 offr 90 ORs (.)  
 5 WT sec 5 ORs (.) 38 WT task sec 2 offr 11 ORs (.)  
 109 ord fd pk 1 offr 15 ORs (.) 109 bde wksp 3 offr  
 38 ORs (.) 17 fd amb 5 offr 91 ORs (.) 14 bde gp pro pl  
 1 offr 17 ORs (.) 28 pl 2/1 gd regt 10 ORs (.)  
 Hq 23 bde 5 offr 20 ORs (.) cash det 2 ORs (.) postal  
 det 4 ORs (.) canteen det 3 ORs (.) total 34 offr 772 ORs  
 (.) vehs and stores as advised by 30 total approx  
 121 vehs and 780 tons stores (.) minor alterations pers  
 permissible but advise this ~~XXXX~~ Hq ACK

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# MESSAGE FORM

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**FROM**

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 aust inf bde

141830I

For Action

all units and sub units

**TO**

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A2105 (.) further to my adm instr no 8 of 13 sep 44 (.)

embarkation nominal rolls need only show serial number regt no  
rank and initials (.) AAF<sup>NAME</sup>T51 A are required only from bn gp HQs  
showing summary of AAF's T51 sheet 1 of units and sub units in  
bn gp (.) supplies will be sent to bns from this HQ all infm

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# MESSAGE FORM

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<b>FROM</b> (A) 23 aust inf bde	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 151300I	Office Date Stamp
<i>For Action</i>			
<b>TO</b> 7 aust inf bn 8 aust inf bn	<i>(re) For Information (INFO.)</i>		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No. A2115 RESTRICTED (... further to my adm instr no 8 para 6 sub para ~~(a)~~ (a)  
 is amended to read BEEFSTEAK V 6374 s/sgt HEGARTY H D QX 60744 ep1  
 McKENZIE D (.) GOODTIME Tx 15992 sgt MACEY C E VX128189 sgt DEVLIN J JK

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

<b>FROM</b>	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i>	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
(A)	HQ 23 AUST INF BDE	161320 I	
	<i>For Action</i>		
<b>TO</b>	7 AUST INF BN		
	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>

**ORIGINATOR'S No.**

Q 2118 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 2 other ranks as already selected of 2 aust corps postal unit will accompany 23 aust inf bde gp for duties in the 7 aust inf bn area (.) attachment to 7 aust inf bn to take place immediately

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MESSAGE FORM

pro forma

FROM HQ 23 AUST INF BDE 181600I  
 TO 7 8 27 AUST INF BNS  
 For Info SERIALS 5 10 11 14 16 20 21 22 27 28 30 31 32 34 38

Q2128 SECRET (.) further to 23 aust inf bde adm instr No. 8 (.)  
 liberty ship NANCY HANKS ETA LAE 19~~Aug~~<sup>Sep</sup> (.) will load (.) first (.)  
 all reserve plus 4 days voyage and landing rations POL AMN incl  
 WE reserve and trg canteen reserves ord reserves accn and unit  
 stores less those reqd for maintenance of pers not embarking this  
 ship (.) second (.) all tpt for bde gp (.) third (.) pers totalling  
 400 to incl drivers for vehs adv parties representing sub units  
 in bn gps allocated as follows (.) BEEFSTEAK 175 (.) SQUAREPEG 25  
 (.) GOODTIME-JACONAT 200 (.) remaining pers and unit accn stores  
 to move by tp tpt s hips (.) vehs reqd for maintenance of portions  
 bn gps remaining LAE will be provided through this HQ (.) bn gps  
 to advise by 191200I (a) a (.) GRO 318/43 details of pers vehs .  
 loaded and unit ord and accn stores not incl reserve of sups amn  
 pol and canteen wts are held at this HQ (.) b (.) senior offr  
 dep with each bn gp (.) GRO 318/43 details of pers accn and unit  
 stores remaining all informed

*W. Heathwood Capt*

SDR to addressees for  
 action  
 DRLS for information

LOG }  
 BMB }  
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# MESSAGE FORM

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<p><b>FROM</b> (A) 23 aust inf bde</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Originator</i></p>	<p>Date—Time of Origin 201050 I</p>	<p>Office Date Stamp</p>
<p><i>For Action</i></p>		
<p><b>TO</b> NGF</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i></p>	<p>Message Instructions <b>GR</b></p>	

**ORIGINATOR'S No.**

I 257 SECRET (.) following units completed embarkation 18 sep 44 (.) one det 5 aust WT sec (lt) 36 aust WT task sec (less det) 40 indep tpt pl 243 aust sup dep pl

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<b>FROM</b>		<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i>
(A) 23 AUST INF BDE			210800 I
<i>For Action</i>			
7 AUST INF BN		27 AUST INF BN	
<b>TO</b>	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>

Office Date Stamp

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A 2136 RESTRICTED (.) following secs 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT will move to new location on 24 SEP (.) A sec from 7 AUST INF BN to 2 AUST FD REGT AND HQ det from 27 AUST INF BN to 2/8 AUST COMMANDO SQN (.) 2 AUST FD REGT and 2/8 AUST COMMANDO SQN will each send 1 x 3 ton veh to 7 AUST INF BN and 27 AUST INF BN respectively at 1000 hrs to pick up relevant sections (.) all informed

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Time of Origin 220700 I

From 23 AUST INF BDE

To 7, 8, 27 Aust Inf Bns (AIF)

For info Serials 1, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 20, 22, 26, 27, 28,  
30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39.

Q2141 SECRET (.) further to 23 AUST INF BDE adm instn No 8 and  
Q2128 of 18 sep 44 (.) troopship CARLOS CARILLO ETA LAE 22 sep 44 (.)  
following to embark (.) first (.) BEEFSTEAK Gp (.) approx 801 all  
ranks 38½ d/wt ton stores (.) second (.) 416 all ranks and 17 d/wt  
ton stores ex 27 bn for SQUAREPEG (.) troopship CAPE VICTORY ETA  
LAE 25 sep 44 (.) following to embark (.) first (.) GOODTIME Gp (.)  
approx 739 all ranks plus 44 ton d/wt stores (.) second (.)  
JACONET Gp (.) approx 167 all ranks plus 6 ton stores (.) third (.)  
SQUAREPEG Gp (.) approx 83 all ranks plus 3 jeeps and 1 trailer  
all ex Bde HQ

*W. H. ...*  
Capt

DRLS

LOG XLX/312  
WD 2

# MESSAGE FORM

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(A)	23 aust inf bde	251740 I	
	<i>For Action</i>		
	XIV U S CORPS		
<b>TO</b>	<i>(re) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> <b>GR</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A2150 (.) SECRET (.) for capt HOPTON 23 bde LO (.) CARLOS  
 CARILLO ETD LAE 27 sep (.) first (.) BEEFSTEAK gp less 100 pers 8 bn (.)  
 second (.) balance to complete SQUAREPEG (.) bde HQ and bn adv parties  
 ETD LAE 27 sep direct for XIV corps

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**FROM**

Originator

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Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 aust infbde

260915I

For Action

NGF

**TO**

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

**GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~1259~~ ~~1265~~ SECRET (.) following units will close present location at  
261300I (.) HQ 23 aust t infbde 23 aust inf bde sig sec 27 aust inf bn  
28 pl G coy 2/1 aust gd **regt** 2/108 aust LAD

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HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS

Special Orders)  
No - 195)

APO # 453  
1. September 1951

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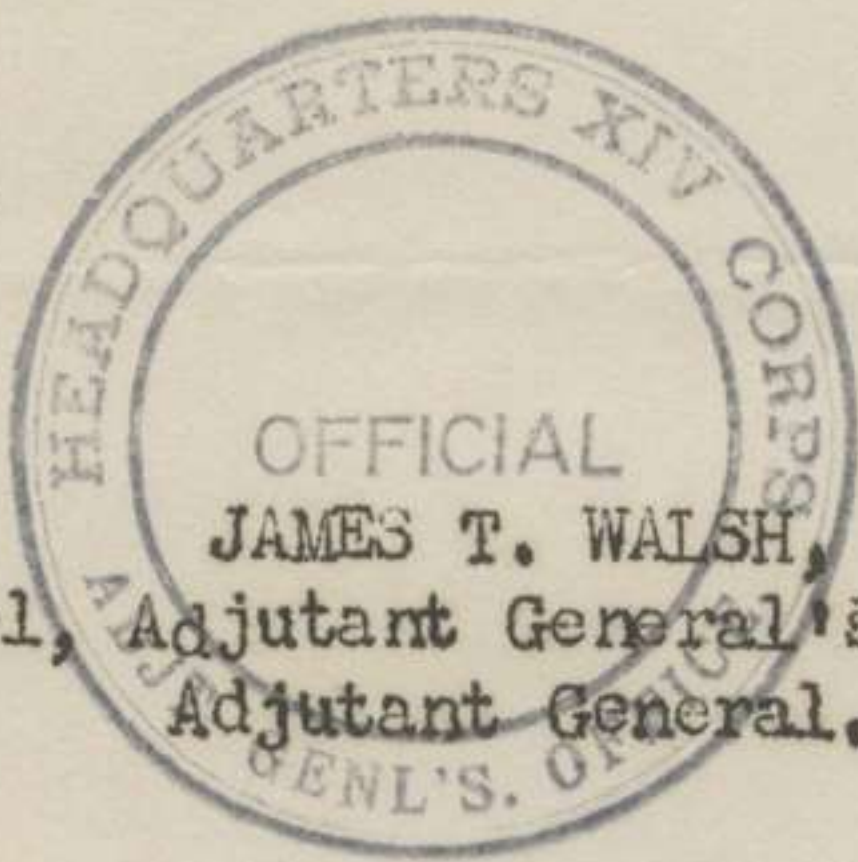
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MAJ W. M. KNOX VX 337 (Hq New Guinea Force)	APO 706	APO's 293 and 706-1 and return	GAT (2A)

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By command of Major General GRISWOLD:

WILLIAM H. ARNOLD,  
Brig Gen, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



Lt Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS

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1 September 1944

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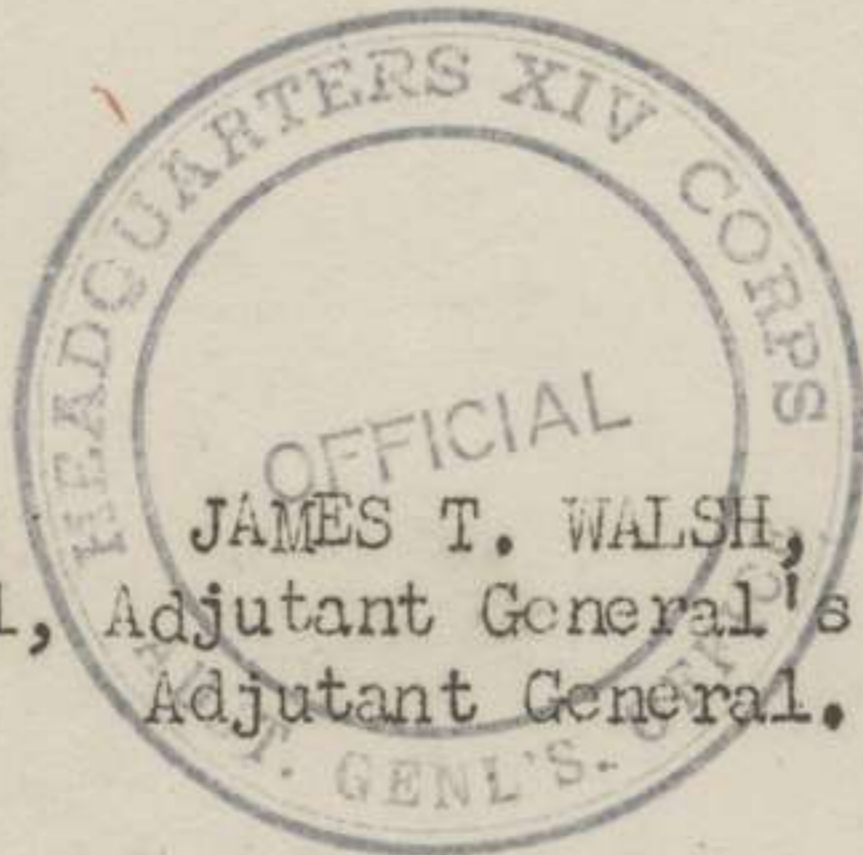
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BRIG ARNOLD POTTS WX1574 CAPT ALEX HEATHWOOD NX70682 (23d Australian Brigade)	APO 706	APO's 198 and 293 and return	GAT (1)

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By command of Major General GRISWOLD:

WILLIAM H. ARNOLD,  
Brig Gen, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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Adjutant General.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L



SECRET

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NEW GUINEA FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 120

MOVE OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP TO

BEEFSTEAK - SQUAREPEG - GOODTIME - JACONAT.

Headquarters,  
NEW GUINEA Force  
5 Sep 44

INFORMATION

1. As already given to Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

OBJECT

2. The object of this instruction is to lay down procedure in connection with establishing 23 Aust Inf Bde<sup>Gp</sup> in the BEEFSTEAK - SQUAREPEG x GOODTIME - JACONAT area and relative actions thereafter.

ROLE

3. The role of 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be to relieve US Forces of their responsibility for the ground protection of US Naval and Air installations in the following areas.

BEEFSTEAK  
SQUAREPEG  
GOODTIME  
JACONAT

COMPOSITION OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP

4. The composition of 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be:-
  - (a) Comd Brig A W POTTS Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde
  - (b) Units in detail as set out at Appendix 'A' attached.

COMMAND

5. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will come under comd HQ NG Force at 1200 hrs 6 Sep 44 and will remain under comd until arrival in ARTHRITIS area.
6. On arrival in ARTHRITIS area 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will come under comd XIV US Corps and will remain under comd until XIV US Corps hands over comd to 2 Aust Corps.
7. Each island garrison will come under direct comd XIV US Corps. Comd of all islands will NOT be exercised through HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
8. Comd SQUAREPEG garrison will be Brig A W POTTS with HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.
9. Comds of other islands will be appointed by XIV US Corps as soon as practicable.

ISLAND GARRISONS

10. The garrison for each island will be as follows:-

(a) BEEFSTEAK.

One Aust Inf Bn 23 Aust Inf Bde  
One Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy  
Det 36 Aust WT Task Sec  
One Pl, det RDI One Wksp Sec 131  
Aust Gen Tpt Coy  
Det 244 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
One Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb  
One Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit

The following AA units will move to BEEFSTEAK towards end of Sep 44.

HQ 32 Aust HAA Bty (Static)  
474 HAA Tp (Static)  
475 HAA Tp (Static)  
6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C)  
Det 1 Aust Fortress Sig Sec  
295 Aust LAD.(Type A)

(b) SQUAREPEG

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Det ANGAU  
23 Aust Fd Coy (less two pls)  
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
One Det 5 Aust WT Sec (Lt)  
36 Aust WT Task Sec (less det)  
One Inf Bn 23 Aust Inf Bde  
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
One Tpt Pl (TS) (to come from 40 Aust  
Indep Tpt Pl)  
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
One Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl  
17 Aust Fd Amb (less two coys)  
One Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit  
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)  
2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)  
Det 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office  
Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit  
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl

(c) GOODTIME

One Inf Bn (less one Coy) 23 Aust Inf Bde  
One Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy  
Det 38 Aust WT Task Sec  
One Pl, Det RDI, one Wksp Sec  
131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy  
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (less det)  
One Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (less det)  
One Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit

(d) JACONLT

One Inf Coy 23 Aust Inf Bde  
38 Aust WT Task Sec (less det)  
Det 17 Aust Fd Amb

NOTES:

1. All units less sections. 82 Aust Dental Unit and AA concentrating SCHOOLBOY.
2. 82 Aust Dental Unit is moving direct from SPAVIN.

3. AA units will move from EQUILIBRIUM.

PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT

11. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be prepared to move at an early date.

RELIEF.

12. Target date for the assumption of responsibility in BEEFSTEAK - SQUAREPEG - GOODTIME - JACONAT areas is 1 Oct 44. All units will move with unit equipment incl vehicles and cots, Scale A accommodation incl tentage.

SUPPLIES, ORDNANCE ETC STORES

13. The following will be taken with the Bde Gp.  
(a) 30 days all natures maintenance stocks (less amn).

AMN

14. The following amn will be taken with the Bde Gp:-  
(a) Unit and first line.  
(b) Details of reserve to be taken to the islands area are as Appx "B" attached  
(c) Their entitlement of training amn for the year 1944/45 for all units in the Bde Gp.

15. SCHOOLBOY Base Sub Area will be responsible for supplying requirements of sups, ord stores, POL, amn etc, and for loading them on ship in correct lots for each island garrison.

RESUPPLY

16. Resupply will be direct to each island from FRIGIDAIRE Base Sub area after the latter has been established.

17. Detailed Adm Instr will be issued separately.

COMMUNICATIONS

18. One 112 set with det supplied from 5 Aust WT Sec (Lt ) will move to FRIGIDAIRE at an early date and be ready to establish a one to one link between HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp and HQ 2 Aust Corps when established.

19. Intra island comms will be the responsibility of the Island Comd.

20. (Until HQ 2 Aust Corps takes over from XIV US Corps) comms inter island and islands to XIV US Corps will be supplied from US resources.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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XIV US Corps	12	Air Safe Hand
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23 Aust 2/ Bde

Appendix "A" to  
NG Force Operation  
Instruction No 120 21  
dated 5 Sep 44.

ORDER OF BATTLE - 23 AUST INF BDE GP

Serial	Arm	Unit	Remarks
1.	<u>HQ</u>	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	
2.		Det ANGAU	
3.	<u>ENGRS</u>	23 Aust Fd Coy	
4.	<u>SIGS</u>	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
5.		Det 5 Aust WT Sec (Lt)	
6.		36 Aust WT Task Sec	
7.		38 Aust WT Task Sec	
8.	<u>INF</u>	7 Aust Inf Bn	
9.		8 Aust Inf Bn	
10.		27 Aust Inf Bn	
11.		28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
12.	<u>S&amp;T</u>	Two Tpt Pls RDI and Two Secs Wksp 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
13.		One Tpt Pl (TS) 40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	From 40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl
14.		243 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
15.		244 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
16.		One Sec 6 Fd Baking Pl	
17.	<u>MED</u>	17 Aust Fd Amb	
18.	<u>DENTAL</u>	Three Secs 82 Aust Dental Unit	Moving direct to ISLANDS From AUST SPAIN
19.	<u>ORD</u>	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
20.	<u>AEME</u>	109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)	
21.		2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	
22.	<u>PAY</u>	Det 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
23.	<u>POSTAL</u>	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	
24.	<u>PRO</u>	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	

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## DETAILS OF AMMUNITION TO BE TAKEN BY 23 AUST INF BDE GP.

Copy No. 2  
Appx B to NGF Off Instr  
No 120 5 Sep 44

Type of Ammunition	Rounds	Boxes	Tons D.WT	Rounds	Boxes	Tons D.WT	Rounds	Boxes	Tons D.WT	Rounds	Boxes	Tons D.WT
	<u>BEEFSTEAK</u>			<u>SQUAREPEG</u>			<u>GOODTIME</u>			<u>JACONAT</u>		
Ctges Illum 1" J	150	1	.006	150	1	.012	150	1	.004	150	1	.002
Ctges Sig Red 1"	150	1	.002	150	1	.004	150	1	.002	150	1	-
" " Grn 1"	150	1	.002	150	1	.004	150	1	.002	150	1	-
Ctges SA Ball .380 Rev	234	1	.004	468	1	.008	174	1	.002	58	1	.001
Ctges SA Ball .303 Bdr	100,000	100	3.375	200,000	200	6.750	75,000	75	2.532	25,000	25	.840
" " " " Ctn	36,192	29	1.062	70,136	57	2.124	27,456	22	.796	9,984	8	.264
" " " " S/Belt	16,000	32	.608	32,000	64	1.216	12,000	24	.456	4,000	8	.152
" " Tracer "	7,488	6	.212	14,976	12	.424	6,240	5	.158	2,496	2	.052
" " Incend "	7,488	6	.212	14,976	12	.424	6,240	5	.158	2,496	2	.052
" " Ball 9 MM	38,400	12	.502	112,000	35	1.004	44,800	14	.588	16,000	5	.196
" " .55 AP	160	1	.016	320	2	.032	160	1	.014	160	1	.004
Bombs ML 2" Mor HE	144	8	.230	270	15	.460	108	6	.172	36	2	.057
" " " " Smoke	54	3	.065	90	5	.130	36	2	.049	18	1	.016
" " " " Illum W/Pacs	18	1	.021	36	2	.042	18	1	.016	18	1	.005
" " " " Sig Red	18	1	.004	18	1	.005	18	1	.002	18	1	.001
" " " " Grn	18	1	.004	18	1	.005	18	1	.002	18	1	.001
Bombs ML 3" Mor HE	186	31	1.259	366	61	2.518	138	23	.948	48	8	.316
" " " " Smoke	60	10	.353	120	20	.706	48	8	.261	18	3	.087
Ctges QF 2 Pr Gun LP	32	2	.102	64	4	.204	32	2	.075	16	1	.025
" " " " " HE	24	1	.020	24	1	.040	24	1	.018	24	1	.006
" " " " " Cannister	16	1	.020	16	1	.040	16	1	.018	16	1	.006
Grenades Hand 36 M 4 Sec	252	21	.242	504	42	.483	192	16	.180	60	5	.060
" Rifle " 77 "	132	11	.130	252	21	.260	96	8	.096	36	3	.032
" " 63 Smoke	75	5	.062	150	10	.124	60	4	.048	30	2	.016
" " No 69	272	8	.141	544	16	.282	204	6	.105	68	2	.035
Ctges SA Ballistite .303	900 Spares	1	.001	900 Spares	1	.002	900 Spares	1	.001	900 Spares	1	-
TOTAL DEAD WEIGHT			8.655			17.303			6.703			2.226
TOTAL BOXES		295			587			231			85	

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BDE COMD CONFERENCE

There will be a conference of all unit Comds  
at HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde at 061030I, to discuss  
23 Aust Inf Bde Op Intr No 21

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23 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTR NO 21

INFM

- 1. A plan exists for the regrouping of certain Aust Forces, one phase of which concerns movement of Aust tps to ARTHRITUS area.
- 2. 23 Aust Inf Bde has been constituted as a Bde Gp, comd by Brig A W POTTS, OOB as per Appx "A" attached.

INTENTION

- 3. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will relieve US Forces of their responsibility for the ground protection of US Naval and Air installations in the following areas;

BEEFSTEAK  
 SQUARE PEG  
 GOODTIME  
 JACONAT

COMMAND

- 4. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will come under comd HQ NG Force at 1200 hrs 6 Sep 44 and will remain under comd until arrival in ARTHRITUS area.
- 5. On arrival in ARTHRITUS area 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will come under comd XIV US Corps.
- 6. Each Island Garrison will come under direct comd XIV US Corps.
- 7. Comd of all Islands will NOT be exercised through HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- 8. Comd SQUAREPEG Garrison will be Brig A W POTTS.
- 9. Comds of other Islands will be appointed by XIV US Corps as soon as practicable.

ISLAND GARRISONS

- 10. The garrison for each Island will be as follows:

(a) BEEFSTEAK

8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
 One Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy  
 Det 36 Aust WT Task Sec  
 One Pl, det RDI, one Wksp Sec 131 Aust Gen Coy  
 Det 244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)  
 One Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb  
 One Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit

The following units will move to



BEEFSTEAK towards end of Sep 44.

HQ 32 Aust HAA (static)  
474 HAA Tp (static)  
475 HAA Tp (static)  
6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C)  
Det 1 Aust Fortress Sig Sec  
295 Aust LAD (Type A)

(b) SQUAREPEG

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Det ANGAU  
23 Aust Fd Coy (less two pls)  
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
One Det 5 Aust WT Sec (lt)  
36 Aust WT Task Sec (less det)  
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
28 Pl, G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)  
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)  
One Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl  
17 Aust Fd Amb (less two Coys)  
One Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit  
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)  
109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)  
2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)  
Det 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office  
Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit  
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl

(c) GOODTIME

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less one Coy  
One Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy  
Det 38 Aust WT Task Sec  
One Pl, Det RDI, one Wksp Sec 131 Aust  
Gen Tpt Coy  
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (less Det)  
One Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (less Det)  
One Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit

(d) JACONAT

One Inf Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
38 Aust WT Task Sec (less Det)  
Det 17 Aust Fd Amb

WARNING ORDER

11. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be prepared to move  
NOT before 10 Sep 44.

RELIEF

12. Target date for the assumption of responsibility  
in BEEFSTEAK - SQUAREPEG - GOODTIME - JACONAT areas  
is 1 Oct 44.

13. All units will move with unit eqpt incl vehs, cots, and Scale "A" Accn incl tentage.

ADM

14 SUPPLIES, ORDNANCE ETC, STORES

The following will be taken with the Bde Gp:

- (a) 30 days all natures maint stocks (less amn)

15. AMN

The following amn will be taken with Bde Gp:

- (a) First line amn  
(b) Res amn as per Appx "B" att  
(c) Entitlement of trg amn for year 1944/45 for all units of Bde Gp.

16. SCHOOLBOY Base Sub Area will be responsible for supplying requirements of sups, ord stores, POL, Amn etc, and for loading them on ship in correct lots for each island garrison.

17. RESUPPLY

Resupply will be direct to each Island from FRIGIDAIRE Base Sub Area, after the latter has been established.

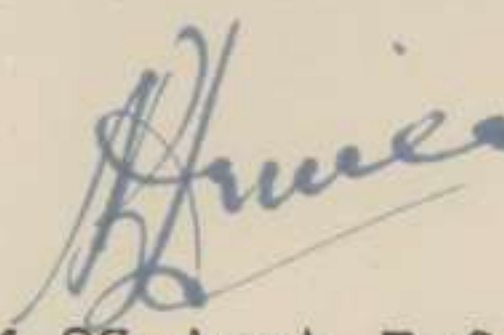
INTERCOMN

18. One 112 set with det supplied from 5 Aust WT Sec (1t) will move to FRIGIDAIRE at an early date and be ready to establish a one to one link between HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp and FRIGIDAIRE.
19. Intra Island will be responsibility of the respective Island Comd.
20. Inter Island and Islands to XIV US Corps will be supplied from US resources.

CODE WORDS

21. Codewords will be used on all occasions and key will be delivered verbally at Bde Comds Conference.

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38 Aust WT Task Sec	5
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	6
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	7
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	8
28 Pl, G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	9
131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	10-11
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	12
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	13
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	14
6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	15
17 Aust Fd Amb	16
82 Aust Dental Unit	17
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	18
109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	19
2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	20
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	21
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Appendix " " to 23 Aust Inf  
Bde Op Instr No 21

ORDER OF BATTLE - 23 AUST INF BDE GP.

Serial	Arm	Unit	Remarks
1.	<u>HQ</u>	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	
2.		Det ANGAU	
3.	<u>ENGRS</u>	23 Aust Fd Coy	
4.	<u>SIGS</u>	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
5.		Det 5 Aust WT Sec (2t)	
6.		36 Aust WT Task Sec	
7.		38 Aust WT Task Sec	
8.	<u>INF</u>	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
9.		8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
10.		27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
11.		28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
12.	<u>SET</u>	Two Tpt Pls RDI and Two Secs Wksp 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
13.		40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	
14.		243 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	
15.		244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	
16.		One Sec 6 Fd Baking Pl	
17.	<u>MED</u>	17 Aust Fd Amb	
18.	<u>DENTAL</u>	Three Secs 82 Aust Dental Unit	Moving direct to ISLANDS from SPAVIN
19.	<u>ORD</u>	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl (AIF)	
20.	<u>ALME</u>	109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	
21.		2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	
22.	<u>PAY</u>	Det 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
23.	<u>POSTAL</u>	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	
24.	<u>PRD</u>	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	

DETAILS OF RESERVE AMMUNITION TO BE TAKEN BY 23 AUST INF BDE (P

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Appx B to 23  
Aust Inf Bde Op  
Inst. No 21 of  
5 Sep 44

Type of ammunition	Rounds	Boxes	Tons D.W.T	Rounds	Boxes	Tons DWT	Rounds	Boxes	Tons DWT	Rounds	Boxes	Tons DWT
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TOTAL BOXES		295			587			231			88	

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AMENDMENTS TO 23 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO 21

1. Under ISLAND GARRISONS, under para 10 (a) BEEFSTEAK and before "The following units"

(a) Add

- "det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec"
- "det 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)"
- "det 109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)"
- "2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)"
- "det 14 Aust Indep Bde Bp Pro Pl"

(b) Amend

- "one Pl, det RDI, one Wksp Sec 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy"
- to read
- "A Pl, det RDI, one Wksp Sec 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy"

2. Under ISLAND GARRISONS, under para 10 (b) SQUAREPEG

(a) amend

- (i) "23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec" to read "23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less two dets"
- (ii) "109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)" to read "109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less two dets"
- (iii) "109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)" to read "109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) less two dets"
- (iv) "14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl" to read "14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl less two dets"

(b) delete "2/108 Aust LAD"

3. Under ISLAND GARRISONS under para 10 (c) GOODTIME

(a) add

- "det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec"
- "det 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)"
- "det 109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)"
- "det 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl"

(b) amend

- (i) "one Pl, det RDI, one Wksp Sec 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy" to read "D Pl, det RDI, one Wksp Sec 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy"
- (ii) "det 38 Aust WT Task Sec" to read "38 Aust WT Task Sec less det"

4. Under ISLAND GARRISONS under para 10 (d) JACONAT

amend

"38 Aust WT Task Sec less det" to read  
"det 38 Aust WT Task Sec"

5. Under Appx "A" - Order of Battle  
under serial 12 S & T.

amend

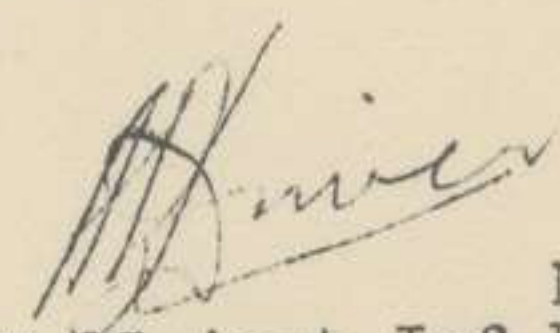
"Two Tpt Pls RDI and two secs Wksp 131 Aust  
Gen Tpt Coy" to read  
" A & D Pls, RDI a nd two Wksp secs 131 Aust  
Gen Tpt Coy".

6. Under Distribution List

Delete "131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 10 - 11"

Insert "A Pl 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 10  
B Pl 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 11"

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BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1530 hrs... 10. Sep 44

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23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
5 Aust WT Sec (lt)	3
36 Aust WT Task Sec	4
38 Aust WT Task Sec	5
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	6
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	7
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	8
28 Pl, G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	9
A Pl, 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	10
B Pl, 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	11
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	12
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	13
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	14
6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	15
17 Aust Fd Amb	16
82 Aust Dental Unit	17
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	18
109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	19
2/108 Aust LAD	20
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CONFERENCE NGP - 080930I SEP

1. SIGS WE required plus;
- (a) BEEFSTEAK - Cable - 10 mls  
Telephones - 6  
M C 1
  - (b) GOODTIME - Cable - 10 mls  
Telephones - 6  
M C 1
  - (c) SQUA EPEG - Cable - 10 mls  
Telephones 10  
F & F Switchboard (20 line)  
with units B & J  
M C 1

2. TPT All WE plus attached Table.

3. EQPT (a) For 23 Aust Fd Coy;
- (i) Caterpillar 12' Blade Graders (auto) - 3  
or  
12' Blade Graders + Tractors D6
  - (ii) 2 1/2" Centrifugal pump and motor - 3
- (b) For 17 Aust Fd Amb
- (i) Lighting Sets;

)))	1.25 K V A	2.5 K V A	5 K V A
On Strength	-	-	1
WE	1	-	-
Required	-	3	-

Note : Details as per 17 Aust Fd Amb Report

(c) GENERAL

- (i) Lighting plants for 2 Bn Gps
- (ii) Typewriters - extra 3 required
- (iii) Steroscopes
- (iv) Hand Carts - 8
- (v) Water Testing Apparatus - 1
- (vi) Carpenters Kits - 2



(d) For each of 244 & 243 Sup Depot Pl

- (i) Pumps decenting - 2
- (ii) 2 cwt machines weighing - 2
- (iii) Scales weighing counter 30 lb - 5

4. SECURITY

- (a) Infm in letters and address
- (b) FSS pers
- (c) Colour Patches

5. Projector for Trg and Films - SQUARE PEG

6. 003

- 82 Dental Unit - when ?
- 6 Baking Pl - when ?
- 131 GT Coy vehs - when ?

TYPE	BES		Bde HQ		FD PKY		LAD		FD COY		PRO PL		FD AMB		WASH		SIG SEC			
	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP	WE	SURP		
JEEPS	8		3	5	5					11		10qr 4	8		2		3		4	39
TRAILERS	8		3	5	6					7			6				3		4	39
3 TON VEHs 4x4	-	4	-	4									1	1						
15 CWT	-	2	-	2													-	1		
3 TON W/CARTS	-	or <sup>3</sup> 1	-	1									1	-	1					1
80 GAL TRAILERS	-	and <sup>5</sup>								1	4		2	1						
MC												10					-	3		
TIPPING TRUCKS										12										
										18	regr									
											4									
											NEG									
BULLDOZERS											2 in									
											Wksp									
AMBULANCES																				
2 1/2 TON - WINCH					7					5										34
GARAGE											1									2
WRECKERS										1										1
COMPRESSORS										3										
TRACTORS D4 WINCH										3										

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GS MINUTE NO 515

CONFERENCE WITH 23 AUST INF BDE - 8 SEP 44

Distribution (see below)

1. A conference with representatives of 23 Aust Inf Bde was held at G(SD & Trg) HQ New Guinea Force at 0930 hours on 8 Sep 44.

Present

- 23 Aust Inf Bde - BM
- SC
- G(Ops) - Maj C.W. SINGE
- G(SD & Trg) - Lt-Col E.S. EYERS (presiding)
- Capt S.M. MAXWELL
- CE - Lt-Col J.B. MULVANEY
- CSO - Col R.C. REEVE
- Lt-Col A.G. BRIDGE
- A - Capt A.M. RAWLINGS
- Q - Maj A.E. ROSS
- Ord - Maj H.B. BURGH
- AEME - Lt-Col L.C. FISHER

2. The object of the conference was to discuss with 23 Aust Inf Bde certain difficulties that they had encountered in formulating detailed plans.

Precis of queries raised are given below:

Branches etc  
for action  
underlined.  
Others for  
information

ORGANIZATION

3. With the split of the Bde Gp into indep bn gps, it is desired also to split 109 Aust Bde Wksp and 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk to ensure that each island garrison is self-sufficient. This will involve additional equipment.

AEME

Q

Action taken

BM 23 Aust Inf Bde to discuss with AEME who will submit recommendations to Q Branch

EQUIPMENT

4. Signals

The following additional equipment was requested for signals of EMIRAU and TREASURY ISLANDS:

CSO

Q

At EMIRAU and TREASURY ISLANDS

G(Ops)

- 10 miles cable )
- 6 telephones ) for each garrison
- 1 Motor Cycle )

At GREEN ISLAND

- 10 miles cable
- 10 telephones
- 1 Motor Cycle

The question of switchboards for Island HQ was also raised.

Action taken

CSO agreed to release additional Sig stores  
Q agreed to release 3 Motor Cycles.

CSO advised that switchboards would be provided from American resources and that if American switchboards were withdrawn then replacements would be provided through AUST channels.

TRANSPORT

5. The following is a summary of vehicles requested by 23 Aust Inf Bde, additional to WE entitlements and required as a result of the split into island garrisons.

Q  
Med  
Ord  
AEME

Beside each request is shown the answer given by Q Branch subject to confirmation.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Surplus to WE</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Motor Cycles	10(for Pro Pl)	can be provided
Trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4	5	unlikely can provide
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4	7	can provide
Trucks 2½ ton winch	WE only	will investigate
Trucks 3 ton 4 x 4	13	can provide
Trucks 3 ton water	7	can provide
Trucks 3 ton amb	8	can provide
Trucks 3 ton tipping	WE only	will investigate
Trucks 3 ton garage	3	unlikely can provide
Trailers 8 cwt	5	unlikely can provide
Trailers water 80 gal	17	may provide some

ENGINEER STORES

6. It was requested that one auto-patrol grader should be provided for each island.

CE

Action taken

G(Ops)  
Q

23 Aust Inf Bde advised that this request could not be met but that road maintenance would be undertaken by mech eqpt based on TOROKINA when necessary.

7. Three 2½" centrifugal pumps were also requested to ensure water supply for island garrisons.

CE  
Q

Action taken

23 Aust Fd Coy to submit demands on Engineer Dump in LAE

LIGHTING FOR 17 FD AMB

8. It was considered that considerable increase in lighting facilities would be required to enable the coys and det of 17 Aust Fd Amb to carry out their task efficiently. Three 2.5 KVA sets were requested. These are not available and it was suggested that the Fd Amb should draw its light from power generated for, say, signals. More pressure lamps would also be required unless the eight portable lamps shown on WET could be provided.

Q  
G(SD & Trg)  
CSO

TRAINING STORES

9. It was requested that one stereoscope should be made available for each island garrison. G(SD & Trg)

Action taken

G(SD & Trg) to endeavour to obtain.

G(Int)

10. It was also requested that one VICTOR Projector should be allotted permanently to the Bde. G(SD & Trg)

Action taken

Only three VICTOR Projectors are at present held by NG Force. It was therefore not possible to allow 23 Aust Inf Bde to retain one Projector permanently, but Vis Trg would visit the island on circuit.

MISCELLANEOUS

11. Requests were made for a number of additional Ordnance stores such as typewriters, hand carts, carpenters kits etc, and for pumps decanting, weighing machines etc for 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl CE  
Q  
ST  
Ord

Action taken

23 Aust Inf Bde was requested to submit indents for these minor demands through the normal channels.

MOVEMENTS

12. 23 Aust Inf Bde was informed of the present position with regard to movement of detachments etc mainly from MORESBY to LAE for onward movement as part of the Bde Gp.

INTELLIGENCE

13. 23 Aust Inf Bde raised queries regarding security aspects of addressing of letters, wearing of colour patches, provision of FS personnel etc. G(Int)

Action taken

23 Aust Inf Bde was requested to deal direct with G(Int) to resolve these queries.

ADMINISTRATION - GENERAL

14. It appears that further definition may be necessary regarding responsibility of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp in relation to purely Aust administrative matters of those Bns now forming island garrisons. G(SD & Trg)  
DA & QMG  
A  
Q

15. It was suggested that routine "A" returns (3008, 3009) should be prepared by the Bde Gp on advice from island garrison Commanders rather than that the returns should be prepared for each detachment and forwarded to 2nd Echelon through XIV US Corps.

It appears unlikely that XIV US Corps will be interested in Field Returns although strengths obviously do concern them.

16. It was believed that some responsibility with regard to Aust Troops in this regard might be conferred by XIV US Corps on 23 Aust Inf Bde after arrival.

Action taken

The matter was to be referred to DA & QMG for determination.

G(SD & Trg)  
Ext 74  
9 Sep 44

*E. E. Lyons*  
Lt-Col  
GS

Copies to:

CE  
CSO  
Q  
ARME

Copies for information to:

23 Aust Inf Bde (2) ✓  
BGS  
G(Ops)  
G(Int)  
DA & QMG  
A  
Med  
ST  
Ord

and one to each member attending conference.

1. ADMINISTRATION

(i) Suggested system of returns

- (a) From sub-units to Gp HQ to Bde HQ - to NGF via 14 US Corps
- (b) 3006, 3008, 3009, dets to sub-unit HQ with copy to Gp HQ - to Bde - to NGF via 14 US Corps
- (c) All to 2 Aust Corps on arrival of same
- (d) Nominal rolls for embark - to records
- (e) Welder for 2/108 LAD

(ii) Medical - as per 17 Ed Amb Policy agreed

(iii) Legal Discipline

Delegated powers for Bde Comd  
 DCsM to be conducted by Bde Legal Offr. Proceedings to NGF or LHQ.  
 Powers of Discipline by Gp Comds

(iv) Pay Suggested increase of Pay Det to incl an offr to be responsible for all finance matters and conversion monies returned from Canteens to Cash for Pay Safes for unit Pay Pers - enormous holdings of Canteen Cash & Pay Trust A/C transactions by dets of service coys and Pl etc.

(v) Chaplains - Protestant Chap for 7 Bn

(vi) amenities - Projector - film

- Allotment of YMCA & Salvo Reqs
- Suggested. Salvo rep to 8 Bn  
Salvo to 27 Bn and  
square Peg GP

YMCA to 7 Bn

{ Goodtime  
{ Jaconat

- Fishing lines and Tackle

(vii) Postal - Chain of delivery. - direct to Gps or through Bd e Postal  
Det? ? from Mainland or NG  
Postage rates - Stamps etc

(viii) Education 16 mm Projector - liberally of film



1. Sups (a) 30 days not considered sufficient for rations in view of possible delay in maintenance from Frigidaire
- (b) Rations for voyage and landing ration - 3 days
- (c) Fresh Sups - when to expect

2. Canteen (a) Units unable to purchase 1/3 of scale of res as laid down
- (b) One canteen rep at least until Frigidaire is established
- (c) Res to be taken on charge by Sup Pl who operate Bulk Canteen to Units & Sub Units
- (d) Seeds

3. Taking over of American -

Installations (Hutments Tanks camp eqpt  
Request an offr of NGE with necessary authority to tie up on lease lend side with US authorities - to prevent later complications.  
POL - Refrigs

4. Bakery Ingredients

- (a) Will Americans make bread from our formula and ingredients
- (b) Eqpt for baking when American lease units depart

5. Ordnance

Additional accommodation stores for fd amb - Marquees - Beds

6. Shipping - Availability - Type - Date

1/15/18

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9/1/18  
Adm Instr No 159

Officer commanding, [illegible]

Signature of authorising officer

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SC CONFERENCE

The above conference of all Adjts, QMs and OsC of units  
at HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde at 101000I, to discuss 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Adm Instr No 7

PROVISION FOR TRANSPORT

23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO 7MOVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP1. GENERAL

(a) This instruction deals with the movement to and the maintenance of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde with att Gps and the respective Bn Gps at BEEFSTEAK, SQUAREPEG, GOODTIME and JACONAT areas.

(b) It will be read in conjunction with 23 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 21 of 6 Sep 44.

2. ADM(a) "A" Maintenance and Personal Services

(i) Submission of routine returns and general adm correspondence will be through this HQ.

(ii) 2nd Echelon Returns

Dets, and sub units separated from their HQ, will keep that HQ informed through Bn Gp, of necessary infm for submission by unit HQ through Bde to Adv 2 Ech NG.

(b) Legal

(i) DCsM : Representation has been made for the delegation of power for convening of DCsM to the Bde Comd.

(ii) If approval is obtained, Bn Gps will be advised and applications for DCsM and requests to deal summarily with charges outside the powers of a CO will be forwarded to Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde for decision.

(iii) Powers of Offrs Comd small units and dets

A schedule setting out the disciplinary powers of OsC will be issued separately when recommendations submitted to HQ NGF have been approved.

(c) Finance

(i) Det 3 Aust Div Cash office att to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde will consist of the following pers:

Paymaster	WOII
Clerk	Sgt

(ii) Routine Pay

Det 3 Aust Div Cash Office will carry sufficient cash for two months for each Bn Gp.

(iii) The procedure to enable excess canteen takings to be converted to cash for pay purposes will be advised in a separate circular.

(iv) Regtl Trust A/C Transactions

Separate trust A/Cs will be opened by dets, Coys and small units det from their HQ to Bn Gps. Canteen allocations from LHQ when received by Unit HQs will be remitted on a pro rata allocation to respective dets.

(d) Education

(i) The following eqpt and material will be allocated to Bn Gps as under for educational purposes:

SQUAREPEG

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
(a) Projector, 16 mm		1
(b) Projector, 35 mm Strip Film		1
(c) Radio Amplifier, with Gramophone Pick-up		1
(d) Records, Gramophone (approx)	150	
(e) Hobbies Eqpt (Tools)		
(i) Woodwork sets		1
(ii) Metalwork "		1
(iii) Art Work "		1
(f) <u>Books</u>		
(i) Non-expendable in Circulating Boxes		320
(ii) Expendable, paper-covered (approx)	300	
(iii) Miscellaneous "		100
(g) Maps, Periodicals, Pamphlets, Discussion Courses, Lecture Material	) Assorted ) Fair ) Quantity	

BEEFSTEAK

Equipment

(a) Hobbies, Equipment (Tools)

(i) Woodwork sets		1
(ii) Metalwork "		1
(iii) Art Work "		1

(b) Books

(i) Non-expendable in Circulating Boxes		180
(ii) Expendable, paper-covered (approx)	250	
(iii) Miscellaneous "		50
(iv) Unit Libraries		
Total Books 460 plus Unit Libraries		

GOODTIME

Equip ment

As for BEEFSTEAK

JACONAT

Equipment

No

(a) Books

(i) Non-expendable in Circulating Box	40
(ii) Expendable, Paper covered	120
(iii) Miscellaneous	20
Total Books	180

(b) Hobbies, Tools, etc,

To be split from GOODTIME'S supplies after movement.

(ii) A 16 mm projector and projectionist will be att to Bde HQ and will be available to Bn Gps on regular circuit.

(iii) Education Centres

It is desired, dependent on availability of hutments etc to establish an Education Centre, housing an office, Library, Study, Reading Room and Crafts Wksp in each Bn Gp.

(iv) Daily New Sheets

Dependent of resupply of the requisite stationery a daily news sheet will be published in each Gp. It is suggested that Bn Gps give consideration to the publication of a Gp Weekly newspaper.

(v) Items of eqpt in short supply will be frequently circulated between Bn Gps.

(e) Amenities

(i) Reserves - Requisitions for three months sups of amenities have been submitted. Wireless sets have been requisitioned for on the approx scale of one per Coy or sub-unit, and 2 public address systems for the Bde Gp.

(ii) Cinemas -

It has been requested that a 35 mm projector, projectionist, and film circuit be made available for screenings in Bn Gp areas, on a circuit.

(iii) YMCA, Salvation Army

Reps - BEEFSTEAK - Mr SMITH :  
Salvation Army to service SQUAREPEG until  
additional reps are available

GOODTIME ) Mr BUCHANAN  
JACONAT ) YMCA

(iv) Eqpt

Three months reserve eqpt will be taken by  
the Bn Gps serviced by the above reps.  
Two public address systems will be available  
from these sources.

(f) PW

Bn Gps will be responsible for their  
area PW cage and prisoners will be evacuated  
periodically to FRIGIDAIRE as required.

3. Q - SCALINGS, RESERVES and MAINTENANCE

(a) Bn Gps will move with full WE entitlement of  
eqpt, folding cots and vehs, plus approved surpluses.

(b) Accn Stores incl tentage

(c) Amn as specified in 23 Aust Inf Bde Op  
Instr No 21

(d) Sups

(i) The following scalings will be carried:-

Approx 40 days	-	Rations
do do	-	Expense Stores
do do	-	Hospital Sups
		(5% of Strength)
do do	-	POL

(ii) All of the above sups will be marked with  
the Bn Gp colour as per para (vii) below and  
will be held in BSD or BIPOD until time of  
shipment.

(iii) Bills of Lading for the above will be  
the responsibility of the Sup Depot det att to  
each Bn Gp.

(iv) ASC Sup Depot Dets will establish  
DIDs upon arrival at destination.

(v) The following voyage, landing and  
and emergency rations will be carried as  
Bn Gp Sups.

Four days Voyage (SWPA) rations  
Four days Landing (14 item) rations  
Ten days Emergency (A3) rations



These rations will be drawn from BSD when required by Bn Gps and will be issued as required by Bn Gp QM's after embarkation

(vi) Any of the sups as per para d (v) not consumed will be returned to Bn Gp DID as soon as practicable after disembarkation.

(vii) Markings

<u>Bn Gp</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Service Stores</u>	
		<u>AASC</u>	<u>MED</u>
BEEFSTEAK	BLACK	●	+
SQUAREPEG	WHITE	"	"
GOODTIME	GREY	"	"
JACONAT	BROWN	"	"

Existing markings on ordnance reserve stores will suffice.

(e) POL

40 days POL reserves as per Scale of Reserve - att as Apps "A" will be carried as Bn Gp stores.

(f) Water

All water for consumption will be chlorinated.

(g) Bread Baking

Bread will be supplied by Allied Service Comd in exchange for bread baking materials, DIDs will sup bread making materials on Allied Service Scale of ingredients.

(h) Stationery

Sixty days maintenance stocks of expendable stationery stores and full scale plus surpluses where availability permits of non expendable items will be carried.

(i) Canteen

(i) A det of NG Force Sec AA Canteens Service consisting of an offr and 10 ORs will accompany the Bde Gp and will be in charge of bulk canteen sups.

(ii) Allocation of pers to Bn Gps will be advised later

(iii) Quantities of Reserves:

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Liquor</u>	<u>Dry</u>
SQUAREPEG		56	62
BEEFSTEAK	"	35	37
GOODTIME )			
JACONAT )	"	35	37

(iv) Bn Gps are advised to carry a wide range of vegetable seeds to supplement fresh sups.

(v) Bn Gps will be responsible for providing the necessary storage space and security facilities for bulk canteen sups.

(vi) Canteen reserve sups will be made available by SCHOOLBOY BASE Sub Area, who will segregate each Bn Gps requirements. Movement will be direct from Canteen Issuing point to ships.

(vii) Supplies will not permit more than 4 days canteen sups (less liquor) for consumption on the voyage. Liquor will NOT be consumed in transit.

(viii) Cash received at Bn Gp Canteen Issuing points will be paid into Bn Gp Adjnt and converted to meet pay requirements

(j) (i) Clothing and necessaries

Reserves are scaled for a approx 30 days. These reserves will be held and moved as Bn Gp stores. On arrival at destination sub-units and dets will requisition on the Bn Gp for allotment of reserves.

(ii) Scaling of Eqpt and Veh Spares

Approx 60 days reserve (increased in items of high casualty rate) will be carried by dets of 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk. Units will indent for reserves of MT and eqpt spares to bring up to full reserve entitlements.

(iii) Accn Stores

Reserves will be moved as Bn Gp Stores as per para 5 e (i) above.

(iv) Transport

Requests for release of vehs surplus to WE have been submitted. Final approval and adjustment of surpluses held within the Bde Gp will be advised by a separate instr on receipt of approval.

The degree of preparation and protection of vehs for sea movement is being ascertained.

(k) Engrs

(i) Accn Stores

23 Aust Fd Coy will carry material for accn stores based on limited initial installations plus a 40 day reserve

(ii) Eqpt

Water Pumps - One water pump and engine will accompany each engr pl of the Bn Gps

Mechanical Eqpt

Mechanical Eqpt - One bull dozer will be available to each B n Gp for road and camp maintenance

Patrol Graders are not procurable.  
Limited Saw Bench facilities will be  
available to each Bn Gp.

(1) Maintenance

(i) Bn Gps will be resupplied approx every  
three weeks from 4 Aust Base Sub Area.  
It is anticipated that the first resupply  
will not be before the middle of Oct.

(ii) Pending further instrs the Allied  
Service Comd is responsible for unloading  
pers, sups and stores from maintenance ships  
and their delivery to the beach heads where  
they will become the responsibility of the  
Bn Gp, who will supply working parties for  
the unloading of ships and small craft as  
required by the Allied Service Comd.

(iii) SCAT Air Courier Service operating  
between Bn Gps, Bde HQ and FRIGIDAIRE may  
be used for the transport of urgently reqd pers,  
casualties, sups and stores

(m) Postal

(i) Air Mail and Second Class Matter

Route - Mainland - FRIGIDAIRE - to Bn Gps.  
Postal rates will remain unchanged.

(ii) Postal Sups, and Returns - will be  
arranged through 12 Aust Div Postal det att  
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

(iii) Two pers from 12 Aust Div Postal det  
will be att FRIGIDAIRE to sort mail by  
nominal rolls of detachments of units separated  
from unit HQ.

4. MOVEMENT

Details of mov of Bn Gps will be advised in a  
Movement Order to be issued separately.

5. RECEPTION

(i) Allied Comds of all areas have  
agreed to take the following action.

(1) to foster the incoming units of the  
23 Aust Inf Bde Gp, including the provision  
of camp areas, initial accommodation  
requirements, the first meal ashore and,  
if necessary, the provision of the first  
few days requirements of rations and petrol,  
oils and lubricants pending the establish-  
ment of Australian Units.

(ii) to hand over all available hutted accommodation at present in the areas to be occupied by Australian Units.

(iii) to make available, on a proportion basis, part of the fixed installations or the use of them.

6. LEASE - LEND AND ACCN ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Bn Gps will prepare details lists of all plant, installations, sups, and stores taken over from Allied Units.

(b) This will be confirmed through the next superior Allied HQ and forward to Bde HQ at the earliest opportunity.

ACK

Signed at <sup>2345</sup>.....hrs <sup>9</sup>.....Sep 44

*A. Heathwood* Capt  
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Issued by LO

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23 Aust Fd Coy	1
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
5 Aust WT Sec (lt)	3
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33 Aust WT Task Sec	5
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	6
8 Aust Inf B n (AIF)	7
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	8
28 Pl, G Coy, 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	9
131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	10 - 11
40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	12
245 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	13
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	14
6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	15
17 Aust Fd Amb	16
82 Aust Dental Unit	17
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	18
100 Aust Bde Whsp (AIF)	19
2/108 Aust LAD	20
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APP. "A"  
to 23 Airt. Inf. Bde  
Adm Instr no 7

	<u>SQUAREPEG</u>	<u>BEEFSTEAK</u>	<u>JACONAT</u>	<u>COOWILLIE</u>
M.T. Petrol	705 x 44 galls	407 x 44 galls	64 x 44 galls	220 x 44 galls
Distillate	180 x 44 "	104 x 44 "	17 x 44 "	83 x 44 "
Range Fuel	53 x 44 "	31 x 44 "	5 x 44 "	24 x 44 "
Diesel Fuel Oil	7 x 44 "	4 x 44 "	1 x 44 "	2 x 44 "
Lighting Kero	36 x 44 "	21 x 44 "	3 x 44 "	17 x 44 "
Power Kero	19 x 44 "	11 x 44 "	3 x 4 "	8 x 44 "
O.E. 30	12 x 44 "	7 x 44 "	1 x 44 "	5 x 44 "
D.D. 20	8 x 4 "	4 x 4 "	1 x 4 "	4 x 4 "
O.E. 30	117 x 4 "	73 x 4 "	11 x 4 "	44 x 4 "
O.E. 50	67 x 4 "	37 x 4 "	5 x 4 "	32 x 4 "
G.O. 90	90 x 4 "	53 x 4 "	8 x 4 "	44 x 4 "
C. Grease (L)	{ 8 x 36 lbs	{ 5 x 36 lbs	12 x 5 lbs	{ 4 x 36 lbs
	{ 72 x 5 "	{ 40 x 5 "		{ 32 x 5 "
W.B. 2	44 x 5 "	24 x 5 "	4 x 5 "	19 x 5 "
W.F. 4	67 x 1 "	37 x 1 "	7 x 1 "	23 x 1 "
S.A.O.	{ 1 x 4 galls	14 x 1/4 galls	2 x 1/4 galls	3 x 1 galls
	{ 4 x 1/4 "			
H.B.F.	4 x 4 "	2 x 4 "	3 x 1/2 "	{ 1 x 4 "
				{ 6 x 1/4 "
Cubic weight	285 tons 26 c ft	176 tons 13 c ft	28 tons 29 c ft	140 tons 34 c ft
Deadweight	207 tons 13 cwt	118 tons 9 cwt	19 tons 8 cwt	95 tons

SECRET

Copy No. 3.....

Headquarters  
New Guinea Force  
10 Sep 44NEW GUINEA FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 160ADMINISTRATION 23 AUST INF BDE GP

This instruction amplifies NCF Op Instruction No. 120 of 5 Sep 44 in regard to administrative command and responsibility in the Islands.

2. HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde will continue to exercise all administrative functions in regard to Australian units and personnel.

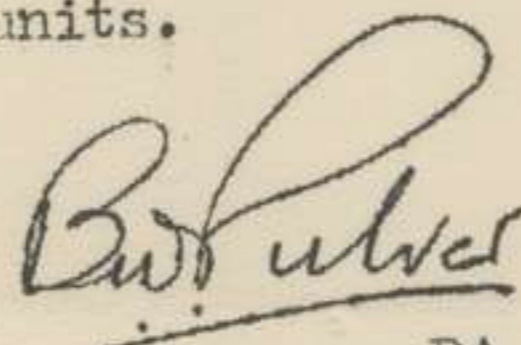
Present records, returns, and requisitions will be maintained, and forwarded where necessary through normal AMF command channels. Where time factor is involved it may be necessary in certain instances for HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde to issue special instructions in regard to despatch of copies of certain returns direct to HQ NCF or 2 Aust Corps or other echelon requiring the information.

It is essential that strict policing of rendition of returns is carried out by HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

3. Certain information may be required by US Islands command where Aust units are placed under command. Routine AMF returns etc will under no circumstances be passed through US channel of command.

4. Responsibility for maintenance of installations in the Islands has not been passed from US forces. A US Service Command will continue to function and will be responsible for such maintenance.

Except for local assistance of existing war equipment, as may be mutually agreed between US Island Commander and AMF Unit Commander, it is not an AMF responsibility to provide maintenance units for work other than internal Australian requirements. Additional mechanical equipment or other material will therefore not be added to AMF units.

  
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DA & OMC

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Method of Issue</u>
23 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 4	DRLS
3 Aust Div	5 - 6	DRLS
LAE Base Sub Area	7	DRLS
Adv LHQ	8 - 9	Air Safe Hand
GHQ SWPA	10 - 11	Air Safe Hand
XIV US Corps	12	Air Safe Hand
GOC	13	Hand
BGS	14	Hand
G (Ops)	15	Hand
G (SD)	16	Hand
G (Int)	17	Hand
BRA	18	Hand
CE	19	Hand
CSO	20	Hand
DA & QMG	21	Hand
Q	22	Hand
DAMS	23	Hand
War Diary	24 - 25	
File	26 - 27	

*[Handwritten signature]*

Subject: PACKING OF STORES

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
20 Sep 44

1. A limited amount of timber is available for the construction of boxes and crates. Branches and Services requiring boxes will notify the BM (L) of the number and size required.

2. MARKING OF BOXES ETC

All boxes, crates, bunnies, cases, tents etc will be marked with the unit serial No 61547 and colour Green, Red, Green. In addition, cases etc will be numbered separately by each branch or Service using the following prefix letters.

- |                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Q Store (incl Kitchen gear) | Q         |
| Ord Room (incl BM, SC & LO) | A         |
| I Sec                       | I         |
| BASCO                       | S         |
| BOO                         | B         |
| Tpt                         | T         |
| RAP                         | R (+ Red) |
| Amenities                   | M         |
| Education                   | E         |
| Centren                     | C         |
| Offrs Mess                  | OM        |
| Sts Mess                    | SM        |

These letters and numbers will be painted on with white paint which is available at Q store.

3. Officers who have stores and equipment to be transported will complete pro forma, issued separately, in triplicate; one copy of which will be enclosed in the box, one retained by the consignor and one handed to the Bde QMS, one manifest will be completed for each box, crate, case or bundle.

*Hopk* Capt  
BM (L) 23 Aust Inf Bde



23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO8GENERAL

Further to 23 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 7, the following paragraphs are amplified and amended.

1. Para 2 (c) Finance

(a) Det 2 Aust Corps Cash Office att to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde will consist of the following:

Paymaster	WOI	HAMDLEY
Clerk	Sgt	MITCHELL

2. Finance Procedure: Ref GRO F320/44

(a) Sufficient cash to cover the Bn Gps fortnightly cash requirements plus 10% will be made available to each Bn Gp Comd on a TS 4 form.

This imprest advance is to be used for normal cash payments on Paybooks, and for withdrawals against Regt Trust A/C. Any other claims such as Subsistence, Travelling Allowance, etc must be referred to the det 2 Aust Corps Cash Office, for approval for payment. It is not anticipated that there will be many claims of this nature.

(b) An officer, probably the Adjt, will be nominated by the CO to handle all cash transactions, with assistance and advice in clerical matters by the Bn Pay Sgt. The offr so appointed will be referred to this instr as the Bn Gp Pay Offr.

(c) These duties entail:

(i) Holding the imprest advance on behalf of the CO.

(ii) Making pay advance to units and sub units and ensuring correct acquittal of such advances.

(iii) Accepting deposits to and conducting transactions in respect of Canteen and Regt Trust A/Cs.

(iv) Receiving Cash Remittances and Deposits to Pay Ledger A/Cs which have been paid to the unit Pay Sgt

(v) Receiving deposits from the Postal Orderlies.

(vi) Receiving cash and monetary instructions (Canteen orders, postal notes etc) in effects of deceased pers.

(vii) An official receipt book, to cover all of the above transactions will be issued. Receipts will be signed.....for Paymaster P18.

(d) All receipts and expenditure will be recorded in a Cash Book from which the weekly Finance Field Return will be prepared. This return will comprise schedules of each transaction covered by a statement. A certificate as to the balance of cash on hand as at the close of the Field Return will be inserted on the statement by the Bn Gp Comd.

(e) Expenditure items will comprise mainly of pay advances and withdrawals against Regt Trust A/Cs. It is possible also that monetary instruments amongst effects of deceased members will be handed in. These instruments will be treated in the same way on the expenditure side as Trust A/C forms WF 132. The cash book will be balanced daily.

(f) Continuation paybooks will be issued by the Bn Pay Sgt who will account for same direct to 2 Aust Corps Pay det.

(g) Duplicate paybooks and continuation trust A/C books will be issued only by 2 Aust Corps Pay Det, through which all routine pay matters, such as remittances, allotments etc, will be forwarded.

(h) Considerable assistance in facilitating the maintenance of the Cash Book will be afforded if all requisitions for cash for pay and other purposes are made out for the exact requirements, thus obviating refunds. So as to ensure that requisitions are for the exact amount, it is advisable to withhold the preparation of the requisition for cash until the acquittance rolls have been returned by the sub units Paying Officers.

(i) The requisition for cash book form will be revealed in the cash book as a n expenditure voucher and, should there be a difference in totals between acquittance rolls and the requisition for cash, certain complications in book keeping will occur. However, provision has been made for this adjustment through the Corps Pay Det.

(j) Receipts for monies issued to Company Paying Officers may be recorded in a book in a similar manner to the appx to GRO F320/44.

(k) A conference of SC, Bn Gp Adjts, and Pay Sgts will be held with the NGF paymaster, at a time to be notified, to discuss the above procedure and acquaint Pay Sgts with the accounting system.

### 3. Financial Transactions with Bn Gp Bulk Canteen Issuing Point

The principles on which bulk canteen purchases will be made is as follows:

(a) A WF 132 covering the exact cost of the proposed canteen purchases will be presented to the Bn Gp Pay officer who will issue an official receipt for same instead of handing over actual cash.

(b) The official receipt will be tendered to the Canteen Issuing Point as a cash purchase for goods received. So as to ensure that there are no discrepancies between the WF 132 and the cost of goods received it is advised that canteen requisitions be submitted one day prior to delivery being taken so that the exact cost of purchase can be ascertained.

(c) Official receipt held by Canteen Issuing Point will be dispatched to NG Force Sec AACS.

(d) Transactions within unit and sub unit canteens will be operated in the normal manner

(e) Purchases of bulk canteen reserves for JACONAT will be by a separate arrangement advised to 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

4. Para 3 (d) SUPS AND MARKINGS

(a) The following are the weights of Bn Gp reserve supply scalings:

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>BN GP</u>	<u>Dead Wt</u>	<u>TONS</u>	
			<u>Cubic Wt</u>	
Rations )	BEEFSTEAK	148	202	
Expense Stores )	SQUAREPEG	233	309	
Hospital Sups )	GOODTIME	136	185	
5% of Strength )	JACONAT	27	37	

(b) The following are Service distinguishing markings for stores, the colours conforming with the Bn Gp colours.

ENGRS



CANTEEN



5. Para 3 (h) STATIONERY

Owing to the temporary shortage of AAFs G964 and wax sheets, units will present requisitions for same to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde, who will issue same according to the prevailing priorities for movement.

6. Para 3 (i) CANTEEN

(a) The allotment of pers of the det of NG Force Sec A A canteens Service to areas are as follows:

BEEFSTEAK	S/Sgt	HEGGARTY
	Cpl	ROUGH
SQUAREPEG	WOII	RYAN
	Pte	CHRISTIE
	"	DENT
<u>GOODTIME</u>	Sgt	MACEY
	Cpl	McLEAN

(b) The above pers will march into and comd under comd of the respective Bn Gps on advice from this HQ, a few days prior to movement and will supervise the loading of canteen reserve stores.

(c) A schedule of the scalings of canteen reserve supplies is att hereto as Appx "A".

(d) It is anticipated that the first resupply of canteen goods will be about the 31 Oct 44.

(e) The 4 days canteen sups for the voyage may be purchased from LAE Issuing Point as soon as desired.

(f) para 3 (d) (viii) of Adm Instr No 7 is cancelled. Cash receipts held by Canteen Issuing point, may be handed into Bn Gp Pay offr for safe custody until despatched to NG Force Sec AACS.

7. Para (j) (iv) TRANSPORT

(a) Att hereto as Appx "b" are the approved surpluses to WE of vehs.

(b) Inter-unit transfers, disposal and collection of additional vehs will be as per Appx "C" att.

(c) Vehs being transferred out of the Bde will be moved to 43 Aust FOD.

(d) G1033's are not required for inter-unit transfers within the Bde. Three copies of G52 will be submitted to this HQ quoting this instr as authority.

(e) For transfers and receipt of vehs outside the Bde 5 copies G1033 and 3 copies of G52 are required to be submitted to ADOS LAE BASE SUB AREA quoting NGF Q7416 of 12 Sep 44 as authority.

(f) Vehs being transferred outside the Bde will have all unit identification numbers etc obliterated.

8. Para 4 MOVEMENT

(a) Loading Ships will be tactically loaded in respect of pers and stores as far as space will permit. That is personnel will embark in secs, pls, etc - stores required first on arrival at destination will be loaded last and easily accessible

(b) Nominal Rolls

Ten (10) copies of Embarkation nominal rolls are required - distribution as follows:

8 copies to 8 Aust MC Gp LAE  
1 do 23 Aust Inf Bde for NGF Postal  
1 do Unit File

Names in order of Regt numbers are not required. Units are advised, however, to have ample copies for internal adm during the voyage.

(c) Bills of Lading - AAF G964

(i) Seven (7) copies of AAF G964 will be prepared and distributed as under

6 copies to 8 Aust MC Gp LAE  
1 do Unit file

(ii) In making out AAFs G964 details of stores are not required and grouping of cases will be the rule to be followed:

e.g. Cases 1 - 16 - UNIT Stores - 1000 lbs

(iii) Vehs which will be loaded with the more fragile stores, are not to exceed the veh pay load, and will be shown on AAF G964 as follows:

e.g. Trucks 3 Ton Nos 169754  
296582  
397421  
807965

Total tonnage  
incl stores - 30 tons

(iv) Trailers will be loaded and similarly recorded

(v) Technical vehs should be loaded with such additional stores as stretchers, tents or other light materials.

(vi) Vehs will be loaded with petrol tanks not more than half full - sufficient POL only required for movement of approx ten miles.

(vii) The only preparation of vehs for shipment is that they should be clean, well greased, and a film of oil applied to all metal body parts, with a heavier coating on chassis etc. A sticker showing veh type, length, width, maximum height, and dead weight should be attached to the inside of windscreen of each veh.

(viii) Canopies of vehs will not be lowered to cabin height unless specified for a particular veh by the Docks Liaison Offr.

(ix) Lt WORRALL will act as Docks Liaison Offr. All matters in respect of times and methods of loading will be advised through this Offr.

(x) A schedule of veh dimensions and weights by types is attached hereto as Appx "D"

(d) Strength Return of Embarkation and Disembarkation AAF T51 (Sheet 1) and Summary of Strength Returns on Embarkation and Disembarkation - AAF T51 (a)

(1) Ten (10) copies are required for the following distribution:

8 Copies to ESO at 8 MC Gp LAE  
2 do Unit file

(11) Copies of AAF T51 (Sheet 1) and AAF T51 (a) together with number rank name etc of casualties of voyage will be forwarded direct to NG Adv 2 Ech, on disembarkation.

9. Para 6 - Lease - Lend and Accn Arrangements

(a) The responsibility for maintenance of installations in the island has not been passed from the ALLIED Forces, An ALLIED Service Comd will continue to function and will be responsible for such maintenance.

(b) Except for the local assistance of existing war equipment, as may be mutually arranged between the ALLIED Island Comd and the Bn Gp Comd, it is not an AMF responsibility to provide maintenance units for work other than internal Australian requirements. Accordingly, additional mechanical eqpt, or other material has not been approved for maintenance purposes to the Bn Gps.

ACK

*A. Heathwood*  
Capt  
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at <sup>1545</sup>.....hrs. <sup>13</sup>.....Sep 44

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List "B" less serials 31, 32

CANTEEN STOCK FOR SHIPMENT TO -

SQUAREPEG, BEEFSTEAK, GOODTIME

Item	Unit of Quantity	S	B	GT
1 Tobacco, R R )	Tins	20000	12000	10080 )
2 Tobacco F C )				
3 Cigs 20 Capstans	Pkts	4200	2400	2400
4 Cigs 10 Craven A	"	8400	4800	3600
5 Cigs 20 Ardath	"	4800	3600	2400
6 Cigs 10 & 20 Asstd	"	5000	600	2000
7 Papers	"	20000	20000	10000
8 Matches	Tins	12096	8640	6912
9 EnOs, large	Doz	12	6	6
10 Sal Vital	"	12	8	8
11 Andrews Salts	"	12	6	6
12 McKenzies Saline	"	12	8	8
13 Elliotts	"	12	6	6
14 Envelopes	C/s	2	1	1
15 Ink, Wilshires 2 oz	"	4	3	2
16 Writing Pads	"	4	3	2
17 Mugs, Enamel	Doz	10	10	10
18 Toothpaste, Colgates	"	96	72	72
19 " Ipana	"	96	72	72
20 " Kolynos	"	96	72	48
21 " McLeans	"	124	72	72
22 Brilliantine, Liquid	"	12	12	12
23 Shave Cream, Colgates	"	24	12	12
24 Shave Cream, Palmolive	"	24	12	12
25 Toilet Soap, Protex	"	480	300	240
26 Toilet Soap, Solyptol	"	12	12	12
27 Persal and Rinso	"	96	84	72
28 Washing Soap	Doz boxes	100	80	70
29 Talc, Powder	Doz	408	300	250
30 Foot Powder, Harleys	"	12	6	6
31 Peanuts	Doz	48	30	24
32 6d Toffees Fantales ) Minties )	"	400	300	240
33 Pascalls	"	204	150	96
34 Cordial	"	700	380	370
35 Cornflour	"	140	93 8/12	74 8/12
36 Custard Powder	"	150	99	78
37 T Fruit 30 oz	"	700	380	470
38 Asparagus	"	68	40	40
39 Mustard Pickles	"	70	50	50
40 Tomato Sauce 26 oz	"	70	50	50
41 Vinegar	"	20	14	14
42 Camp Pie	"	80	40	40
43 Cream	"	16	8	8
44 Hot Packs	"	80	40	40
45 Candles	C/s	1	1	1
46 Whisky, Scotch	"	2	1	1
47 Whisky, Australian	"	5	4	4
48 Gin	"	5	4	4
49 Rum	"	5	4	4
50 Beer	"	550	345	345

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit of Quantity</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>ST</u> <u>ST</u>	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
51	Pipes	Only	45	30	25
52	Pipe Cleaners	Doz pkts	12	6	6
53	Aspros	" "	20	15	15
54	Penholders	Doz	6	3	3
55	Pen Nibs	"	12	12	12
56	Blades, Gillette	Pkts	90	60	50
57	B lades, 7 O'Clock	"	90	60	50
58	Pressure Mantles	Only	45	30	25
59	Puggarees	Doz	45	14	12
60	Epaulettes Lt	Doz prs	2	1	1
61	Epaulettes Capt	Doz prs	1	6/12	6/12
62	" Major	" "	6/12	6/12	6/12
63	Needles and Thread	Doz	6	3	3
64	Shave Brushes 1/6	"	12	6	6
65	Ingrams Cream	"	3	2	1
66	Jason Strops	"	18	12	12
<u>Novels etc</u>					
67	Whip Hand	Only	24	12	12
68	Rancho B onita	"	24	12	12
69	Flying Doctor	"	24	12	12
70	Readers Digest	"	45	30	25
71	Seeds, each type	Pkts	6	3	3
72	Christmas Cards	Doz	332	225	187
73	Batteries	"	18	12	6
74	Boot Polish	"	36	24	24
75	Torch Cases	"	20	15	15
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DRY GOODS		Ships tons	62	37	37
WET		" "	56	35	35



Apix "B" to  
23 Aust Inf Bde  
Adm Instr No 8

AUTHORIZED HOLDINGS OF VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR UNITS OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP

AUTHORITY NGF Q7416 of 12 Sep 44

UNIT	T Y P E O F V E H I C L E							Motor Cycles
	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4	Trucks 3 Ton Water 400 gals	Trucks 3 Ton Garage	Trucks 3 Ton stores unbinned	Trucks 3 Ton stores binned	Trucks 3 Ton Ambulance	Trailers Water 80 gals	
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
23 Aust Inf Bde Jig Svc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
17 Aust Fd Amb	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
109 Aust Bde Ord Rd Pl	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
109 Aust Bde Wksp	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
7 Aust Inf Bn	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Inf Bn	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 Aust Inf Bn	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Aust Bde Gp Pro Fl	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
TOTAL	1	10	2	1	2	4	2	9

TRANSFERS OF VEHICLES TO UNITS WITHIN 23 AUST INF BDE GP

VEHICLE TYPE	QUANTITY	TRANSFEROR	TRANSFERREE
Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton 4x4	1	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	17 Aust Fd Amb
" 15 cwt	2	"	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
" 3 Ton GS	4	"	"
" 15 cwt	2	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	14 Aust Ind Pro Pl
" 3 Ton	2	"	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
" $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton	1	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	17 Aust Fd Amb
" 15 cwt	2	"	14 Aust Ind Pro Pl
" 3 Ton	3	"	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
Trailers 1 Ton	2	"	43 FOD
Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton 4x4	5	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	23 Aust Fd Coy
15 cwt	3	"	43 FOD
3 Ton	7	"	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
Trailers 1 Ton	3	"	43 FOD
Motor Cycle	1	"	US
Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton	1	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Section	43 FOD
" 15 cwt	1	"	"
Trailers 1 Ton	2	"	"
Trucks 15 cwt	3	23 Aust Fd Coy	"
" 3 Ton	2	"	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
" 3 Ton Water	1	"	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
" 3 Ton W/Winch	2	"	Hold in lieu of 2 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ton W/Winch
Trailers 1 Ton	3	"	43 FOD
Motor Cycles	4	"	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl
Trucks 30 cwt 4x4 W/Winch	2	"	43 FOD
" 3 Ton Tipper 4x2	2	"	Hold in lieu of 2 x 3 Ton Tipper 4x4
" $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Tipper 6x6	1	"	Hold in lieu of 1 x 3 Ton Tipper 4x4
" 15 cwt	1	17 Aust Fd Amb	43 FOD
" 3 Ton	2	"	Hold 1x3 Ton in lieu of 1x $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ton
Trailers 1 Ton	1	"	40 Ind Tpt Pl 1
Trucks 3 Ton Mob ADS	1	"	43 FOD
" $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton	23	40 Aust Ind Tpt Pl	17 Aust Fd Amb 1 109 Ord Fd Pk 4 14 Ind Pro Pl 3 2/108 Aust LAD 5 36 Aust WT Task Section 1 38 Aust WT Task Section 2 43 FOD 7 HQ 23 Bde 2 23 Bd Sig Sec 3 23 Aust Fd Coy 7 17 Aust Fd Amb 3 109 Ord Fd Pk 4 2/108 Aust LAD 2 36 Aust WT Task Section 2 38 Aust WT Task Section 1
Trailers Jeep Lt - 8 cwt	24		

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VEHICLE TYPE	QUANTITY	TRANSFERROR	TRANSFERRED
Trucks 15-cwt	1	109 Aust Bde Wksp	43 FOD
" 3-ton G.S.	2		Hold 1x3 ton in lieu of 1x3 ton Garage.
Mach	2		40 Ind Tpt Pl 1 Hold in lieu of 2 x 3 ton Garage
Stores	1		Hold in lieu of 1x2½ ton.
Trailers 1-ton	2		43 FOD
Trucks 3-ton Recovery	1	109 Ord Fd Pk	43 FOD
15-cwt	1		43 FOD
3-ton G.S.	3		Hold in lieu of 3x2½ ton
Stores	2		Hold in lieu of 2x2½ ton.
Trailers Lt Jeep 8-cwt	1	14 Pro Pl	38 Aust WT Task Section
Motor cycles	6		Sig Sec 23 Bde. 3 40 Ind Tpt Pl 3
Trailers 1-ton	1	2/108 LAD	43 FOD
Trucks ¼ ton	2	244 Sup Dep Pl	43 FOD
Trailers 80 gal water	3	HQ 23 Inf Bde	109 Bde Wksp 2 109 Aust Fd Pk-1

SUMMARY OF VEHICLES REQUIRED FROM UNITS OUTSIDE  
 23 AUST INF BDE GP FOR THE FOLLOWING UNITS

1.	<u>Trucks 3 Ton Water</u>	
	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2
	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2
	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2
2.	<u>Trucks 3 Ton Tipper 4 x 4</u>	
	23 Aust Fd Coy	12
3.	<u>Truck 2 1/2 Ton</u>	
	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1
4.	<u>Trucks 2 1/2 Ton W/Winch</u>	
	23 Aust Fd Coy	3
	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1
5.	<u>Trucks 30 cwt Amb</u>	
	17 Aust Fd Amb	2
6.	<u>Trucks 3 Ton GS</u>	
	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	7
	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1
7.	<u>Motor Cycle</u>	
	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	1
8.	<u>4 Ton Wrecker 6 x 6</u>	
	109 Aust Bde Wksp	2

Note : Units from which the above vehs will be collected  
 will be advised by signal later.

Appx "C" to

23 Aust Inf Bde  
Adm Instr No 8

SURPLUS VEHICLES HELD IN 23 AUST INF BDE GP - NOT ABSORBED  
IN ADJUSTMENTS - TO BE TRANSFERRED TO 43 AUST FOD

1.	<u>Trailers 1 Ton</u>	
	27 Aust Inf Bn ( IF)	2
	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	3
	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
	23 Aust Fd Coy	3
	17 Aust Fd Amb	1
	109 Aust Bde Wksp	2
	2/108 Aust LAD	1
2.	<u>Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4</u>	
	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	3
	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1
	23 Aust Fd Coy	3
	17 Aust Fd Amb	1
	109 Aust Bde Wksp	1
	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1
3.	<u>Trucks 30 cwt W/Winch</u>	
	23 Aust Fd Coy	2
4.	<u>Trucks 3 Ton Mob ADS</u>	
	17 Aust Fd Amb	1
5.	<u>Trucks <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> Ton 4 x 4</u>	
	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	7
	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1
	244 Aust Sup Depot Pl	2
6.	<u>Trailers Jeep Lt - 8 cwt</u>	
		Nil
7.	<u>Trucks 3 Ton Recovery</u>	
	109 Aust Bde Wksp	1

MT D WEIGHT - CUBIC WEIGHT & DIMENSIONS

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VEHICLE	TONS D W	TONS (M)		LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT		REMARKS
		CANOPY UP	CANOPY LOWERED			CANOPY UP	CANOPY LOWERED	
Truck 1/4 ton Jeep "A"	1.05	9.76	6.72	11'6"	5'6"	6'2"	4'3"	"A" Ford same Willys
" 1/4 ton W/Stretcher								
Fittings 2 Stretcher "B"	1.03	13.15	6.72	15'6"	5'6"	6'2"	4'3"	"B" Fitted W/Gear supporting stretcher Light Aust. With canopy up fitment in posn. Vt of fitment
Truck 1/4 ton Mach Type "A"	1.50	7.00	)E					70 lbs carried in Jeep for shipment
" " " " "B"	1.50	7.00						
" " Blacksmith & Weld	1.50	8.50						
" " Recovery	1.50	7.00						
Car L/S Sedan Cvt	1.40	13.60		16'	6'	5'8"		"D" Tonnage supplied by AEME estimates only
Truck 1 1/2 cwt 4x4 GS	3.01	22.14	19.67	14'6"	7'	9'	7'9"	
" " " Steel Body	3.75	22.84	19.67	14'6"	7'	9'	7'9"	
" " " Wireless Sig	3.61	22.84		15'	7'	8'7"		
" " AA LMG	3.50	22.84		14'6"	7'	9'	7'3"	
" 2 1/2 ton 6x6 GS	4.75	45.01	31.27	21'4"	7'4"	11'7"	8'	
" " " W/Winch	4.85	46.68	32.25	22'	7'4"	11'7"	8'	
" 3 ton 4x4 GS	3.75	35.80	27.55	20'6"	7'2"	9'9"	7'6"	
" " Steel Body	5.00	35.80	27.55	20'4"	7'4"	9'9"	7'6"	
" " Winch	4.20	33.21	26.09	20'4"	7'	9'4"	7'4"	
" " Garage	6.75	39.38		21'	7'6"	10'		
" " Office	4.97	37.92		21'5 3/4"	7'3 3/4"	9'8"		
" " Mob Surgery	4.15	34.75		19'10"	7'3"	9'8"		
" " Mach or Wksp	7.00	40.17		21'9"	7'4"	10'1"		
" " Stores Binned	5.03	35.44		20'6"	7'3 3/4"	9'5 1/2"		
" " " Unbinned	5.00	39.40		21'	7'6"	10'		
" " Tipping	5.00		33.50	20'	7'6"		10'	
" " Water 400 gal	4.25		24.48	17'8"	7'		7'11"	
" " Amb	4.15	30.71		19'6"	7'	9'		
" 4 ton 6x6 Wrecker	9.40		45.83	33'6"	8'		9'9"	
Trailer Gen Set 25 KVA	2.08		6.50	10'6"	4'6"		5'6"	
Gun T/A 2 Pr	.75		7.30	11'2"	4'9"		5'6"	Shield Fixed
Angledozer D4	6.25		27.65	13'9"	9'9"		8'3"	
" " D6	10.00		44.94	15'8"	13'		8'10"	
Tractor TD 9	4.42		7.79	9'6"	6'3"		5'3"	
Trailer 2 wheel Compressor	1.30		12.20	13'	6'3"		6'	
" " Bomb Disposal	.95		8.93	11'	7'6"		4'4"	
" " Water 80 gal	.65		6.26	9'8"	5'8"		4'7"	
" " Jeep (Aust)	.25		3.49	9'	4'8"		3'4"	