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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 MARCH 45 To 2359 hrs 31 MARCH 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Mar		<p>Bde Comd and Lt col DUNKLEY v Aust Inf Bn visited the ^{Boc} school. US Naval Base and Port Directorate GREEN ISLAND closed as from today. Lt MOSS USN discussed the port control posn with Staff Captain. Lt col DUNKLEY departed for TOROKINA en route to TREASURY. At 2 Corps he discussed observers teams, transit camp TREASURY, 7 Aust Inf Bn leave draft. In afternoon the Staff Captain LOI called on Comd HOLTZ and discussed port control and barges. LCMs available from US Navy and LCTs can be taken over at write off price. Sub Lt SIMS RAN LO was asked to submit requirements for operation of port control. Bde Comd wrote to Lt col POPE and FARRELL. 7 Aust Inf Bn reported the sighting of a carrier pigeon pigeon with message on TREASURY ISLAND.</p>	
	2 Mar		<p>First pers of leave draft arrived back from TOROKINA by air. Maj DRIVER returned from leave and reported that some of the leave draft were at TOROKINA awaiting movement to GREEN AND EMIRAU. BM had general discussion with Bde Comd. Lt JONES returned from visit to TREASURY after being held up for nearly a week at TOROKINA awaiting Air transport.</p>	
	3 Mar		<p>Det 9 Aust WT Task Sec arrived GREEN to relieve 5 Aust WT Sec. BM had conference with all officers out lining a policy for greater cooperation between various staff and service offrs. Current Ops report to be given by IO at 0815 hrs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A conference of Staff Officers will be held each morning at 0830 hrs. BM visited Bde School and also saw Maj PICKETT and Lt PIPER (27 Aust Inf Bn ref Lt WIGLEYS case. Maj MAY (17 Aust Fd amb) called and discussed medical report with Comd for 2 hrs. Some of the subjects discussed were:</p>	

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMIRAU has had highest accident rate. 2. NEUROSIS cases. 3. 27 Aust Inf Bn officers not visiting troops in hospital. 4. 2 Aust Corps Malarial Orders. 5. Maj DRIVER was instructed to check AIB & FELO on Malarial precautions. 	
	4 Mar		Bde Comd discussed Court Martial cases with LSO and instructed LSO to query Malaria Standing Orders of 32 Aust HAA Bty.	
	5 Mar		<p>Capt POWELL Lt DUNSTAN and number of Leave pers returned by air from TOROKINA. Lt ELLIOTT returned from TREASURY after being delayed at TOROKINA for 8 days.</p> <p>Allocation of officers for observer teams to 3 Aust Div and 11 Aust Inf Bde was received. Teams to reach TOROKINA week end 10 - 11 Mar. Batmen may be taken. Advice was received from 2 Aust Corps to concentrate not later than 8 Mar all officers who applied from for transfer to BRITISH ARMY in INDIA. Report to be submitted to "A" Branch. 7 Aust Inf Bn reported two red flares off SHORTLAND and that gunfire was also heard. BM and IO went to Navy area and allotted quarters in preparation for Bde HQ move to that area. Bishop WADE and Father LEKEL arrived. These Chaplains have operated in this area for 22 yrs. They were brought to ISLAND COMD by Comd HOLTZ and Lt MOSS USN. Bde Comd BM and Bishop went to pictures at Navy.</p>	<p>APPENDIX F1.</p>

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	6 Mar		<p>Col LEONARD and Capt SINCLAIR AACS arrived from TOROKINA to inspect Canteen installations. They returned later in the day. Capt O'KEEFFE departed to take up duties of GIII (I) 11 Aust Div. Det 5 Aust WT Sec moved by air to TOROKINA. 7 Aust Inf Bn reported fire and smoke on SHORTLAND ISLANDS. On bearing 25° from MALSI (1964800) MONO ISLAND. BM went to ACORN 25 and discussed MAG 14 buildings with Lt Comd DIXON all buildings are to remain for our use and disposal. Bde Comd addressed students of Bde School at conclusion of course. Bde Comd wrote to Lt col WADE (I) 11 Aust Div. Bishop arranged trip to PINAPEL. Bde comd and BM went to pictures at Service Comd. at invitation of Capt LEMON.</p>	APPENDIX F3.
	7 Mar		<p>The remains of deceased members of US and NZ and Aust troops are being removed from GREEN ISLAND. Aust and NZ remains go to TOROKINA for reburial and US to MUNDA. Capt SHAW 2 Aust Corps arrived to inspect catering on GREEN ISLAND. Aust vessel EVELYN arrived with xxxx petrol and Amenities. Bishop cancelled trip to PINAPEL. Bde Comd went through trg Syllabus with BM. Bde Comd interviewed Lt WRIGLEY xxxx re his complaint to 2 Aust Corps and his desire to attend D and M school. Matter was closed. An urgent signal was received from 2 Aust Corps ref Lt WRIGLEYs case. RADAR reported sightings on unidentified vessel moving from SOUTH 10 miles off EAST coast of GREEN advised 27 Aust Inf Bn who did not advise Bde HQ.</p>	

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	8 Mar		<p>Bishop WADE and Chaplain went to PINAPEL ISLAND under Navy arrangements. They took bedding and rations for two days. Bde Comd forwarded reports re Lt WRIGLEY to 2 Aust Corps. Bde Comd received letters from Lt col DUNKLEY stating satisfactory arrangements had been made for 7 Aust Inf Bn leave drafts. Patrol of 1 offr and 9 ORs from 7 Aust Inf Bn to move to CHOISEUL ISLAND on 9 Mar. Maj GRIMSHAW 109 Bde Wksp and Capt DEWAR 109 Ord Fd Pk called on Bde Comd. Padre HOWDEN (Pres) 27 Aust Inf Bn reported in. Bde Comd discussed future trg of 27 Aust Inf Bn with BM and made notes for Lt col POPE.</p>	
	9 Mar		<p>Lts MAGONACHIE and TREVENEN left by Beaufort for TOROKINA at approx 1500 hrs for observers course. Lt DUNSTAN took over IO duties in Lt TREVENEN absence. Bde Comd called at 17 Aust Fd Amb and discussed neurosis with cases with Maj MAY. Bde Comd wrote to GOC 2 Aust Corps thanking him for personal copy of DOCTRINE FOR JUNGLE WARFARE. PINAPEL party returned in afternoon. Liberty pulled into lagoon. BM arranged to take over NAVY area on 12 Mar. Wing Comd MORRISON called on Bde Comd with Wing Comd MATHESON.</p>	
	10 Mar		<p>Capt SHAW left for TOROKINA on vessel EVELYN. Lt Comd HOLTZ called to inform Bde Comd that he was leaving 19 Mar. Lt SEALE ANGAU called and informed Bde Comd that Maj Gen MORRIS was due 11 Mar.</p>	

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	11 Mar		Bde Comd went to airstrip to say goodbye to Lt Comd HOLTZ who left by TBF. Bde Comd met Comd BKOGART . Bde Comd visited water catchment area. Ships in lagoon have used up some of reserve supply. A signal was despatched to TOROKINA requesting that Brig POTTS visit 2 Aust Corps. A signal was received stating that Maj Gen MORRIS was calling on 12 Mar.	
	12 Mar		Bde Comd went to TOROKINA with Staff Captain. Gen MORRIS visited ANGAU on the Island. Bde Comd called on DDMS and discussed skin complaint, malaria and neurosis cases. Information will be supplied by DDMS. Bde Comd saw GOC AND DISCUSSED Bde move and applied for more observers to be attached to units in action. He also saw BGS and discussed Lt col BERRY and also sending CO's as observers. He asked for schools in D & M and B Wing Tactical School. Bde Comd saw AQ and discussed Bde relief naval problems, Lt col BERRY, leave, LO's availability of planes. Bde Comd saw Col WILSON (Intelligence) ref S/Sgt CUMMINS HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde and Sgt TELLEFSON 8 Aust Inf Bn as candidates for Int Corps. Comd met Lt col CHALLON (Senior LO) Comd HOLTZ called again at 1930 hrs.	
	13 Mar		Lt Comd HOLTZ left at 0800 hrs. Bde Comd had discussion with Bishop WADE re his HQ in this area. Col BRYSON BRYCESON , DDEME, Maj CAMPBELL and P/O KIRK arrived from TOROKINA. Beaufort was unable to return to TOROKINA because of engine trouble. Maj GRIMSHAW took Col BRYSON BRYCESON on inspection tour. Capt MACKAY (AIB) cancelled dinner invitation to Bde Comd, RM, Bishop WADE and Chaplain.	

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	14 Mar		Signal from 2 Aust corps stated that Maj DRIVER is to attend Staff School (Aust) Course No 8 Grade 1 Wing 10 Apr to 7 Aug 45. Another Beaufort was sent from TOROKINA to take mail on to EMIRAU. Beaufort on GREEN returned to TOROKINA with Maj CAMPBELL. Col BRYSON BRYCESON went visiting with Maj GRIMSHAW. LSO discussed the trial of Sgt from 32 HAA Bty who had contracted malaria. Bde Comd went into question of reduction of 27 Aust Inf Bn duties with BM. Bde Comd accompanied DDME and Maj GRIMSHAW GRIMSHAW ON INSPECTION OF WKSP LCT. Bishop WADE left to live at mission.	
	15 Mar		Capt MACKAY (AIB) received information from Lt SEALE on FENI that natives report seeing JAPS on BABASE ISLAND and also with them a white man wearing greens and Aust Army officers badges of rank. Signal was sent to 2 Aust Corps suggesting patrol be sent to FENI ISLAND. 27 Aust Inf Bn warned to stand by with a platoon and Maj PICKETT reported to Bde Comd to discuss situation. Bde Comd Col BRYSON BRYCESON and BM discussed return of Capt HARRY (2/108 Aust LAD) and one officer from 109 Bde Wksp to GREEN. Request approved from 2 Aust Corps.	
	16 Mar		Maj WATT and Lt PARSONS (2 Corps) arrived to inspect the engineer eqpt and stores on GREEN ISLAND. Sig was received from 2 Corps that Brig LLOYD and Lt REGAN (ANGAU) would be arriving at GREEN 1st Mar and would move to EMIRAU later in the day. Capt DOLLARD (USMC) came to dinner. Bde Comd went to pictures at RNZAF. Lt SEALE returned from FENI and reported in at Bde HQ.	

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			but Bde comd was out.	
	17 Mar		At approx 1300 hrs 6 of Bde HQ leave draft proceeded to NGDD TOROKINA for onward movement to AUSTRALIA. At 0730 hrs Bde Comd went to air strip to see Brig LLOYD who was due to pass through on way to EMIRAU. BEAUFORT was delayed owing to bad weather and Brig LLOYD's trip was cancelled. Maj WATT and Lt PARSONS (2 Corps) were unable to proceed to EMIRAU as planned. Bde Comd and BM went to ANGAU and received report from Lt SEALE of JAP activities on FENI. Report was received from Col BERRY on NEWHANDVER.	
	18 Mar.		Beaufort arrived from TOROKINA to move Maj WATT and Lt PARSONS to EMIRAU but was forced back to GREEN approx 1 hr out by bad weather. Plane sighted barge NORTH of FENI and BM requested RNZAF to send out consairs. It was later established that barge was allied. Two day cricket match between Aust units on island and RNZAF commenced. Bishop WADE and Col IRWIN came to mess.	
	19 Mar.		Lt JONES went to EMIRAU. He expected to return the same day but BEAUFREIGHTER (converted BEAUFORT) was held up at EMIRAU by weather. Maj WATT left for EMIRAU. Bde Comd ^{went} into trg programme with BM, and outline of BMS trip to TOROKINA tomorrow. Capt GALWAY (ALO) called, Ground defence of island was discussed and BM is to contact Wing Commander MATHESON RNZAF on the subject. Signal was received stating that a party of officers would arrive GREEN from TOROKINA 20 mar 45. Following officers promoted to Capt:	

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			Lt LN MACKINNON 7 Aust Inf Bn Lt C R MACONACHIE HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Lt G W DAVIDSON 7 Aust Inf Bn Lt F H BARLEE 7 Aust Inf Bn	
	20 Mar		BM left for TOROKINA. Following officers arrived on Beaufreighter and Douglas Aircraft from TOROKINA. Left Lt Col NEWMARCH DDOS then Maj JONES DADOS (2 Corps) Maj RICH DAD Amen. Mr GAULTON (Department of War Loans) Maj SUTHERLAND (14 HAA Bty). Lt Col NEWMARCH, Maj JONES, Maj SUTHERLAND returned after lunch by Beaufreighter. Maj RICH was unable to get on plane. Message was received stating that WOII JONES C E (8 Aust Inf Bn) had been wounded in action whilst observing with 25 Aust Inf Bn.	
	21 Mar		Permission was received from 2 Corps authorizing a patrol of one pl strength, to go to FENI for 6 days suggested patrol to NEW HANOVER was not approved. Lt HARTE (27 Aust Inf Bn) was selected was selected to take pl to FENI and first party 1 Offr 15 ORs left at 1500 hrs. At approx at 0900 Capt MACKAY (AIB) rang stating that AIB personnel had located 16 JAPS on LIHIR Islands who had been landed 10 days ago by submarine. Later in day news was received that AIB pers attacked Jap posns but enemy had left Island. News was received from 25 Aust Inf Bn that Capt WILD 8 Aust Inf Bn had been killed in action whilst observing with 25 Aust Inf Bn. Col YOUNDT and Capt LEMON (USAF) called on Bde Comd. WOI MARK took over Lt WILSON's job as BOO. BM and Maj ADAMS (2/1 Aust Mov Control Gp) went to EMIRAU for day.	

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	22 Mar		<p>Maj PICKETT and Lt PIPER (27 Aust Inf Bn) called and discussed FENI and TOROKINA problems. BM and BM(L) left for TOROKINA. 2nd party of FENI left patrol left at 0700 hrs. Bde Comd requested COMAIR GREEN to keep corsairs away from FENI. Capt GALWAY ^{REPORTED} JAP sub sighted between FENI and EAST CAPE heading north near coast of NEW IRELAND. FENI patrol was advised of this. RNZAF sent out anti-sub bombers. Padre FRY (7 Aust Inf Bn RC Padre) arrived from TREASURY. Lt BRYANT (8 Aust Inf Bn) arrived from TOROKINA by small ship and will await movement to EMIRAU here. BM(L) returned with report from TOROKINA. Signal was received from 2 Aust Corps stating that no action was contemplated in connection with our makrai post control. Move of 27 Aust Inf Bn to TOROKINA and one coy 8 Aust Inf Bn to GREEN was confirmed by 2 Aust Corps.</p>	
	23 Mar		<p>BM & BM(L) left for TOROKINA at 0830 hrs. Adv party 27 Aust Inf Bn was established at TOROKINA. Capt KENNY arrived from EMIRAU with adv party of C Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn who will garrison GREEN when 27 Aust Inf Bn and Bde HQ move to TOROKINA. BM(L) returned from TOROKINA at approx 1800 hrs. No word from FENI patrol. Remainder of patrol left to-day by crash boat. Lt SEALE bought present of makrai crayfish and limes to Bde HQ Comd. Bde Comd & Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) discussed future medical setup. Signal was received from Move TOROKINA that ship PASSIOPIA will not be used for move of 27 Aust Inf Bn. The 300 ton ship EVELYN tied up at crash boat jetty for unloading. A single engine Jap plane was sighted over LIHIR Islands by RNZAF. Col FURNESS ADOS 2 Aust Corps</p>	

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	23 Mar		passed through on way to TOROKINA. BM(L) returned from TOROKINA with draft of Bde move.	
	24 Mar		Capt FARRAR & Lt GREY (14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl) left for TOROKINA for onward movement to AUSTRALIA. Capt FARRAR to Staff School (Junior Wing) & Lt GREY leave. Capt MACONACHIE assisted by Lt WRIGHT took over Staff Capt duties. EVELYN still loading. BM failed to return from 2 Aust Corps as Island was weather bound. Island RADAR was jammed by Japs. A Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn ordered to half hour notice every night from 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs until further orders. Col ANDERSEN (US Air Corps) and Lt Col ^{FLY-LT} McBRIDE (RNZAF) conferred with Bde Comd & BM(L). It was decided that in regard to defence of island each unit should protect own installations. Col YOUNDT & Staff came to Pictures.	
	25 Mar		Cricket match with RNZAF was postponed owing to weather conditions. Patrol of CHOISEUL made request for air strike on SIPASI Island, just off CHOISEUL. Request was not granted which was possibly due to poor weather conditions of 26 Mar. Bde HQ officers played American Service Comd officers volleyball and won 3 - nil. Guest to dinner included Lt MOSS LT CARR & Lt MATHEWS, US Wavy. BM has not yet returned. Bde Comd went through SC file with Capt MACONACHIE.	
	26 Mar		The BM returned from TOROKINA. Lt WILSON left by air for leave. An attempt was made to establish communication with FENI patrol without success. A sitrep was asked for and also a request of unidentified for any news of unidentified plane over FENI. Bde Comd BM BM(L) had a conference. Lt-Col IRWIN (17 Aust Fd Amb) called & discussed medical set-up.	

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	26 Mar		<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">from Brig</p> <p>A Signal was received by Bde Comd/PULVER (2Aust Corps) in connection with Lt-Col BERRY file. Bde Comd answered signal. LSO discussed with Bde Comd case of fraudulent enlistment in 7 Aust Inf Bn. Summary powers for CO were requested.</p>	
	27 Mar		<p>FENI patrol reported no Japs located. Natives state no Japs on BABASE for approx one month. More signals were received from 2 Aust Corps in connection with Bde move. Maj SAVILLE called on Bde Comd and discussed move and future role. Bde Comd spoke to him about irregular requests for transfers to 2 NGIB, by Lts CALLANDER & CRAIGIE. Bde Comd completes report on Lt-Col BERRY and sent a memo to Lt-Col BERRY. The BM is to consult US & NZ Senior officers on future defence plan for island. Service Command are to take over LCVPs and stevedoring responsibilities. Signal from Lt-Col DUNKLEY was received concerning port control arrangements on TREASURY ISLAND. There has been no policy laid down by 2 Aust Corps on this.</p>	
	28 Mar		<p>Arrangements were made by Lt DUNSTAN with Lt Comd DIXON and Wind Comd MATHIESON for crash boat to proceed to FENI on 29/30/31 Mar to pick up patrol. Bde Maj checked up with US Navy in regard to huts left by them. They will take Quanset huts. Capt PARRATT Staff Capt Q 2 Aust Corps passed through on the way to EMIRAU and BM had a conversation with him about move. Maj WINTER ADMS 2 Aust Corps did not arrive as expected. Lt SEALE called to discuss future policy with BM. It is expected that he will be moving north soon. Bde Comd issued GS instruction No. 1 on Garrisoning of Outer Isles. ←</p>	APPENDIX F9.

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	29 Mar 45		<p>First party 14 ORs returned from FENI. Lt-Col IRWIN & Maj MAY (17 Aust Fd Amb) called on Bde Comd. BM prepared Island Defence Plan also memo to other islands in connection with re-adjusting Defence Plan. Comd KINCADE & Lt MOSS called to discuss with Bde Comd Port Control problems. It was decided that they should take the question up with TOROKINA suggesting a co-operative concern as only solution. Maj ADAMS (Mov Control) went to EMIRAU. Signal was received advising that Lt-Col CRISP is to visit Bde. A screed was received from Lt TREVENEN at 11 Aust Inf Bde giving details of suggested layout of new Bde Area, also requesting maximum amount of building be brought and a water cart be sent as soon as possible for supply of 27 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	
	30 Mar		<p>Good Friday - Rest Day. Lt-Col CRISP & Maj WINTER arrived from TOROKINA. Lt-Col CRISP discussed personnel for training bns with Bde Comd and accompanied Bde Comd on tour of island. Maj WINTER called to see Lt-Col IRWIN. 2nd party of 14 ORs returned from FENI. CHOISEUL patrol TREASURY 0400 hrs. Lt BRYANT left for EMIRAU. 27 Aust Inf Bn took over 3 posts in TOROKINA area from 55/53 Bn ref Map TOROKINA - 1 inch to 1 ml, posts at 571006, 548998, Ref Map CAPE MOLTKE 1 inch to 1 ml, 497951. Farewell party was given to Maj DRIVER. Guests were Lt-Col IRWIN, Maj MAY (17 Aust Fd Amb) Wing Comd MATHIESON, F/Lt McBRIDE (RNZAF) Capt DOLLARD, (US Marines) Maj GRIMSHAW (109 Aust Bde Wksp) Capt LEMON & Capt WILLIAMS (USAF).</p>	
	31 Mar		<p>Maj DRIVER left by B25 for AUSTRALIA. Bde Comd went to airstrip to see him off. Rear party of FENI patrol returned. Signal received stating Lt-Col POPE (27 Aust Inf Bn) & Capt HEATHWOOD were at TOROKINA awaiting air transport to GREEN. RNZAF had race meeting. Bde Comd discussed Lt TREVENEN's suggested layout of Bde at TOROKINA with Capt MACONACHIE. A signal was received in connection with possible</p>	

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	31 Mar		move of RNZAF from GREEN to TOROKINA. Bde Comd read through signal plan for Island communications.	Corps

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GREEN ISLAND Northern Solomons	31 Mar 45		Brig	WX 1574	A W	POTTS	Bde Comd			
			Maj	WX 11052	A R	DRIVER	BM	LHQ Staff School Grade 1. Marched out 31 Mar. Transferred X list. ARL Australia 3 Feb 45		
			Capt	NX 70682	A M	HEATHWOOD	SC			
			Capt	VX117148	G R	MACONACHIE	BM(L)			
			Capt	VX114122	G C	FARRAR	SC(L)	LHQ Staff School Grade 3. Marched out 25 Mar. Transferred X list.		
			Lt	VX114120	J L	TREVENEN	IO			
			Capt	VX 47188	E S	WORRALL	LO 1	LHQ School of MI (C wing). Marched out 19 Mar 45.		
			Lt	NX160013	D B	DUNSTAN	LO 2	Returned from ARL 5 Mar 45.		
			Lt	WX 29748	G D	WRIGHT	LO 3			
				<u>Services</u>	Capt	VX 39042	L G	POWELL	BASCO	Returned from ARL 5 Mar 45.
					Capt	WX 33868	J M	LAVAN	AALC	
					Lt	VX100371	A W F	WILSON	BOO	ARL Australia 26 Mar 45.
					Lt	NX105757	A G	ELLIOTT	HO	
					Lt	SX28244	C C	RIX	AO	
					Lt	WX30131	R E	JONES	EO	
		<u>Chaplains</u>		NX163533	F J	FRY	Det to 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)			
				VX 94301	C D H	PILKINGTON	" " 8 " " "	" Not yet joined unit.		
				SX 32806	H E A	RAWLINS	" " 27 " " "	" Comp Leave (Aust) 26 Feb 45.		

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by

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BU 23 JUST INF BDE

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DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCO'S

Fri	2	Mar	Lt	A V F	WILSON	Cpl	R A	CAPLIN
Sat	3	"	Lt	C C	RIX	Sjt	R A	SLIPSON
Sun	4	"	Lt	R E	JONES	S/Sjt	C H	CUMMINS
Mon	5	"	Capt	E S	WORRELL	Sgt	K	ELLIS
Tues	6	"	Capt	J H	L.V.M	Sjt	G J	ODGERS
Wed	7	"	Lt	J L	TREVELL	Sjt	R S	BENNETT
Thur	8	"	Lt	G A	M. COILCHIE	Sjt	H	L. DIER
Fri	9	"	Lt	A G	ELLIOTT	Sjt	J R	McMURRAY
Sat	10	"	Lt	D B	DUNSTON	L/Sgt	R H	OBST

158. GREEN ENVELOPES

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DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCO's

Sun	11	Capt	L G POWELL
Mon	12	Lt	A W WILSON
Tues	13	Lt	R E JONES
Wed	14	Lt	C C RIX
Thur	15	Capt	E S WORRALL
Fri	16	Capt	J M LAVAN
Sat	17	Lt	A G ELLIOTT
Sun	18	Lt	D A LUNSTAN
Mon	19	Lt	G D WRIGHT

Cpl	R A CAMPLIN
Sgt	R A SIMPSON
S/Sgt	C H CUMMINS
Sgt	K ELLIS
Sgt	R S BENNETT
Sgt	N G LADNER
Sgt	J R McMURRAY
L/Sgt	R N OBST
Cpl	B E O'FARRELL

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NATIVE VILLAGES

Native villages are out of bounds to all ranks unless permission to visit them has been granted by ANGAU or except where necessary for a specific duty where there are no ANGAU representatives.

Providing such permission has been granted arrangements may be made for officers, NCOs and/or parties of AMF personnel to visit native villages at times convenient to the inhabitants.

Personnel below NCO rank will not make visits unless accompanied by an officer or NCO who will be responsible for their conduct.

ANGAU will not issue passes to ORs unless a leave pass covering the period of visit is presented for inspection.

Native gardens are out of bounds to all personnel other than ANGAU.

RELATIONSHIP OF TROOPS WITH NATIVES

The natives of the Territory of New Guinea can be of great assistance to troops in operational areas provided their confidence and co-operation is obtained.

They should be considered as our Allies, and friendly relations must be maintained between troops and the natives, but not to the extent of fraternising or "spoiling the natives" on or off duty.

Natives will not be transported in MT unless such transport is officially arranged by representatives of ANGAU or unless natives are being transported to and from native labour camps by the unit to which such native labour has been allotted. The practice of "giving lifts" is prohibited. In no case will natives be permitted to ride in the front seat of vehicles.

Patrols should not camp in native villages as the primitive native sanitary arrangements will probably endanger the health of the troops.

TRADING WITH NATIVES

- (a) Trading with Army rations is prohibited.
- (b) Maximum prices to be paid for native surpluses have been fixed as follows:-

Baskets	5/- to 8/-
Beads (Strings)	1/- to 2/-
Bow	3/- to 4/-
Arrows	2 for 1/-
Canoes (Models)	2/- to 3/-
Combs (Wooden)	2/- to 3/-
Garnas (Arm bands, wide)	1/- to 1/6
Ranies (Grass skirts), Coarse	3/-
" " " " " Fine, coloured	5/-
Spoons	6d each
Sticks (Manilla walking)	5/- to 15/-

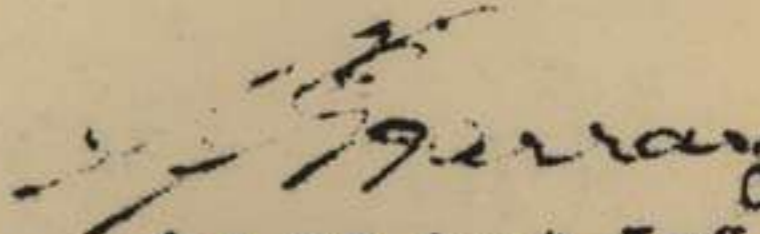
- (c) Purchases should be made through ANGAU wherever possible.
- (d) ANGAU will make arrangements with the natives for the purchase of items in large quantities where required.
- (e) Natives frequently offer fruit and vegetables for sale or as a gift and generally they can ill afford to part with these. The recipient does not always know whether payment is or is not expected. For the above reason articles of food from natives should be procured with great care; where practicable through ANGAU.

161. LOSS OF ARTIFICIAL DENTURES

In the event of any loss by a member of an artificial denture supplied at public expense that member is liable to a forfeiture of pay. All ranks are to be instructed that no members will go swimming while wearing artificial dentures.

162. DESECRATION OF GRAVES

- (a) Article 4 of the Red Cross Convention places an obligation on belligerent parties to the convention (including Australia and Japan) to ensure that the dead are honourably interred and that their graves are respected and marked so that they can always be found.
- (b) Unauthorized interference with human remains is a criminal offense under the laws of New Guinea, punishable with imprisonment with hard labour.
- (c) No member of the Forces will, except in the course of his duty, in any way interfere with any grave, or any dead human body of whatever nationality, or any human remains; or without authority be in possession of any such remains including the ashes of a cremated soldier.


 Capt
 A/SC 25 Aust Inf Bde

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Nos 163 - 164

20 Mar 45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ A R DRIVER

LM 23 AUST INF BDE

163.

DUTY OFFICERS

Tues	20	Mar	Lt	G D WRIGHT
Wed	21	"	Lt	C C RIX
Thurs	22	"	Lt	R E JONES
Fri	23	"	Capt	J M LAVAN
Sat	24	"	Lt	A G ELLIOTT
Sun	25	"	Lt	D B DUNSTON
Mon	26	"		
Tues	27	"		

DUTY NCOs

Cpl	R A CAMPLIN
Sjt	R A SIMPSON
Sjt	K ELLIS
Sjt	R S DENNETT
L/Sjt	N G LADNER
Sjt	J A McMURRAY
L/Sjt	R N OBST
Cpl	D E O'FARRELL

164.

THIRD VICTORY LOAN

Personnel desirous of subscribing to the Third Victory Loan are requested to contact Lt R E JONES, Bde Loan Officer.

A. G. Harrow
Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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Serial 43

Nos 165

29 Mar 45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ A R DRIVER

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

165.

DUTY OFFICERS

DUTY NCOs

Thurs	29	Mar	Lt	JONES	Sjt	SIMPSON
Fri	30	"	Capt	LAVAN	Sjt	ELLIS
Sat	31	"	Lt	ELLIOTT	Sjt	BENNETT
Sun	1	Apr	Lt	WRIGHT	Sjt	LADNER
Mon	2	"	Lt	DUNSTAN	Sjt	McMURRAY
Tue	3	"	Capt	POWELL	Sjt	OBST
Wed	4	"	Lt	RIX	Cpl	O'FARRELL
Thurs	5	"	Lt	JONES	Cpl	CAMPLIN
Fri	6	"	Lt	ELLIOTT	Sjt	BENNETT
Sat	7	"	Capt	LAVAN	Sjt	SIMPSON

A. R. Driver Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 23 AUST INF BDE
LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 8

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
G1/45/2107

9 Mar 45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is Amendment No. 1 to 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 8.
2. This amendment includes all changes as at 2359 hrs 8 Mar 45.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
 For Brig
 Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

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HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)	1 - 2
Signal Master GREEN ISLAND	3
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27 " " " "	6
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Appendix "A" to HQ 23 Aust Int
Bde G1/45/2107 of 9 Mar 45

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HQ 23 AUST INF BDE
LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 8

Ref Maps:

GREEN ISLAND - 4 ins • 1 ml
EMIRAU " - 4 " - 1 "
TREASURY " - 4 " - 1 "

Delete : Serial 17, all reference Det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (lt) (AIF)

Insert : Serial 17. 48012. Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) GREEN Is 2794161
" 47(a) Det 243 Aust Sup Depot Fl TOROKINA
" 50(a) Det 244 " " " "

(Under cond 2 Aust Corps for air
(maintenance pending arrival air
(maintenance Coy

Amend the following to read:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
5					73257624	
27			B Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		1943728	
28			C " do do do do (Less 15 pl Map ref 1962801)		1948726	
30					72317631	
31					72347631	
32					72357631	
33					72807608	
34					72447627	
35					72367631	
36						
52					72447623	
73					72317631	

Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 9

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
01/45/2110

23 Mar 45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 9.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Aust Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 23 Mar 45.
3. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this Headquarters by units concerned.
4. Please destroy 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 9.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. W. Potts Brig
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

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23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 9

SECRET

AS AT 2359 HRS 22 MAR 45

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Ref Maps: GREEN ISLAND - 4 ins - 1 ml
 EMIRAU " - 4 " - 1 "
 TREASURY " - 4 " - 1 "
 NEW GEORGIA RASTY TERRAIN - 1 : 20000

Appendix "A" to
 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 01/45/2110
 of 23 Mar 45

SERIAL	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	HQ Units	61547	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	GREEN	2774160	Under comd 2 Aust Corps
2		47480	Det ANGAU	"	2604258	
3			" "	EMIRAU	73257624	
4		61438	" 2/1 Aust Mov Control & Tn Gp	GREEN	2774152	Army tps under comd for local adm only
5			de de de de	EMIRAU	72417640	de de de de
6			de de de de	TREASURY	1935726	de de de de
7			de de de de	NEW GEORGIA	4234068	de de de de
8		49226	15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN	2744206	Corps tps allotted to COM AIR GREEN. Under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde for local adm
9		49257	52 " " " "	EMIRAU	72467654	de de COM AIR EMIRAU de de
10	ARTY	92006	6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C) (AIF)	EMIRAU	72697634	
11		47517	HQ 32 Aust Hy AA Bty (Static) (AIF)	de	72697634	
12		48519	474 Aust Hy AA Tp (Static) (AIF)	de	72757606	
13		48520	475 de de de de de de	de	72417679	
14	SVY	45129	Det 6 Aust Met Flt MoB.	de	72697634	LHQ tps under comd HQ 32 Aust Hy AA Bty for local adm
15	SIGS	49275	23 Aust Inf Bde SigSec less deta	GREEN	2784163	
16			Det de de de	EMIRAU	72437632	
17			Det de de de	TREASURY	1902712	
18		48012	D Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (lt) (AIF)	GREEN	2784163	Corps tps
19		45272	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less det	de	de	de de
20			Det de de de de de	EMIRAU	72437632	de de
21		45274	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less det	TREASURY	1904711	de de
22			Det de de de de de	NEW GEORGIA	4234068	de de
23		48564	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	GREEN	2784163	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
24		48371	Det HQ AA Coast Arty Sig Sec (AIF)	EMIRAU	72697634	
25	INF	46175	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TREASURY	1902712	
26			HQ Coy do do	do	1892719	
27			A Coy do	do	1939721	
28			B Coy do do	do	1943728	
29			C Coy do do less 15+Pl map ref 1962801	do	1948726	
30			D Coy do do	NEW GEORGIA	4234068	
31		46176	HQ 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	EMIRAU	72317631	
32			HQ Coy do do do	do	72347631	
33			A Coy do do do	do	72357631	
34			B Coy do do do	do	72367631	
35			C Coy do do do	do	72447627	
36			D Coy do do do	do	72807608	
37		46170	HQ 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	GREEN	2844126	
38			HQ Coy do do do	do	2974182	
39			A Coy do do do	do	2534128	
40			B Coy do do do	do	2774127	
41			C Coy do do do	do	2794126	
42			D Coy do do do	do	2854126	
43		61005	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	do	2784161	
44	ST	45772	66 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	EMIRAU	72447632	Auths 2 Corps A106/3/2 of 26 Feb 45.
45		45772	67 do do do do less deta	TREASURY	1949723	do do do do
46			Det do do do do	NEW GEORGIA	4234068	
47	v	49448	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	GREEN	2864167	do do do do
48		49446	243 Aust Supply Depot Pl (AIF) less det	do	2794155	
49			det do do do do do	TOROKINA		Under comd 2 Corps for Air Maintenance pending arri val Air Maintenance Coy
50		49447	244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF) less det	TREASURY	1935726	
51			Det do do do do do	EMIRAU	72707623	
52			Det do do do do do	NEW GEORGIA	4234068	
53			Det do do do do do	TOROKINA		do do do do do
54		92068	Det One Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	GREEN	2794155	
55			Det do do do do do	EMIRAU	72447623	
56			Det do do do do do	TREASURY	1892719	
57	MED	46180	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less A & B Coys	GREEN	2734128	
58			A Coy do do do Det	TREASURY	1948718	
59			Det A Coy do do	NEW GEORGIA	4234068	
60			B Coy do do do	EMIRAU	72467632	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
61	DENTAL	45384	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	GREEN	2974182	
62			B de de de de de de	EMIRAU	72447632	
63			C de de de de de de	TREASURY	1949724	
64	ORDNANCE	46238	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk (AIF) less dets	GREEN	2914185	
65			Det de de de de de de	EMIRAU	72447621	
66			Det de de de de de de	TREASURY	1901712	
67	AEME	46237	109 Aust Bde Wkps (Type A) (AIF)	GREEN	2914185	
			less dets			
68			Det de de de de de	EMIRAU	72447631	
69			Det de de de de de	TREASURY	1901712	
70		46174	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	EMIRAU	72447631	
71	POSTAL	46186	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	GREEN	2774160	
72	PRO	49492	14 Aust Indep Pro Pl less Dets	GREEN	2774153	
			Det de de de de	EMIRAU	72447632	
74			Det de de de de	TREASURY	1903711	
75	MISC	45543	Det HQ S&C AA Canteen Services	GREEN	2954176) LHQ troops under comd 23 Aust Inf) Bde for local adm only
76			Det de de de de de	EMIRAU	72317631	
77			Det de de de de de	TREASURY	1907711	

MESSAGE FORM

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Call

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

7 Aust Inf Bn

052100h

For Action

TO

23 Aust Inf Bde

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 209 secret @ sitrep 143 to 052100h @ 052045L @
15 Pl reported two red flares observed eastern
end SHORTLAND also heard gunfire @ flares
lasted two minutes @ awaiting more details

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Wireless

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F2

S E C R E T

CORRECTED COPY
DESTROY ALL OTHERS

HEADQUARTERS U. S. ARMY FORCES
APO 293

S E C R E T
Auth: C.O., USAF
Init: *R.W.WAG*
Date: 5 Mar 45
S E C R E T

AG 320.2

The following is a corrected report of strength of U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Allied Forces located at this Base as of 2400, 28 February 1945.

UNIT	OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL
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U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES - COMBAT

Hq & Hq Det, U.S.A.F.	9	0	73	82
284 C. A. Btry	5	0	157	162
Btry C, 374 AAA S/L Bn	4	0	222	226
TOTAL	18	0	452	470

U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES - SERVICE

718 Army Postal Unit	1	0	11	12
288 AGF Band	0	0	15	15
TOTAL	1	0	26	27

U.S. ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY

Det, 47 Gen Hosp (Base A)	7	0	45	52
Det of Patients, 47 Gen Hosp	0	0	15	15
3465 Ord MAM Co	4	0	77	81
TOTAL	11	0	137	148

U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Det B, 319 Ftr Cont Sq	10	0	39	49
33 AAF Wea Sta, 15 Wea Sq	3	1	15	19
Det 12, 150 AACGS Sq	3	0	61	64
1st Plat, Co B, 551 Sig AW Bn	2	0	84	86
TOTAL	18	1	199	218

U.S. NAVY

Naval Base	7	0	78	85
ICT Flotilla #6	8	0	52	60
CBMU 552	3	2	235	240
CBMU 553	3	2	223	228
MTB Base #7	10	0	164	174
ACORN 25	8	0	95	103
CASU (F) 58A	10	1	249	260
VPB 44	55	0	117	172
TOTAL	104	5	1213	1322

U.S. MARINE CORPS

VMB 423	87	2	433	522
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S E C R E T

Strength Report as of 28 February 1945, cont'd:

UNIT	OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL
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NEW ZEALAND FORCES

Field Headquarters	24	2	84	108
Works Unit	1	0	56	57
3 SU	4	1	255	259
14 SU	6	0	271	277
30 SU	4	0	237	241
2 B.R. Sq	25	3	53	78
15 F.B. Sq	13	3	12	25
17 F.B. Sq	16	0	10	26
TOTAL	73	0	978	1071

AUSTRALIAN FORCES

23 Aust Inf Bde	12	1	72	84
23 Aust Bde Sig Sec	2	0	34	36
5 Aust WT Sec	0	0	5	5
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	25	1	629	654
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	0	0	39	39
40 Aust Ind TPT Pl (AIF)	1	0	84	85
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	2	0	28	30
36 Aust WT Task Sec	2	0	24	26
Det B, 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	0	0	7	7
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	6	0	99	105
109 Aust Bde Wksp AEME (AIF)	2	0	83	85
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	1	0	16	17
14 Aust Ind Pro Pl	1	0	20	21
A Sec, 82 Aust Dental Unit	1	0	4	5
Det, 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	0	0	2	2
Det, 2/1 Aust Mov & Tpn Gp	2	0	6	8
Det, ANGAU	1	0	4	5
Det, AACS	0	0	2	2
Det, AIB	2	0	4	6
Det, FELO	1	0	1	2
112 Mobile Ftr Cont Unit (RAAF)	5	0	59	64
TOTAL	66	0	1222	1288

S E C R E T

R-E-C-A-P-I-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N

UNIT	OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL
U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES -- COMBAT	18	0	452	470
U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES -- SERVICE	1	0	26	27
U.S. ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY	11	0	137	148
U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES	18	1	199	218
TOTAL U.S. ARMY FORCES	48	1	814	863
U.S. NAVY	104	5	1213	1322
U.S. MARINE CORPS	87	2	433	522
TOTAL U.S. FORCES	239	8	2460	2707
NEW ZEALAND FORCES	93	—	978	1071
TOTAL RATION STRENGTH	332	8	3438	3778
AUSTRALIAN FORCES	66	—	1222	1288
TOTAL ARMED FORCES	398	8	4660	5066
NATIVES				1140
TOTAL STRENGTH OF ISLAND				6206

For the Commanding Officer:

R. W. Williams
R. W. WILLIAMS,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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(A)

7 Aust Inf Bn

060800h

For Action

TO

23 Aust Inf Bde

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 210 secret, setref 144 to 060800h @ smoke
and fire reported by 15 pl on SHORTLAND on
a bearing of 25 degrees from MALSI ref 1964800
at 060710h @ same bearing as flares reported
seen 052045h.

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by any means { except

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enemy hands, this message must be
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. F4

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FROM

(A)

23 Inf Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

2000830L

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

7 Inf Bn 8 Inf Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SD 24 (L) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) one (.) approval granted

reduction grn OUTER ISLES (.) details or scale NOT yet received (.)

two (.) all units 23 Inf Bde gp will prepare GRO 318 details (.)

7 and 8 bns responsible for collection of details from each bn gp

and fwd this HQ when directed (.) three (.) further advice

and details later (.) ACK

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

..... } Wireless

Wireless

Signed

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

Signed

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M E S S A G E F O R M

TC0201000L

From 23 Inf Bde

To 23 Inf Bde Sig Sec Det 9 WT Task Sec 36 WT Task Sec 27 Inf Bn
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Gd Rgt 40 Tpt Pl (TS) 243 Sup Dep Pl
Det B Sec 6 Fd Laking Pl 17 Fd Amb 109 Bde Ord Fd Pk
109 Bde Wksps Det 12 Div Postal Unit 14 Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
A Sec 82 Dental Unit Det AACCS Det ANGAU det AIB Det FELO
Det 2/1 Mov Control & Tn Gp 15 AL Sec

SD 25 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING CRDE (.) one (.) grn OUTER ISLES will
be reduced scale NOT yet known (.) two (.) all units 23 inf bde gp
on GREEN will compile GRO 318 details (.) staff captain will call
conference all units advise later (.) three (.) full details will
be fwded when received (.) ack

1.5 right at

D R L S

SECRET

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
21 Mar 45
G4/4/1342

Copy No.....¹⁰.....

23 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO 23INFM

1. ANGAU reports from reliable natives indicate that the JAPS are operating a wireless set on BABASE ISLAND, one of the FENI GP.
2. It appears as though a small det of JAPS remain with the set (probable numbers 4 to 5) on an O P on BABASE. Re-supplies carried out by barge (max enemy troops per trip 10) from NEW IRELAND at irregular intervals to vicinity WARATIMUN.
3. JAPS wireless traffic in clear was intercepted 20 Mar by fighter control GREEN and bearings taken showed the JAP emitting sta to be on a line to FENI.

INTENTION

4. 23 Aust Inf Bde will locate enemy O P on BABASE and destroy.

METHOD

5. Tps - NOT more than one pl 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) with three ~~xxxx~~ pers of 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec plus ANGAU guides and police boys.
6. Duration of patrol NOT to exceed 6 days.
7. Action will commence immediately.
8. 23 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for the means of transportation to and from BABASE.
9. Immediately task is completed patrol will return to GREEN.

ADM

10. 14 days rations will be taken.
11. Medical to be determined by 27 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)

INTERCOMN

12. 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will be responsible for comms by No 11 sets from GREEN to AMBITLE.

13. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be responsible for comms by 208 sets and other means from AMBITLE to BABASE.
14. Task Pl HQs will be on AMBITLE.
15. Wireless silence will be maintained until contact and 208s in comm.
16. ACK.

Signed at 1340 hrs 21 Mar 45.

Issued by IO.

[Handwritten Signature]
Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
ANGAU
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War Diary

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

22 Mar 45

Dear

CO's of 7, 8 + 27 Bns

The BM has just returned from 2 Aust Corps and a preliminary plan has been outlined until further clarification of Island policy is to hand. It is expected that this will arrive in a day or so.

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) is to move immediately to TOROKINA and take over the PEARL RIDGE job, 11 Bde fostering. Move will be by whatever craft available. It is hoped to use a Liberty ship at present unloading at GREEN.

If smaller craft are used, the time factor will be dragged out - otherwise a quick move is anticipated.

Following on 27 Aust Inf Bn will be remainder of GREEN troops.

Next to move will be 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) group to TOROKINA.

8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will distribute a rifle coy to each of EMIRAU, GREEN and TREASURY and 8 Bn group less three coys will proceed to TOROKINA.

MUNDA will be abandoned.

As soon as transport becomes available, one coy 8 Aust Inf Bn will move to GREEN and relieve 27 Aust Inf Bn.

This, it is stressed, is the present intention pending further advice First Aust Army on Island policy.

The whole Brigade is needed to take over a definite task.

Move will be made with all stores, and TOROKINA will be able to supply little, and nothing in the way additional building materials. The camp site at TOROKINA is an undeveloped area.

Any further advice will be signalled immediately it is received.

No instructions will be issued until then, but you will take any preparatory steps you consider necessary for the move of the troops in your commands.

WD

Brig

Subject: CARE OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
95/6/1343

22 Mar 45

Subtended hereto for action is copy of 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 23/1107 of 20 Mar 45 to this HQ:

"On 14 Mar 45, several EE8 type, and Field Telephones at Australian units on this island were replaced by Telephones Western Electric (Desk Type).

2. Inspection of instruments recovered reveals that some units are very careless and unnecessarily mishandle the instruments issued to them.

3. As telephone equipment is NOT available in unlimited supply, it is requested please that all units be advised that greater care must be exercised in operation and handling of telephone equipment, as 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec can NOT accept the responsibility for any breakdown in the telephone service, directly due to damage of unit instruments."

[Signature]
Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

- Det 9 Aust WT Sec
- 36 Aust WT Task Sec
- 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- 28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
- 40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
- 243 Aust Sup Dep Pl
- Det B Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl
- 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
- 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
- 109 Aust Bde Wksp
- 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
- Det ANGAU
- Det AIB
- Det FELO
- Det 2/1 Aust Mov Control & Tn Gp
- 15 Aust Sqn AL Sec

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
27 Mar 45
G4/11/1396

G S INSTR NO 1

GARRISONS - OUTER ISLES

1. First Aust Army approval has been received by 2 Aust Corps for re-distribution of garrison forces in the OUTER ISLANDS. To date no firm OOB has been approved, but it appears as though the garrisons will be reduced to;

(a)	EMIRAU ISLAND	-	One Inf Coy Gp
(b)	GREEN ISLAND	-	do
(c)	TREASURY ISLAND	-	do
(d)	MUNDA	-	Nil

2. If First Aust Army do not approve of MUNDA being evacuated by Aust tps, then 2 Aust Corps have requested approval for one pl only to remain at MUNDA from the Inf Coy Gp at TREASURY.

3. Approval for the garrisoning Bn less three Coys to be situated at TOROKINA, instead of, as was originally proposed, being in one of the Islands, is certain to be received.

4. The Inf garrisons in the OUTER ISLANDS as per para 1 above; will be provided by 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

5. The main priorities of move are as under;
 - (a) 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) from GREEN ISLAND to TOROKINA. If necessary this Bn may be withdrawn before the arrival of relieving Coy from EMIRAU.
 - (b) One Inf Coy Gp from EMIRAU ISLAND to GREEN ISLAND.
 - (c) HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde and necessary specialist and adm detachments as they are required at TOROKINA, from GREEN ISLAND to TOROKINA.
 - (d) 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Gp less two Coys from TREASURY ISLAND to TOROKINA.
 - (e) One Inf Coy Gp from EMIRAU ISLAND to TREASURY ISLAND.
 - (f) One Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) from TREASURY ISLAND to TOROKINA.
 - (g) MUNDA Gp of 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) from MUNDA to TREASURY or to TOROKINA, as shipping permits and First Aust Army approve.
 - (h) 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less three Coys from EMIRAU ISLAND to TOROKINA.

6. It will be understood however, that the above priorities are solely dependant upon shipping resources and their routes.

7. Generally, reliefs will be effected so as to ensure minimum inf garrison at all times on EMIRAU and TREASURY ISLANDS, of one inf coy with necessary specialist and adm detachments.

8. The general signal plan for the reliefs is to ensure that the Bn signal personnel with each Inf Coy gp, will cope with the necessary internal communications only, of that Coy gp.

Existing communications on each Island will be so arranged by 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec and Signal offrs on each Island, that communications continue to function on each Island after relief, with the minimum maintenance aid from the Bn signal personnel. 2 Aust Corps have stated that serious breakdowns in Island communications will be attended to by 2 Aust Corps.

9. It is suggested that Signal officers on each Island contact remaining RNZAF, RAAF and US forces on the Island early, and hand over responsibility of maintenance etc to senior officer remaining.
10. Appointment of Island Commanders and Island command policy generally will be outlined further by 2 Aust Corps.
11. Port Control is the subject of conference at 2 Aust Corps, and it is anticipated that a firm decision upon responsibilities will be reached.
12. Attached as Appxs A and B are Projected OOB and troop movement Priority Lists.
13. Although to date no firm order has been issued by 2 Aust Corps, the movement of units as outlined in Appx B, in conjunction with priorities as per para 5 above will be continued with.
14. Details in compliance with GRO 318 will be forwarded by units and sub-units, direct to 2 Aust Corps and to 2/1 Aust Mov Control and Tn Gp, with a copy to this HQ immediately.
15. Although the Inf Coy gps of 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) are shown in Appx A as definite numbers of personnel and vehicles, it is stressed that this in no way, is a firm order. At a conference at 2 Aust Corps, 23 Aust Inf Bde representative had to outline a gp to 2 Aust Corps for the purpose of approximate figures. The outline was worked out on the following basis:-

(a) EMIRAU ISLAND

	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Vehs</u>
One Inf Coy	132	
Det Signal pl	3	
Two dets Mortar pl	10	
One Sec MMG pl	14	
Adm pl	2	1 Jeep 1 Water cart
Total	161	2

(b) GREEN ISLAND

One Inf Coy	132	
Det Signal pl	7	
Two dets Mortar pl	10	
MMG pl less one sec	14	
Adm pl	2	1 Jeep 1 Water cart
Total	165	2

(c) TREASURY ISLAND

One Inf Coy	132	
Det Signal pl	7	
Two dets Mortar pl	10	
Adm pl	2	1 Jeep 1 Water cart
Total	151	2

16. 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be responsible for the composition of the gp, bearing in mind that garrison numbers are to kept to the minimum, commensurate with the possible operational conditions on each Island.
17. All numbers of personnel and vehicles in Appendices are based on WE, therefore the actual strengths as shown cannot be complied with. But the Services Specialist and Adm Detachments as enumerated to remain with each company group, will be left in the numbers shown in appx A. These dets were calculated by Heads of Services 2 Aust Corps.
18. Personnel returning to TOROKINA ex leave to GREEN, TREASURY and MUNDA will be retained in MGDD until their units arrive at TOROKINA.

A. J. J. J.
Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

Det ANGAU	
Det 2/1 Aust Mov Control & Trn Gp	GREEN
do do do do	EMIRAU
do do do do	TREASURY
15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	
52 " " " "	
HQ 32 Aust Hy AA Bty (AIF)	
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
36 Aust WT Task Sec	
38 " " " "	
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
8 " " " "	
27 " " " "	
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
66 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	
67 " " " "	
40 " " " " (AIF)	
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl AASC (AIF)	
244 " " " " " "	
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	
A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	
B " " " " " "	
C " " " " " "	
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	
109 Aust Bde Wksp AEME (AIF)	
2/108 Aust LAD	
Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	
Det AACS	GREEN
do do	EMIRAU
do do	TREASURY
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RNZAF	
Service Comd	
Island Comd or	
Relieving Island Comd	
	GREEN
	TREASURY
	EMIRAU
	MUNDA

For information

PROTECTED ORDER OF BATTLE OUTER ISLANDS

Serial (a)	Unit (b)	Pers- onnel (c)	Remarks (e)
<u>EMIRAU ISLAND</u>			
1.	52 Aust Sqn AL Sec	3	2 Remaining EMIRAU
2	One Coy Gp 8 Aust Inf Bn	161	2 "
3	Det 36 Aust WT Task Sec	17	" "
4	Det NG AA and CA Sigs	12	3 "
5	HQ 32 Aust t HAA Bty	22	3 "
6	474 Aust HAA Tp	114	6 "
7	475 Aust HAA Tp	114	6 "
8	6 Aust AA Ops Room	20	1 "
9	Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	2	1 "
10	Det 66 Pl 131 Aust Tpt Pl	4	4 "
11	3 Sec 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8	1 "
12	Det one sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl (one oven)	8	" "
13	Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp (incl 8 pers att for servicing HAA units)	14	2 "
14	3 Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (less Dets)	16	2 "
TOTAL		515	32
<u>GREEN ISLAND</u>			
15	15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	3	2 Remaining GREEN
16	One Coy Gp 8 Aust Inf Bn	165	2 From EMIRAU
17	36 Aust WT Sec (less det)	22	Remaining GREEN
18	One Aust HAA Tp	114	6 From AUST
19	Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	3	2 Moves from JACQUINOT

GREEN ISLAND (cont)

	Brought forward	314	12	
20	Det 66 Pl 131 Aust Tpt Pl	3	3	Personnel from EMIRAU Vehs remaining GREEN
21	C Sec 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	4		From EMIRAU
22	Det one Sec 6 Aust B aking Pl (one oven)	6		Remaining GREEN
23	Det B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	16	2	Pers from EMIRAU Vehs remaining GREEN
24	Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp	9	1	Remains GREEN
25	Det HAA Bty Wksp Sec	7	1	From AUST
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	TOTAL	352	19	

TREASURY ISLAND

26	One Coy Gp 8 Aust Inf Bn	151	3	From EMIRAU, 1 Dvr & 1x3 ton to be att from 66 pl 131 GT Coy
27	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (less Det)	22	6	Remaining TREASURY
28	Det 6 Aust Fd B aking Pl	2		" "
29	Det B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	16	1	From EMIRAU
30	Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp	7	1	Remaining TREASURY
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	TOTAL	198	11	

MUNDA

31	Det 2/1 Mov and Tn Gp	4		
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	TOTAL GARRISON	1069	62	

TROOP MOVEMENT PRIORITY LIST FOR THE REDUCTION OF GARRISONS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS

PRIORITY (a)	UNIT (b)	PERS (c)	VEHS (d)	REMARKS (e)
<u>EMIRAU - TOROKINA</u>				
1.	8 Aust Inf Bn (less three coy Gps)	358	10	
2	66 Pl 131 Aust Tpt Pl (less two dets)	78	40	
3	Det 25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	6	?	
4	Det 14 Aust Indep Pro Pl	7	1 & 1 MC	
5	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	30	6	
6	Det B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	16	1	
7	Det NG Sec AA Canteens Service	1		
8	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	6		
9	Det 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	3		
10	B Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	5		Mov deferred
<u>EMIRAU - GREEN</u>				
1.	One Coy Gp 8 Aust Inf Bn	165		
2	Det 66 Pl 131 Aust Tpt Pl	2		
3	Sec 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	4		
4	Det B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	16		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<u>EMIRAU - TREASURY</u>			
1.	One Coy Gp 8 Aust Inf Bn	151		
2	Det B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	16		To relieve one coy 7 Aust Inf Bn
	<u>GREEN - TOROKINA</u>			
1.	27 Aust Inf Bn	835	16	
2	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	90	6	
3	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (less dets)	39	6	
4	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	41		
5	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	90	45	
6	D Det 9 Aust WF Sec (lt)	5		
7	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	2		
8	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (less det)	17	2	
9	17 Aust Fd Amb (less two coys)	106	6	
10	109 Aust Bde Wksp (less dets) Ord Fd Pk	15	20	
11	109 Aust Bde Wksp (less dets)	85	13	
12	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	5		
13	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	4		
14	14 Aust Indep Pro Pl (less dets)	19	7 & 1 MC	
15	Det NG Sec AA Canteens Service	1		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<u>GREEN - TOROKINA (cont)</u>			
16	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Cp	7		
	<u>TREASURY - TOROKINA</u>			
1.	7 Aust Inf Bn (less D Coy)	703	16	One coy to remain until relieved by one coy of 8 Aust Inf Bn from EMIRAU
1A	D Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn	132		May move from MUNDA direct
2	Det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	3	?	
2A	Det 38 Aust Wireless Task Sec	19	3	May move from MUNDA direct
3	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (less dets)	18	1	
3A	Det 244 Aust t Sup Dep Pl			May move from MUNDA direct
4	67 Pl 131 Aust Tpt 72 (less dets)	87	43	
4A	Det 67 Pl 131 Aust Tpt 71	9	6	May move from MUNDA direct
5	A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (less dets)	50	1	On relief by det B Coy from EMIRAU
5A	Det A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	14		May move from MUNDA direct
6	Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp	36	4	
7	Det 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd pk	3		
8	Det 14 Aust Indep Pro Pl	6	1 & 2	MC

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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TREASURY - TOROKINA (Continued)

9	C Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	5		
10	Det NG Sec AA Canteens Service	1		
11	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	4		

MUNDA - TREASURY

1	D Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn	132)
2	Det 38 Aust Wireless Task Sec	17	5)
3	Det 67 Pl Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	9	6)
4	Det 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	3)
5	Det A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	14)

These units may move direct MUNDA TOROKINA depending on shipping availability

MESSAGE FORM

F10

TOO 301100L

From 23 INF BDE

To Det ANGAU Det 2/1 MOV CONTROL & TN GP - GREEN - EMIRAU - TREASURY
 15 SQN AL SEC 52 SQN AL SEC 32 HAA BTY 23 BDE SIG SEC 36 WT SEC
 38 WT SEC 27 INF BN 28 PL 2/1 GD REGT 66 TPT PL (TS) 67 TPT PL (TS)
 40 TPT PL (TS) 243 SUP DEP PL 244 SUP DEP PL 17 FD AMB
 A - B - C SECS 82 DENTAL UNIT 109 BDE ORD FD PK 109 BDE WKSPS
 2/108 LAD DET 12 DIV POSTAL UNIT 14 INDEP BDE GP PRO PL
 DET AACS GREEN - EMIRAU - TREASURY

For information: 7 INF BN 8 INF BN

SD 52 (.) secret (.) my G4/11/1396 now firm and is warning order (-)
 move with all unit eqpt accn stores vehs first line amn 4 days landing
 rations

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DRLS UNITS GREEN

MESSAGE FORM

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Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 Inf Bde

301115L

For Action

TO

7 Inf Bn 8 Inf Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SD53 (.) SECRET (.) act on 2 corps G/1015/SD and amendments

2 corps SD1416 (.) my G4/11/1396 constitutes warning order for

mov read in conjunction with above

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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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 3 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)
/194

W.E. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

(Serial No.)

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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.						
WE : 1 : 2 : 10 : 6 :			1	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
19 :	3	1	17											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
				A.	17									17
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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.
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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 Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BDE			
				COND	YES		
capt (T/maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	NO	ARL	
lt	VX117143	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
lt (T/capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	"		
lt (T/capt)	VX 47183	WORRALL	E S	IO 1	"		
lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	"		
lt	WX 29743	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	"		
SERVICES							
capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	NO	ARL	9/12/44
capt	WX 33333	LAVAN	J H	AALC	YES		
lt	VX100571	WILSON	AWF	BOO	"		
lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	"		
lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
CHAPLAINS							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	chaplain 4th class det 7 bn			
	NX139070	DILON	B P	do	do	do	" 8 "
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do	do	do	" 27 "

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	VX114120	TREVENEN J L	8 Bn	2/11/44	Acting IO

3 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns: 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, 2-4 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED (sub-columns: Reinf'ts. Required, Deficient W.E., Surplus to W.E., Posted Strength), 5 DETAIL, 6-10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. (sub-columns: Arm or Corps, Posted Strength, Surplus to W.E., Deficient W.E., Reinf'ts. Required). Rows include W.O.s. Class I, II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts., Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, etc., Civilians counting as O.R., and Totals.

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

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

Summary table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 19 Years, 19 Years and over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N., R.A.A.F., **, TOTAL. Row A shows 68 in A.I.F. and 2 in C.M.F. (19 Years and over), with a TOTAL of 70.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Two tables side-by-side. Part B: Number of O.Rs. vs Unit to which they belong (e.g., 2 AACS). Part C: Number of O.Rs. vs Unit to which detached (e.g., 6 leave, 1 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF), 1 2 Aust Corps PPC, 2 17 Aust Pd Amb (AIF)).

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

Table with 4 columns: Army No, Rank, Name and Initials, REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). The table is currently empty.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 3 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
1	1	-									
Ammunition Examiner			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			Rangefinders		
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevedores		
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Siaty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refters		
Draughtsman Int 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			AAIC: 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	1
Fitters			Driver-Operator						AAOC: "		1
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers						NON TRADESMEN		
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians						Batmen	13	12
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)						DVRs MT	9	8
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN		
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			gen duties	3	7
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers			orderlies	9	9
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	4	4	water duty	1	1
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			Hyg duty	1	1
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			storeman	1	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	4	5	Coach Trimmers			Mess cpl	1	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Conerctors			Tpt sgt	1	1
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			CSM	1	1
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			RSM		1
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			CQMS	1	1
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AASC Batmn	1	1
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics			AAOC "	1	1
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AAIC "	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			AAChd "	3	1
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers			AAMC ord	1	1
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers			Projectionist		1
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	70

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

3 Mar 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WOF AND NCOs

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 2 / 1947

TRADE		RANK		PS		DEFICIENT		SURPLUS		Details of	
Details of		Details of		Details of		Details of		Details of		Details of	
GROUP III (cont.)		GROUP II (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)		GROUP I	
Trade gp 1		Trade gp 2		Trade gp 3		Trade gp 3		Trade gp 3		Trade gp 3	
AAOC Ann Exam	sgt	1	1								
Int Draughtmen	cpl	1	1								
AAOC cook	cpl	1	1								
Int duties	cpl	1	1								
Int duties	s/sgt	1	1								
Inf clerk	wo 11	1	1								
AAIC "	cpl	1	1								
AAAS "	sgt	1	1								
AAES "	sgt	1	1								
AAAC "	cpl	1	1								
AAOC "	cpl	1	1								
NON TRADESMEN											
Dvrs MP	cpl	1	1								
Tpt sgt	sgt	1	1								
Gen duties	cpl	1	1								
Mess cpl	cpl	1	1								
CSM	wo 11	1	1								
RSM	wo 1	1	1								
CQMS	s/sgt	1	1								
AAAC ord	cpl	1	1								
ete	pte	1	1								
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE											
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE											
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks						
VX 91310	s/sgt	BOWEN	34	Ann Exam	performing duties of Ann Exam (sgt)						
VX119783	wo 1	GARDNER	34	RSM	Det to 2 corps PFC						
VX112870	pte	BYRNE	33	TG 11 carp	Gen duties						
VX137147	l/cpl	BOSLEY	20	TG 3	position WE as						
				Textile Refitter	storeman						
SX 27817	pte	LIGHT	24	TG2 cook							
CARRIED FORWARD											
CARRIED FORWARD											
CARRIED FORWARD											

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.S. and/or A.M.W.E. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of P.M. in col. "Remarks Required".
(e) Where 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.

Signature of Commander _____
Date of Report _____

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)

(Revised Jan., 1943) **62**
10 45 (Serial No.)
War diary

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **10 / 3 / 1945** **HQ 23 Inf Bde** (Unit)

W.E. **11 / 2 / 4** OFFRS. **19** O.R.'s. **66** + 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	* * Brigadier Lieut.-Colonels										
	1		1	Majors										
	2		8	Captains										
		2	8	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	3	2	18											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	18									18
				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.
VX114120	Lt	TREVENEN J L	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	13/2/45	Seconded to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde as Gas and Int Officer DANS 1950 of 27 Feb 45

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 3 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.	
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BDE COMD	YES			
Capt (T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	YES			
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A H	SC	NO	ARL		
Lt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES			
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	YES			
Lt	VX114120	THREVENEN	J L	IO	YES			
Lt (T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	XEX LO 1	YES			
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 2	YES			
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	YES			
SERVICES								
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES			
Capt	WX 35868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	YES			
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	BOO	YES			
Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	YES			
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	YES			
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES			
Chaplains								
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det 7 Bn				
	NX139070	DILLON	B F	do	do	do	do 8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do	do	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.

10 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

Garran Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/5/1945 HQ 23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s 66 + 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.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :		1	3	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
4 :	NR	1	4	Sergeants					
10 :	NR	4	7	Corporals					
48 :		3	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 :	*	5	69 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	68		1							69
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	AACS			3	Leave		
				1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
				1	2 Aust Corps FFC		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10 / 3 / 1945.

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 Assda.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen Int 2 • 103				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				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 1 •			
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: " 1 1 •			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen 13 12 •			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MP 9 8 •			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen duties 3 5 •			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies 9 9 •			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4	•	Water duty 1 1 •			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Nyg duty 1 1 •			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Storeman 1 2 •			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5	•	Coach Trimmers				Moss Cpl 1 1 •			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Tpt Sjt 1 1 •			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				CSM 1 2 •			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RSM - 1 •			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED TO W.B.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				COMS 1 1 •			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC Batman 1 1 •			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC " 1 1 •			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AALC " 1 1 •			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC " 3 1 •			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAMC Ord 1 1 •			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Projectionist - 1 •			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	•	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	•	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	•	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	66	69	•

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

3 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945
Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

TRADE	Details of Trade	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1						
AAOC Ann Exam	Operator, Keyboard	Sjt	1	0	1	0
	Operator, Line	S/sjt	0	1	0	1
Int Draughtsmen	Operator, Keyboard	Cpl	1	0	1(NR)	-(On X List School)
Trade Gp 2						
AACC Cook	Food Beater	Cpl	1	0	1(NR)	-(On X List Hospital)
Int Duties	Printer	Cpl	1	1	0	0
	Radio Operator	S/sjt	1	1	0	0
Trade Gp 3						
Inf Clerk	Signaller	WO 11	1	1	0	0
AAIC "	Signaller	Cpl	1	1	0	0
	Signaller	Cpl	1	1	1(NR)	0
AAAS "	Signaller	Sjt	0	1	0	1
AAES "	Signaller	Sjt	0	1	0	0
AASC "	Signaller	Sjt	0	1	0	0
AAOC "	Signaller	Cpl	1	1	0	1
NON TRADESMEN						
Dvrs MT	Driver-Operator	Cpl	1	0	1(NR)	-(On X List School)
Tpt Sjt	Signaller	Sjt	1	1	0	0
Gen Duties	Signaller	Cpl	1	1	0	0
Mess Cpl	Signaller	Cpl	1	1	0	0
CSM	Signaller	WO 11	1	2	0	1 (See below)
RSM	Signaller	WO 1	0	1	0	1
CQMS	Signaller	S/sjt	1	1	0	0
AAMC Ord	Signaller	Cpl	1	1	0	0
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE						

No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX 91310	S/sjt	BOWEN	34	Ann Exam	Performing duties of Ann Exam (Sjt Det to 2 Corps FPC)
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	34	RSM	
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE	33	TG 11 Carp	Gen duties
VX137147	L/Cpl	BOSLEY	20	TG 3 Textile Refitter	Position WE as Storeman
SX 27817	Pte	LIGHT	24	TC 2 Cook	
VX136959	WO 11	DONDEY	24	Instr	Surplus due to return from X List (HQ Sch of Inf, Pending attendance OCTU).

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 (b) Where employment not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of "N.M." in col. "Remarks".
 (c) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in column "Remarks".
 (d) Other than private is involved give details on back.
 (e) Carried forward to next page.

Signature of Commander: _____
 Date of Dispatch: _____

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

11 45 Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/ 3/194 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/ 2/ 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66+ OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

W D G 3

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					
WE :	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		3	Majors									
6 :			2	8	Captains									
				8	Lieutenants									
					Quarter-masters									
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
19 :		3	2	18										
					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.
					18									18
					A.									
					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).

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 3 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BDE COMD	YES		
Capt (T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	"		
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	"		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	IO 1	"		
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	"		
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	"		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	"		
Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	BO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
<u>Chaplains</u>							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det		7 Bn	
	NX139070	DILLON	B F	do	do	8 Bn	Leave
	SX 32806	HAWLINS	HEA	do	do	27 Bn	Leave

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.

17 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 3 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66+ 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	
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.						
2 :		1	3	W.Os. Class II.						
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants						
4 : NR	1	1	4	Sergeants						
10 : NR	4	1	7	Corporals						
48 :		3	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
66 :	*	5	8	69 *		*			*	
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.									
A	68		1								69
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	AACS			3	Leave		
				1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
				1	2 Aust Corps FPC		
				1	School		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/ 3 /1945 .

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 Ass'ts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiooperators				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP III.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Fitters			
Draughtsmen Int	2	=	NR	Bakers				Telescope Ident'n. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Ely. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1	=	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				A.A.C. Clerk	1	1	=
Electricians				Cooks		3	3	Woodturners				A.A.S.C. "	1	1	=
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								A.A.S. "	1	1	=
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								A.A.S. "	1	1	=
Fitters				Driver-Operator								A.A.C. "	=	1	=
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	13	12	=
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MT	9	8	=
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								DETAILS OF NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen duties	3	5	=
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	=
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4	=	Water duty	1	1	=
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg duty	1	1	=
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Storeman	1	2	=
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	5	Coach Trimmers				Mess Cpl	1	1	=
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Tpt Sjt	1	1	=
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				CSM	1	2	=
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RSM	=	1	=
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				REMOVED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				COMS	1	1	=
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.S.C. Batmn	1	1	=
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				A.A.C. I "	1	1	=
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				A.A.C. "	1	1	=
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.C.H.D. "	3	1	=
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				A.A.M.C. Ord	1	1	=
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Projectionist			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	=	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	=	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	=	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	69	* =

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorized 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.

17 Mar 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

Part A of Army Form W.3003 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/3/1945
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

TRADE		RANK		WE		PS		DEFICIENT		SURPLUS		Remarks
GROUP III (cont.)	GROUP II (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	GROUP I (cont.)	
<u>Trade Gp 1</u>												
AAOC Amn Exam	Sjt	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	S/Sjt	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1	-	-	1 (NR)	-	-	-	-	-	(On X list School)
<u>Trade Gp 2</u>												
AACC Cook	Cpl	1	1	-	-	1 (NR)	-	-	-	-	-	(On X list Hospital)
Int duties	Cpl	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Trade Gp 3</u>												
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AAIC "	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1 (NR)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sjt	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AAAS "	Sjt	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AAES "	Sjt	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AAAC "	Cpl	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>NONTRADESMEN</u>												
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1 (NR)	-	-	-	-	-	(On X list school)
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CSM	WO 11	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	See below
RSM	WO 1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CQMS	S/Sjt	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE</u>												
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks							
VX 91310	S/Sjt	BOWEN	34	Amn Exam	Performing duties of Amn Exam (Sjt)							
VX 119783	WO 1	GARDNER	34	RSM	Det to 2 Corps FPC							
VX 112870	Pte	BYRNE	33	TG 11 Carp	Gen duties							
VX 137147	L/Cpl	BOSLEY	20	TG 3 Tex-fitter	Position WE as Storeman							
SX 127817	Pte	LIGHT	24	TG 2 Cook	Surplus due to return from X list (LHQ Sch of Inf) Pending attendance							
VX 136959	WO 11	DONDEY	24	Instr								
CARRIED FORWARD												

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Unlisted trades or specialties not included in this list will be added as required in reports provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.R. and other special requirements are indicated on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.
(d) Where replacement not detailed here, appointments on terms of transfer, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.
(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.

Signature of Commander [Signature] Date of Despatch 17 Mar 45
L.H.O. Form 652-10/43-230m

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

12 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 3 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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 Rein'ts Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Rein'ts Required.					
1 :			1	* Brigadier *										
2 :	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
10 :	2	1	9	Majors										
6 :		1	7	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
19 :	3	2	18											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	18									18
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/3/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BN COLO	YES		
Capt(T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BN	"		
Capt	WX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A H	SC	NO	ARE.	
Capt	WX117148	MAGONAGHIE	G R	BN(L)	YES		
Lt(T/Capt)	WX114122	BARRAN	G C	SC(L)	YES		
Lt	WX114120	FREVENNI	J L	IO	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	WX 47188	WORRALL	E S	IO 1	NO	HQ Sch of MI	19 May
Lt	WX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	YES		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	YES		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWS	BOO	YES		
Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	IO	YES		
Lt	WX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	YES		
Lt	WX 28244	RIX	G C	AD	YES		
Chaplains							
	WX163533	RYE	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det		7 Bn	
	WX139070	DILLON	B F	do		8 Bn	Leave
	WX 32806	RAWLINS	HBA	do		27 Bn	Leave

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.

24 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

12 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 3 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
DETAIL.				DETAIL.					
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required.
		2	2						
		1	3						
			1						
		1	2						
	1	1	4						
	4	1	7						
		3	51						
	*	5	70	*			*		*

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

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

Detail	A.L.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	69		1							70
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
10	Leave		
1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
1	2 Aust Corps JTG		
2	School		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24 / 3 / 1945 .

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 AAOC	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Ass'ts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
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				Eangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Blacklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signalers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen Int 2	2	-	-	Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Ass't.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitemiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AAOC: 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	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: "	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	13	12	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MT	9	8	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								Gen duties	3	5	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers				Water duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks		4	4	Hyg Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Storeman	1	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	5	Clerks, Technical				Mess Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Tpt Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Conereters				CSM	1	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				RSM	-	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				BOWO	-	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTN: ...			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				COMS	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				AASC Batm	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				AAOC "	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAIC "	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Engine Hand's, I.C.				AACHD "	3	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers				AAMC ofd	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				Projectionist	-	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD		10	10	CARRIED FORWARD		14	14	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	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."
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24 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
 Signature of Commander
 A/SG 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

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

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AAOC Ann Exam	Sjt	1	-	1	-
Int Draughtsmen	S/Sjt	-	1	-	1
	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	-(On X List School)
Trade Gp 2					
AACC Cook	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	-(On X list Resp)
Int duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1	-	-
AALC "	Cpl	1	1	-	-
	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	-
AAAS "	Sjt	-	1	-	1
AAES "	Sjt	1	1	-	-
AASC "	Sjt	1	1	-	-
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1	-	-
	Cpl	-	1	-	1
NONTRADESMEN					
Dvrs MF	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	-(On X list School)
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	-	-
CSM	WO 11	1	2	-	1 See below
RSM	WO 1	-	1	-	1
CQMS	S/Sjt	1	1	-	-
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	-	-
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
No	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY P J	29	Ann Exam	Performing duties of Ann Exam (Sjt)
VX 91310	S/Sjt	BOWEN E C	54	do	do do do do
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	34	RSM	Det 2 Corps FPC
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE H	33	TG 11 Carp	Gen duties
VX137147	L/Cpl	BOSLEY F C	20	TG 3 Tex-	Storeman
				fitter	
SX 27817	Pte	LIGHT J R	24	TG 2 Cook	
VX138959	WO 11	DONDEY H A	24	Instr	Surplus due to return from X List (LHQ Sch of Inf)
					Pending attendance OCTU
VX104828	WO 1	MARKS E G		BOWO	Surplus to WE Auth: 2 Corps A8/36/7.

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(b) Authorized trades or occupations not included in list will be added on request in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.A. and/or A.M.W.A. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of 'N.R.' in col. 'Remarks' column.
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words 'See Back' should be written in pencil in the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commanding Officer: [Signature]
Date of Despatch: 24 Mar 48

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

13 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/3 /1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

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W.E. 11/2/4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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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.					
WE :				*										
1 :			1	Brigadier*										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
2 :	1		1	Majors										
10 :	3	1	8	Captains										
6 :		1	7	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
19 :	4	2	17											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	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.	17									17
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX114122	Lt(T/Capt)	G C FARRAR	Staff School (Aust) Grade 3 Wing	25/3/45	Transferred 'X' List

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).

Unit
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/3/45 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BEE COMD	YES		
Capt (T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	YES		
Capt	WX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	NO	ARL intransit RTU	
Capt	VX117149	MAGONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	PARRAR	G C	SC(L)	NO	Staff School Grade 111 Wing - "X" List	25/3/45
Lt	VX114120	TRUVENEN	J L	IO	YES		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX 47138	WOMRALL	E S	IO 1	NO	HQ Sch of MI	19/3/45
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	YES		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L O	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AAIC	"		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	NO	ARL	
IP	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	YES		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	YES		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AD	YES		
<u>Chaplains</u>							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain		4th Class Det 7 Bn	
	NX139070	DILLON	B F			do do do 8 Bn	Leave
	SX 32800	HAWLENS	HEA			do do do 27 Bn	Leave

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.

31/3/45
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander Capt
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/3/1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE :		2	2	W.Os. Class I.						
2 :		1	3	W.Os. Class II.						
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants						
4 :	NR	1	4	Sergeants						
10 :	NR	4	7	Corporals						
48 :			48	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
66 :	*	5	6	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*	*			*

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

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	AACS			11	Leave		
1	2 Aust Corps Cash Office			1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
				2	School		

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

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

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 31 / 3 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.				Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)				Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)				Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)			
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asssts.							G.P.O. Assistants	
			Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard							Hammermen	
			Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line							Leather Stitchers	
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal							Orderlies, Nursing	
			Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard							Orderlies, Nursing Mental	
			Turners				Operator, Wireless							Plate Layers	
			Watchmakers				Opticians							Rangefinders	
			Welders				Painters							Riveters	
							Panel Beaters							Roughriders	
							Photographers, Dry Plate							Saddlers	
							Predictor Numbers							Saddletree makers	
							Printers							Shoemaker and Boot Repairer	
							Radiographers							Stevedores	
							Riggers							Stokers, Staty. Engine	
			GROUP II.				Sawyers							Storemen, Technical	
			Armourers				Signallers							Tailors	
			Axemen				Signwriters							Textile Reelters	
			Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers							Tinsmiths	
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers							Vulcanizers	
			Boilermakers				Wheelers							Wagon Erectors	
			Carpenters				Winchman							Whitesmiths	
			Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							AAIC: Clerk 1 1 -	
			Cooks		3	3	Woodturners							AASC: " 1 1 -	
			Dental Mechanics											AAES: " 1 1 -	
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											AAAS: " 1 1 -	
			Driver-Operator											AAOC: " 1 1 -	
			Drainers											NONTRADESMEN	
			Electricians											Batmen 13 11 -	
			Electricians (Engineers)											Dvrs MT 9 8 -	
			Fire Control Operators											Gen. Duties 3 5 -	
			Gun Operator				GROUP III.							DETAILS OF NONTRADESMEN	
			Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							Orderlies 9 9 -	
			Height Taker				Butchers							Water duty 1 1 -	
			Helio Operator				Clerks		4	4				Hyg duty 1 1 -	
			Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							Storeman 1 - -	
			Intelligence Duties		4	4	Clerks, Technical							Mess Cpl 1 1 -	
			Joiners				Coch Trimmers							Tpt Sjt 1 1 -	
			Lineman				Concretors							CSM 1 2 -	
			Lithographers				Cooks							RSM - 1 -	
			Machinists, Metal				Dental Clerk Orderlies							BOWO - 1 -	
			Machinists, Wood				Despatch Riders							APPROVED BY CEC	
			Masons				Draughtsmen, Signals							CQMS 1 1 -	
			Masseurs				Drivers, H.T.							AASC Batmn 1 1 -	
			Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Mechanics							AAOC " 1 1 -	
			Miners				Driver Tptn. Plant							AAIC " 1 1 -	
			Moulders				Engine Hands, I.C.							AACHD " 3 1 -	
			Nurses, Trained				Equipment Repairers							AAMC Ord 1 1 -	
			Observation Post Assts.				Farriers								
							Fitters' Mates								
							Gun Layers								
3	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	-				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	
												66	67	*	

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31 Mar 45

Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander
A/SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Grade Gp 1					
Ann Exam	Sjt	1	-	1	
	S/Sjt	-	1	-	
Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	(On X List Sch)
Grade Gp 2					
Cook	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	(On X list Hosp)
duties	Cpl	1	1	-	
	S/Sjt	1	1	-	
Grade Gp 3					
Clerk	WO 11	1	1	-	
	Cpl	1	1	-	
ALC "	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	
	Sjt	-	1	-	
AAS "	Sjt	1	1	-	
AES "	Sjt	1	1	-	
ASC "	Cpl	1	1	-	
AOC "	Cpl	-	1	-	
UNTRADESMEN					
MT	Cpl	1	-	1 (NR)	(On X list Sch)
Sjt	Sjt	1	1	-	
duties	Cpl	1	1	-	
Cpl	Cpl	1	1	-	
SM	WO 11	1	2	-	See below
SM	WO 1	-	1	-	
QMS	S/Sjt	1	1	-	
AMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	-	
OWO	WO 1	-	1	-	
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
NO	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY P J	29	Ann Exam	Performing duties on Ann Exam (Sjt)
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	34	RSM	Leave
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE H	33	TG 2 Carp	Gen duties
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY F C	20	TG 3 Tex-	Storeman
VX136939	WO 11	DONDEY H A	24	Instr	tile refitter
VX104828	WO 1	MARX E G	E	BOWO	Surplus due to return from X list (LHQ Sch of Inf) Pending attestation OCTU. Surplus to WE Auth: 2 Corps A8/36

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(d) Where equipment not detailed note accordingly on return by member of U.M. in col. "Remarks" column.
(e) Where any 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.

Signature of Commanding Officer: _____
Date of Despatch: _____

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted)

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H. 100M

Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 0001 1 Apr 45 To 2359 hrs 30 Apr 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN IS	1 Apr 45		Bde Comd had a lengthy discussion with Lt HARTE 27 Bn re the latter's report of the FENI IS PATROL. An Aust Forces cricket team had an outright win against a team from RNZAF GREEN.	
		1100	Lt ELLIOTT departed on 24 days ARL. Capt POWELL BASCO Capt KENNY (8 Bn) departed for TOROKINA for No. 2 Observers team. At the invitation of Wing Comd MATHESON, Bde Comd, Maj ADAMS & BM(L) attended RNZAF pictures.	
	2 Apr	0930	Lt-Col POPE & Capt HEATHWOOD returned to GREEN IS from leave. Bde Comd discussed with Lt-Col POPE the future role of 27 Bn, report of FENI IS patrol, and the general slackness with 27 Bn during CO's absence. Lt SEALE ANGAU called & suggested that a search be made of PINAPEL IS for stray Japs. A map showing enemy and topographical infm gained by 11 Bde in the NUMA NUMA area, was received from IO (At present acting as IO TOROKINA). Bde Comd inspected GREEN IS def locations with BM(L). A signal was received containing the infm that Lt PATCH 8 Bn had been wounded in action (Observers team) but was remaining on duty.	
	3 Apr 45		AV DORA arrived from EMIRAU with the remainder of C Coy Gp 8 Bn. Lt R BRYANT, acting OC, reported in to Bde HQ.	
	4 Apr 45		Bde Comd held a conference of various units, Aust, RNZAF and American, ref the def of GREEN IS. The following officers were present - Col YOUNDT, Capt LEMON, (Service Comd), Wing Comd BOGART, (US Marines) Lt MOSS (US Navy), Comd MATHESON, RNZAF, Lt SIMS (RAN), Capt MURRAY, (AIB), Lt SEALE (ANGAU), Lt BRYANT (C Coy 8 BN), BM(L), SC. Col YOUNDT was appointed as Comd GREEN IS on departure of Brig A W POTTS.	APPENDIX F2.
		0800	Lt-Col POPE departed by special A/C to rejoin 27 Bn at TOROKINA. Capt HARRY (2/108 LAD) reported in from TOROKINA & reported on his observer course.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted)

H. 100M

Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From _____

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN IS	5 Apr 45		A signal was received from 2 Aust Corps advising that 23 Bde NIL return for Honours & Awards was not accepted and requesting that recommendations be made for MBE, BEM & MID. Capt HARRY was	
	6 Apr 45		Capt HARRY was unable to depart for EMIRAU because of bad weather conditions. Capt HARRY required to move to EMIRAU by first available transport to allot dets to OUTER ISLES GARRISON. LO 2 delivered GREEN IS def plans to offrs concerned. A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit moved from 27 Bn site to Bde HQ.	
	7 Apr 45	1100	BM(L) & Amen Offr departed for TOROKINA to commence camp construction in new Bde area. Bde Comd wrote to Lt-Cols DUNKLEY & BERRY outlining the future role of the Bde.	
	8 Apr 45		Bde Comd received a personal signal from 2 Aust Corps requesting that he report to TOROKINA not before 11 Apr for purpose of carrying out a recce of the area. Personal signal received from Brig STEVENSON 11 Bde suggesting that 2 No. 11 Wireless Sets and operators be sent to TOROKINA in readiness for ops with 27 Bn.	
		1000	Capt HARRY 2/108 LAD departed for EMIRAU.	
	9 Apr 45		Small US tender came into the harbour. Liberty ship started, US UN Navy eqpt. BM(L) did not return from TOROKINA as there was no plane available. Arrangements were made for a det of Bde Sigs Sec to go down by air to TOROKINA. Wing Comd MATHESON invited Bde Comd, BM(L), SC to mess on 10 Apr. Bde Comd accepted the invitation. Col YOUNDT also rang inviting Bde Comd to mess.	LOADING
	10 Apr 45	1000	Capt COX returned from TREASURY via TOROKINA. Capt POWELL passed through en route to EMIRAU, but plane had to return to GREEN due to bad weather.	
		1100	7 Bn Adv party arrived TOROKINA & commenced to est camp at 582956.	
			Elements of 27 Bn continue to arrive at TOROKINA by plane & small ships.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

H. 100M

Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN ISLAND	11 Apr 45	0930	Lt-Col YOUNDT & Capt WILLIAMS called on Bde Comd and discussed Instr xxxxxxx for OUTER ISLES. Bde Comd to discuss the matter at 2 Aust Corps later.	GHQ logistical matter at 2 Aust
		1600	Capt POWELL returned to GREEN from EMIRAU and reported the supply posn and plans for future role of Sup Dep Pls to Bde Comd before the latter departed for TOROKINA.	
		1730	Bde Comd departed on Beaufort courier for TOROKINA. Arrived at 1840 hrs and was met on airstrip by Bde IO. No reception or accomodation was arranged by Higher Authority. Bde Comd phoned Lt-Col GOSLETT (GSO 1 Ops) 2 Aust Corps and Lt-Col POPE informing them of his arrival.	
	12 Apr 45	0830	Lt-Col POPE called at Bde Adv area and discussed with the Bde Comd, the take over of the NUMA NUMA sector from 31/51 Bn (11 Bde). It was decided that the relief would commence on 16 Apr and be completed by 191200 hrs.	→ <i>appendix F3.</i>
		1000	Bde Comd reported to 2 Corps HQ and discussed the movement of 23 Bde with BGS G1 Ops and AQMG. The responsibility of the OUTER ISLES is to be handed to 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) as soon as 23 Bde HQ opens at TOROKINA. This is to be carried out as soon as possible. It is the intention of higher authority to remove all garrisons from the OUTER ISLANDS as soon as shipping is available.	
		1400	Bde Comd with IO made a recce of the proposed Bde area.	
	13 Apr 45	0915	Bde Comd and IO called on Lt-Col POPE and continued the discussion on the movement of 27 Bn to NUMA NUMA.	→ <i>appendix F8.</i>
		1100	Bde Comd and IO went to 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp; met Col LEHIR and visited WO 11 JONES C 8 Bn who was wounded on 20 Mar.	
		1200	VX10378 Maj R F DIXON MC arrived at TOROKINA to assume the duties of BM 23 Bde. Later discussed with Bde Comd, the Bde & Bns.	
		1530	Bde Comd, BM & IO called at 11 Bde to discuss relief of 31/51 Bn. Brig STEVENSON had just returned from SORAKEN PLANTATION & would not be ready for the discussion until 1830 hrs. After a conference at 1830 hrs it was decided to finalize the relief at a discussion with the BGS at 2 Aust Corps on the following morning at 1100	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From _____

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREEN ISLAND	13 Apr 45		At GREEN a DO letter was received from Lt TREVENEN outlining the priorities for stores required at TOROKINA from GREEN ISLAND. A signal was received from 2 Corps stating that Bde HQ would move to TOROKINA as soon as possible - two Beaufort aircraft would be available on 14 Apr 45 to commence the mov.	
	14 Apr 45	0830	Maj DIXON arrived at GREEN ISLAND.	
		1000	Lt DUNSTAN & Int pers arrived by Beaufort from GREEN, followed by a second A/C containing signal eqpt.	
		1130	Bde Comd & IO had conferred with GSO (1) Ops 2 Aust Corps ref the relief of 11 Bde, after which Bde Comds 23 & 11 Bdes finalized plans with BSS. Bde Comd later saw GOC.	
		1200	Lt-Col WYLIE B Corps Sigs called at Adv Bde and cleared up several misunderstandings following reports on 23 Bde Sigs.	
		1500	Bde Comd departed for GREEN ISLAND by Beaufighter - was met by Cpts DOLLARD, WILLIAMS and LEMMON, US Service Comd. At GREEN ISLAND Sub Lt LANE RAN relieved Sub Lt SIMS of naval IO responsibilities on that Island.	
	15 Apr 45		At GREEN Island, Bde Comd, BM BM(L) met Lt-Col YOUNDT & Capt LEMMON and WILLIAMS of Service Comd and discussed the signal plan for GREEN and the GHQ Logistical Instr. Bde Comd interviewed Lt-Col IRWIN and Maj GRIMSHAW who are to send Adv parties to TOROKINA as soon as transport is available. Bde Comd called on Lt SEALE ANGAU and Capt MURRAY AIB.	
		1100	At TOROKINA SC arrived at new area.	
	16 Apr 45	0600	27 Bn commenced to relieve 31/51 Bn in the PEARL RIDGE AREA.	
		1200	Bde Comd, BM & Educ Offr arrived at TOROKINA from GREEN ISLAND by Catalina A/C piloted by Comd DUFFY US Marines. Arrangements were made with 4 Base Sub Area for 8 3 ton vehicles to be made available to 23 Bde for movement of stores etc.	
		2000	At the invitation of Brig PULVER, Bde Comd attended an evening at the TOROKINA Offrs Club & met GOC 2 Aust Corps, GOC 3 Aust Div, Brigs GARRETT, STEVENSON, MANN & SIMPSON, and Col HATCH (14 US Corps)	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		2000	Bob DYER and party showed in the 29 Bde area, the show being well attended by Aust & American pers. Adverse criticism, both by Officers & Men was voiced at the crude jokes; low standard of entertainment was not appreciated. Before the show had concluded many of the tps had left the area. The soprano and accordionist provided the only bright features.	
TOROKINA	17 Apr 45	0800 1200	LO 11 departed to NUMA NUMA to report on the relief by 27 Bn. Adv Bde HQ opened at TOROKINA 589958. Lt-Col YOUNDT assumed Comd GREEN IS. Lt-Col WILEY B Aust Corps signals called on the Bde Comd and later wished to discuss signal problems with Bde Sig Offr. However the latter did not arrive from GREEN ISLAND.	→ Appendix F. 4.
		1500	Lt-Col BERRY arrived at GREEN and Capt LAVAN reported at TOROKINA from GREEN ISLAND. Bde Comd called on GOC 3 Aust Div, Maj-Gen BRIDGEFORD.	
		2000	BGS 2 Aust Corps, in telephonic conversation with Bde Comd, stated that 27 Bn reverted to command of 23 Bde as from 141200L. At that time Bde HQ had not opened at TOROKINA. 11 Bde were contacted and the necessary adjustments made. A warning order for the movement of 66 Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flt from EMIRAU to JACQUINOT BAY was received. No move to take place before the departure of 32 HAA Bty. This is the first indication of the movement of 32 HAA Bty. It is anticipated that 7 Bn HQ will close at TREASURY on 20 Apr. Capt BLABY 7 Bn will be in charge Aust Forces on Island. Capt J McDONALD ex LO 23 Bde called and said goodbye to Bde Comd and staff before return to Australia for release.	→ Appendix F. 7. → Appendix F. 5.
	18 Apr 45	1100	Bde Comd visited Brig NIMMO and Lt-Col WALKER 4 Aust Base Sub Area. Bde Comd & BM discussed the operational role at NUMA NUMA, trg syllabus and areas, and the defence of our sector of TOROKINA PERIMETER. 7 Bn manned two outposts on the LARUMA RIVER at 593000 & 567994. Bde Comd met Brig PULVER and was advised that 66 Tpt Pl would revert to command of 2 Aust Corps on the arrival of 40 Tpt Pl at TOROKINA. 67 Tpt Pl to revert to command 2 Corps on arrival TOROKINA. 243 Sup Dep are to supply 31/51 Bn.	→ Appendix F. 12.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Apr		DIMS 2 Aust Corps called on Bde Comd - 17 Aust Fd Amb to be under command 2 Aust Corps on arrival TOROKINA - 8 Aust Fd Amb to be responsible for our local requirements and NUMA NUMA sector. Lt-Col JOBSON 8 Aust Fd Amb called. Bde Comd & BGS discussed the signal plan of 11 Bde at NUMA NUMA - decided to amend after recce of area. The possibility of taking BERRYS HILL into our FDLs was discussed - prior consent by 2 Aust Corps must be obtained before any action.	
	19 Apr 45	1000	Maj RICH (Amenities) & Capt BADGERY - PARKER (Education) 2 Aust Corps called and discussed refrigerators and section stoves, available at a cost of £58. 10. 0 & £5 - 10 - 0 respectively; pictures and entertainments for tps & leave for Lt JONES (Bde Educ Offr).	
		1200	23 Bde assumed responsibility of the NUMA NUMA from 11 Bde. Lt SEARLE 1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy reported on the mov of his platoon from MAWARAK to TOROKINA. On arrival here will stage at GDD pending mov to No. 9 crossing on NUMA NUMA TRAIL.	<i>→ appendix F10. This is the Bde's first action.</i>
		1530	Vessel TAGANAK with 5 offrs 124 ORs B Coy Gp 8 Bn sailed from EMIRAU for TREASURY.	
		1815	A signal was received from 17 Fd Amb reporting that the American Hosp on GREEN ISLAND had closed and that RNZAF Hosp would not be ready for use until 30 Apr. 17 Fd Amb is to close on 22 Apr in preparation for mov to TOROKINA and between that date and 30 Apr, all surgical emergency cases will be evac by special A/C to TOROKINA.	<i>→ appendix F11</i>
	20 Apr 45	0730	Bde Comd & BM left to visit 27 Bn -arrived Tac HQ at 1000 hrs and later inspected Coy areas. The possibility of extending the jeep track from BARKERS BROW to the WAKUNAI RIVER VALLEY was discussed. Heavy rain (1 inch) during the afternoon delayed the return of Bde Comd & BM who reported in at Bde HQ at 1900 hrs.	
	21 Apr 45		Capt F PENDRY reported in to assume posting of Bde Ordnance Offr during the absence on leave of Lt WILSON.	
		1100	8 Bn HQ closed at EMIRAU opened TOROKINA 565950.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1100	Maj NETTLE (16 Fd Coy) and Lt SEARLE called and discussed the relief of pl 16 Fd Coy by 1 Pl 23 Fd Coy, the maintenance of NUMA Trail and jeep track from BARGES HILL to BARKERS BROW and the possibility of constructing a tram way between ROAD HEAD and BARGES HILL. 2 Aust Corps Op Instr numbers 12 & 13 were received re the OUTER ISLAND GARRISONS and 23 Bde responsibilities on PEARL RIDGE. Later GSO (1) ops 2 Aust Corps called and discussed same with Bde Comd.	
	22 Apr 45	1100	Brig STEVENSON 11 Bde called and discussed the balance of the hand over in the PEARL RIDGE sector.	
		1200	Lt SEARLE 23 Fd Coy reported the relief of pl 16 Fd Coy by 1 Pl 23 Fd Coy complete.	
		1600	LO 11 returned from 27 Bn, having been to KEENANS area, and reported everything satisfactory. 27 Bn killed their first Jap in the vicinity of BERRYS HILL.	
	23 Apr 45	0800	Col BUTTS, Maj WATT, Maj BROCKWAY 2 Aust Corps with SC and BASCO departed for PEARL RIDGE to investigate A & Q problems. Maj STEPHENS 2 I/C 4 Aust Fd Regt reported that Lt-Col ARTHUR would visit the PEARL RIDGE area on the following day.	
		1500	Bde Comd called on Brig PULVER 2 Corps and discussed Lt-Col BERRY's file. Brig PULVER criticised the policy of no recommendations for awards until the bde had been into action.	
		1800	SC reported on his trip to PEARL RIDGE.	
		1830	2/108 LAD provided electric light to Bde HQ area.	
		1915	A new picture site has been prepared in the bde area and the first picture was screened at 1915 hrs. The theatre will be known as 'DONALD DUCK'. Heavy rain fell throughout the greater part of the show.	
	24 Apr 45	0730	Bde Comd & BM set off for PEARL RIDGE to inspect defences there and also in the CHOKO - KEENANS RIDGE area. Later watched arty and mortar fire engage BERRYS HILL and discussed with Lt TIERNAN, his patrol to BERRYS. Comd & BM camped overnight at ROAD HEAD with 8 Aust Fd Amb.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	24 Apr 45		Arrangements were made for Lt-Col BERRY to visit TREASURY and MUNDA. Further to the conversation with Brig PULVER on 18 Apr a signal was received detailing the future of Tpt Pls which were under command 23 Bde while on the OUTER ISLES.	
		1200	23 Bde Gp Instr No. 24 issued (Appendix) <i>F13.</i>	
	25 Apr 45	0625	27 Bn received its first battle casualties - QX787 Lt G H SHANKS, and NX201867 Pte ELLIOTT were reported missing believed killed and WX72438 Pte STOKES wounded, following a patrol clash on BERRYS HILL.	<i>Present cas. Ratio</i>
		0900	An Arty/R of IBU-TOKUA area was carried out; the locations of same being fixed at 634229 and 620181 (ref Map KOWARO 1 : 25000)	
		1500	BM(L) reported in from GREEN IS. From ROAD HEAD, Bde Comd and BM set off for CHOKO where they met Lt CARMICHAEL at 1100 hrs and then moved on to KEENANS RIDGE. They were met by Capt LUKYN and Lt CLIFTON and discussed future patrol activities from this area. Bde Comd and BM returned to CHOKO and remained over night.	
	26 Apr 45	0915	Vessel ENCELADUS reported loaded at GREEN awaiting mov to TOROKINA. Suspected enemy activity was reported during the night 25/26 Apr off EAST POINT, GREEN IS. Watching posts were established but no sightings made.	
		1430	Bde Comd and BM returned from NUMA NUMA Area.	
		1600	Maj Gen SIMPSON, SO in C, Col SAVIGE, CSO First Army, Col REEVE, CSO 2 Aust Corps, called and discussed signals within the bde.	
	27 Apr 45	0930	Bde Comd discussed future role of bde with BGS at 2 Aust Corps. There is to be no attack on any enemy defended locality without prior consent of 2 Corps. An aggressive patrol plan is to be put into operation keeping in mind that own casualties are to be kept to an absolute minimum. 7 Bn will not be permitted to operate in the NUMA NUMA sector until they relieve 27 Bn - which will probably be 5 weeks hence.	
		1010	23 Bde Op Inst Nos 25 and 26 issued (appendix). <i>F14 and F15</i>	
		1200	Lt col DUNKLEY, Adjt, RMO and Chaplain reported in from TREASURY.	
		1300	7 Bn HQ closed TREASURY, opened TOROKINA 581956	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	27 Apr 45		<p>The Commonwealth's Third Victory Loan which was opened for subscription on 23 Mar and closed to-day. Policy was to invite subscriptions from servicemen, and Loan Liaison Officers were appointed on all formations to co-ordinate the efforts of Unit Loan Offrs in this direction. Loan Liaison Offrs 2 Aust Corps set a quota for the Corps of £100,000. The Loan Liaison Offr for 23 Aust Inf Bde, Lt R E JONES, set a proportionate quota quota of £10,500 for the Bde Gp. This quota was exceeded the final amount raised by the Bde Gp being £12090 from 224 subscribers. In view of the fact thst during the greater part of the period of the Loan, the Bde Gp was in movement, this result was considered satisfactory. Because of the subdivision of units at the time, it is not possible to compute compute unit totals. On an Island basis, however, the respective contributions were: Units on GREEN - £4,460. On EMIRAU - 4,410. On TREASURY - £3,220. Of the total amount, £6,640 was subscribed from Paybook credits, and £5,450 from other sources.</p>	
	28 Apr 45	0800	<p>Vessel ENCELADUS arrived from GREEN ISLAND, with stores & personnel of Bde HQ, 27 Bn, 109 Wksp, 109 Fd Pk and 14 Pro Pl. Unloading commenced at 1200 hrs & continued throughout the night. A large percentage of the stores were damaged due to rough handling during loading and unloading.</p>	
		1000	<p>Capt GILL, 40 Tpt Pl reported in from GREEN. BM(L) delivered Op Instr 25 & 26 to 27 Bn. Bde Comd visited 8 Bn, met Majs MORAN AND THOMPSON and Capt ROSS and discussed the mov to date and candidates for BEENLEIGH Tactical School. Sjt BUTTS, Official Military History Section, called and discussed the possibility of illustrating Bde & Unit War Diaries with photographs. Bde Comd visited Pte STOKES 27 Bn at 106 CCS - STOKES was wounded in action on 25 Apr and is recovering rapidly.</p>	
	29 Apr 45	1600	<p>After a visit to PEARL RIDGE Capt J K ORRER, Canadian Army Signal Offr, called and discussed signals generally. The signal system between PEARL RIDGE and Bde HQ is now working efficiently - SITREPS are reaching Bde within 1 hr, compared with 3 - 5 hrs previously. Advice was received that C-in-C had arrived in the TOROKINA area.</p>	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time:—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 Apr 45	0800	Lt-Col DUNKLEY and party of 7 Bn offrs departed on recce PEARL RIDGE AREA.	
		0830	Conference of Bde Offrs - to be held in Int Office MON, WED & FRI of each week.	
		1000	Bde Comd & BM went to beach 4 and reported the unloading of ENCELADUS complete. Lt WRIGHT (CO at GREEN IS) is to submit a report on the loading of the vessel.	
		1300	Following a report from 8 Bn, BM with ANGAU Offr and police boy made a recce of the creek in sq 5695 (1000 yds N of 8 Bn camp area) to ascertain whether Japs had recently been in that vicinity. Recce revealed that natives had been fishing in the area and no Jap signs were seen.	
			A summary of operations of 27 Bn in NUMA NUMA - PEARL RIDGE area is attached as Appendix. H13	

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Date and Time.—From 000L hrs 1 Apr 45 to 2359 hrs 30 Apr 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.				Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.			
<u>GREEN ISLAND & BOUGAINVILLE</u>	30 Apr 45		Brig	WX 1574	A W	POTTS	Bde Comd			
		Maj	VX 10378	R F	DIXON	BM				
		Capt	NX 70682	A M	HEATHWOOD	SC				
		Capt	VX117148	G R	MA CONACHIE	BM(L)				
		Capt	VX114122	G C	FARRAR	SC(L)	LHQ Staff School Grade 3 M/O 25 Mar 45 <u>Transferred X List</u>			
		Lt	VX114120	J L	TREVENEM	IO				
		Capt	VX 47188	E S	WORRALL	LO 1	ARL			
		Lt	NX160013	D B	DUNSTAN	LO 2				
		Lt	WX 29748	G D	WRIGHT	LO 3				
		<u>Services</u>			Capt	VX 39042	L G	POWELL	LXE BASCO	
				Capt	WX 33868	J M	LAVAN	AALC		
				Lt	VX100371	AWF	WILSON	BOO	ARL	
				Lt	NX105757	A G	ELLIOTT	HO	ARL	
				Lt	SX 28244	C C	RIX	AO		
				Lt	WX 30121	R E	JONES	EO		
<u>Chaplains</u>				NX163533	F J	FRY	Chaplain 4th Class Det 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)			
				VX 94301	CDH	PILKINGTON	do do do " 8 " " "			
				SX 32806	HEA	RAWLINS	Not yet arrived at unit. Chaplain 4th Class Det 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)			

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BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

CAPT G R MACONACHIE

A/BM 23 AUST INF BDE

DUTY NCOs

166.

DUTY OFFICERS

Sat	7	Apr	Lt DUNSTAN
Sun	8	"	Lt VINCENT
Mon	9	"	Lt WEBB
Tues	10	"	Lt TUCKEY
Wed	11	"	Lt JONES
Thurs	12	"	Capt LAVAN
Fri	13	"	Lt WRIGHT

To be detailed by CSM

167.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by Official War Photographer
are available for inspection at 'I' Office. These photographs are
of the old Island Comd area.

Prints may be obtained for 1/6 each. Any person requiring
copies of these photographs will submit his name to 'I' Office.

Delivery of prints will be somewhat delayed as they must
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G R Maconachie
Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R F DIXON MC
BM 23 AUST INF BDE

168. DUTY OFFICERS

Apr 30	Lt	RIX	C.C.
May 1	Capt	POWELL	L.G.
May 2	Lt	TREVENEN	J.L.
May 3	Capt	LAVAN	J.M.
May 4	Lt	DUNSTAN	D.M.
May 5			
May 6			

169. HOOKWORM

Due to the prevalence of hookworm disease on this island and especially in areas previously occupied by the Japanese, the following precautionary measures will be adopted:-

- (a) Personnel will avoid Japanese and native gardens as far as possible.
- (b) If it is necessary to traverse these gardens, removal of footwear and clothing and sitting on the ground will be rigorously avoided.
- (c) Vegetables will be cooked in the normal way.

If, in the case of green leafy vegetables, cooking is not considered desirable, any of the following will suffice:

- (i) Dip in boiling water for 2 minutes
- (ii) Soak for 30 minutes in superchlorinated water (not detasted) or a magenta coloured solution of Candy's crystals.

170. WASHING OF ISSUE CLOTHING

1. Due to the short supply of all raw materials involved, it is necessary that the maximum life be obtained from all items of clothing on issue to AMF personnel.
2. Incorrect methods of washing, exposure to strong sunlight, excessive sweating and using too much of certain soap powders, may seriously affect the dyes and weaken the fibre of clothing material. Failure to remove completely all soap and perspiration by thoroughly rinsing after washing, is one of the reasons for the breakdown of fabrics.

3. Neglect to pay due attention to regular and efficient washing of garments has been responsible for many cases of dermatitis. Observance of the following instructions will assist in decreasing the incidence of all skin complaints.
4. Washing flannels and woollens -
 - (a) Worsted shirts, socks, woollen drawers, etc, should be washed in lukewarm water and never in boiling or hot water, as this shrinks the material. A tablespoon of ammonia added to every two gallons of water will remove grease and perspiration stains;
 - (b) Good quality yellow soap only should be used, and, after washing, the garments should be well rinsed in clean, tepid water and stretched by hand before drying.
5. Washing of cottons -
 - (a) If cotton garments are boiled, the washing compound or soap will be added to the water prior to putting in the garments to be washed;
 - (b) If washing compounds, which are usually sold in packets under well-known brands and frequently known soap powders, are used, not more than one tablespoonful of the compound will be added to each gallon of water to be boiled;
 - (c) If ordinary soap is used, 1-oz (approx a 1-in cube) should be added to each gallon of water to be boiled;
 - (d) It is most important that, after washing, the garments are thoroughly rinsed to remove all trace of soap.
6. It is realised that washing facilities and an adequate supply of water are not always available. Nevertheless, the hints and instructions contained in this order will be carried out whenever possible, especially in regard to rinsing thoroughly after washing.

171.

SPEED LIMIT

All vehicles proceeding along the road leading from LARUMA RD to ANZAC BEACH will observe a speed limit of 10 miles per hour.

A. H. Hurst Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA TO AUSTRALIAN TFS

On the recent visit to New Guinea and the Solomons area of the Acting Minister for the Army (Senator the Hon. J M FRASER) he conveyed the following message from the Prime Minister of Australia :-

"The Australian Government and people have ever had cause to be proud of their fighting forces. In this war new names have been emblazoned on the banners of Aust units, to join those made sacred in our memory in 1914-1918. The stage through which the Pacific War is now passing finds such places as New Guinea, New Britain, Bougainville and the Solomons having the strongest impact on our minds and on our hearts. Our thoughts are constantly with you. Your Government knows the obstacles in your path - a tenacious and ferocious enemy and shocking terrain. The Acting Minister of the Army (Senator Fraser) comes to you at my request to ensure that what can be done will be done. I ask that you do not hesitate to tell him fully what he should know. That God will watch over you and protect you is the hope and prayer of Australia.

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**Subject: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 23 AUST INF BDE
LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF
BATTLE NO. 9**

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
61/45/2112

9 Apr 45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is Amendment No. 1 to 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 9.
2. This amendment includes all changes as at 2359 hrs 8 Apr 45.
3. Acknowledge.

Aust Bde Brig
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Bde 61/45/2112 of 9 Apr 45

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HQ 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 9

Ref Maps:	GREEN ISLAND	-	4	ins	to	1	mile
	EMIRAU "	-	4	"	"	"	"
	TREASURY "	-	4	"	"	"	"
	CAPE MOITKE	-	1	"	"	"	"

Amend the following to read:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
29			C Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (less 13 pl Map ref:1962801		1948726	
35			C Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	GREEN	2774160	
37			HQ 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less rear party	CAPE MOITKE	530939	
37 (a)			Rear party 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	GREEN	2974182	
44			66 Aust Tpt Fl (TS) less det			
44 (a)			Det 66 Aust Tpt Fl (TS)	GREEN	2774160	

Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 10

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2119

25 Apr 45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 10.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Aust Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 22 Apr 45.
3. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this Headquarters by units concerned.
4. Please destroy 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 9.
5. Acknowledge.

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23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 10

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AS AT 2359 HRS 22 APR 45

Appendix "A" to
 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
 GI/45/2119 of 25 Apr

Ref Maps: TOROKINA : 1 inch to 1 mile
 GREEN ISLAND : 4 inch to 1 mile
 EMIRAU ISLAND : 4 inch to 1 mile
 TREASURY ISLAND : 4 inch to 1 mile
 NEW GEORGIA HASTY TERRAIN - 1 : 20,000

Serial	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	HQ Units	61547	Adv HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	TOROKINA	587958	Under Comd 2 Aust Corps
1 A			Rear " " " "	GREEN	2774160	Awaiting movement to TOROKINA
2		45129	Det 6 Aust Mobile Met Flt	EMIRAU	72697634	LHQ Tps under comd 32 Aust Hy AA Bty for local adm; awaiting move to JACQUINOT BAY
3		61438	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	GREEN	2774152) Army tps under comd 8 Inf Bn for local adm only. GREEN, TREASURY & EMIRAU) Dets awaiting move to TOROKINA
4			do do do do	TREASURY	1935726	
5			do do do do	EMIRAU	72417640	
6			do do do do	MUNDA	4234068	
7		4922 6	15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN	2744206	Corps tps under comd 8 Bn for local adm
8		49257	52 do do do do	EMIRAU	72467684	do do do do
9	ARTY	92006	6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C) (AIF)	EMIRAU	72697634	Under comd 8 Bn
10		47517	HQ 32 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (AIF)	EMIRAU	72697634	do do do
11		48519	474 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (AIF)	EMIRAU	72757606	do do do
12		48520	475 do do do do	EMIRAU	72417679	do do do
13		45986	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	KOWARO	657095	in sp 27 Inf Bn (AIF)
14	ENGRS	46157	1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	645068	
15	SIGS	49275	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	587958	
16		48012	Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) (AIF)	GREEN	2784163	Corps tps under 8 Bn for local adm
17		45272	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	GREEN	2784163	do do do do
17 a			Det do do do do do	EMIRAU	72437632	do do do do

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
18		45274	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	TREASURY	1904711	Corps tps under comd 8 Bn for local adm
18 a			Det do do do do do	MUNDA	4234068	do do do do
19		48864	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	GREEN	2784163	do do do do
20		48371	Det NG AA & CA Sigs Sec (AIF)	EMIRAU	7269634	do do do do
21	INF	46175	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TREASURY	1902712	Awaiting movement to TOROKINA
21 a			D Coy do do less 16 Pl	TOROKINA	581957	16 pl MUNDA awaiting move- ment to TOROKINA on arrival 11 pl 8 Bn
21 b			B Coy do do	TOROKINA	581955	
21 c			A Coy do do	TOROKINA	582958	
22		46176	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TOROKINA	565950	Corps tps under comd for adm
22 a			A Coy Gp do	EMIRAU	72357631	
22 b			B Coy Gp do less	TREASURY		En route to TREASURY
22 c			11 Pl do	MUNDA		En route to MUNDA
22 d			C Coy Gp do	GREEN	2774153	
23		46170	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	KOWARO	6771113	
23 a			Rear HQ do	KOWARO	659000	
23 b			HQ Coy do	KOWARO	6731	
23 c			A Coy do less	KOWARO	6771113	
23 d			7 Pl do	KOWARO	618127	
23 e			8 Pl do	KOWARO	605143	
23 f			9 Pl do	KOWARO	682113	
23 g			B Coy do	KOWARO	677129	
23 h			C Coy do	KOWARO	684117	
23 i			D Coy do	KOWARO	685126	
23 j			27 Bn Rear Party	GREEN	2844123	Awaiting movement to TOROKINA
24			One pl A Coy NGIB	KOWARO	627111	
25		61005	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	588959	
26		45203	3 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)	KOWARO	685121	Under comd 27 Bn
27	INT	45138	Det 25 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	KOWARO	677113	Corps tps
28	ST	92480	66 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	TOROKINA	595961	Under comd 2 Aust Corps on arrival 40 Tpt Pl
29		92481	67 do do do less	TREASURY	1949723) Awaiting movement to
29 a			Det do do do	MUNDA	4234068) TOROKINA. Under 2 Corps) on arrival
30		49448	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	GREEN	2864167	Awaiting movement to TOROKINA.
31		49446	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	GREEN	279155	do do do
31 a			Det do do do do	KOWARO	659090	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
32	ST	49447	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	less	TREASURY	1935726	Awaiting movement to TOROKINA
32 a			B Sec do do do		EMIRAU	72707623	
32 b			C Sec do do do		GREEN	2794155	
32 c			Det 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)		MUNDA	4234068	Awaiting movement to TOROKINA
33		92068	Det One Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl		EMIRAU	72447623	
34			do do do do do		GREEN	2794155	
35			do do do do do		TREASURY	1892719	
36	MED	46180	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	less	GREEN	2734128	Awaiting mov to TOROKINA
36 a			A Coy do do		TREASURY	1948718	do do do
36 b			B Coy do do	less	EMIRAU	72467632	
36 c			Det B Coy do		GREEN	2774160	
36 d			do do do		TREASURY		En route to TREASURY
37			Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb		KOWARO	659090	
38	DENTAL	45384	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)		GREEN	2974182	
39			B Sec do do do		EMIRAU	72447632	
40			C Sec do do do		TREASURY	1949724	
41	ORD	46238	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Park (AIF)	less	GREEN	2914185	Awaiting mov to TOROKINA
41 a			Det do do do		TREASURY	1901712	do do do
41 b			Det do do do		EMIRAU	72447621	do do do
42	AEME	46237	109 Aust Bde Wksp (Type a) (AIF)	less	GREEN	2914185	do do do
42 a			Det do do do		GREEN	2914185	
42 b			Det do do do		TREASURY	1901712	
42 c			Det do do do		EMIRAU	72447621	
43		46174	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)		TOROKINA	585958	
44	POSTAL	46186	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)		GREEN	2774160	
45	PRO	49492	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	less	TOROKINA	597963	
45 a			Det do do do do		GREEN	2774153	Awaiting mov to TOROKINA
45 b			Det do do do do		TREASURY	1903711	
46	MISC	45543	Det NG Sec AA Canteens Services		GREEN) LHQ tps under comd for
46 a			Det do do do do		EMIRAU) local adm. Awaiting mov
46 b			Det do do do do		TREASURY) to TOROKINA

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. ARMY FORCES
APO 293

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The following is a report of strength of U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Allied Forces located at this Base as of 2400, 31 March 1945:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES - COMBAT</u>				
Hq & Hq Det, U.S.A.F.	10	0	66	76
284 C. A. Btry	5	0	161	166
Btry C, 374 AAA S/L Bn	4	0	207	211
TOTAL	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>453</u>
<u>U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES - SERVICE</u>				
718 Army Postal Unit	1	0	8	9
288 AGF Band	0	0	13	13
TOTAL	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>U.S. ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY</u>				
Det, 47 Gen Hosp (Base A)	7	0	42	49
Det of patients, 47 Gen Hosp	0	0	16	16
3465 Ord MAM Co	3	0	57	60
TOTAL	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>125</u>
<u>U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES</u>				
Det B, 319 Ftr Cont Sq	7	0	34	41
33 AAF Wea Sta, 15 Wea Sq	1	1	8	10
Det, 12, 150 AACS Sq	4	0	59	63
1st Plat, Co B, 551 Sig AW Bn	2	0	85	87
TOTAL	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>201</u>
<u>U.S. NAVY</u>				
Naval Base	2	0	32	34
ICT Flotilla #6	3	0	52	60
CBMU 553	3	2	218	223
CASU (F) 58A	13	1	277	291
VPB 44	55	0	111	166
VMB 423	1	0	7	8
TOTAL	<u>82</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>632</u>
<u>U.S. MARINE CORPS</u>				
VMB 423	68	2	435	505

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Strength Report as of 31 March 1945, cont'd:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>NEW ZEALAND FORCES</u>				
Field Headquarters	26		90	116
Works Unit	1		69	70
9 SU	4		249	253
14 SU	6		272	278
30 SU	4		255	259
3 Sq (Bomber)	30		52	82
15 Sq (Fighter)	14		10	24
24 Sq (Fighter)	18		11	29
Transients	5		53	58
TOTAL	<u>103</u>		<u>1061</u>	<u>1169</u>

<u>AUSTRALIAN FORCES</u>				
23 Aust Inf Bde	13		55	68
23 Aust Bde Sig Sec	1		28	29
9 Aust WT Sec	0		5	5
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	15		498	513
28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	0		27	27
40 Aust Ind TPT Pl (AIF)	1		73	74
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	1		13	14
36 Aust WT Task Sec	2		15	17
Det B, 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	0		7	7
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	5		76	82
109 Aust Bde Wksp AEME (AIF)	3		104	107
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	1		15	16
14 Aust Ind Pro Pl	0		18	18
A Sec, 82 Aust Dental Unit	1		4	5
Det, 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	0		1	1
Det, 2/1 Aust Mov & TPN Gp	2		6	8
Det, ANGAU	1		4	5
Det, AACS	0		1	1
Det, AIB	2		4	6
Det, FELO	1		1	2
112 Mobile Ftr Cont Unit (RAAF)	4		48	52
TOTAL	<u>54</u>		<u>1003</u>	<u>1057</u>

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES - COMBAT	19	0	434	453
U.S. ARMY GROUND FORCES - SERVICE	1	0	21	22
U.S. ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY	10	0	115	125
U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>201</u>
TOTAL U.S. ARMY FORCES	44	1	756	801
U.S. NAVY	82	3	547	632
U.S. MARINE CORPS	<u>68</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>505</u>
TOTAL U.S. FORCES	194	6	1738	1938
NEW ZEALAND FORCES	<u>103</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1061</u>	<u>1164</u>
TOTAL RATION STRENGTH	297	6	2799	3102
AUSTRALIAN FORCES	<u>54</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1003</u>	<u>1057</u>
TOTAL ARMED FORCES	<u>351</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3802</u>	<u>4159</u>

For the Commanding Officer:

R. W. Williams
R. W. WILLIAMS,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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GROUND DEFENCE OF GREEN ISLAND.

ADDITIONAL TO GREEN ISLAND REGULATIONS.

Ref Maps: GREEN ISLAND 1 inch to 1 mile
Sketch attached with Trace "A"

These Orders, by GREEN ISLAND Commander, Brig A.W. POTTS, DSO MC, commanding 23 Aust Inf Bde, lay down the ground defence plan for GREEN ISLAND, which will be firm, until such time as amending order is promulgated by a future Island Commander. This order cancels All previous GROUND DEFENCE plans.

INFORMATION

ENEMY

1. Jap forces hold:-

(a) NEW IRELAND and northern NEW BRITAIN, with possible coast watching detachments situated on the string of small islands - FENI - TANGA - LEHIR and TABAR.

(b) BUKA, with coast watching detachments on the string of islands along the west coast of BUKA.

2. Distances to GREEN ISLAND from those nearest held enemy territories are:-

RABAU	-	147 miles
NEW IRELAND	-	77 miles
FENI	-	54 miles
BUKA	-	33 miles

3. Approximate enemy strengths are:-

RABAU AREA	-	32,000
NEW IRELAND	-	7,000
BUKA	-	200

OWN TROOPS

4. Allied forces hold:-

(a) BOUGAINVILLE, from PURIATA RIVER in the south, to SORAKEN PLANTATION in the northwest.

(b) The OUTER ISLANDS, viz., EMIRAU, GREEN and TREASURY ISLANDS.

5. The nearest Allied force as reinforcements for GREEN ISLAND is TOROKINA, distance 131 miles.

6. Approx Allied strengths as under:-

BOUGAINVILLE	-	14,000	fighting	troops
EMIRAU	-	2,500	do	do
TREASURY	-	200	do	do
GREEN	-	3,000	do	do

made up as under:-

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Subject GROUND DEFENCE OF GREEN ISLAND

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

5 Apr 45

1. Forwarded herewith amended copies of Ground Defence of GREEN ISLAND.
2. All references to Trace "A" apply to sketch and Trace previously issued.
3. The following will be marked in on sketches:
 - (a) Water Point and Distillery at 074995
 - (b) Tank installations in area defended by 284 Coastal Artillery - Square 0701.

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All RAAF personnel to come under command COMAIR GREEN.

INTENTION

7. GREEN ISLAND will be defended by Allied forces now situated on the island, annihilating any attempted landing.

METHOD.

8. The air strip, including installations, is vital to the island, and is the only likely enemy objective, therefore the air strip will be the focal point of the defensive scheme.

TROOPS

9. (a) RNZAF will be responsible for the Western, northern and central areas of the strip, as shown on Trace "A", pay particular attention to the fuel dock, and will obtain with their forces, under command COMAIR GREEN, a system of company defences.
- (b) USMC will be responsible for the north-east area of the strip, as shown on Trace "Z", troops being under command Senior Officer, VMB 423.
- (c) SERVICE COMMAND will be responsible for:-
- (i) defence of the TANK FARM,
 - (ii) South-eastern areas of the strip, as shown on Trace "A", patrolling the coast road from TORPEDO CIRCUS to and including the bomb dump area as the south of the strip.
- (d) USN will be responsible for the southern area of the strip, as shown on Trace "A", including the road approaches from the south, and including command of the available watercraft (see para 17). Troops will be under command Senior Naval Officer, GREEN.
- (e) ANGAU, AIB and FELO will be responsible for the extreme northern area of the strip, as shown on trace "A", including the road approaches from the north, with particular reference to the junction of coastal and lagoon roads. Vigilant patrolling is necessary to the north. All troops will be under command senior officer of this group.
- (f) One company group 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be held as a mobile reserve within the strip perimeter, assembly point being southern end of fighter strip, troops under command 2 i/c Company.

COMMAND.

10. All troops being under command, the Island Commander, GREEN.
- All tactical operations will be under command Coy Comd, 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF), who will, under authority of Island Commander:-

- (a) lay down the defensive fire plan of the strip perimeter, coordinating the various Allied forces responsibilities,
- (b) ascertain that all troops are being trained in handling of weapons,
- (c) conduct trial exercises in movt of troops and occupation of posns,

RADAR

- 11. Station at approximately 082096 will be responsible for its own defence, but Island Comd may - if a small raid only is indicated - move one platoon infantry by water transport for that purpose. COMAIR GREEN will issue the necessary orders for destruction of RADAR equipment if capture by the enemy is projected.
- 12. In the event of a possible enemy attack in force, all troops will immediately be concentrated within the strip perimeter and occupy their defensive positions.
- 13. In the event of a small raid only being indicated, Island Comd may order local protection of areas only, and strike enemy with his mobile striking force.
- 14. The system of warning of invasion will be by phone from COMAIR GREEN (who will get first warning by RADAR or sightings by plane) to Island Comd and to respective group commanders viz RNZAF, USMC, SERVICE COMMAND, USN, ANGAU group, 8 AUST INF BN (AIF) group. Internal system of warning within group, is the responsibility of respective group commanders.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT:

15.

- (a) An Aust Hy AA troop (3.7 AA guns) will arrive on the Island very shortly, and these guns will have a dual air - ground role.
LOCATION: - 068015
- (b) All units will be responsible for their own small arms AA defence.

AIR

16.

Fullest advantage will be taken of Allied air supremacy over the island, and strikes against enemy landing barges and/or troops will be co-ordinated between Island Comd and COMAIR GREEN.

WATER TRANSPORT

17.

Will be under command Senior US Naval Officer GREEN, moving to and rendezvousing at Beach 27, under fire protection of USN Group.

ADMINISTRATION

18.

RNZAF HOSPITAL

- (a) In the event of an indicated small raid only, a detachment of 284 Coast Artillery (minimum number 30) will report to Senior Medical Officer of the hospital, and be responsible for local defence.
- (b) if a concentrated attack by enemy appears imminent, hospitalisation will be within the strip perimeter at a site to be determined by COMAIR GREEN.
- 19. Units under directions of group commanders will be responsible that provision is made for reserves of water, rations, ammunition, petrol, oils, lubricants and medical stores to be located within the strip perimeter, based on 10 days supply.

20. WATER

Water Point and still operated by RNZAF at 072997 will be used by all units for replenishment of water during emergency.

- 21. Transport for movement of troops, is the responsibility of group commanders, with the vehicles under their control.
- 22. Medical arrangements as per para 18.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 23. Command HQ will be established at COMAIR CENTRE.
- 24. RNZAF will ensure that line communication within the perimeter is operationally available.
- 25. Cutting of line communications outside perimeter will only be carried out on direct orders of Communications Officer RNZAF.

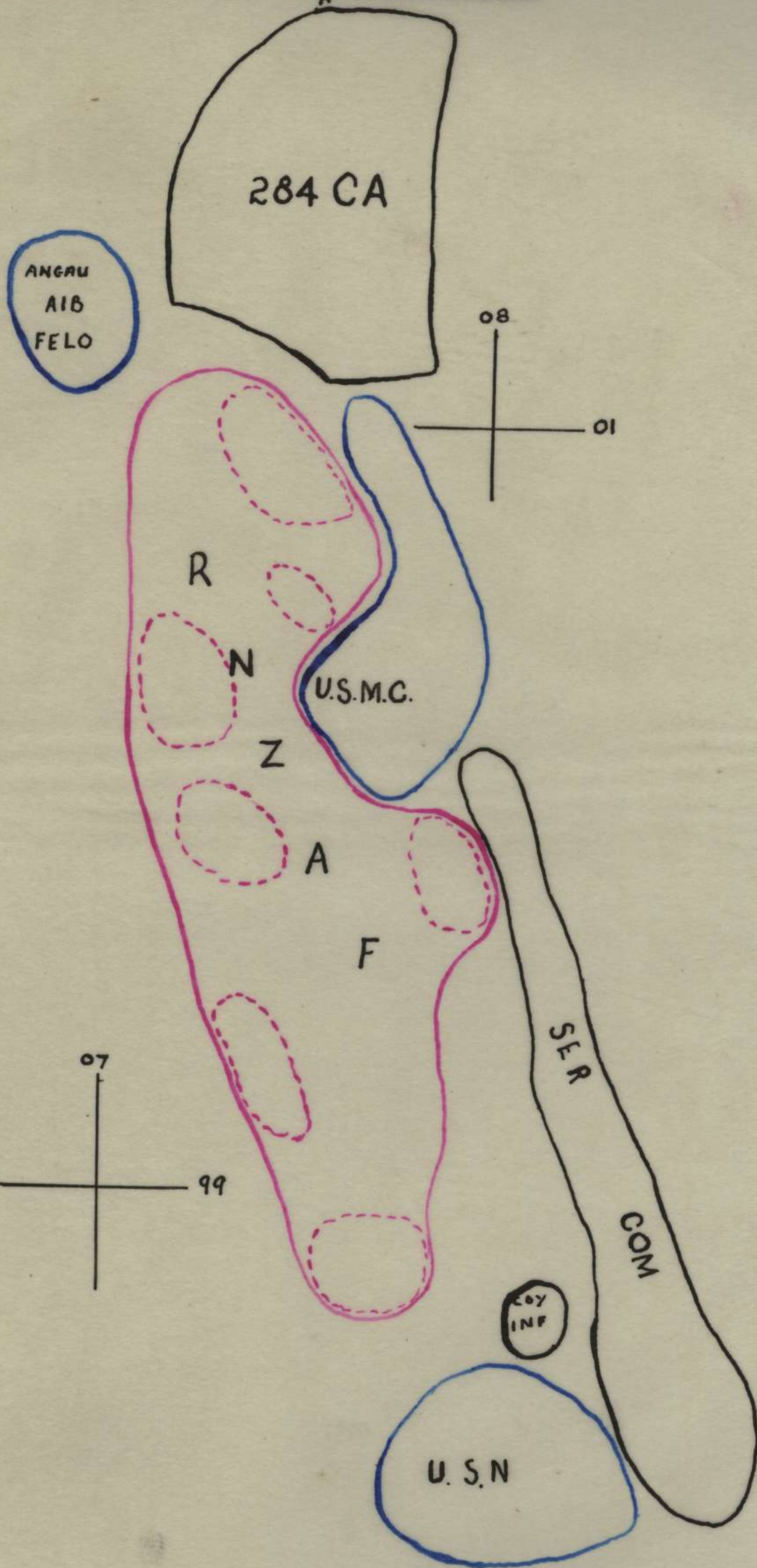
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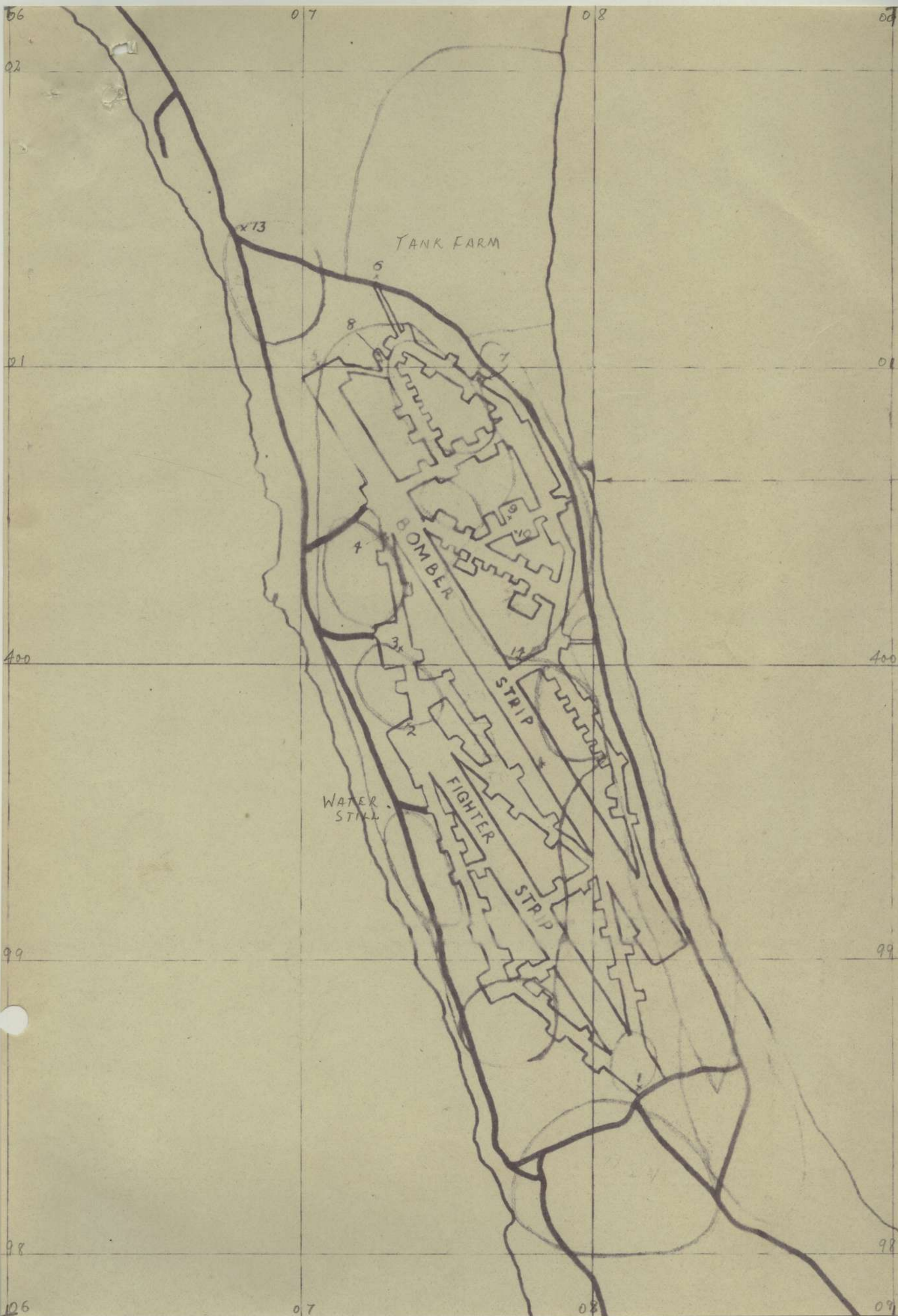
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TRACE "A"

Ground defences of Green Island





Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE MINUTE ISLAND
COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 4 APR 45

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

G1/28/1543

6 Apr 45

1. Herewith above Minute of conference held at HQ Island Command 4 Apr 45.
2. All problems arising out of conference have been communicated to HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF) so that finality can be reached in the solution of same.

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23 AUST INF BDE MINUTE
ISLAND COMMANDERS CONFERENCE GREEN 4 APR 45

1. Conference was attended by following:

Bde Comd, A/BM, SC	23 Aust Inf Bde
Lt-Col YOUNDT, Capt LEMON	HQ USAF GREEN
	(Service Command)
Lt Comd BOGART, Lt MOSS	US Navy
Wing Comd MATHIESON	RNZAF
Lt BRYANT	C Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
	(Garrison Coy)
Lt SIMS	RAN LO
Capt MURRAY	AIB
" RICHARDS	FELO
Lt SEALE	ANGAU

2. 2 Aust Corps (AIF) G/1015/SD of 27 Mar 45 GARRISON - OUTER ISLANDS referred to and relevant detail discussed.

3. Lt-Col YOUNDT will take over as Island Commander on move of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. Necessary executive staff for purpose.

4. Ground Defence Plan - Island Comd's plan (copy attached) was discussed and questions clearing up minor difficulties answered.

5. Working Parties - Parties from 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) enumerated as under:-

Strip Guard	1 Offr	62 ORs
Halis Beach Guard		15 "
Service Command -		
Stevedoring		19 "
Ice works		1
Water duties		8
Signal personnel (visual		
sigs shore to ship) -		
Halis Port Directorate		6
Blue Beach		9
Navy - manning LCVs		16
Malarial control		4
	<u>1 "</u>	<u>140</u>
Total		

These parties will be relieved at once.
 C Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) availability for relief of above - 75.

6. Signal Personnel - Port Control -

15 Signal personnel of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) used for Port Control will be withdrawn immediately. No personnel on GREEN with any training to take over, other than amateurs with no experience. It is considered this arrangement would not work. Essential for control of port and communications to ships lying off GREEN discharging cargo.

7. Port Control - Lt SIMS RAN Liaison Officer, has no instructions for working port and no personnel whatever to operate visual signal equipment (on loan from American Navy) or carry out necessary port maintenance, such as channel buoys and pilotage.

Priority of working parties -

Port Control - Stevedoring:

Manning of LCVs. 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) men to be replaced by Service Command and some 8 Aust Inf Bn personnel trained in handling.

Strip Guard - Discussed with Wing Comd MATHIESON and party withdrawn. 14 Aust Indep Pro Pl providing temporary assistance.

C Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will supply working parties as follows:

Halis Port Guard	5
Stevedoring	17
Ice works	1
Water Supply	5
Malarial Control	4

Smaller parties relieved under arrangements Staff Capt 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Signal Personnel - 4 sigs with C Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF). Inadequate to do more than internal coy duties and perhaps line maintenance to Aust switchboards. Matter being discussed with 2 Aust Corps (AIF) by Bde Sig Officer.

Medical - One Medical officer being provided for Australian troops on GREEN. Hospitalisation under discussion with Medical Service, 2 Aust Corps (AIF).

11. Bde Comd expressed warm appreciation for the co-operation received from all units on GREEN during his period as Island Commander and the wish that it would continue for the smooth handling of all island problems.

12. This minute will be submitted to 2 Aust Corps (AIF) with the request that they liaise with Island Comd on the matters raised in discussion.

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G0793 (C) secret (C) 27 inf bn will relieve 34/51 inf bn and assume responsibility for the PIATERAPHIA area by 191200L (C) change of command (C) pl of by mortar coy and 3 pl A coy NG 1B will come under command 27 inf bn on completion of relief ~~relieve~~ (C) 10 Bty 4 fd regt is placed in spot of 27 inf bn (C) adv party (C) adv party NOT exceed -ing 100 all ranks will MM G and mortar deta will move on 16 apr (C) relief of KEENANS and CHOKO RIDGES (C) sub-unit of 27 inf bn to relieve sub-unit of 31/51 inf bn will move on 17 apr (C) main body (C) main body will move from present location on 18 apr (C) all ammunition stores less cooking gear will be handed over on reciprocal basis (C)

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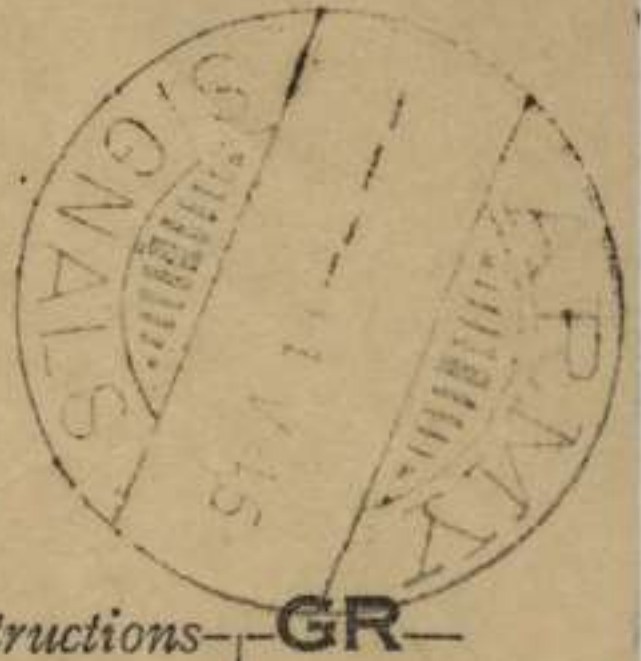
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Copies of hand over certificates signed by CO 504 of respective unit will be forwarded to this HQ on completion of new relief of outposts on 31/51 inf br will assume responsibility for WARUMARIVER outposts and all TOROKINA security posts by 191200L. 2 pl 16 fa Coy will be relieved by one pl 23 fa Coy on 16 Apr out SIC 60780 of 091945L. NOTE to all addressees refers to det 222 sup depot pl will be relieved by det 243 sup depot pl on 18 Apr. det 222 sup depot pl will withdraw all stores and eqpt except tarpaulins and requisites depot appliances which will be transferred on reciprocal basis. ack all inform.

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2 Aust corps

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GI 33 Confidential © LT COL YOUNDT Comd
US army forces GREEN assumed command
GREEN ISLAND 161200L

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SDIL 39 Confidential Warning order DET 6 MOB
 MET FLT WILL PREPARE to leave by sea via
 JACQUINOT 2 personnel with personal left
 700 lb unit left Under command 5 but one arrived
 new priority NOT before 32 HAA by

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Transmission Instructions

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Ser. No.

Priority

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 INF BDE

181945L

For Action

TO

32 HAA BTY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

8 INF BN

Log

AB

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI 39 @ confidential @ 2 aust corps SD 1639
 of 172042 L is rptd for action @ quote @
 WARNING ORDER @ det 6 mob met flt will
 prepare to move by sea EMIRAU JACQUINOT @
 2 pers with personal eqpt 700 lb unit eqpt @
 under comd 5 dw on arrival @ move priority
 NOT before 32 HAA Bty @ unquote

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 by any means { except

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Signed

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 enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

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F6

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

W-D

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

ADV 23 AUST INF BDE

180800 L

For Action

TO

2 AUST CORPS

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

REAR 23 AUST INF BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

6125 SECRET © SITREP 216 to 180600 L © command

GREEN passed to LT COL YOUNDT US army

161200 L © main body 27 bn commenced relief

31/51 bn on PEARL RIDGE 180600 L

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **F7**

<i>ZBC</i>	Ser. No. <i>12</i>	Priority	Transmission Instructions <i>QVRR</i>
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FROM (A) <i>2 Corps</i>	Originator	Date—Time of Origin <i>172045H</i>	Office Date Stamp
TO <i>11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde</i>		For Action	Message Instructions GR
		(w) For Information (INFO.)	<i>17</i>

ORIGINATOR'S No. *G01637* *Secret* *27 inf bn passed to comd*
23 inf lde as from 1200 hrs 14 apt
TOR 180730
Log 48

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			THI or TOR <i>0500</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>DS</i>
Signed	Signed		Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. W.D

Transmission Instructions

W.D

Call 7 Ser. No. Priority

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FROM
(A)

23 INF BDE

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

181200L

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

27 INF BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI 36 CONFIDENTIAL © 27 inf bn reverts to
Command 23 inf bde 141200L

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

Signed

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
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Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

F 8

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 INF BDE

181200L

For Action

TO

2 CORPS

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG 110 (.) restricted (.) your MS725 (.) VX10378 T/maj R F

DIXON assumed duties BM 23 bde 13 apr 45

Log #3

11

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
sent **IN CIPHER**

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

DALS

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

[Signature]

Signed

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **F9**

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

11 inf bde

181500L

TO

For Action

27 inf bn; 31/51 inf bn; 11 inf bde sig sec;
16 fd coy; 222 sup depot pl; det 4 div pro coy

Message Instructions

GR

(w) For Information (INFO.)

adv HQ 11 inf bde
23 inf bde

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G0815 (.) SECRET (.) 2 CORPS sig G01637 of 172045L advises 27
inf bn passed to comd 23 INF BDE as from 1200 hrs on 14 Apr (.) pl 16
FD COY and dets of 222 sup depot pl and 4 div pro will remain present
locations until relieved by sub units of 23 INF BDE (.) ack (.) all infm

and

BM seen

S.C

TOR 181800L

Log AB

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by any means { except

Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

F10

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

Originator

23 INF BDE

Date—Time of Origin

191215L

Office Date Stamp

TO

For Action

2 AVST CORPS

(w) For Information (INFO.)

11 INF BDE REAR 23 INF BDE

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI42 © SECRET © 23 inf bde assumed
responsibility of commitments 11 inf bde in
PEARL RIDGE area and the relief 31/51 inf
br on PEARL RIDGE by 27 inf br is
completed 191200L © all informed

Log

AB

29

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by any means { except } Wireless

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

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		

Signed

Signed

Time Cleared

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

F 11

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

FROM (4)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
23 INF BDE		20 1630 L

Office Date Stamp

TO	For Action
17 FD AMB	
2 AUST CORPS	

Message Instructions

GR

401

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG 121 (.) SECRET (.) your MD305 to 2 corps (.) DDMS advises that adequate surgical facilities be left GREEN by 17 fd amb until RNZAF able to take over (.) pers and eqpt NOT reqd for that task may mov TOROKINA as per previous mov plan

Leg B

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

A. Ashwood
Signed
Capt

IMPORTANT

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 121

Call ZBC	Ser. No. NK17	Priority P	Transmission Instructions OVR 2
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 17 AVST FD AMB 1	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 191430L	Office Date Stamp
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For Action 2 AVST CORPS	Message Instructions	GR
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TO (w) For Information (INFO.) 23 AVST INF BDE	Message Instructions	GR Q x m 104
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

MD 305 SECRET @ Ref med services
GREEN present posn as follows AMERICAN
Hospital now closed completely @ NEW
ZEALAND Hospital NOT ready before
30 APR @ if act on present instructions
for movement must close 17 FD AMB
main dressing stations including operating
theatre 22 APR at the latest @ will have
NO surgical facility GREEN for at
least one week as unless MO NZAF can
willing use present site as operating
theatre @ will rely on evacuation by plane
A/C to TOROKINA for all surgical
emergencies system will probably
work but consider you should know @
unless instr to contrary received will
close main in the meantime by
22 APR

TOR 191815L
L. O. G. J.
S.C.

191430L	Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 1758L			CHC
Time Cleared			

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Signed	Signed	

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **11212**

Curr **2 BC** | *Ser. No.* **9** | *Priority* | *Transmission Instructions*

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM *Originator* **(A) 2 CORPS** | *Date—Time of Origin* **241606Z**

Office Date Stamp
BC-24.IV.45

Message Instructions **GR**
25

For Action

TO 23 INF BDE
(w) For Information (INFO.)

210

ORIGINATOR'S No. **GO 1722** *confidential @ 66 APT pl now*
forokina reverts comd 2 CORPS. on arrival
40 APT pl @ 67 APT pl reverts comd
2 CORPS. on arrival forokina
Bm **I.O.** **TOR 24025**
S.C. **Log B**
BASCO

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by any means { *except* } **Wireless**

Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

<i>Time</i>	<i>System</i>	<i>Op</i>
THI or TOR 2935	A	Kob
<i>Time Cleared</i>		

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SECRET

COPY NO 19

23 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 24

24 Apr 1945

Ref Map : TOROKINA, 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION.

- 1. (a) Nothing has been seen or reported of the Japanese raiding parties which were reported on 11 March to be approaching TOROKINA with the intention of penetrating the perimeter and creating as much havoc as possible.
- (b) Units within the perimeter are continuing to patrol and guard all approaches.

INTENTION.

- 2. All units under Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde will prevent any enemy infiltration into the perimeter and sabotaging of installations.

METHOD.

3. Perimeter Defences

(a) During hours of daylight -

(i) 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will maintain a daily patrol along the LARUMA RIVER from 603000 to 548983 and will contact 11 Aust Inf Bde patrols on the left. Inter Bde boundaries as shown in Trace "P" attached.

(ii) Arrangements have been made for ANGAU to send a daily patrol along the NUMA trail to No. 9 crossing and to patrol tracks SOUTH of the LARUMA RIVER from WEBB Rd to LARUMA - PIVA Trail.

(b) During hours of darkness -

(i) From retreat to reveille standing patrols of 7 ORs will be supplied as under by 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)-

I.	PERIMETER RD - NUMA TRAIL	596764
	PERIMETER RD - ANGAU ROAD	588959
	PERIMETER RD - TRACK	571943

One jeep to be held at each post - the driver to be sent to this HQ with information of any enemy penetration.

II. One pl from 1830 hrs to 0600 hrs nightly on PIVA STRIP, - detailed instructions as per our GO 11 of 24 Apr 45.

DEFENCE OF UNIT AREAS.

- 7. (a) All units will organise defensive measures to protect own unit and entertainment areas.

SECURITY.

- 8. A minimum of 5 percent of personnel will be on security duties during hours of darkness. Double sentries will NOT /be mounted....

be mounted in obvious places. Normal guards to be mounted by day.

9. A Defence Officer will be appointed in every unit to co-ordinate the defences in that area - name of officer to be notified to this HQ.
10. Additional to Defence Officer, a Guard or Picquet Officer will be detailed daily for the purposes of supervision of security guards throughout the night. Both will wear white armbands.
11. Carrying of arms. Except under the following circumstances arms will NOT be carried by personnel moving outside their own camp boundaries by day or night -
- (a) Parties detailed as authorised guards or patrols.
 - (b) Parties proceeding on duty and ordered to carry arms by unit commanders consequent on the nature of the duty.
12. All ranks will be paraded and informed of the security instructions.
13. Alarm Signal. - will be uniform within the perimeter - a series of three SHORT blasts on the whistle.
14. Stand down signal will be a series of LONG blasts on the whistle.
15. In the event of the alarm being sounded this Headquarters will be notified immediately by telephone.
16. Warning Signal - In the case of a definite threat, the general warning will be issued from this Headquarters and all troops will stand to until the signal to stand down is issued from this HQ.
17. Passwords - will be issued weekly by this Headquarters and will be taken into use by all addressees.
18. Out-of-bounds Area. The following areas are out of bounds between the hours of 1800 and 0600 to all ranks -
- (a) PIVA Strip
 - (b) Base Ord Depot
 - (c) Base Sup Depot
 - (d) Base Arm Depot
 - (e) BIPOD
 - (f) Sig Transmission Centre.
19. Vehicles proceeding to Road head. All vehicles proceeding to Road Head will be accompanied by an armed escort who will ride on the rear of the vehicle.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

20. Personnel attending pictures or other entertainments outside their own unit lines will be restricted to not more than 75 percent of unit strengths on any one night, and such personnel will NOT carry arms.

Units will prepare plans for the security of all places of entertainment and make arrangements within own comd for the supply of the necessary security guards. This should be on the lines of standing posts and roving patrols.

22. To enable control of and orderly dispersal from places of entertainment in the case of a definite threat to security, units

/will.....

(3)

will signal place, time and details of entertainment in unit areas to this Headquarters by 1400 hrs daily.

23. At the order of Comd TOROKINA Defences any entertainment may be cancelled at a moment's notice.

GENERAL.

24. Jeeps or any vehicle will not pick up casual personnel at night.
25. Any suspicious event and action taken will be reported immediately. Result of investigation will also be reported.

MESSAGES, SIGNALS, REPORTS.

26. All messages, signals and reports will be direct to this Headquarters by addressees.

DURATION OF PRECAUTIONS.

27. The above precautions will remain in force until otherwise ordered.

ACK.

Signed at 1200 hrs

Wheatwood ^{MAJ}
BM 23 AUST INF BDE *Ad.*

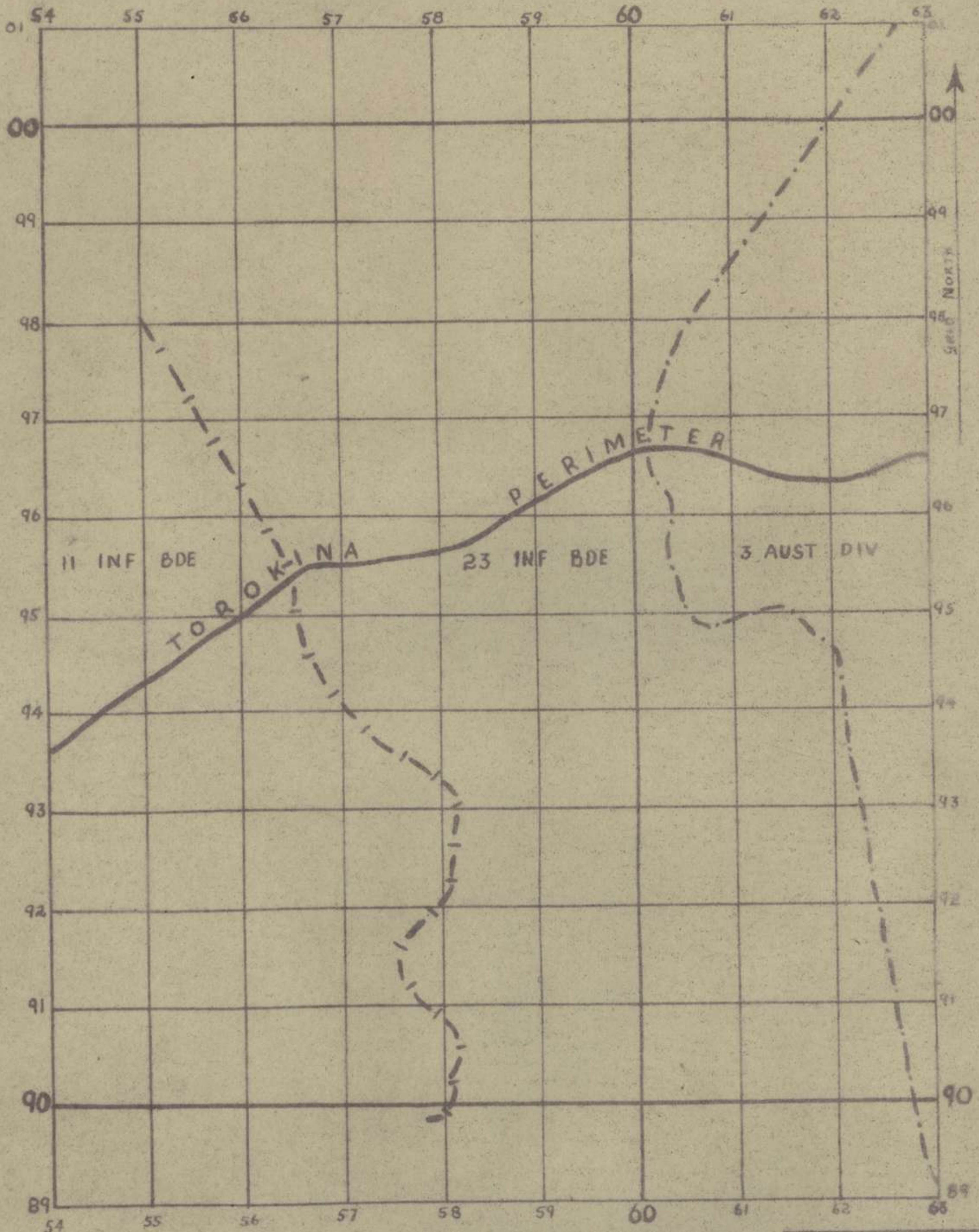
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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) IOB	4
1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	5
40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	6
66 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	7
67 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	8
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	9
244 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	10
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	11
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	12
109 Aust Bde Wksp, AEME (AIF)	13
2/108 Aust LAD	14
14 Aust Indep Bde Co Pro Pl (AIF)	15
ANGAU	16
BM	17
SC	18
✓ WAR DIARY	19-20
FILE	21-22

TOROKINA DEFENCES

OVERLAY SHOWING BDE BOUNDARIES

(REF MAP TOROKINA 1:63,360)



SCALE 1 IN TO 1 ML

Philip E. Power
INT SEC
23 AUST INF BDE
24 APRIL 45

SECRETCopy No 1023 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO 25(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH 11 AUST INF BDE
OP INSTR NO 13 DATED 16 APRIL 45)

27 Apr 45

Ref Map - KOWARO 1:25000
IBU 1:25000INFM

1. Enemy The enemy hold a line BERRYS HILL - SISIVIE strengths as contained in latest int sitreps and summaries.
2. Own Tps As contained in latest int sitreps and location statements.

INTENTION

3. 23 Aust Inf Bde will hold present posn astride NUMA NUMA trail incl HUNTS OP to incl KEENANS RIDGE.

METHOD

4. Summary 27 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the def of present FDLs and provision of all patrols to enemy localities.
5. Active Role No defended enemy locality will be attacked until approval of this HQ is given. It will be borne in mind at all times that own casualties will be kept to an absolute minimum.
6. Patrol Responsibilities incl NUMA NUMA TRAIL to a line TOKUA - IBU - TUTUPAIA excl RED RIVER.
7. Patrol Policy
 - (a) To recce and locate all enemy defended localities infm to incl estimated strcs, plan def, fds of fire, WPs, enemy habits and routine L of C to each locality.
 - (b) To harass and ambush all mov on enemy L of C, staging post and garden areas.
 - (c) To provide infm relative to terrain, tracks, water courses and suitable OPs.
 - (d) Wherever practicable FOOs will accompany patrols.
 - (e) Full use will be made of natives for guidance of patrols.

8. Engrs

- (a) Present maintenance and improvement of L of C to be continued.
- (b) Recce report on possibilities of means of tpt to bridge the present gap between ROAD HEAD and BARGES HILL.
- (c) Recce report on possibilities for improvement and extension of jeep track NORTH of existing JEEP-HEAD.

9. Air

Approx two Arty/R and Tac/R are available weekly to assist in correction of present maps.

ADM

10. Normal

INTERCOMN

- 11. (a) Copper line to be est between Bde HQ and ROADHEAD.
- (b) Pigeon loft to be est at Bn HQ for use by long range patrols.
- (c) Requirements for visual signalling to be submitted to this HQ.

ACK

Time of signature---1245---hrs

Method of issue---DRLS---

[Signature] Maj
 BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	5
Bde Comd	6
BM	7
SC	8
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War Diary	10 - 11
File	12
Spares	13 - 15

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SECRET

23 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO 26

Copy No. 19

25 Apr 45

Ref Map : TOROKINA 1 in to 1 mile

INFM

- 1. (a) It is considered any threat from enemy raiding parties is now passed.
- (b) The functions of Comd TOROKINA Defences has ceased, and the co-ordinated defence for the perimeter has been cancelled.

CANCELLATION OF OP INSTR NO 24

- 2. 23 Aust Inf Bde op instr No.24 is cancelled from time of receipt of this order.

SECURITY WITHIN BDE PERIMETER

- 3. (a) 7 Aust Inf Bn will continue security measures on PIVA Airfd as laid down in 23 Aust Inf Bde GO 16 of 23 Apr.

(b) The following standing patrols of 7 ORs will be posted between retreat and reveille

- (i) 7 Aust Inf Bn - NUMA NUMA RD 594968
- (ii) 7 Aust Inf Bn - WEBB RD 589968
- (iii) 8 Aust Inf Bn - TRACK JUNC 564954

Patrols will check all movement in respective areas and report to parent unit with infm of any enemy penetration.

(c) With the exception of sub paras 3 (a) and 3 (b) above all units are responsible for their own area security measures, Comds will ensure that these are properly organised and efficiently carried out.

PASSWORDS

- 4. Password system within TOROKINA defences is cancelled. Unit comds may introduce passwords within unit areas if desired.

[Signature]
Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Method of issue D K L S

Signed at 291010 L

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27 Aust Inf Bn(LOB)	4
1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	5
40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	6
66 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	7
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W.D. F16

LOCAL DEFENCE OF 23 AUST INF BDE HQ AREA

1. In the event of enemy attack on Bde HQ area, the following procedure will be adopted:-
2. When alarm is sounded, all personnel will move immediately to areas allotted to them, carrying arms and equipment and take up defensive positions ready to repulse any enemy attacks. They will remain in these positions until 'Stand down' is ordered.
3. Areas of responsibility are as follows:-
 - (a) 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
From old AA gun posn to and including entrance road.
 - (b) Orderly Room staff, runners, I Sec and batmen
From and incl bunker position to and incl kitchen area.
 - (c) Tpt personnel and cooks
From entrance road to kitchen area.
 - (d) 28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
Mobile reserve. Report to Orderly Room area.
4. The following will be in command of above areas:-
 - (a) Capt COX
 - (b) Lt PREVENEN
 - (c) Lt RIX
 - (d) Sjt ELLIS
5. OCs areas will ensure that all personnel under their command are allotted positions and are familiar with their tasks.
6. The alarm will be a succession of short whistle blasts or order 'Stand to' given by sentries or any person noticing enemy movement. Picquet comd will ensure that at least one sentry on duty has a whistle.
7. At night personnel with exception of mobile reserve will NOT move about area during 'Stand to'. Method of recognition will be password for day.
8. OC Mobile reserve will be responsible for watching for any enemy break through and be prepared to counterattack.
9. Duty officer will be responsible for advising 2 Aust Corps of any enemy action.
10. In addition to sentry at gate, a roving picquet will be maintained in Bde HQ area at night from 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs.
11. On picture nights an additional roving picquet will be stationed in theatre area for duration of show.
12. CSM will announce password to all personnel on evening meal parade and will ensure that any tps NOT on parade are advised.
13. Lt D B DUNSTAN will be defence officer.

Blackwood
Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WD Army Form W.3008
 (Adapted) (Page 1)
 (Revised Jan 1943) GI
 14 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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.		
E :														
1 :			1	* Brigadier *										
2 :	2			Lieut.-Colonels										
10 :	3	1	8	Majors										
6 :		1	7	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	5	2	16											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	16									16
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 11052	Capt (T/Maj)	DRIVER A R	Staff School (Aust) Grade 1 Wing	31/3/45	Transferred to X List
NX139070	Chap	DILLON B F	Chap (HQ Tps) First Aust Army	21.2.45	Vide AMF List 72

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/4/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.	
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	YES			
Capt(T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM	NO	LHQ Staff School Grade I	X List 31/3/45	
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	YES			
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES			
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	YES			
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	IO 1	NO	LHQ Sch of MI	19/3/45	
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	YES			
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	YES			
SERVICES								
pt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES			
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	YES			
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWP	BOO	NO	ARL		
Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	YES			
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	NO	ARL		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C G	AO	YES			
Chaplains								
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det 7 Bn				
	NX13887	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XF					
	VX94301	PILKINGTON	CDH	do	do	do	" 8 " ARL	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do	do	do	" 27 " ARL	

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.

[Handwritten Signature]

7 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Ca
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 17 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
WE		2	2	W.Os. Class I.						
2		1	3	W.Os. Class II.						
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1		1	2	Staff Sergeants						
4	NF 1	1	4	Sergeants						
10	NF 4	1	7	Corporals						
48		3	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
3	*	5	9	70 *		*			*	
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	69		1							70
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	AACS			12	Leave		
2	2 Aust Corps Cash Office			1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
1	2 Corps AA Hqs			2	School		
				1	32 HAA Bty Ann Exam		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 4 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	0	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Soughriders			
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 Beaters	1		
Draughtsmen	Int	2	NR	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Ety. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AAIC: 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	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOG: "	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	13	13	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MT	9	9	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								DETAILS OF NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				Water duty	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers				Hyg duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	4	4		Storeman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5		Clerks, Technical				Tpt Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coch Trimmers				CSM	1	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				RSM		1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				BOWOW		1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				DETAILS OF NONTRADESMEN			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				CQMS	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				AASC Batmn	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, M.T.				AAOC "	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				AALC "	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAOHD "	3	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hand's, I.C.				AAOG Ord	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	70	-

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorized 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.E. in col. "Reinfs. 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.

7 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
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DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Assignments required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3000 at 0000 Hours Saturday 7/4/51

RADE		RANK		WE		PS		DEFICIENT		SURPLUS		Details of Trade	
GROUP II (cont.)		GROUP II (cont.)		GROUP II (cont.)		GROUP II (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)	
Trade Gp 1													
AAOC Amn Exam	Sjt		1		-			1		1			
	S/Sjt		-		1			-		1			
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl		1		-			1(NR)		-(On X list Sch)			
Trade Gp 2													
AAGC Cook	Cpl		1		-			1(NR)		-(On X list Hosp)			
Int duties	Cpl		1		1			-					
	S/Sjt		1		1			-					
Trade Gp 3													
Inf Clerk	WO 11		1		1			-					
	Cpl		1		1			-					
AALC "	Cpl		1		-			1(NR)					
	Sjt		-		1			-					
AAAS "	Sjt		1		1			-					
AAES "	Sjt		1		1			-					
AASC "	Cpl		1		1			-					
AAOC "	Cpl		-		1			-					
NON TRADESMEN													
Dvrs MF	Cpl		1		-			1(NR)		-(On X list Sch)			
Tpt Sjts	Sjt		1		1			-					
Gen duties	Cpl		1		1			-					
Mess Cpl	Cpl		1		1			-					
CSM	WO 11		1		2			-					
RSM	WO 1		X		1			-					
CQMS	S/Sjt		1		1			-					
AAMC Ord	Cpl		1		1			-					
BOWO	WO 1		-		1			-					
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE													
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks								
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY	29	Amn Exam	Performing duties of Amn Exam (S)								
BX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	34	RSM	Leave								
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE	33	TG 2 Carp	Gen duties								
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY	20	TG 3 Textile Refitter	Storeman								
VX136959	WO 11	DONDEY	24	Instr	Surplus due to return from X list (LHQ Sch of Inf) Pending attendance at OCTU								
VX104828	WO 1	MARX	25	BOWO	Surplus to WE Auth: 2 Corps AB/36/7								

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 Group provided. (c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.G. personnel are detailed show details on back. (d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of M.R. in col. "Rating/No." (e) Where any request or rotation is made on back of form, the words "see back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commanding Officer: *[Signature]* Date of Dispatch: 7 Apr 51

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan. 1943)
15 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **14** / **4** / 19**45** HQ **23** Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. **11** / **2** / **45** OFFRS. **19** O.R.'s. **66** + 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 :	2			Lieut.-Colonels *										
10 :	3	1	8	Majors										
6 :		1	7	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	5	2	16											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	16									16
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 4 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BDE COMD	YES		
Capt	NX 70882	HEATHWOOD	A M	SG	YES		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	YES		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORNALL	E S	LO 1	NO	LHQ Sch of MI	19/3/45
Lt	NX160015	DUNSTAN	D B	LO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 20748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	YES		
Capt(T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R	BM -	NO	Staff Sch(Aust)-Trans to	
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SG(L)	NO	Grade 1 Wing X List	31/3/45
SERVICES						Staff Sch (Aust)	
						Grade 3 - Te X List	25/3/45
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	YES		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWP	BOO	NO	ARL	
Lt	WX 30131	JONES	R E	EO	YES		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
<u>Chaplain</u>							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det 7 Bn			
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	GDH	do do do " 8 "			
				Not yet arrived at unit.			
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	Chaplain 4th Class Det 27 Bn			ARL

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.

Date of Despatch 13 Apr 45

Signature of Commander Capt

SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)
15 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/4/1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 2/4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE :		2	2	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :		1	3	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
4 :	NR	1	4	Sergeants					
10 :	NR	4	7	Corporals					
48 :		3	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	*	5	9	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	*		*		*

Detail	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.P.	Under 19 Years.							
A	69		1						70
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	AACS			12	Leave		
1	2 Aust Corps Cash Office			1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
1	2 Corps AA Hyg			2	School		
				1	52 HAA Bty Amn Exam		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 4 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
AAOC Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Sitchers			
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				Elevatorers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Slaty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reelers	-	1	-
Draughtsmen	Int 2	-	NR	Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		- 1		Windman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AAOC: Clerk	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks		3 3/4		Woodturners				AAOC: "	1	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES: "	1	1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS: "	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: "	-	1	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NONTRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	13	13	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MT	9	8	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				Orderlies	9	9	-
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	-	Storeman	1	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Tpt Sjt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	5	Coach Trimmers				CSM	1	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Generators				RSM	-	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				BOWO	-	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				COMS	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AAOC: "	1	1	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC "	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC "	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC "	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAOC "	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC "	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAOC "	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAOC "	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAOC "	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AAOC "	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	10	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	66	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. "Reinfs. 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.

14 Apr 45

Date of Despatch

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

DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

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

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 4 / 1947

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT		SURPLUS	
				Number	Details of Trade	Number	Details of Trade
Trade Gp 1							
AAOC Ann Exam	Sjt S/Sjt	1	1	1			
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	-	1(NR)			(On X List School)
Trade Gp 2							
AACC Cook	Cpl	1	+	1(NR)			(On X List Hosp)
Int duties	Cpl S/Sjt	1 1	1 1	- -			
Trade Gp 3							
Inf Clerk	WO 11 Cpl	1 1	1 1	- -			
AAIC "	Cpl	1	-	1(NR)			
AAAS "	Sjt	-	1	-			
AAES "	Sjt	1	1	-			
AAAC "	Cpl	1	1	-			
AAOC "	Cpl	-	1	-			
NONTRADESMEN							
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1(NR)			(On X List Sch)
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1	-			
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1	-			
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	-			
CSM	WO 11	1	2	-			1(See below)
RSM	WO 1	-	1	-			
COQS	S/Sjt	1	1	-			
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	-			
BOWO	WO 1	1	1	-			
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE							
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks		
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY P J	29	Ann Exam	Performing duties of Ann Exam (Sjt)		
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	54	RSM	Leave		
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE H	33	TG 2 Carp	Gen duty		
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY F C	20	TG 3 Textile Refitter	Storeman		
VX136959	WO 11	DONDEY H A	24	Instr	Surplus due to return ex X List (LHQ Sch of Inf)		
VX104828	WO 1	MARX E G	25	BOWO	Pending attend at OCTU		
					Surplus to WE		
					Auth:		
					2 Corps AB/36/7		

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 space provided.
(c) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return of M.R. in col. "Repl. 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 of this page.

Signature of Commanding Officer

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
16 / 45 (Serial No.) 3

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 4 / 1945 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit) W.D

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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.					
WE :				*										
1 :			1	* Brigadier *										
2 :	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
10 :	3	1	8	Majors										
6 :		1	7	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
19 :	4	2	17											
			4	DETAIL	A.I.P.	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.
			17	A.										17
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 10378	Maj	DIXON R F	Staff School(Aust) Grade 11 Wing	13/4/45	Appointed BN <i>au Ph. 2 Corps Ms. 725</i>

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).

14 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit

16 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 4 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BDE COMD	YES		
Maj	VX 10378	DIXON	R P	BM	YES		
Capt(T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R			Staff Sch(Aust) - Trans to Grade 1 Wing X List	31/3/45
Capt	NX 70692	HEATHWOOD	A H	SC	YES		
Capt	VX 117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	YES		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47189	WORRALL	E S	IO 1	NO	HQ Sch of MI	19/3/45
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	YES		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114122	PARBAR	G C	SC(L)	NO	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 3 - To X List	25/3/45
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 35868	LAVAN	J M	AAIE	YES		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWP	BOO	NO	ARL	
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	YES		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
Chaplain							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain		4th Class Det 7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDE	de	de	de de 8 "	
						Not yet arrived at unit	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	de	de	Det 27 Bn	ARL

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.
MAJ	VX 8194	PENNY	P G	16 AOD	20/4/45 Detached for duty as BOO

21 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

A. Heathwood Capt
Signature of Commander
14 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

16 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/4/1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + 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.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
		2	2	W.Os. Class I.						
2 :		1	3	W.Os. Class II.						
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1 :		1	2	Staff Sergeants						
4 :	1	1	4	Sergeants						
10 :	3	1	8	Corporals						
48 :		3	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
66 :	4	9	71	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2						

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	70		1				█	█		71
B(1)										
B(2)						█				

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	AACS			11	Leave		
1	2 Aust Corps Cash Office			1	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
1	2 Corps AA Hvy			3	School		
				1	32 HAA Bty Ann Exam		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 / 4 / 1945

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	0	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								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadors			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refters		1	0
Draughtsmen Int	2	0	NA	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1	0	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				White Clerk	1	1	0
Electricians				Cooks		3	4	Woodturners				AASC: "	1	1	0
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAES: "	1	1	0
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAAS: "	1	1	0
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: "	0	1	0
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	13	13	0
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dvrs MP	9	8	0
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								Orderlies	9	9	0
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN	1	1	0
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				Water duty	1	1	0
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers				Hyg Duty	1	1	0
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	4	4	0	Sherman	1	1	0
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Cpl	1	1	0
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	5	Clerks, Technical				Tpt Sjt	1	1	0
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				CSM	1	2	0
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				RSM	0	1	0
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				BOWO	0	1	0
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				COMS	1	1	0
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	1	1	0
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC "	1	1	0
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				AAIC "	1	1	0
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Mechanics				AAChD "	3	1	0
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC Ord	1	1	0
Photewriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	0	CARRIED FORWARD	10	11	0	CARRIED FORWARD	14	15	0	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	71	0

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.

21 Apr 45

Date of Despatch

Capt
Signature of *[Signature]* Commandant Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

PART I DEFICIENT SURPLUS TO WE PS WE RANK TRADE

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 April 1947

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS	TO WE
AAOC Ann Exam	Sjt	1	1	1	1	1
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
Trade Gp 2						
AACC Cook	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
Trade Gp 3						
Inf Clerk	WO 11	1	1	1	1	1
AALC "	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
AAAS "	Sjt	1	1	1	1	1
AAES "	Sjt	1	1	1	1	1
AASC "	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
NONTRADESMEN						
Dvrs MP	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1	1	1	1
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
CSM	WO 11	1	1	1	1	1
RSM	WO 1	1	1	1	1	1
QMS	Sjt	1	1	1	1	1
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	1	1	1
BOWO	WO 1	1	1	1	1	1

PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE

No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX116765	S/Sjt	MULLAVEY	29	Ann Exam	Performing duties of Ann Exam (Sjt)
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	34	RSM	Leave
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE	33	TG 2 Carp	Gen duty
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY	20	TG 3 Textile	Storeman
VX136959	WO 11	DONDEY	24	Instr	Surplus due to re- turn ex X List (LMQ Sch of Inf) Pending attendance at OCTU
VX104828	WO 1	MARX	25	BOWO	Surplus to WE Auth: 2 Corps A8/36/7

Signature of [Name] Date of Despatch [Date]

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 space provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. Major A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired, note accordingly on return by inclusion of "N.E. in col. Reinst. Requested".
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Note" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

WD 17 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 4 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + 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 :	3	1	8	Majors										
6 :		1	7	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	4	2	17											
				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.P.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	17									17
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

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 Unit

17 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 4 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BDE COMD	YES		
Maj	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	YES		
Capt(T/Maj)	WX 11052	DRIVER	A R			Staff Sch (Aust) - Trans to Grade 1 Wing X List	31/3/45
Capt	NX 70682	HEATHWOOD	A M	SC	YES		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	YES		
Lt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	YES		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	IO 1	NO	LHQ Sch of MI	19/3/45
Lt	NX160013	DUNSTAN	D B	IO 2	YES		
Lt	WX 29748	WRIGHT	G D	IO 3	YES		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	IO 3	NO	Staff Sch (Aust) Grade 3 - To X List	25/3/45
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	WX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	YES		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AAIC	YES		
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWP	BOO	NO	ARL	
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	YES		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	YES		
<u>Chaplain</u>							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain		4th Class Det 7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	GDM	do		do do 8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	do		NOT yet arrived at unit Det 27 B	ARL

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.

28 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

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 28/4/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
AAOC Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, 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				Rangotakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Comptroller, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters		1	-
Draughtsmen Int	2	1	NR	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Biy. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AAIC: Clerk	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks		3	4	Woodturners				AAIC: "	1	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AAAS: "	1	1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAOC: "	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								AAOC: Stmn	2	2	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batman	13	13	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Dys MT	99	98	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
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	-	Gen duty	3	5	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Storeman	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	5	Coach Trimmers				Tpt Sgt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				CSM	1	2	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RSM	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				BOWO	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				COMS	1	1	NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAIC Batmn	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC "	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAIC "	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC "	3	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAOC Ord	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
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28 Apr 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WOs AND NCOs

Unit No. 23 Aust Inf Bde

TRADE RANK WE PS DEFICIENT SURPLUS
Part A of Army Form W.3008 at 0800 Hours Saturday

GROUP I		GROUP II (cont.)		GROUP I (cont.)		GROUP I	
Trade	Rank	Trade	Rank	Trade	Rank	Trade	Rank
AAOC Ann Exam		Int Draughtsmen	Cpl				
<u>Trade Gp 2</u>							
AACC Cook	Cpl						
Int duties	Cpl						
<u>Trade Gp 3</u>							
Inf Clerk	WO 11						
AALC "	Cpl						
AAAS "	Sjt						
AAES "	Sjt						
AAAC "	Cpl						
AAOC "	Cpl						
<u>NONTRADESMEN</u>							
Dvrs MT	Cpl						
Tpt Sjt	Sjt						
Gen duties	Cpl						
Mess Cpl	Cpl						
CSM	WO 11						
RSM	WO 1						
QCMS	S/sjt						
AAMC Ord	Cpl						
BOWO	WO 1						
<u>PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE</u>							
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks		
VX116765	S/sjt	MULLAVEY P J	29	Ann Exam	Performing duty of Ann Exam (Sjt)		
VX119883	WO 1	GARDNER R P	34	RSM	Leave		
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE H	33	TG 2 Carp	Gen duty		
VX137147	Pte	BOSLEY F G	20	TG 3 Textile Refitter	Storeman		
VX136959	WO 11	DONDEY H A	24	Instr	Surplus due to return ex X List (LMQ Sch of Inl) Pending attend at OCTU		
VX104828	WO 1	MARX E G	25	BOWO	Surplus to WE Auth: 2 Corps A8/36/8A		
Totals of column 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.		CARRIED FORWARD 14 16		CARRIED FORWARD 10 18			

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 118
(Information to 190600L APR 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000 Series
1 : 63360 "
4 Miles to 1 inch strat

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - 27 AUST INF BN - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) has now completed the relief of 31/51 Bn in the PEARL RIDGE SECTOR. Our arty has engaged targets forward of WEARNE'S HILL.

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) - TOROKINA

A Coy located 582953 B Coy 581955.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

26 Bn - At 171000L a barge heading north was seen leaving SASANAN ISLAND; later Tac/R aircraft failed to locate this barge.

55/53 Bn - A patrol from C Coy reached a point 500 yds NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL without making contact. By 181345L A Coy had reached 299619, 2500 yds NE of McKENNON'S RIDGE. 16 and 18 Pls are now dug in astride the track 1700 yds east of McKENNON'S RIDGE. 2 75 mm guns shelled the area NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL. Natives interrogated by ANGAU state that a party of Japs is concentrated at TOPOPANES, which is approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N of A Coy's posn. They also report that the enemy is concentrating between RATSUA and TON, with a large gun and multi barrel weapons. Another gun is stated to be sited immediately N of PORA PORA on the RATSUA track.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU AREA

58/59 Bn - A small enemy party was contacted at 893458, near OLD TOKINOTU.

24 Bn - One Jap was sighted at 905473, 1700 yds NE of HAISHI. This posn was engaged by fire and later 12 rifles were found in the area. 7 enemy were found dug in at 900465, 1200 yds east of HAISHI. 3 of them were killed. An ANGAU patrol was fired on by the enemy at 890462, 200 yds south of HAISHI. Supported by tanks, C Coy crossed DAWE CREEK and continued their advance SE along the BUIN road to the cross roads at 895458, against continuous opposition. At 906482 and 906476 in the vicinity of the HUTO RIVER, strong parties of enemy were contacted and fire was exchanged. An enemy party of 20, guided by 2 natives, was sighted 800 yds NE of the BUIN crossroads and another party in newly dug posns was found at 905468, 1500 yds NE of the crossroads. Throughout these engagements 10 Japs were killed.

HORINU AREA - 9 BN

An enemy party is dug in at 940499, 1500 yds NE of HORINU. One Jap was killed at 914487, 2000 yds west of HORINU and enemy parties encountered 1200 yds SW of HORINU. 3 enemy have been killed and one wounded. A prime mover was heard 2500 yds S of HORINU moving west. Sniping and enemy movement continue throughout the area.

2/8 Cdo Sqn - An enemy party which evacuated posns at 944506 2500 yds NE of HORINU has withdrawn to 939498, 700 yds W of their previous posn.

(c) continued

MAWARAKA AREA - 57/60 BN

A Jap hut at 848588, 500 yds S of HOZAN shows signs of recent occupation.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A demolition party, encountering approx 30 enemy at BORABORU, approx 3 1/2 miles N of AKU, on 16 Apr, killed 1 & wounded 2. The enemy withdrew in the direction of AKU after firing 5 mortar rds. The largest concentration of enemy tps in the KIETA area is reported camped on the west side of the road at 273917, 1400 yds SE of KIETA village.

(2 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 98)

31/51 AUST INF BN - FIATERAPAIA - 17 APR

A patrol from NUMA NUMA area returned and reported as follows:- On outward journey divided into 2 parties at MAPIA. The first proceeded to the NW corner of the Ptn in square 7727 where a pro-Jap native gave warning of the approach. The enemy opened fire with 2 LMGs and grenade dischargers. In the encounter 5 Japs were killed, and 2 escaped with the LMGs. The enemy dead were in good condition and included 1 officer of field rank. Our patrols destroyed 5 huts, 10 rifles, 1 grenade discharger, 2 spare LMG barrels & amn. 4 swords, 2 pistols and 2 binoculars, all in good condition were captured - also many documents. The 2nd party of this patrol on leaving MAPIA reconnoitered BASE POINT 1 area. Native guides reported the occupation by approx 30 Japs and also the presence of well kept SA & arty amn dumps. NO contact was made and on retiring our patrol cut the enemy signal wire skirting the track, and laid booby traps. A native patrol to TENEKAU also returned 17 Apr. This party killed 2 of 4 Japs off the W limits of NUMA NUMA Ptn on 15 Apr. One killed was 1/Lt. Captured items include documents, diaries and maps. 4 pro Jap natives were also apprehended and brought in to ANGAU.

(11 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summary No. 96)

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Distribution:

- 2 Aust Corps
- 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
- 1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy
- 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
- 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (6)
- 8 " " " " (6)
- 27 " " " " (7)
- (One for Pl A Coy 1 NGIB)
- 28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
- 40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
- 243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
- 244 " " " " "
- 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
- 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
- 109 " " Wksp (AIF)
- 2/108 Aust LAD
- 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
- 11 Aust Inf Bde
- A Coy 1 NGIB
- WAR DIARY (2)
- FILE

23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 119
(Information to 200600L Apr 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 63,360 & 1 : 25,000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Bn - From 191330L to 191520L our 3" mortars engaged targets at 687151 and 686150 with unobserved results. At 191400L a 31/51 Bn patrol returned from BURITSIOTORARA reporting that natives killed 5 Japs at 662245. The patrol killed one Jap at 660245.

Locations: 27 Bn HQ 677113, rear HQ 659090, HQ Coy 673112, A Coy 677113 (Less 7 & 8 pls) 7 pl 618127, 8 pl 605146, B Coy 677179, C Coy 684117, D Coy 685126.

8 Bn TOROKINA - D Coy is now located at 565960.

(b) 11 INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

26 Bn - A patrol from A Coy has reached 312625, 2 1/2 mls NE of MCKENNON'S RIDGE and reports very rough going. Natives state that there are no Japs on the high ground between this posn & PORA PORA. A Coy (less 8 pl) has now moved forward to 312622 with 8 pl at 312624. A 'C' Coy patrol to the crest of MCKENNON'S RIDGE reported no contact with the enemy but found many unoccupied posns, personal gear and documents in the area. A patrol from 17 pl reached 277610, at the northern end of MCKENNON'S RIDGE without making contact. This pl has now been relieved by 13 pl at 277611 and has moved back to 270605. 16 & 18 pls moving east from 295615, 1500 yds E of MCKENNON'S RIDGE heard sounds of enemy occupation. Nineteen 75 mm rds were fired into the area 275612, forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

General

5 graves & 14 unburied bodies have been found at 266586, near the NAGAM R, another 3 graves 300 yds to the south and 5 at 272612, near HORSESHOE KNOLL.

(c) 3 AUST DIV

At 191200L Rear HQ 3 Div closed and HQ 3 Div opened at 809458. Rear details HQ 3 Div remains 583952.

HORINU AREA - 9 Bn

Two enemy were killed & 2 wounded at 910488, S of the HUOI R. Another enemy dead was found at 921487, 500 yds NW of HATAI.

TOKINOTU AREA - 24 Bn

After our arty & tanks had engaged an enemy posn at 894458, near OLD TOKINOTU, C Coy encircled the posn and the enemy withdrew losing 5 killed & 5 probably killed. An old enemy bivouac area at 900470, 1700 yds NE of OLD TOKINOTU was found abandoned; documents were captured. One enemy was killed at 906482, S of the HUOI R and at 899454, near the BUIN Road, another killed & 2 wounded. 20 Japs are reported to have moved S through OLD TOKINOTU during the night 18/19 Apr. New enemy pillboxes have been found at 902452 on the BUIN Road.
58/59 Bn

A 75 mm gun shelled the area 902452.

(a) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A native rumour states that 2 Allied airmen are being held by the Japs at TENEKAU. There is no confirmation of this report. Natives report that during one of our air strikes on 18 Apr, bombs fell 500 yds N of KINGORI.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 19 APR

16 Corsairs bombed and strafed a concentration of huts located in a belt of timber just N of the HARI R crossing. Results were unobserved. A group of huts and bivouac area situated half a mile W of the MOBIAIR and 1 ml SE of RUSEI were the target for 17 Corsairs. After 12 aircraft had bombed, an inspection of the target area disclosed 5 huts destroyed. The remaining aircraft bombed a nearby group of huts with unobserved results. 4 of the Corsairs also strafed the target area. Patrols strafed and destroyed an empty 18 ft canoe 200 yds S of PORORAN Island. Huts and concentrations in the MUGUAI area were bombed on 18 Apr by 6 Mitchells and 4 Corsairs, and 7 Venturas scored 14 hits amongst AA posts at EBERYS LEASE.

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Distribution: As per Summary 110

General

Graves & 14 unburied bodies have been found at 28000, near the WAGAM R, another 3 graves 200 yds to the south and 5 at 27500, near HORSESHOE KNOLL.

(c) 3 AUGUST 1945

44 75mm Recoilless Rifle Co, 3 Div, 1030 Aust Inf Bde, 1030 Aust Inf Bde, 1030 Aust Inf Bde, 1030 Aust Inf Bde.

HORINU AREA - 3 Div

Two enemy were killed & 2 wounded at 91000, 3 at the HUI R. Another enemy dead was found at 92100, 200 yds NW of HUI R.

TOKINOTU AREA - 3 Div

After our early tanks had entered an enemy post at 89400, near OLD TOKINOTU, 2 Coy encircled the post and the enemy withdrew. 1 Coy killed 5 probably killed. As 1st enemy division was at 90000, 1200 yds NE of OLD TOKINOTU was found abandoned. Documents were captured. One enemy was killed at 90000, 5 of the HUI R and at 90400, near the HUI R, another killed. 20 traps were reported to have been set through OLD TOKINOTU during the night of 18/19 Apr. New enemy pillboxes have been found at 90400 on the HUI Road.

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75mm gun shelled the area 90400.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 120
(Information to 210600L Apr 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 63,360 1 : 25,000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Bn - A patrol, with FOO, operating in BERRYS HILL area reported its location at 201000L to be at 677150 and at 1605 hrs directed arty fire on to BERRYS HILL.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

26 Bn - Two estimated 75 mm guns firing from the PORTON area fired 30 rds into the northern end of the SORAKEN Ptn.
55/53 Bn - A patrol from A Coy met a party of 40 local natives at 317637, 1700 yds SE of PORA PORA. They stated that there are now only 17 Japs at PORA PORA. The location of A Coy is now amended to read 316611. 15 Pl has reached 281603 E of MCKENNONS RIDGE where a track running E was located. There was no sign of the enemy on the ridge. A patrol from 16 Pl investigating the area 296613 (1700 yds NE of MCKENNONS RIDGE) where sounds of the enemy had previously been reported, found an enemy L of C leading N from this posn. 15 Japs with packs were seen moving N along the track 200 yds N of this posn; it is considered that they had come from the W. 18 pl is now establishing a posn astride the track at this point. A 16 pl ambush in the same area captured 1 Jap moving from the W. The sound of cooeing has been heard E and NE of this area. Our arty & hy mortars have engaged enemy posns at 288631 and 296613. This latter posn reported above was harassed throughout the night 19/20 Apr. Targets were also registered at 308662, 1500 yds NE of PORA PORA and 284674, 307665 & 330720. These shoots were carried out with arty & R and the results achieved indicate that the CHABAI map is accurate.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - HORINU AREA - 9 Bn

Locations on revised 1 : 25,000 series :-
Bn HQ 926488, A Coy 934494, B Coy 925487, C Coy less 14 pl 913489, 14 pl 918489, D Coy 924484.
An enemy party of unknown strength in an extensive defensive posn at 913485 near the HUIO R was engaged. 50 75mm shells fell at 928493, 700 yds N of HATAI.

TOKINOTU AREA 24 Bn

An extensive well dug Jap posn at 895457, 500 yds SW of HIRU HIRU was found vacated, and rations, explosives, mines & documents abandoned. 3 dead, incl an offr were found. There was evidence that accurate arty fire had fallen on the posn night 18/19 Apr. A further 3 enemy dead were found at 893453 to the SW. Tracks at 893453 & 913463 in the HIRU HIRU area show signs of recent enemy use. A sniper has been active at 906446, 1500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU, and 75mm guns have accurately shelled 889463 & 887469. Location: B Coy 898454.
A NGIB patrol reports signs of 20 Japs having moved S from 917469, 2000 yds SW of HATAI. Fresh footprints were found 900462.

NIHERO AREA 2/8 Cdo Sqn

There is evidence that the enemy is preparing posns astride the No. 2 Govt road at 970475.

(a) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Three Japs wearing the colour patch of 6 Jap Div were killed near UNANI 021384. Enemy gardens at HARI 1 are reported to have been overgrown & neglected, and 3 gardens of various crops & 2 houses were destroyed by natives at KATAKU. Our scouts killed 6 Japs at 666542 near the TEOPASINO Ptn. The natives who came into TOROKINA area from ATAMO on 17 Apr reported in Daily Int Summary No. 97 now state that 2 parties of Japs - one of 16 and one of 7 - came up from the coast led by a pro Jap native. The Japs established themselves in the old village site.

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AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 20 APR

Air activity over this area was restricted during the day due to adverse weather conditions. A reported enemy posn W of the BANIU R approx 2 mls S of CHINDPATS was bombed by 16 Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft. Results were unobserved. A request from 3 Div to attack enemy guns firing on our posns from the W bank of the POROREI R near the ford was fulfilled by 8 Corsairs. The target area was well covered but results were unobserved. These aircraft also strafed along the S side of the road from the ford to a garden a short distance to the W with unobserved results. Patrols bombed and strafed a group of huts at CAPE FRIEND SHIP. 4 huts were destroyed & 1 badly damaged. On 19 Apr 7 Venturas & 6 Mitchells bombed AA posns at EBERYS LEASE with unobserved results. 6 Mitchells which bombed a concentration of huts at NAKARU caused 2 large explosions

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 100)

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Distribution:

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 121
(Information to 22 0600L Apr 45)

Map Mans: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 63,360 & 1 : 25,000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Bn. No enemy activity has been reported in the PEARL RIDGE area. At 0900 hrs 21 Apr, a patrol to WEARNES HILL contacted 17 enemy at 691161 killing one Jap. Another patrol reced the W slope of BERRYS HILL and at 1600 hrs contacted 6 Japs at approx 682149, of which 5 were believed killed. The location of B Coy is amended to read 676130.

8 Bn - 8 Bn HQ closed at EMIRAU and opened at TOROKINA 565953 at 211100L. 2/108 Aust LAD is located at 585958.

(b) 11 INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

55/53 Bn A Coy has now reached 311641, 1500 yds SE of PORA PORA. A patrol from D Coy reports the sound of enemy occupation at 292618, 1700 yds NE of MCKENNONS RIDGE. Enemy posns estimated to have been abandoned since 18 Apr were found at 289610 & 290612 approx 1500 yds NE of MCKENNONS RIDGE.

Arty activity - Two 75mm guns fired 14 rds into the area 275613 forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL. These guns appeared to be firing at a greater range than previously. Our arty has engaged suspected enemy posns in square 2574 (CHABAI area) with 50 rds and during night 20/21 Apr our mountain arty engaged 296613 and the feature in square 2963, 3000 yds NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

Locations : C Tp 11 Bty relieved F Tp 12 Bty at 236659
F Tp is now preparing new posns at 239638.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO AREA - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol from B Tp has reached 034477, 600 yds S of TONDUI.

HORINU AREA - 9 Bn

Enemy posns at 940499, 1300 yds NW of RUMIKI and 913485 near t' HUOI R have been found vacated. A party of 15/20 Japs with no equipment was sighted at 933483, 1000 yds SE of HATAI.

Locations : Bn HQ & B Coy 925488
 A Coy 933491
 C Coy 932486
 D Coy 926484

61 Bn - The east end of MCKENNA bridge was damaged when a Jap patrol succeeded in exploding a charge beneath it.

Locations : Bn HQ 833468
 A Coy less 7 & 8 pls 840479
 7 pl 839484
 8 pl 843481
 B Coy 792478
 C Coy less 13 & 15 pls 815454
 13 pl 818454
 15 pl 820448
 D Coy 811457

25 Bn - Elements of Bn HQ, A & B Coys are now en route to TOROKINA.

General

During night 20/21 Apr the enemy shelled 930488, 600 yds NE of HATAI.

TOKINOTU AREA - 24 Bn

At 201645L 12 Japs attacked our posns at 889464, 500 yds E of TOKINOTU, losing one killed. A party of 40/50 Japs was engaged at 897453, 800 yds S of HIRU HIRU; 2 were killed. Our arty & mortars later engaged this posn. A patrol from D Coy was ambushed by an enemy party of 20 at 903469, 1300 yds NE of HIRU HIRU. The posn was mortared; One enemy dead was found at 902469. 9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt with inf support moved along the HATAI track from 905474 to 912481. A NGIB patrol engaged 20 Japs at 925451, 1½ mls SE of HIRU HIRU, killing 12 & wounding 2. The enemy replied with Aust grenades.

58/59 Bn - At 210830L the Bn commenced a general forward move to occupy posns on the N flank of 24 Bn. At 909446, 1700 yds SE of HIRU HIRU, a patrol contacted an enemy ambush and moved to outflank the posn. The patrol was then fired on by 20 Japs armed with 3 LMGs and a mortar. The patrol then withdrew to the N side of the BUIN road. Enemy shells have fallen in the area 887474, 1000 yds NE of TOKINOTU. The fresh footprints of 6 Japs were observed leading SW at 905455, 700 yds SE of HIRU HIRU.

DARA RA AREA - 57/60 Bn has relieved 58/59 Bn of patrol responsibility in this area. Locations : 15 pl 10 pl 856504.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

After one of our native scouts had planted a booby trap near MUSHIMINOI one Japs was killed and 2 others later investigating this tragedy were shot. Rice gardens in the MORU are 162456 have been destroyed by native scouts. KOVIDAU has again been attacked by our scouts. 5 Japs were killed & many wounded. Scouts from RATSUA report that at least 20 Japs were killed in our air attack 15 Apr. Our recent air strike at TETEKUTS is also reported to have been successful, but the enemy is still dug in in strength in this area. It is reported that there are now 41 Japs at RATSUA, 46 at UMUM GORGE, 90 near RURI, 8 at CHINDAWAN, 8 at TENIMBAUBAU, 100 at SIARA, 70 at TON and a few at BANIU. It is further reported that the area N of TARBUR is now held by marines.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 21 APR

21 Corsairs bombed a concentration of 10 huts under hy jungle in the ROBIKAI R area at 169310 (1:63360) with 75% of the bombs falling on the N end of the target. Subsequent inspection of the target showed that only 3 huts remained intact at the 1 with 6 destroyed & 1 badly damaged. At the request of 3 D 13 Corsairs bombed and strafed gun posns near the POROREI on the E side of a garden at 955423 (1:25000). Most bombs in the target area with 3 large bomb bursts considerably larger than normal and producing hy black smoke. A total of 54 strafing runs were made over the target area with no observed results. The target area is now completely cleared except for the bush between the N side of the garden and the road. 13 Corsairs took off to bomb the KORIU road junc area following a request from 3 Aust Div that this area housed a suspected gun posn and a possible tank park. The first detail accurately bombed the target, the remainder were called by Tac R aircraft to a parked hy trailer with a camouflaged object on it approx 4000 yds S of the road junc on the MAMAGOTA road. The Corsairs thought the object to be a possible gun. Bombing did not destroy the trailer, only causing debris to be thrown over it. 8 aircraft made a total of 48 strafing runs and the trailer smoldered temporarily. 8 Corsairs bombed the remains of a hut concentration at the MIBO R ford 127333 (1:63360) previously struck on 17 Apr and also bombed a suspected MT terminal in the area. Results of both attacks could not be observed.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 101)

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 122
(Information to 230600L Apr 45)

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 63,360 & 1 : 25,000

PART 1

LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Bn - Aggressive patrolling has been continued in this sector. A patrol to SISIVIE at 220900L observed 2 Japs in the vicinity of huts at 623166. Our arty registered but results were unobserved. Another patrol to BERRYS HILL observed 6 Japs at 681149 at 220930L but made no contact. At 1130 hrs a recce patrol fired on a Jap 500 yds N of HUNTS HILL to which the enemy replied with rifle fire. This patrol penetrated deeply into the BERRYS HILL area and estimated the Jap strength on the track from 684144 to 687154 to be 25/30. On the previous day, a patrol to the W of BERRYS HILL contacted 6 Japs of which 5 were believed killed (Int Summary No. 121). A later recce of the posn revealed one partially buried body. A patrol to WEARNES HILL reported the sighting of 6 Japs at 693162. 1 Jap was killed before the patrol withdrew. An enemy LMG was located in this area and natives estimate that 25/30 Japs occupy the area 692161 near WEARNES HILL.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

26 Bn - 1 dead Jap was found at 244605 near the mouth of the COMPTON R.
55/53 Bn - A Coy reports that the track from MCKENNONS RIDGE to 292612, 1500 yds E of the ridge is now clear of the enemy, and many unoccupied posns recently vacated on a ridge at 296613 400 yds further E. Sounds of enemy activity were heard at 295620. A patrol from A Coy moved along the track to within 1200 yds of PORA PORA, where they found evidence of the enemy's occupation within the last 24 hrs. In this area they found 2 gardens & unoccupied huts.

ARTILLERY ACITIVITY - Enemy 75 mm guns fired 55 rds into the area N end of SORAKEN PENINSULA and 29 rds into the area square 2961, E of MCKENNONS RIDGE. Our arty has engaged 314646, 312644 & 309675.

GENERAL - Between 220436L and 220455L an engine was heard on a bearing of 36 degrees from HORSESHOE KNOLL.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU AREA

58/59 Bn Recent Jap footprints were found at 893456, 1000 yds S of HIRU HIRU. In the action at 909446 the enemy lost 4 killed and 2 wounded. At 220340L 10 Japs armed with one LMG, a grenade discharger and grenades with picric acid slabs att, attacked D Coy's posn at 909476, 2000 yds SW of HATAI. The action continued intermittently until 220705L, when the enemy withdrew leaving 1 killed & 1 wounded. A NGIB patrol engaged a party of enemy at 905460 approx 1000 yds SW of D Coy, killing 2.

24 Bn - A party of 15/20 enemy preparing def posns at 902455, 500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU was engaged and 1 killed. At 220030L 20 Japs armed with 2 LMGs infiltrated between B & C Coys and attacked B Coy's posns at 898455, 500 yds SW of HIRU HIRU. Arty def fire was called for and after fire had been exchanged the enemy withdrew. During the action line communications between B & C Coys and Bn HQ was cut, but these lines have since been restored.

4 Japs were seen at 888452 SW of B Coy's posn.

An enemy aprty of 22 was ambushed at 929449, 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU.

5 Japs were killed and one wounded.

NIHERO AREA 2/8 Cdo Sqn - A patrol has returned from the HONGORAI POROREI RIVERS area with one PW & a captured LMG. They report that the enemy posn at 958493, 800 yds SE of RUMIKI has now been vacated, as a result of accurate bombing.

HORINU AREA - 9 Bn. - 1 New Jap gravefound at 932473, 1500 yds SE
NIHERO AREA - 2/8 CDO SQN of HATAI. Location: A Coy 945483

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HORINU AREA - 9 Bn

One new Jap grave was found at 932473, 1500 yds SE of HATAI. Location: A Coy 945483.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives scouts report that the enemy at MUSHIMINOI 081361 has moved out to both sides of the area recently bombed by our aircraft. In the N, it is reported that 3 field guns are still sited near the old house KIAP at PORA PORA, and one each at SUBIANA, RURI, SIAR and CHINDAWAN. An investigation by natives of the tanks bombed by our aircraft in the kunai area S of CHINDAWAN last month, reveals that there were 4 tanks in the area. 2 were destroyed and left there but one is now reported to be dug in at SIAR and one on the RATSUA-SIAR track. Natives report that there is a large amn dump, incl dhells, in the UMUM gorge. A boat is kept in the gorge and used at night to transport amn to RATSUA and the BUOI Ptn. Ammunition from this dump is carried to the same areas by road during the day. The Japs at DANIU are reported to be still camped near the bombed area at 411666.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 123
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PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Bn - At 2200 hrs 22 Apr a booby trap was sprung on HUNTS HILL. Footprints indicated the presence of Jap in the area. A patrol from TOKUA returned at 231215L reporting TOKUA to be held by 20/30 Japs. The location of TOKUA is reported to be 637175. 3 Japs incl an offr were observed at 636176 in a strongly constructed bunker posn. Another 4 Japs were seen at 637177. During the afternoon 23 Apr 2 overnight patrols departed from PEARL RIDGE to operate in the BERRYS HILL - HUNTS HILL area. From 2015 hrs to 2030 hrs bren, owen, rifle and grenade fire was heard in the vicinity of BERRYS HILL.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

26 Bn - The fresh tracks of one Jap were seen at 247655 in the N end of the peninsula. Old enemy camps from this point to 253651 were searched but no Japs sighted.

55/53 Bn - At 221345L B Coy relieved D Coy. New locations are:
B Coy HQ - 293612 10 pl - 296615 11 pl - 292611 12 pl - 293615
A Coy - 313642 C Coy less 14 pl - 281617 14 pl - 274612
D Coy less 17 pl - 259587 17 pl - 268696.

One Jap was found by C Coy, location unknown. Our arty registered 330724 on the W coast of RURI BAY. The map in this area (CHABAI sheet) was found to be accurate. At 222230L a light was seen on the NW coast of TAFFRANG ISLAND. Natives interrogated by ANGAU state that 6/8 weeks ago a submarine landed 100 well equipped reinforcements commanded by a Colonel in the BONIS area. (NOTE: The Jap submarine YU-3 and a recent type L 15 sub are both capable of carrying 100 men. However, the I type usually found in these waters can only carry 50 men.) These natives further state that there are stores dumps at CHINDAWAN and PAPAS, a 150mm gun at GURTONx, a 75mm gun at TASUI and 5 AA guns between TAVERANGx and PORA PORA. The Japs are said to intend making their stand at MT TASUIx. (Notex $\frac{3}{4}$ these places are unlocated.)

(c) 3 AUS T DIV - NIHERO AREA.

2/8 Cdo Sqn. - A patrol operating in Sq 0343 near KAPANA killed 4 Japs and captured Maj SAPANO (Note: this Officer is unknown to Intelligence Records at this HQ). It was reported that he was in the KAPANA area. A patrol to the SINANAI area reports that squares 9750, 9749, 9648, 9649 and 9650 are clear of the enemy.

HORINU Area - 9 Bn. - 3 small enemy parties were observed at 953489, 500 yds SE of RUMIKI; 2 enemy were killed. The area 926493, 700 yds North of HATAI has been shelled by the enemy. At 230745L C Coy at 932486, 300 yds E of HATAI, was attacked by 30 Japs with a HMG, LMGs and grenades. The attack was repulsed and 2 Japs killed. One dead Jap was found at 920487 near the HUIO River.

TOKINOTU Area - 24 Bn. Sounds of enemy activity were heard at 898464, 1500 yds E of TOKINOTU, and 902444, 1500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. Old Jap graves were found at 909457, 1000 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. 56/75mm rds fell in the area 893462, 1000 yds E of TOKINOTU.

58/59 Bn - An Inf patrol with tank support and an engr det /moved

moved out along the HATAI track. The recent footprints of 12 Japs were sighted leading north from 913481, but no movt was seen. C Coy 9 Bn was contacted by this patrol at 936484 1000 yds SE of HATAI. At 905468, 1200 yds NE of HIRU HIRU, 20 Japs were engaged with unknown results. Contact is being maintained. A NGIB patrol located a large occupied enemy bivouac area at 933--456, 2 1/2 miles E of HIRU HIRU. A Jap was sighted at 915478. All tracks in this area show signs of recent use.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS.

The enemy forces which withdrew from KAGI SAGO and MASIUGU on 13 Apr are now reported at PIARINO 248411. Natives report that our recent air strike at OAMAI appeared to be on the target. Natives scouts operating north of the URAI River saw Jap tracks near the coast. An ambush has been maintained at TIANAN for 3 days without results. A Jap camp is reported to be at 666342.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 23 AP R.

A bivouac area and staging point at 101336 (1 inch 63360) MOBIAI River area, was bombed by 12 Corsairs, with 75 percent of the bombs in the target area. During the bombing it was noticed that the brush in the target area had many small clearings and that, as a result of the bombing, the area was well flattened. Three aircraft made 2 strafing runs each over the target area. 12 Corsairs bombed concentrations on 1520 huts at TOKUA KA, area 155227 (1:63360). Tac R aircraft reported 8 huts destroyed and 2 damaged. These a/c then made 18 strafing runs on the MIBO River ford and 24 strafing runs on a garden on the E side of OMAI River. One B'rang located and strafed a small launch, approx 20 feet, at UMUM BAY, 382697 (1:63360). After strafing the launch was partly submerged. A B'rang on Arty R located a 75mm gun vicinity CHABAI. After engaging with 30 rds gunfire the gun was seen to have one wheel off and to be canted badly. The B'rang also strafed the gun posn. A Corsair patrol strafed and probably killed 2 Japs on a derelict barge off CAPE FRIENDSHIP. A second patrol attempted to locate a launch reported at UMUM. They bombed and strafed for unobserved results. Two strafing runs were made on a hut at PORTON Pln. The road to RATSOA shows signs of extensive use by vehicles with movt around craters from earlier bombings.

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PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Bn - At 1400 hrs 23 Apr a patrol returned to KEENAN'S RIDGE from SISIVIE reporting to have contacted an enemy posn at 623164 at 0935 hrs. One Jap was wounded. An overnight patrol to BERRYS HILL contacted 10 Japs at 684147 at 240630L, killing 3 and wounding at least one. Later at 0930 hrs our arty engaged the posn. A further 24 hr patrol returned from DAVIS HILL at 241200 hrs having killed one of two Japs at 683145 at 0745 hrs. An NGIB patrol which was sent to MAPIA to harass the Jap L of C was attacked by a Jap force estimated at between 30 and 40 at 232135L. Our patrol engaged this force and fighting continued until first light when the Japs withdrew. 4 Japs were killed and at least 6 wounded; our casualties were nil. From 1700 hrs to 1730 hrs our arty engaged targets on BERRYS HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - HORINU AREA - 9 BN

Several small parties of enemy were seen at 953488, 500 yds S of RUMIKI. Location :- 10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt 932486.

NIHERO AREA - 2/8 CDO SQN

PW Maj SAPANO (reported in Daily Int Summary 123) is now reported to have been wounded.

TOKINOTU AREA

4 Japs were sighted at 904452 on the BUIN Rd, chopping was heard in the same area and at 922448, 1 1/2 mls SE of HIRU HIRU and fresh enemy footprints seen at 883450, 2000 yds SE of HIRU HIRU 883441, 600 yds further S and at 943421 near the HONGORAI R. Freshly dug enemy weapon pits and fire lanes were found at 002454, 1000 yds S of TONU; one Jap was seen in this posn. Firing was heard to the S of a vacated enemy posn at 904451 on the BUIN Rd. At 908473, 2500 yds SW of HATAI one of our patrols was ambushed by an estimated 25 Japs with one LMG. A probable enemy posn was located at approx 916436 on the BUIN Rd. The enemy has shelled the general area, near HIRU HIRU.

58/59 Bn - At 905486, (1200 yds NE of HIRU HIRU) contact with the enemy force was lost. Another patrol is now attempting to regain contact. After a concentration of arty and mortar fire had been brought down on an enemy posn at 904468, 1200 yds NE of HIRU HIRU, 2 sections of A Coy attempted to penetrate the enemy defences. 2 enemy have been killed and the rest of A Coy supported by 9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt has moved forward to engage the position.

'B' Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt

Three Japs fired on one of our jeeps at 859478 near the PURIATA R.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

55/53 Bn - The feature in squares 2863, 2963 will be known as STEVENSONS RIDGE. A patrol moving forward on the inland track sighted 2 Japs in a ptn near PORA PORA and a native scout observed a mountain gun. At 297616, 1500 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE, one Jap was killed by 10 pl and further Japs are known to be in the area; 2 were seen 200 yds to the SE of this posn. At 291617 in the same general area a patrol was fired on by one HMG a hy calibre weapon & 2 LMGs. At 289620 15 pl was fired on by a HMG & LMG. The pl is now dug in 300 yds to the E.

One Jap body was found at 273606, 300 yds S of HORSESHOE KNOLL. In the COMPTON R area one abandoned 70mm Type 92 Bn gun, and one 81mm Type mortar were found.

ARTY ACTIVITY - CWN

Our arty has engaged the following areas:-290631, STEVENSONS RIDGE, (120 rds), 325635, 3000 yds SE of PORA PORA, 306663 (enemy gun posn) 1000 yds N of PORA PORA, 318659, 1500 yds NE of PCRA PCRA, (120 rds), 267758, 2000 yds NE of CHABAI, 304746, 8000 yds SW of CHINDAWAN, 316655, 1200 yds E of PORA PORA, 287621, 1200 yds NE of MCKENNONS RIDGE, (40 rds). Targets have been registered at 295622, 2000 yds NE of MCKENNONS RIDGE, 267721 in the PORTON Ptn and 263718.

ENEMY - Two 75mm guns fired 23 rds into area 276612 and 3 75mm guns fired 25 rds into area 280616, forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL. One estimated 47mm gun fired 3 AP rds into our bty area, 236659, in the N end of the Ptn.

GENERAL

Our CP on SAPOSA Is reports a light flashing at 215662 near TURUARI Is. Natives from PETATS interrogated by ANGAU have given the following information:-

At SKOTOLAN, 30 Japs and one 75mm gun.
 LAHALAN, 20 Japs in E end of Ptn
 GAROLA, plantation 20/30 Japs
 KESSA Ptn, unknown number. A gun pointing out to sea.
 HANAHAN, Few Japs
 BUKA STRIP, Few Japs
 TELATU, 7 Japs one 75mm gun.
 NUKIA, 7 Japs

Most villages they state have only one Jap for adm purposes.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

The PW Maj SAPAMC was captured by local natives and handed over to 2/8 Cdo Sqn. Natives also killed 4 Japs with this officer. At PANAKY 047455, 50 Japs have moved out. A large enemy patrol was seen at PUKA 075476. Native scouts report that a plane crashed near KARA recently and that the remains of one body were found in the wreckage (NOTE: Natives have been searching for signs of an NZ airman reported missing after a raid in that area). Japs in a camp at 066542, which was attacked by natives on 20 Apr are now reported to be very active, have received reinforcements and are patrolling aggressively. Natives have laid ambushes for these patrols.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 24 APR.

A reported dump area approx $\frac{5}{4}$ mile SW of AKU was bombed and strafed by 13 Corsairs. The jungle in the target area was flattened but other results were not observed. Three bombing and strafing attacks, the first led in by Tac R aircraft, were carried out against enemy defensive posns, approx 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU at the request of 3 Div. A total of 35 Corsairs participated but only four of the final mission were able to bomb due to rapid deterioration of the weather. Remaining 6 A/C jettisoned their bombs on KUVUJELU Is. The def posns near HIRU HIRU were well covered on each occasion, but the only observed results were the column of smoke from the target centre after the first strike. Patrols strafed 12 Japs on the E side of MASSUNGNON Is. with unobserved results.

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PART 1

LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PAITERAPAIA AREA.

27 Bn - On 25 Apr at 0625 hrs a patrol to BERRYS HILL was fired on by enemy using 2 LMGs and rifles at 684145, 300 yds fwd of HUNTS HILL. Later an ANGAU patrol reced the fwd slopes of HUNTS HILL without sighting any signs of the enemy. At 1400 hrs a further patrol returned from BERRYS HILL via HUNTS HILL, reporting having contacted 2 nips at approx 684149 - no casualties. Agressive patrol is continuing in this area. Throughout the night 25/26 Apr our Arty and Mortor fire harassed BERRYS HILL. On 25 Apr an Arty R shoot destroyed one hut at TOKUA. A patrol that returned from TOKUA on 23 Apr reports a strongly built Jap bunker, 8 to 10 ft high at 636175. 2 smaller dug in positions are on either side of the bunker.

(b) 3AUST DIV = TOKINOTU AREA - 24 BTN

A new enemy posn at 917448, on the BUIN Rd, was engaged and 1 enemy killed. 20/30 enemy at 903452, further W along the road, were engaged after 2 Japs were observed in the area. 1 Jap was wounded. After arty fire had been brought down on the position it was found to have been evacuated. Another party of enemy was encountered nearby but after fire had been exchanged contact was lost. 4 Japs at 912478, 1500 yds SW of HATAI? were engaged and 1 wounded, and fire was exchanged with an estimated 20 Japs with 2 LMGs, at 911444 on the BUIN Rd. The sounds of enemy activity were heard at 914453, N of the rd, but our patrol was unable to make contact. An enemy listening post has been located at 944421 on the HONGORAI River, and 30 Japs dispursed by air strikes at 926439, N of the BUIN Rd. 1 enemy was killed in the area. An enemy HQ is suspected to be at 936424, 1000 yds W of the HONGORAI. 10 Japs were sighted at 908475 near KINDARA and the track at 911435 shows signs of recent enemy use. An estimated 150 mm gun shelled the areas 898455 near HIRU HIRU and 890464 near TOKINOTU. Locations: B Coy les 1 pl, plus 8 Tp, 2/4 armd Regt - 900453.

58/59 Btn - The enemy position attacked by elements of A Coy 24 Apr (reported Int Summary No124 to be at 904468) is now stated to be at 917474, 1500 yds SW of HATAI. A Coy with tanks from 9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt moved into the area, but found the position vacated. Later 12 enemy moved back into the position but then withdrew. Enemy were contacted 100 yds to the S and 1 was killed, 1 wounded. Arms and eqpt were captured. A NGIB patrol heard movement at 908471, near KINDARA, but on investigation found the position vacated and the enemy moved E.

57/60 Bn - Locations: Adv Bn HQ - 897469 D Coy - 900472
C Coy - 897469

HORINU Area - 9 Bn - An enemy party constructing defences at 955485 N of the HONGORIA R was contacted and 2 enemy killed. In the general area square 9346 2 1/2 miles E of HIRU HIRU an estimated enemy Coy was engaged and 2 killed. A patrol NE along the HATI track to 958492 reports no contact with enemy. Locations: B Coy - 926484 - D Coy - 948485.

61 Bn - Signs of a small enemy force moving E from 885475, 1200 yds N of TOKINOTU, have been observed.

(C) 11 AUST INF BDE - NIHERO AREA = 2/8 Cdo Sqn.

Patrols report considerable enemy activity at OSO and in the vicinity of 054432 near the MOBIAI R. The enemy has been raiding gardens at 977431, 996445 and 008471.

SORAKEN AREA - 55/53 Bn. At 308647, 700 yds S E of PORA PORA, 2 Japs were killed. 1 was a pvte and the other Capt ARAI MASAO, OC of the enemy force opposing this Bn. Documents were taken from the bodies. Patrols reported no contact with the enemy in area 289620 S of STEVENSON'S RIDGE. Locations night 25/26 Apr: A Coy - 308647 11P1 - approx 299620 14 Pn - 290626. An Arty R shoot scored 2 hits on huts at 327721 on the W coast of BURI BAY and later engaged 330720 in the same area. Another shoot was carried out against a gun position at 313651, 1000 yds E of PORA PORA. 2 75 mm guns fired 14 shells into the area 284618, 1200 yds NE of MCKENNON'S RIDGE, and 4/6 75 mm guns fired 45 shells into 287619 in the same area. A 150 mm gun located SARTER and 47 mm gun located TOROKORI fired 7 rounds which fell in the N end of the peninsular and into the sea.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

From the BOVO R area it is reported that natives have killed 17 Japs near KUPEI, 3 at PAWAIRI and 19 (possibly 24) at POMALIA. 3 mortars were deployed against our scouts at KAINO; 1 mortar crew of 5 was killed. At ABAWA a grenade was thrown into a house containing Japs, but the results are unknown. A Jap patrol which has been searching for our native scouts has returned to KAPANA. A dog with a patrol prematurely set off a booby trap which had been designed for their destruction.

PART II

ENEMY OOB - TOKINOTU AREA.

A PW from 11 Coy 13 Inf Regt has made the following statements in a preliminary interrogation on 24 Apr.

1. On 7 Apr he saw members of 6 Tpt Regt, possibly 200 strong, constructing defensive positions in square 9046. (Note: 4 Coy 6 Tpt Regt is believed located in this area).
2. The remnants of 13 Inf Regt are now at OSO, expecting to return to MUGUAI after 1 month. In the meantime their stores are located at a staging area approx square 8945, and their removal to OSO is expected to be completed by 26 Apr.

The PW taken recently in the NIHERO area is now known to be 2 Lt SHIBANO of 4 Med Arty. (Note: It was previously stated by natives that the PW was Maji SAPANO. Lt such officer is known to intelligence records).

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PART 1

LAND OWN AND ENEMY(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIANERAPATA27 Bn

Between 0900 hrs and 1000 hrs on 26 Apr our mortars harassed BERRYS HILL and was followed with Arty fire from 1205 hrs to 1215 hrs. At 1245 hrs a patrol operating in that area reported the sighting of 20 to 30 Japs on BERRYS HILL. The Japs came from the direction of BASE POINT 3 and were not carrying equipment. Throughout the night of 26/27 Apr our arty and mortars continually harassed enemy positions on BERRYS HILL. At 261315L, a patrol which had been operating in the SISIVIE area, returned to KEENANS RIDGE and reported the killing of one Jap at 616164. A patrol enroute to IBU reported having established an overnight posn at 620214 without contacting any enemy. As the result of an Arty R shoot TOKUA is now located at 620180 and IBU at 635225.

(b) 14 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

55/58 Bn - At 261200L 7 Pl made contact with the enemy at 307649, 500 yds SE of PORA PORA killing 1 Sgt. At 1500L the pl was fired on from concealed positions at PORA PORA. 11 Pl engaged an enemy ambush party at 296627 near STEVENSONS RIDGE, killing 1. This Pl has now advanced to 304618, 1 1/2 miles NE of STEVENSONS RIDGE without making further contact. Sounds of enemy activity have been heard at 291618, 1300 yds to the W of this position. A patrol reports that the enemy has vacated positions at 289620 in the same area, leaving 4 dead and 1 grave, probably casualties from our Art fire. The SORAKEN - PORA PORA track is now reported clear to 290624, and C Coy is now established in that area. 2 75mm guns located in the W edge of BUOL PTN fired 42 Rds into the NE end of SORAKEN PENIN.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

24 BN - Following an air strike the Bn made a general advance along the BUN Rd. C Coy supported by 8 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt moved forward and encountere a strong pillbox position at 905452, 1000 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. This posn was knocked out by tanks, and the Coy has now reached 908447. A Coy is now located at 904458 near HIRU HIRU and D Coy at 911456 where 3 Japs were sighted. At 261400L line comm between B & C Coys was cut and enemy from both sides of the road fired on our tractor train at 903452. 12 Pl with tank support moved up and cleared the road.

57/60 BN A position at 395459 vacated by C Coy 24 Bn has been occupied. 58/59 Bn - A Patrol engaged an enemy party of unknown strength moving N at 916469, 2000 yds SW of HATAI. The patrol has now withdrawn to 917473.

HORINU AREA 6 BN - A Patrol reports RUMIKI clear of the enemy, but an enemy force armed with 1 IMG and grenade dischargers was contacted at 958493, 800 yds to the E.

TOKO AREA - 61 BN

The footprints of Japs were seen leading N at 0:57470 and 500 yds to the W. Location: B Coy 833455.

NIHERO AREA - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Patrols report an estimated 80 Japs concentrating in the area 996445, 008471, 010459, vicinity of OSO. The enemy are raiding there and building huts. Another party of unknown str is reported at 970475 on the POROREI R.

(a) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

The ambushes set in the BUTCHOMBO area 666542, and intended for the destruction of the Japs pursuing Pro-Allied natives, failed as the enemy would not be drawn in to the foothills. Recce has been carried out by these natives at TEOP and IINUS. Large enemy concentrations are reported in the ULA and KUGUMARU areas in square 2737. In square 2441, 40 Japs are reported at KUMILIOGU and 66 at PALIDONAN. These are said to be Naval pers. (NOTE: These place names and references are at variance with the map KARA - 1 : 63360 but are thus identified by scouts.) AA guns in the MUGUAI area are reported to be firing at our low flying planes over KARA. It is reported that in our air strike at NAKARU on 13 Apr, 3 houses were destroyed. The Japs have disposed of those killed. Recent strikes by medium bombers at 303351 and 310348 in the NAKARU area are reported by scouts to have killed 40 Japs and to have destroyed 4 large guns. However a considerable number of tps and AA guns remain in the area. Two Kompis have been shot at 203435 in the TUPARU area. A raid on TOGUAI 2663303 on 20 Apr killed 15 Japs and destroyed 3 huts.

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WAR BERRY

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Aust Inf Bn - A patrol returning from BERRYS HILL area reported that the Jap L of C between BASE PT 3 and BERRYS HILL has not been used for over one week. On the previous day, following 10 minutes of arty fire on BERRYS HILL, 20/30 Japs unequipped were seen moving S along BERRYS from the direction of BASE PT 3. It seems possible that they have vacated their posns during the shelling and were returning when sighted. A patrol operating in the TOKUA area reported no contact up to 650145 and at 271050L established a base 1000 yds S of TOKUA. A patrol forward of this base killed one Jap. At the request of this patrol accurate arty fire was brought down on TOKUA. A patrol operating to IBU, established a base 500 yds S of IBU at 271325L and at 1550 hrs contacted enemy at 633258 killing 5. Our casualties Nil. Our arty & 3" mortars continued to engage enemy posns on BERRYS HILL throughout night 27/28 Apr.

TOROKINA - 7 AUST INF BN

Bn HQ has reopened at 581956 ex TREASURY ISLAND.

GREEN ISLAND - On night 25/26 Apr suspected enemy activity was reported in the vicinity of E Point 102965.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

55/53 Bn - A patrol from A Coy killed 2 Japs at 307646, 500 yds SE of PORA PORA, and captured 5 rifles. 300 yds to the E another 3 Japs were killed near a store hut & equipment found. On a wide track running N an enemy signal cable was found & cut. Another patrol moving along the S bank of the LAVELLE R located the track SORAKEN - PORA PORA at 295645, 1200 yds SW of PORA PORA, but made no contact. 11 pl is now at 295615, 2000 yds NE of MCKENNON'S RIDGE, and patrols are probing to the NW. C Coy has occupied STEVENSON'S RIDGE at 286631.

GENERAL

TAIOF Is OP reports a light flashing from SOHANA Is at 271130L. On the afternoon of 27 Apr approx 25 explosions were heard in the PORTON PTN area, Our arty then engaged the area. 3 estimated 150mm shells were fired into the NW end of SORAKEN Peninsula.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO AREA - 2/8 CDO SQN

Patrols report enemy parties in the area 009417, 1200 yds NE of MONOITU Mission. A patrol operating in the area 970475 S of the HONGORAI R reports that 12 enemy are constructing defences there. An ambush laid in the same area killed 5 Japs and a map showing the def posns was captured. Further enemy activity is reported at 966482, near the river,

HORINU AREA - 9 BN

Bn has now moved fwd & occupied the following posns:
Bn HQ & 10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt - 935485 A Coy - 966484 B³ Coy
(less 10 pl) - 966484 10 pl - 24407 C Coy - 948485
D Coy - 958493

An enemy party had previously occupied D Coy's new position but had been driven out by arty fire.

TOKINOTU AREA - 24 Bn

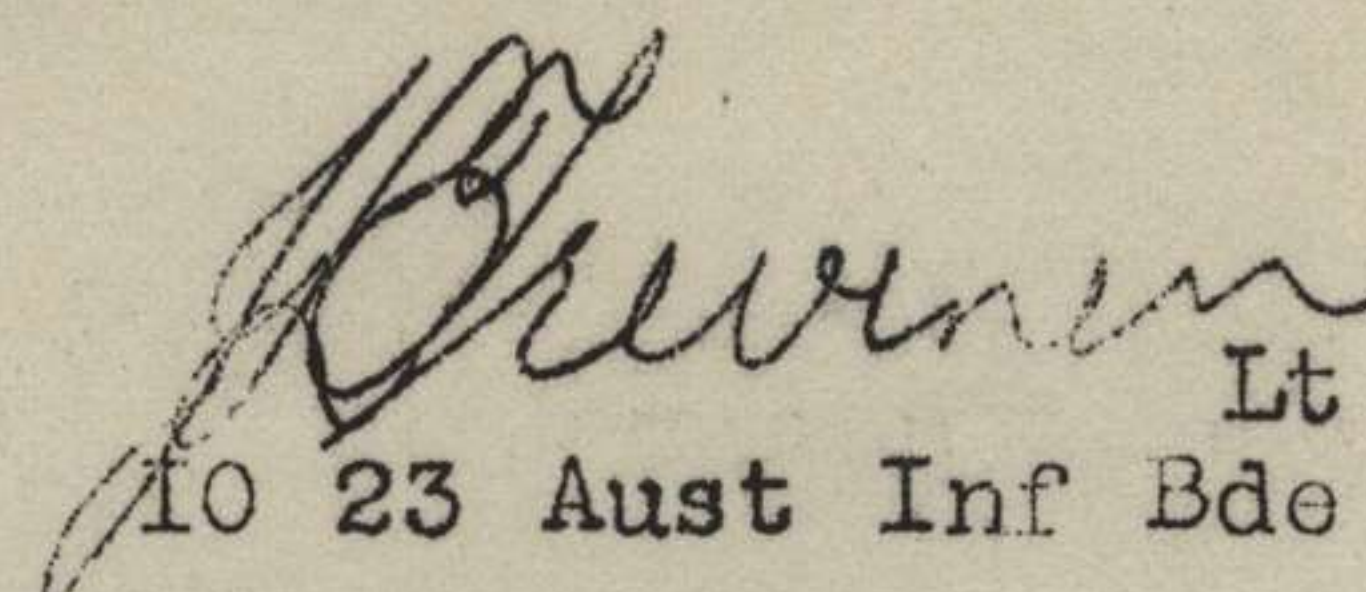
A Coy is now at 904459, C Coy at 907448 & D Coy at 908456. The BUIN Rd is reported clear of enemy between B & C Coys. One Jap was killed at 903452 on the road. Another Jap was killed at 909446, further E along the road was armed with an OSMG. Two type 93 Land mines were found at 903452 and a quantity of Aust 3" mortar bombs at 907449; both these positions are on the BUIN Rd. A large enemy party has been heard at 925422, and an enemy gun is thought to be sited at 911429, between the road & HONGORAI R.

58/59 Bn - One Jap was killed at 916469, 2000 yds SW of HATAI. A 75mm gun has shelled the area 897453 S of HIRU HIRU.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives scouts have killed 3 Japs at 613609, 4 at 565593, 6 at 600601. A Jap Sjt was killed at MIBO fwd and 6 Japs were killed at KINGORE on 26 Apr. The enemy fought back from prepared positions using MGs, to whom the natives withdrew there were only 4 Japs left in the area.

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(Information to 290600L Apr 45)

Ref Map BOUGAINVILLE 1:63360
1:25000

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA

27 Aust Inf Bn A patrol returning to PEARL RIDGE from TOKUA reported its posn at 281645L to be 650145, without making any further contact with the enemy. At 1020 hrs from an OP on DAVIS HILL, two JAPS were observed on BERRYS HILL. These were fired on by MMG but results were unobserved. Arty and mortars continued to engage enemy posns on BERRYS HILL during the night 28/29 Apr.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU AREA

24 Aust Inf Bn

Two JAPS were engaged at 907445, 1800 yds SE of HIRU HIRU, and one was wounded. An enemy party of unknown str reported to be using AUST weapons, ambushed one of our patrols at 915466, 2000 yds NE of HIRU HIRU.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

An enemy ~~sk~~ force of unknown str was engaged at 914468. The enemy withdrew south.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

A vacated enemy posn found at 884463, 1500 yds NW of HIRU HIRU, showed signs of having been occupied night 27/28 Apr. The enemy probably withdrew south. A possible enemy 150 mm gun shelled the area squares 8946, 9046, north of HIRU HIRU. Location C Coy 901438

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Nine JAPS are reported to have been killed by natives near KARIKILA. At TOIMONAPU, three Japs were taken prisoner by native scouts. Scouts report that 26 Japs with a mortar are stationed at OLD PORA PORA, in carefully camouflaged posns. (NOTE OLD PORA PORA cannot be definitely located, but it is known to be in the hills and commands a view of both coasts and BUKA PASSAGE). Natives report a concentration of Japs south of PORA PORA at approx 300639 (ref map BANIU 1:63360). Two light field pieces are said to be there, and a tree OP which gives observation over SORAKEN and RATSUA is situated 1 ml "behind" this posn. This OP is in line communication with arty. (NOTE: This OP is probably to the SE of PORA PORA. A C2 native report places 20 enemy at BOGISAGO, and 4 at MOGOLAI. The same report states the enemy patrols the road between these two places. At MORONI on 26 Apr natives threw a grenade into a Jap house results were not observed but it precipitated a clash between natives and the enemy which is continuing. Natives report that at TOIMONAPU and KEKERE they have killed 29 Japs. 21 at KORIMORA and 19 at ISIMA. A C3 report states that the enemy has reoccupied KAGISAGO 212516 and is being engaged by native scouts. A strong enemy force has arrived at MASIOGU 245525, according to a B2 report. They have destroyed all native huts in the area.

11 AUST. INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA

55/53 Aust Inf Bn A coy killed one Jap and captured a LMG at 307652 500 yds EAST of PORA PORA. Later contact was made with an enemy party str unknown, in this same area. B Coy moved through abandoned enemy posns at 293619, 1800 yds NE of MCKINNON'S RIDGE and by 281700L had reached 298627, 1000 yds to the NE without making contact. C Coy less 14 pl moved north along the SORAKEN PORA TRACK to the LAVELLE R at ap rex 294645, where contact was made.

Arty Activity

Our hy mortars engaged enemy posns at 293619, which were later found abandoned, and our arty engaged 313653, 1000 yds NE of PORA PORA.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 129
(Information to 300600L Apr 45)

Ref Map: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 63,360
1 : 25,000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA AREA.

27 Bn - At 281830L the patrol to IBU returned without further contact. A patrol which returned from TOKUA at 291100L estimates 25/30 Japs to occupy that area. Following an attack on an NGIB patrol on the night 23/24 Apr, all natives have been evaco from that area. Natives state that 8 Japs were killed and many wounded as the result of their attack on our patrol. Our arty & mortars continue to harass enemy in the BERRYS HILL area.

8 Bn - GREEN ISLAND - It is suspected that an enemy party was on the island on night 28/29 Apr. Patrols are investigating.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO AREA - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Patrols report that the main Jap concentration is in the USO - OSO area. Scattered posns exist along the OSO-TONU rd. Approx 75 enemy are at 009459, S of TONU, and a small scattered gp at 009417, 1500 yds SW of TAITAI. At 055432 near the MOBIAI R our patrol attacked an enemy party of 20 killing 6 & wounding several others.

HORINU AREA 9 Bn

12 enemy were sighted in the area 967485 near the HONGORAI R.

TOKINOTU AREA 24 Bn

In the ambush engagement at 915466 (Int Summary No 128) 3 Japs were killed. 10 enemy wearing new uniforms were engaged at 917447, 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. 4 were killed. 2 enemy parties, each of 10 men, attempted to outflank one of our patrols at 901432, 3000 yds S of HIRU HIRU. 10 enemy attacked B Coy's posn at 911445, on the BUIN Rd, but later withdrew without cas. One Jap was sighted at 917454.

2/4 Armd Regt : Locations - HQ F Tp - 904474 9 Tp at 871487.
58/59 Bn " - Bn HQ - 901454 A Coy 90743

NGIB

The enemy is reported to be camped on both sides of the rd at 939434. His sentries in this area are alert.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN AREA - 55/53 Bn

A Coy has advanced and is now dug in at 306653, 300 yds E of PORA PORA, after killing 1 enemy. B Coy in its adv to the I found an abandoned OP at 305623, and killed 1 Jap & captured one LMG at 302630. The coy is now established 1100 yds to the N with a pl at 306640, 1300 yds SE of PORA PORA. On the afternoon 28 Apr a pl from C Coy crossed the LAVELE R, probably killed 1 Jap & captured a telephone. By 291300L the whole of C Coy had crossed the river and had patrolled 1000 yds to the NE (almost to PORA PORA) without making contact. At the site of the crossing, vicinity 293645, abandoned enemy posns capable of holding 18 men, were located and there is evidence that the enemy has used a punt there. A dump of 108 recently stacked 75mm shells was captured. 14 75mm shells fell at

312646 SE of PORA PORA.

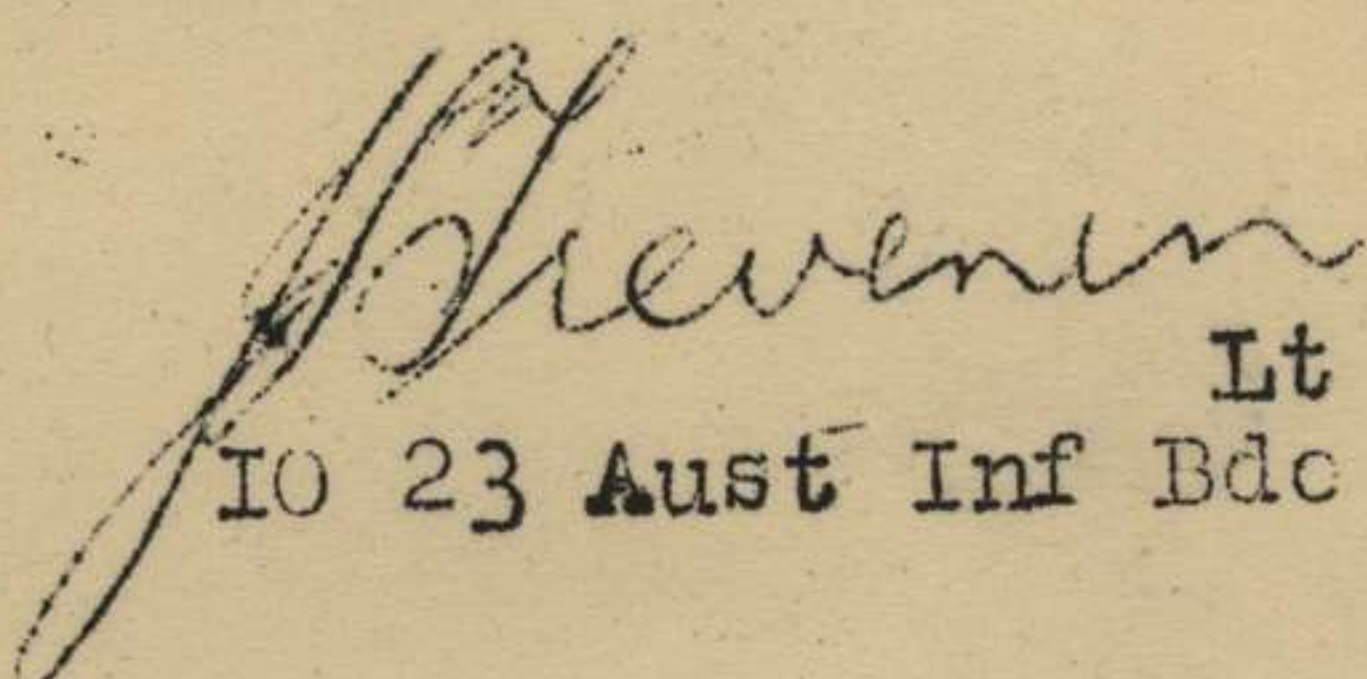
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SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that at KIKIMOGU 250387 natives are building huts for the Japs. The enemy is reported to be using the east west trail AKU to MIBO ford after 1600 hrs each day in order to avoid our aircraft. A native killed one Jap and cut telephone lines in the AKU area. Natives report that in the BUIN area latest Jap propanganda to the natives states that "the Americans are not too strong and the Germans will arrive soon and defeat them."

In the N it is reported that our recent air strike at TETEKUTS was very successful. The Jap camp was completely destroyed and the survivors have moved out of the area. On 27 Apr approx 70 natives from PORA PORA reported in to our patrols. This leaves the area PORA PORA - RATSUA - TANIMBAUBAU clear of natives.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN NUMA NUMA PEARL RIDGE SECTOR FOR WEEK ENDING 29 APR 45

Ref Map : KOWARO RURAVO IBU 1 : 25000

OWN

By 1200 hrs 19 Apr 45, 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) had relieved 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (11 Bde) of the responsibilities of the above sector.

Locations of 27 Bn were as follows:

Adv Bn HQ	GEORGE HILL	677113
Rear Bn HQ	ROAD HEAD	659090
HQ Coy	MARTINS KNOLL	673112
A Coy less		
7 & 8 pls	GEORGE HILL	677113
7 pl	CHOCO RIDGE	618127
8 pl	KEENANS RIDGE	605146
B Coy	BAKERS BROW	677129
C Coy	ARTY HILL	684117
D Coy	RAZORBACK	685126
OUTPOST	HUNTS HILL	683147

The following troops were placed under Comd 27 Bn :-

3 Pl 101 Hy Mortar Coy	ARTY RIDGE	685121
1 Pl A Coy NGIB	MARTINS KNOLL	672111
Det 25 Aust FS Sec	GEORGE HILL	677113
2 Pl 16 Aust Fd Coy	No. 9 CROSSING	645062
Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb	ROAD HEAD	659090

Troops in support

10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	ROAD HEAD	658090
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On 22 Apr 1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy relieved 2 Pl 16 Aust Fd Coy.

A vigorous patrolling plan has been pursued against enemy positions on BERRYS HILL, BASE POINT 3, SISIVIE, TOKUA, IBU and MAPIA.

The details and locations of contacts are shown in Appendix "A".

On 25 Apr an outpost of one sec with a sub sec MMG was established on DAVIS HILL 677152.

ENEMY

The only aggressive enemy action was directed against an NGIB patrol at 2135 hrs 23 Apr, when a force of 30 to 40 Japs closed in on the patrol. Fighting continued until first light when the Japs withdrew. Four Japs were reported killed and six wounded. Since that action, natives who have been evacuated from that area state at least 8 Japs were killed and many wounded. At 222200L one of our booby traps on HUNTS HILL was sprung. It is estimated that 25 to 30 Japs occupy strongly built bunkers at TOKUA. PW states strength to be 50, that recce patrols are not being sent forward of their defended positions and that they will remain in these positions until killed.

ARTY

OWN :-

Artillery and mortars have continually harassed Jap positions on BERRYS HILL. On 27 Apr. following an arty/R on 25 Apr, accurate arty fire was directed on TOKUA. As the result of the arty/R mentioned above, the following locations were fixed: TOKUA - 620180., IBU - 635225.; Arty fired at a range of 14290 yds, the rounds falling 400 yds short of IBU.

ARTY (Contd)

ENEMY - Nil

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Difficulty is being experienced with the plotting of patrol locations, particularly in the TOKUA - IBU sector. Prior to 25 Apr, TOKUA was reported in square 6317. Corrected location is 620180 and IBU 635225.

NOTE: In Appendix "A", serials 8, 9, 10 and 18 all refer to TOKUA activity; serials 8, 9 and 10 all taking place before the arty plotting of TOKUA on 25 Apr 45.

Casualties

Own	1 Offr 1 OR killed	1 OR wounded
Enemy	21 killed	12 Wounded

(figures include Japs killed by NGIB patrol)

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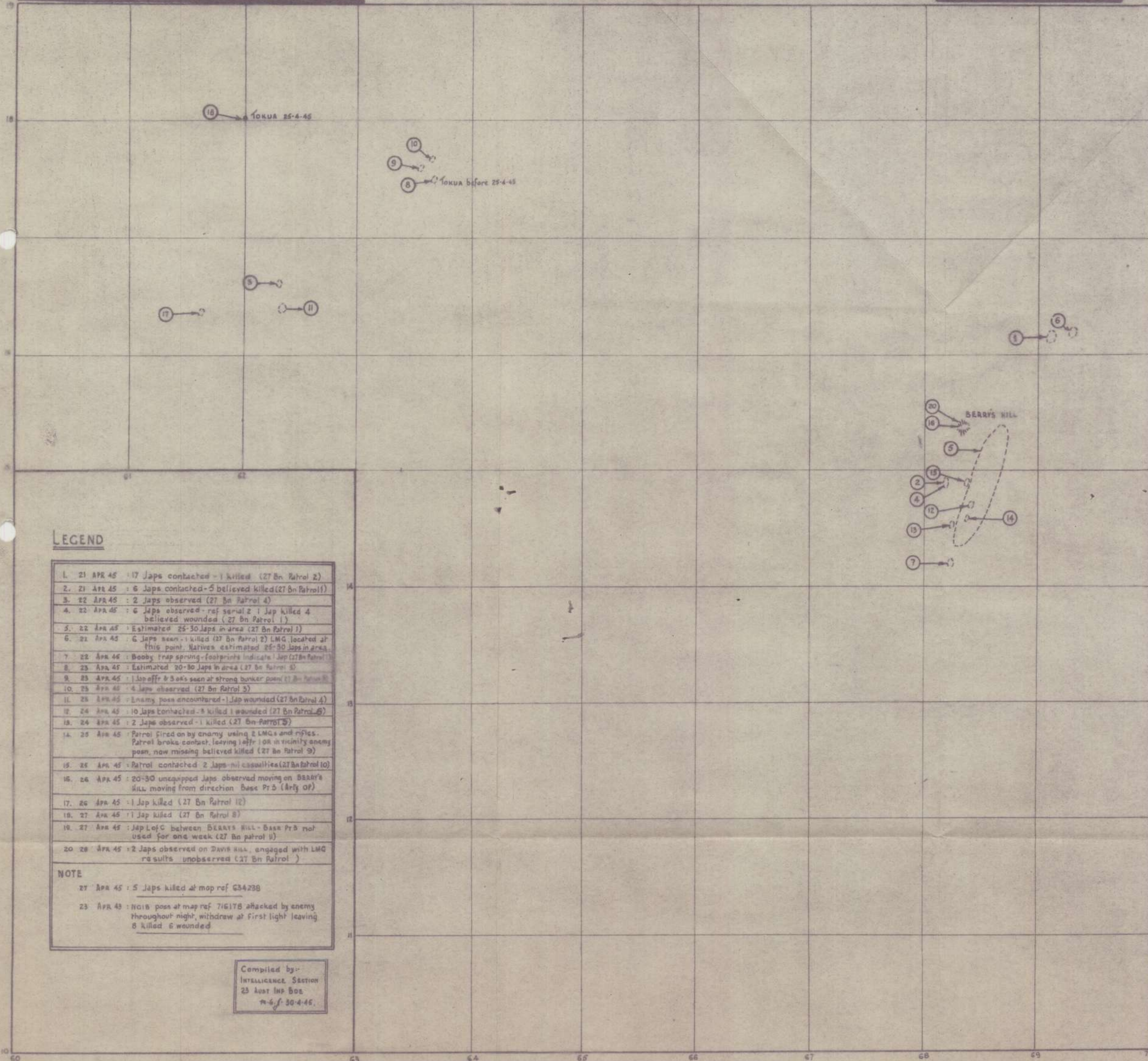
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

WEEK ENDING 29 APR 45

REF MAP: KOWARO 1:25000

APPENDIX 'A'



LEGEND

1. 21 APR 45 : 17 Japs contacted - 1 killed (27 Bn Patrol 2)
2. 21 APR 45 : 6 Japs contacted - 5 believed killed (27 Bn Patrol 1)
3. 22 APR 45 : 2 Japs observed (27 Bn Patrol 4)
4. 22 APR 45 : 6 Japs observed - ref serial 2 1 Jap killed 4 believed wounded (27 Bn Patrol 1)
5. 22 APR 45 : Estimated 25-30 Japs in area (27 Bn Patrol 1)
6. 21 APR 45 : 6 Japs seen - 1 killed (27 Bn Patrol 2) LMG located at this point. Natives estimated 25-30 Japs in area.
7. 22 APR 45 : Booby trap sprung - footprints indicate 1 Jap (27 Bn Patrol 1)
8. 23 APR 45 : Estimated 20-30 Japs in area (27 Bn Patrol 5)
9. 23 APR 45 : 1 Jap offr & 3 Sak's seen at strong bunker posn (27 Bn Patrol 5)
10. 23 APR 45 : 4 Japs observed (27 Bn Patrol 5)
11. 23 APR 45 : Enemy posn encountered - 1 Jap wounded (27 Bn Patrol 4)
12. 24 APR 45 : 10 Japs contacted - 8 killed 1 wounded (27 Bn Patrol 6)
13. 24 APR 45 : 2 Japs observed - 1 killed (27 Bn Patrol 5)
14. 25 APR 45 : Patrol fired on by enemy using 2 LMGs and rifles. Patrol broke contact leaving 1 offr in vicinity enemy posn, now missing believed killed (27 Bn Patrol 9)
15. 25 APR 45 : Patrol contacted 2 Japs - nil casualties (27 Bn Patrol 10)
16. 26 APR 45 : 20-30 un-equipped Japs observed moving on BERRY'S HILL moving from direction Base Pt 3 (Arfy OP)
17. 26 APR 45 : 1 Jap killed (27 Bn Patrol 12)
18. 27 APR 45 : 1 Jap killed (27 Bn Patrol 8)
19. 27 APR 45 : Jap LofC between BERRY'S HILL - Base Pt 3 not used for one week (27 Bn Patrol 11)
20. 28 APR 45 : 2 Japs observed on DAVIS HILL, engaged with LMG results unobserved (27 Bn Patrol 1)

NOTE

- 27 APR 45 : 5 Japs killed at mop ref G34238
- 23 APR 45 : NCIB posn at map ref 71617B attacked by enemy throughout night, withdrew at first light leaving 8 killed 6 wounded

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