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23 Infantry Brigade
August - September 1945

WAR DIARY
23 INF BDE.

FROM 0001L AUG 45 to 2400L 31 AUG 45

BOUGAINVILLE

SORAKEN 1:63360
245594

AUG 1

- 0800 Bde Comd and IO to 8 Bn and discussed ops with CO, Adjt and 2 i/c. A very depressed atmosphere seems to exist in the Bn, and are not acquainted with the policy. The C.O. appears at sea and puzzled, both in policy and tactics and obviously unable to obtain results.
- 1200 Capt JOLIFFE Paymaster 2 Corps and War Correspondents OTTAWAY and JOHNSON arrived.
The Marine Sup Pl is now operating off SORAKEN PENINSULA.

AUG 2

- 0800 BM and War Correspondents to TAI OF IS to watch projected Mitchell strike on SOHANA IS. However plans were weathered out.
During the afternoon 4 Corsairs attacked a jap tank near CHABAI and reported it destroyed.
- 0800 The RATSUA area was sprayed with DDT.

AUG 3

- Following the destruction of a Matilda tank on 2 Aug by enemy mines, an instruction was received from 2 Corps to the effect that tanks will not be used with patrols but only in support of a deliberate attack.
All units in RATSUA area are to come under command 8 Bn from 041800L for co-ordination of defense and local adm.
- 0800 Bde Comd and BM made an inspection of fwd areas.
- 1200 Lt.Col. D. McPHEE 2/1 Mov & Tp Gp visited Bde HQ.

AUG 4

- 0800 Bde Comd visited REST Camp at SORAKEN PTN.
Capt B.E. COX, SO(1) evacuated to MDS.
- 1600 Mr JOHN BRENNAN (Bulletin reporter) arrived at Bde HQ.
2 Corps requested report on strength of Torokina Broadcasting Station. NIL reception in Northern Sector.

AUG 5

Base Point 5 was occupied after well carried out plan.
Projected ops for week ending 12 Aug: 27 Bn to take over responsibility of COMMO RIDGE incl TASUI TRACK by 7 Aug and harass enemy positions NORTH of grid 71.
8 Bn to patrol NORTH to grid 71 with particular reference to BASE 5 with view to prevent enemy reoccupation and provide protection to engr recce for extension of GROVE TRACK. PIB to maintain right flank patrol role.

AUG 5

1100 Bde Comd visited wounded at MDS.
1100 Lt.Col. GOSLETT (GI Ops) and Maj McCARTHY (G2 Ops) both 2 Corps arrived SORAKEN on LITHGOW. Remainder on board IO went aboard and discussed sitreps and op instr.

AUG 6

Adv party 11 Bty arrived SORAKEN ex TOROKINA to commence relief 12 Bty. The remainder of 11 Bty to arrive 081500L.

Brigs LEGGE and SALTER (Med), Col NOTON (DDOS) and Col CONNOR (DEMB) arrived from TOROKINA and later made an inspection of SAPOSA IS.

1500 Maj BROCKWAY acting Staff Captain, departed to take up new posting with WESTERN Comd.
A memo was received from 2 Corps which had been written by a "senior 8 Bn officer" and intercepted by Base Censor. The letter was forwarded to 8 Bn for action and comment.

AUG 7

0800 Brig LEGGE, Col NOTON and S.C. made an inspection of RATSUA Area.

1200 GOC 2 Aust Corps arrived from TOROKINA and made an inspection of 8 Bn and 27 Bn positions during the afternoon, and expressed satisfaction with the action to date.

AUG 8

0900 GOC 2 Corps visited Rest Camp and Arty posns, and later visited MDS, Dental unit, 109 Wkaps and Fd Pk, D.I.D. and Fd Bakery. He departed for TOROKINA at 1200L.
NX70714 Capt D.J. McNEILL arrived from 11 Inf Bde for attachment to 23 Inf Bde as GSO III (Air).

1730 HMAS DIAMANTINA arrived FREDDIE BEACH.

AUG 9

0500 12 Bty 4 Fd Regt departed for TOROKINA. Capt C.N. McLEAN assumed command 11 Bty and Maj BERRY continues to command 12 Bty.

Bde Comd, BM, Legal Offr discussed Lt.Col. LOUGHRAN case. Lt.Col. LOUGHRAN handed over command of 8 Bn to Maj MORAN at 1800 hrs.

AUG 0840L HMAS DIAMANTINA engaged targets SOHANA IS, BONIS PENINSULA.
Lt.Col. POPE 27 Bn remained at Bde HQ overnight.

AUG 10

0945 Lt.Col. LOUGHRAN reports to Bde HQ, and discussed his case. He intimated that he intended to oppose same, and considered that he had sufficient experience for the command of 8 Bn. He departed for TOROKINA at 1930L.

1230 Lt JONES and Lt RIX arrived from TOROKINA.
Section 40 Tpt Pl is to remain TOROKINA and the working of NUMA TRAIL placed under command 133 AGT and will move to 133 AGT area and present area 40 Tpt Pl to remain LOB for 40 Tpt Pl.

AUG 11

A personal message was received from GOC 2 Corps informing

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that in view of the probable early cessation of hostilities ops will be confined to maintenance of present positions and avoidance of Aust casualties. Naval and Air strikes are suspended. No fire will be brought down on enemy held areas, except in the event of enemy attack or threat of attack.

1100 Bde Comd departed for TOROKINA by AUSTER A/c, and after lunch discussed Lt.Col. LOUGHRAN case.

AUG 12

0900 Bde Comd called on Lt.Col C. COURT 2 Corps and discussed Staff Captain posting to HQ 23 Bde. Capt LEWIS is to return to 2 Corps and Capt G.C. FARRAR will be A/S.C.

1500 Bde Comd returned to SORAKEN by F.S.B. with Col LEDGERWOOD and Col CHESTERTON, Capt TONKIN (IOO) and Chap TANNER.

AUG 13

0900 Bde Comd discussed outline surrender plan with Lt.Col. POPE and Bde HQ Staff. Later spoke to chaplains re surrender service. Det 23 Bde Postal Section opened RATSUA 130830L.

AUG 14

All units informed of C.I.C. Order of the day in the event of an early surrender. Append F.10.
All units informed of action to be taken prior to and after cessation of hostilities. Append F.11.

1200 Matrons SAGE, WHITE and HURLEY arrived SAPOSA ISLAND. Bde Comd, Lt.Cols POPE and IRWIN and Capt POWELL went to SAPOSA for evening meal.

AUG 15

Surrender of Japan.
Japs snelled TALOF IS throughout the day and RATSUA throughout the night. 11 Bty turned on star shell display at night.

AUG 16

Church services were held at RATSUA, SORAKEN PTN and FREDDIE BEACH during the day.
No hostile activity throughout the day - loud explosions could be heard in the vicinity of BUKA PASSAGE.

AUG 17.

Capt LEWIS departed to TOROKINA and Capt G.C. FARRAR appointed A/S.C.
Lt.S.G. ELLIOTT evacuated to MDS with broken ribs as result of volley ball.

AUG 18

Advice was received from 2 Corps, that the Emperor of Japan issued an order at 1600 hrs 16 Aug to cease fire. It is anticipated that the order will take at least 8 days to reach BOUGAINVILLE and units will therefore remain in present positions. Advice was later received that 23 Bde could gradually withdraw troops to SORAKEN Area.

AUG 18

2320L All units in northern Sector were warned to prepare for movement to SORAKEN - FREDDIE BEACH area. Adv parties to be prepared to move on afternoon 19 Aug and move to be completed by 21 Aug.

0800 Bde Comd and BM made an inspection of RATSUA Area.

AUG 19

1000 BM departed by Auster A/C for TOROKINA and visited 2 Corps for the purpose of obtaining infm of surrender. Infm was NOT available, but it appears that fwd units are to take no part in the surrender, as that role will be carried out by Junior Staff officers of 2 Corps and 4 Base Sub Area. A poor reward to the troops for months of fighting. Advance party of 101 Hvy Mortar Coy moved to TOROKINA. The movement of troops from RATSUA area was commended.

AUG 20

1100 27 Bn HQ closed RATSUA, opened SORAKEN PTN. D Coy 27 Bn vacated COMMO RIDGE.

AUG 21

Move from RATSUA continued throughout the day. Lt.Col ELLIOTT SMITH, PIB called at Bde HQ.

AUG 22

1000 Bde Comd and BM visited the troops at SORAKEN PTN. Still no news from 2 Corps re surrender. 7 Bn is to remain in present position on NUMA TRAIL until ~~anrr~~ surrender completed. TAIOF ISLAND garrison was withdrawn during the day.

AUG 23

Movement of troops from RATSUA completed. 2 Mtn Bty moved from PEARL RIDGE to TOROKINA.

AUG 24

Lt BRANSON (TO) is at TOROKINA arranging new camp site for Bde. 23 Fd Coy to erect Scale B accommodation in all areas.

1100 Capt TREVENEN departed for TOROKINA by Auster A/C to check new camp areas.

AUG 25

Bde Comd, BM, BASCO, LO 1, Lt-Cols POPE and IRWIN spent day at JUPINOL.

AUG 26

Prganized sports were held throughout the day.

1100 Lt Col IRWIN departed by launch for TOROKINA.

AUG 27

1400 Capt TREVENEN returned from TOROKINA by Auster A/C., reporting that there was little chance of the Bde moving to TOROKINA for 3 weeks.

UG 28

Bde Comd and BM made an inspection of SAPOSA IS in view of the projected visit of 6 AANS sisters to that island for one week.

AUG 29

1100 Bde Comd and BM visited 8 Bn and 27 Bn and interviewed officer candidates.

1400 Six sisters arrived at SAPOSA from TOROKINA. Bde Comd and BM later visited them.

AUG 30

0900 Bde Comd departed by hospital launch for TOROKINA. Saw Brig STEVENSON before his departure to NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS.

1300 Det 5 Sqn RAAF Sigs departed SORAKEN for TOROKINA.

AUG 31

Det 40 Tpt Pl now under command 133 AGT reverts command 23 Bde as from 1200 hrs 1 Sep.

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Serial 56
Nos 199 - 201

8 Aug 45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R F DIXON MC
BM 23 AU ST INF BDE

199.	<u>Duty Officers</u>			<u>Duty NCOs</u>		
Tues	7 Aug	Lt	ELLIOTT	S/Sgt	ANGEL	N S
Wed	8 "	Capt	TREVENEN	Cpl	WILLIAM	M W
Thur	9 "	Capt	WORRALL	S/Sgt	CUMMINS	C H
Fri	10 "	Lt	JONES	Sgt	LADNER	N G
Sat	11 "	Lt	RIX	Sgt	OBST	R N
Sun	12 "	Capt	EWING	Sgt	COWAN	C
Mon	13 "	Lt	HUGGINS	Cpl	CAMPLIN	R A
Tues	14 "	Capt	POWELL	Sgt	BENNETT	R S
Wed	15 "	Lt	CLEARY	Cpl	HALL	K L
Thur	16 "	Lt	WILSON	Sgt	McMURRAY	J R
Fri	17 "	Lt	ALEXANDER	S/Sgt	ANGEL	N S
Sat	18 "	Lt	NOBLE	Cpl	WILLIAM	M W
Sun	19 "	Lt	BRANSON	S/Sgt	CUMMINS	C H

200. CENSORSHIP - MENTION OF LOCATION IN
CORRESPONDENCE IN CORPS AREA

Owing to recent relaxations in censorship, personnel may now disclose their locations in base and forward areas and mention topographical place names or features in the area provided that:-

The unit of each member concerned has either been in the area for one month or has been in action.

201. RATION COUPON BOOKS

NO restrictions exist on the despatch of clothing coupon books by members of the forces from this area.

Abbott Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

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20 Aug 45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R F DIXON MC
BM 23 AUST INF BDE

202.	<u>Duty Officers</u>				<u>Duty NCOs</u>			
Mon	20	Aug	Lt	RIX	C C	Sgt	OBST	R N
Tuas	21	"	Capt	EWING	R M	Sgt	COWEN	C
Wed	22	"	Lt	HUGGINS		Sgt	BENNETT	R S
Thur	23	"	Capt	POWELL	L G	Cpl	HALL	K L
Fri	24	"	Lt	GLANVILLE		Sgt	Mc MURRAY	J R
Sat	25	"	Lt	WILSON	A W F	S/Sgt	ANGEL	N S
Sun	26	"	Lt	ALEXANDER	C	Cpl	WILLIAM	M
Mon	27	"	Capt	TREVENEN	J L	Sgt	LADNER	N
Tues	28	"	Capt	WORRALL	E			
Wed	29	"	Lt	JONES	R E			

203. CONTROL OF SKIN DISEASE

1. **Skin disease in the tropics** is the principal cause of wastage both permanent and temporary.
2. All officers and NCOs in charge of units or parties, however small, will ensure that a regular daily inspection is made of the skin conditions of all men under command. The slightest abrasion or sign of skin complaint will be reported immediately to unit HQ and arrangements will then be made for the earliest possible diagnosis and treatment.
3. RMOs will make a regular inspection of all troops including officers. If this is not possible because of the temporary absence of troops on patrols etc these troops will be inspected by RMO immediately they return.
4. COs and OSC are responsible that all personnel are fully aware of the action to be taken to prevent skin disease and will, as far as lies in their power, implement arrangements for the washing, boiling and drying of clothes and the provision of adequate bathing facilities.
5. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or NCO who fails to obey this order.

203. DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE RECEIVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION

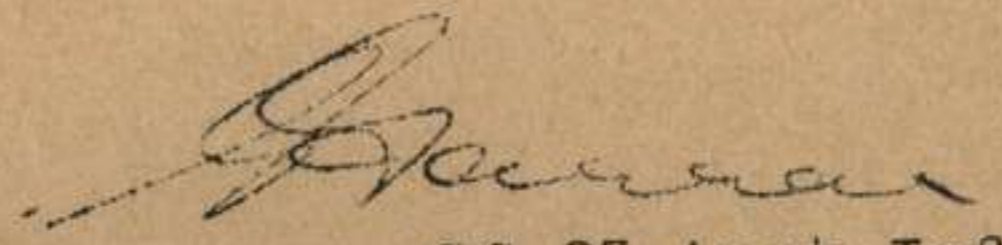
1. Approval has been given for continuing the payment of dependants allowance in respect of children dependent upon a member after they have reached the age of 16 until they are 18 years of age if they are receiving full-time education at a school or university.

2. The approval will take effect on and from 11th July 1945 and will apply to children who have reached the age of 16 years at that date or who subsequently attain that age. Payment will be subject to the conditions of War Financial Regulations.

3. As regards children who have not yet reached the age of 16 years, the DFO paying the allotment will advise the allottee of the extension now notified some time prior to each child attaining the age of 16 years and the allottee will be invited to make application for payment if applicable.

4. Any member whose children have already attained the age of 16 years and who are entitled to receive dependants allowance with this approval should arrange for his allottee to make application to the DFO paying his allotment.

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 Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

MAJ R F DIXON MC

BM 23 AUST INF BDE

205.

Duty Officers

Duty NCOs

Fri	31 Aug	Capt	L G POWELL	Sgt	J R McMURRAY
Sat	1 Sep	Lt	H GLAVILLE	S/Sgt	N S ANGEL
Sun	2 "	Lt	A W WILSON	Cpl	H H CAIRE
Mon	3 "	Lt	C L ALEXANDER	Sgt	H CLARKE
Tues	4 "	Capt	J L TREVENEN	Sgt	N G LADNER
Wed	5 "	Capt	E S WORRALL	S/Sgt	C H CUMMINS
Thur	6 "	Lt	R E JONES	Sgt	R S BENNETT
Fri	7 "	Lt	C C RIX	Cpl	K L HALL
Sat	8 "	Capt	R M EWING	Sgt	J R McMURRAY

206. CENSORSHIP - MENTION OF LOCATION IN CORRESPONDENCE

All censorship restrictions on mention of unit locations in letters are removed.

207. PARADES

Commencing Mon 3 Sep 45 the following parades will be held in this area -

Adm Parade

Daily Adm Parades will be held in sub-unit areas at 0645 hrs. CSM will supervise.

General Parade

A general parade will be held daily, except Sundays, between 0830 - 0915 hrs. Such parades will include inspection of arms and dress, arms drill, and marching.

Sub-units will parade in the vicinity of the basketball court under the supervision of Lt GLAVILLE and CSM in the following order -

- No 1 Pl - Gd Pl and Sig Sec
- No 2 Pl - Bde HQ

Dress for Parades - All ranks will wear greens, hats khaki, and Aust pattern gaiters. Equipment will be worn and personal weapons carried.

R M Ewing
for SC 23 Aust Inf Bde. Capt,

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Subject: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 14

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2195

9 Aug 45

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is Amendment No. 1 to 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 14.
2. This Statement includes all changes as at 2359 hrs 8 Aug 45.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Rife Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	6
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	7
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	8
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	9
8 " " " "	10
27 " " " "	11
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AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 14

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Appendix "A" to HQ 23 Aust
 Inf Bde GI/45/2195 of
 9 Aug 45

Delete : Serials 26 g, 26 i, 27 a, 27 d, 27 f, 27 j, 27 k, 38 a, 40 c, 40 d, 40 e.

Insert:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1 b	HQ Unit	92590	Det 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF) BASESORAKEN	SORAKEN	239586	
14 a	INGRS	47194	Det 7 Aust Army Tps Coy (AIF)	do	244596	
38 a	ST		One Sec 40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF)	TO ROKINA	566942	
38 b			do do do do do	KOWARO	663100	
38 c			Det do do do do	CHABAI	291679	
38 d			do do do do	do	301679	
39 a		49397	1 Aust Marine Bood Sup Pl (AIF)	SORAKEN	217623	
52 c	PRO		Det 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	TAIOF IS	132712	
55	LABOUR	45504	Det 16 Aust Wks Coy	SORAKEN	239586	
53 a	MISC	45932	Det 2 Aust Corps Salv Unit (AIF)	KOWARO	659090	

AMEND TO READ

4					244603	
9					291678	
11			One Sec B Tp 141 HAA Bty (Mob) (AIF)			
12					684151	
13					587958	To move SORAKEN
15 a					638051	
15 c				AITARA	045366	To move SORAKEN
15 e					301679	
16 d					291679	
23					291679	
24					684149	
26 c					683150	
26 h				IBU	696196	
26 i				KOWARO	681137	
26 l			17 & 18 Pls		637177	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
27					291679	
27 c					291679	
27 e					286696	
27 h					285697	
27 i				CHABAI	289701	
27 l					289683	
27 m				SORAKEN	240635	Rest Camp
28					301679	
28 c					301679	
28 d		2 pl		SORAKEN	219618	
28 e					304694	
28 f				CHABAI	305682	Delete remarks
28 g				SORAKEN	240635	Rest Camp
28 h				CHABAI	297700	
28 i					294704	
29 c					696196	
31 a				KOWA RO	637177	
38				SORAKEN	239585	
39			Det 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy			
47 b					683150	
51			23 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec			
51 a			23 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec			

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Copy No.....

Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE
NO 15

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2205

24 Aug '45

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 15.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Aust Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 22 Aug 45.
3. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this HQ by units concerned.
4. Please destroy 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 14.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Maj,
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	7
Det 48 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	8
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	9
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	10
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	11
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	12
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)	13
A Coy PAPUAN Inf Bn	14
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23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB NO 15
as at 2359 hrs 22 Aug 45

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Copy No.....

Appx "A" to
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2205

Ref maps 1 in series TOROKINA
1; 25000 series KOWARO IBU SORAKEN CHABAI
4 in to 1 ml GREEN EMIRAU IS.

SERIAL	ARMY 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	SORAKEN	245594	Under Comd 2 Aust Corps
1(a)	"	"	LOB	TOROKINA	587958	
2		92590	BASE SORAKEN	SORAKEN	239586	
3		45129	Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt	SORAKEN	238640	Att 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt for local adm
3(a)		do	do	KOWARA	677130	
4			Det ANGAU	SORAKEN	244602	For local adm only
4(a)			do	KOWARO	681147	
4(b)			do LABOUR	do	681134	
5		61438	Det 2/1 Aust Mov and Tn Gp	SORAKEN	239586	Army tps for local adm
6	Armd	45090	16 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt	SORAKEN	233648	
7	arty	45986	11 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)	do	238640	
8		92710	One Sec B Tp 144 HAA Bty (MOB) (AIF)	CHABAI	233661	
9	Engrs	46157	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	5257961	
9(a)			1 Pl do	KOWARO	685121	
9(b)			2 Pl	SORAKEN	244596	
10		47194	Det 7 Aust Army Tps Coy (AIF)	do	do	
11		48276	Det 4 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	do	217623	
12	Sigs	49275	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less det	do	245594	
12(a)			Det do	KOWARO	684149	
12(b)			LOB do	TOROKINA	587958	
13			Det 4 Aust Line Sec	KOWARO	659090	
14		47752	A Det 39 Aust Wireless Sec (lt) (AIF)	SORAKEN	245594	Corps tps in support
15		48864	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (type A)	do	do	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
16			Det 5 Sqn Sigs RAAF	SORAKEN	245594	For local adm
17		47369	A & D Dets 7 Aust Pigeon Sec	do	do	Corps tps for local adm
17(a)			B Det do	KOWARO	684149	do
18		48574	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF)	SORAKEN	239586	Army tps att detachment
19	Inf	46175	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	KOWARO	684149	42 Ldg Craft Coy for local adm
19(a)			Rear HQ do	KOWARO	659090	
19(b)			do do LOB	TOROKINA	577954	
19(c)			HQ Coy do	KOWARO	683150	
19(d)			L Coy do	IBU	697245	
19(e)			B Coy do	do	696196	
19(f)			C Coy do	KOWARO	681137	
19(g)			D Coy do	do	685126	
20		46176	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	SORAKEN	232648	
20(a)			do LOB	TOROKINA	565950	
21		46170	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	SORAKEN	236641	
21(a)			do LOB	TOROKINA	579953	
22		45203	101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF) less	SORAKEN	243598	
22(a)			2 Pl do	TOROKINA	587956	
23		48050	A Coy PIB	SORAKEN	237580	
23(b)			B Coy PIB	KOWARO	683143	
24		61005	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	SORAKEN	246596	
25	INT	45161	Det P Aust FS Sec (AIF)	SORAKEN	245594	For local adm
25(a)			Det do	KOWARO	684149	do
26	ST	49446	243 Aust ^{Sup} Dep Pl (AIF)	SORAKEN	242588	
27		49447	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	KOWARO	659090	
27(a)			B & C Secs do	SORAKEN	242588	
28		49448	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF) (two Secs)	SORAKEN	239585	
28(a)			1 Sec HQ do	TOROKINA	566942	
28(b)			1 Sec do	KOWARO	663100	
29		47493	Det 13 Aust Fd Bkg Coy	SORAKEN	242588	For local adm
30		49397	1 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl (AIF)	SORAKEN	217623	
31	MED	46180	17 Aust Fd Amb/less (AIF)	do	244592	
31(a)			B Coy do	TOROKINA	584956	
32		45969	A Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	KOWARO	659090	Corps tps in sp
32(a)			ADS	do	681137	
33			Det 19 Aust Malarial Control Unit	SORAKEN	245594	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
34	Lntal	45384	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	244592	
34(a)			B Sec do	SORAKEN	240635	
34(b)			C Sec do	KOWARO	681137	
35	Ord	46238	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less	SORAKEN	244586	
35(a)			Det do	TOROKINA	588957	
35(b)			Det do	EMIRAU	72447621	
36	ALLL	46237	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF) less	SORAKEN	244586	
36(a)			Det do	TOROKINA	588958	
36(b)			Det do	KOWARO	683150	
36(c)			Det do	EMIRAU	72547621	
36(d)			Det do	GREEN	2914185	
37		46174	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	SORAKEN	246596	
38		45987	Det 214 Aust LAD (Type D)	SORAKEN	238640	Corps tps att 11 Bty
39	PAY	61019	Det 2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	do	242587	
40	POSTAL	46186	23 Aust Inf Bde Postal Secless	do	242587	
40(a)		do	Det do	TOROKINA	587958	
41	PLJ	49492	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl less	SORAKEN	246594	
41(a)			Det do	KOWARO	659090	
41(b)			Det do	TOROKINA	597963	
42	Labour	45504	Det 16 Aust Works Coy	SORAKEN	239586	
43	MISC	45932	Det 2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	242587	For local adm
43(a)			Det do	KOWARO	659090	
44		45543	Det NG Sec AA Canteen Service	SORAKEN	242587	

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
1 Aug 45

ENEMY IDENTIFICATION

Identification of equipment etc of Japs killed TAIOP IS 31 Jul 45

HAVERSACK: TSUGI (TN Owners name)

WATER BOTTLE: 87 Naval Gd Force 2041

CAP: Construction Unit 5. Sec Naval Insignia (Anchor)
sewn on front of cap.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
1 Aug 45

DRAFT TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENT

DOCUMENT: 1 Hand written Postcard showing orders given.
Date and Owner not stated.

Captured by : 23 Aust Inf Bde

Captured at : Map Ref 132716. Ref Map TAIOP IS 1 : 63360

RECCE SUMMARY

1. Situation and construction of defensive positions (including weapons).
2. No of men, huts and warehouses (TN munition and food dumps)
3. The situation of the landing craft entering the Harbour (unloading supplies).
4. What communications between (TN TAIOP IS) and WACHI I.
5. Living conditions (what kind of work are they carrying out)
6. Concerning natives.
7. If you have an opportunity to carry out rifle shooting and mine the area.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

1. 1700 hrs on 30th land on NORTH shore of TAIOP IS with camouflaged canoe. After landing camouflaged canoe
2. After darkness go to ERIE (harbour) vicinity. Be careful to carry out recce missions (natives hostile).
3. Wait until morning, camouflage yourself and make decision of what area to recce. Camouflage yourself as much as possible for one day.
4. During the night think of the way that you are going to attack what you saw in the daylight.
5. During the night, attack as much as possible to the direction of WACHI I.
6. Be very careful and carry out these instructions.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
1 Aug 45

DRAFT TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTDOCUMENT

1 Hand written Diary dated 1 Jul - 31 Jul 45. 20 pages.
Owner Not stated.

CAPTURED BY 23 Aust Inf Bde on 31 Jul 45.

CAPTURED AT Map Ref 132716. Ref Map TAIOP IS 1 : 63360

14 Jul 0900 hrs. Large Barge to WACHI I (6 soldiers 6 natives
landed)
1130 " Barge full of natives (incl soldiers) departed
ERIE for WACHI I. In the meantime we saw
4 soldiers but they disappeared. North of
WACHI I 2 natives cutting jungle.

15 Jul 1125 hrs 1 small barge entered ERIE from direction of
SHIGANIYA
1150 " Barge departed and went to WACHI I and returned
again with 7 soldiers.
1030 " 8 natives went to SOPURINA I from WACHI I.

16 Jul 14 th 2 Barges went back (many natives were aboard 1230)
15th 1 Small barge (1130)
16th -
17th 1 small barge 1330 (possibly 10 men aboard)
18th 1 large barge (0715) (possibly ~~xxx~~ 20 men aboard)
19th -
20th 1 small barge

16 Jul 0700 15 natives from WACHI I went to the vicinity ERIE
and unloaded 1 drum. 1 empty drum (or possibly
timber) floated ashore length 10 metres, 5 in sq

17 Jul 1330 1 Barge entered ERIE

18 Jul 0700 1 Barge Barge from WACHI I to ERIE (15 soldiers
aboard)
0945 Barge departed ERIE for WACHI I (10 soldiers and
15 natives aboard)

19 Jul In view of this important event report immediately
to OKU Unit (when passing the garden it is safe)

20 Jul 0750 1 small barge from SHIKANIYA to ERIE
1115 Departed and went to WACHI I (10 soldiers)

21 Jul We communicated to our HQ
0755 1 large barge from WACHI I to ERIE (2 soldiers)
0815 Departed ERIE for WACHI I (soldiers and natives 7
native children 15)
0925 1 large barge WACHI I to ERIE (natives and soldiers
9)
1135 Departed ERIE for WACHI I (natives and soldiers 20)
1 When they entered ERIE they were armed ready for
action.
2 At ERIE they started working at 3 small boats
0800 1 barge left ERIE
1130 1 barge returned to WACHI I. Worked during
the morning.

22 Jul We completed our communications with HQ.
2230 OKUMURA arrived from OKU Unit.

23 or (Date not clear) SOHANA IS was severely shelled.

24 Jul 1030 Barge from WACHI I to ERIE (9 natives)
1200 " " " (6 ")

25 Jul 0815 1 small naval vessel (TN could be barge) to
WACHI I (20 men)
0900 1 barge from WACHI I (possibly 15 aboard)
0930 Departed WACHI I and went in direction of
SHIGANIYA then returned (15 soldiers)

26 Jul 6 -

27 Jul 0830 2 barges SHIGANIYA to WACHI I.
1000 1 barge WACHI I came in (soldiers & natives 20)
1045 1 Torpedo boat from direction of WACHI I entered
ERIE
1105 1 small boat WACHI I to SHIGANIYA then returned
1325 1 barge and 1 Torpedo boat departed ERIE. Torpedo
boat to SHIGANIYA. Barge to WACHI I and returned
(4 soldiers 4 natives). No of barge was 349
(another barge No 19 soldiers and natives 25)

28 Jul 1 Delay and recce GIYU
2 To observe
3 To report to unit
4 The enemy situation
5 Order
6 Communications

30th To arrive night at destinations
31st To recce
" Night to arrive at WACHI I and recce area

1 Aug Night to return back

28 Jul Night 2000 hrs attac king force will arrive.

29 Jul 5

No dates given for following entries. The order is to bomb barge and supplies. If the mission is not completed do not know what explanation to give to HQ.

Communicated with HQ. Departed 1600 hrs returned 0030 hrs. Naval vessel shelled.

To SHITO for liaison with SATO and MAESHIMA (SATO stole the rations and medical supplies)
Ate lunch at SHITO. Today I ate rice.

At SUKARAN we distributed potatoes and supplies to the OBANA Unit and had liaison. Temporary supplies were 60 kilograms. We had to evacuate sick and wounded pers but did not carry out the order. We had to give our report to HQ, We departed 0300 hrs and returned at 1230 hrs. Enemy naval vessel disappeared. There is no change in the situation.

NAODA, KOIKE, MATSUURA (leading Privates) from Coy HQ arrived. 0700 - 1200 hrs no change in situation. Found 1 tin of tobacco on sea coast and everybody was happy. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

0750 hrs 1 barge to ERIE (about 20 soldiers)
0805 barge departed and returned to WACHI I (15 natives and soldiers)

0700 15 natives arrived ERIE from WACHI I
1530 13 natives returned to WACHI I

Mines 110
Hand Grenades 10
Fuze 150 metres
Rubber Shoes (Tn TABI mean jap slippers) 10
Salt 200 lbs (approx)
Tobacco 5 each. Rope 10 yds for each individual

From the 16th the sea has been very rough.

0750 Small barge entered ERIE.
1115 Barge departed for WACHI I
0755 - 0815 hrs. 1 barge in ERIE
0925 1 barge in ERIE (20 men)
1135 " " "

We communicated with HQ OKU MURA Unit to notify GIUTA Unit
as our rifle ammunition is no good (Tn OKUMURA Unit means Independent
or Volunteer Unit and GIUTA means an OKUMURA Unit)

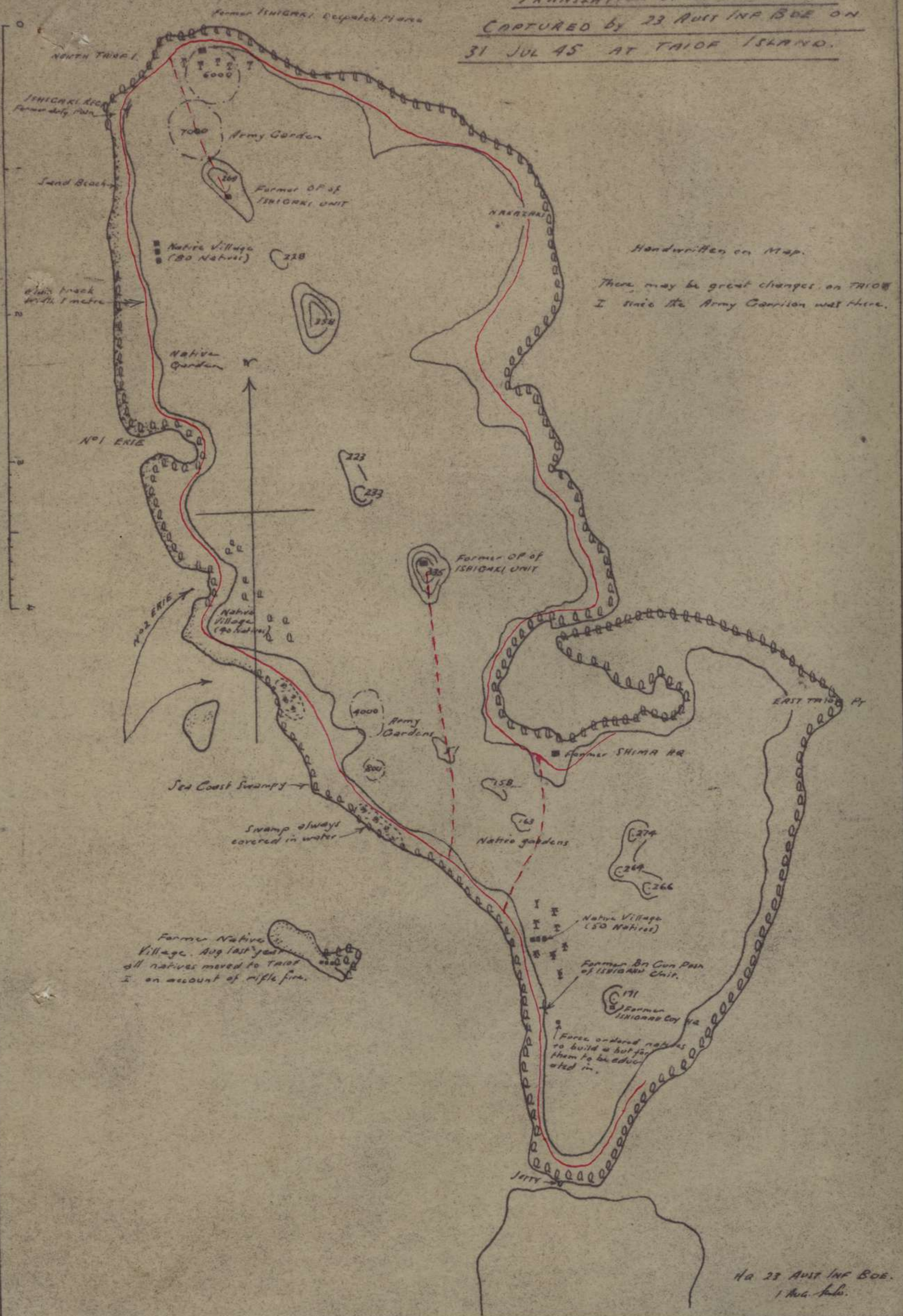
Today is Sunday and the enemy are picking up shells on the
beach. It is a lovely day as no fighting is going on.

Recently movement of soldiers and natives on NORTH shore of
WACHI I sighted.

Communicated with GITO (Tn probably place name) TSUCHIYA Pl
One barge came in with 8 men. Communicated with HQ re barbed wire
(Tn or could be sig cable) watches and compass (Tn possibly binoculars)

TAIOF ISLAND.

TRANSLATION OF ENEMY MAP
CAPTURED BY 23 AVST INF BDE ON
31 JUL 45 AT TAIOF ISLAND.



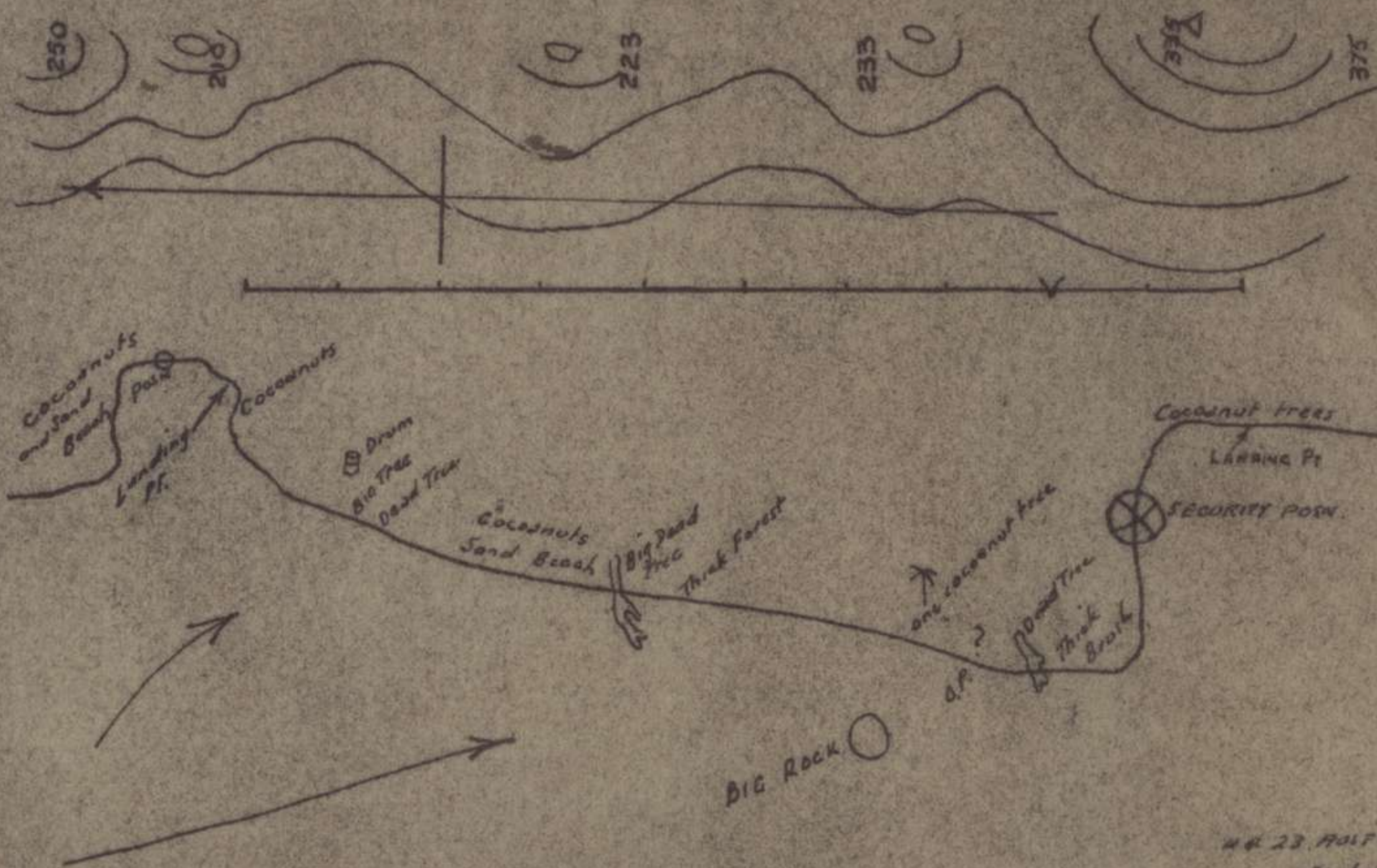
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There may be great changes on TAIOF I since the Army Garrison was here.

Former Native Village. Aug last year all natives moved to Taiof I. on account of rifle fire.

Ha 23 AVST INF BDE.
 1 Aug. 45.

TRANSLATION OF ENEMY MAP FROM POST CARD CAPTURED
 BY 23 AUST INF BDE ON 31 JUL 45 AT TAI OF I.

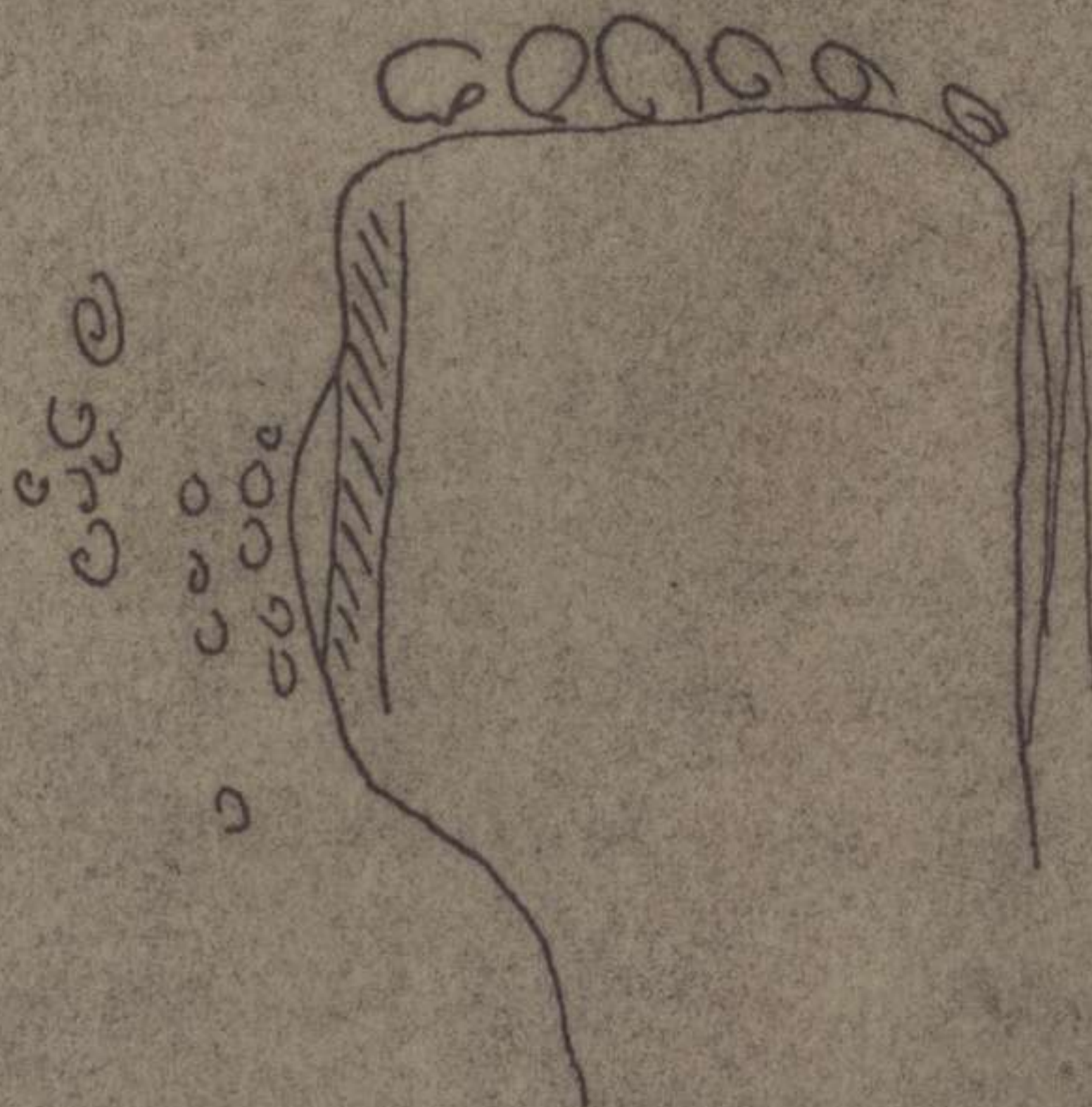
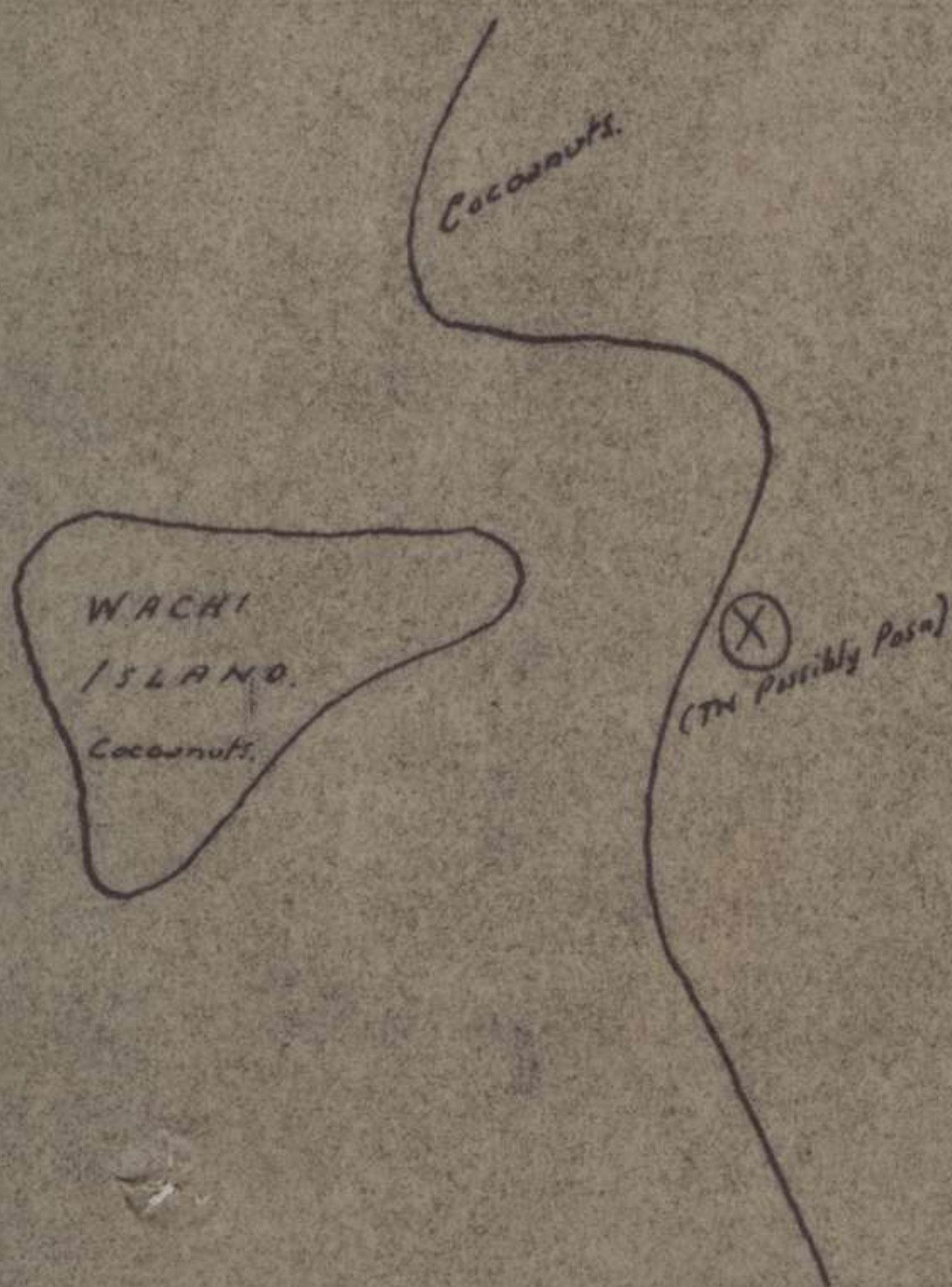


#4 23 AUST INF BDE
 31 JUL 45.

TRANSLATION OF ENEMY MAP FROM POST CARD
 CAPTURED BY 23 AUST INF BDE ON 31 JUL 45 AT TAI OF I

Mission.

- Nº1. Location of points (Defensive)
- Nº2. Strength.
- Nº3. Barges.
- Nº4. Arrivals and Departures of Barges from WACHI I.
- Nº5. Supplies and etc.
- Nº6. Living conditions.
- Nº7. Working conditions.
- Nº8. Etc.



ND F3

SECRET

Subject: PASSWORDS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2188

6 Aug 45

1. Passwords for use in the area bounded by NaGAM R - GENGA R incl SORAKEN PTN and SAPOSA ISLAND for the period 9 to 20 Aug 45 are as follows:

9 Aug	COLLECTIVE
10 "	ILLUSION
11 "	ANALYSE
12 "	ALLOWANCE
13 "	LOCAL
14 "	LINOLEUM
15 "	TRAVELLER
16 "	RELATIVE
17 "	FALLACY
18 "	POLITE
19 "	VOLTAGE
20 "	VALLEY

2. Please destroy our GI/45/2179 of 26 Jul 45.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Dipon
Maj
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution: As for 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2179 of 26 Jul 45.

War Diary F4

Subject: A W A RADIO SERVICE LAE TO AUSTRALIA

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A1/23/3179

6 Aug 45

1. Amalgated Wireless Ltd is now operating a Radio Station at LAE giving direct radio telegraphic service to AUSTRALIA.
2. Permission has been given for messages to be accepted from members of the Forces for transmission to the Mainland and to other countries as detailed in A W A "cost" schedules.
3. The rate to the Mainland will be 6d per word and to places beyond the Commonwealth as set out in schedule, particulars of which are available on application to FPO.
4. Messages will be censored and payment of charges will be made by means of postage stamps affixed thereto as is done at present with ordinary telegrams.
5. Radiograms will be clearly endorsed as such at the top of the form.

Osborne Capt
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution: List "H".

M E S S A G E F O R M

In lieu of
AF C2136

T00 061200L

From 23 bde
To all units

CS 255 RESTRICTED (.) list of bulk items appx A refers (.) delete sec
F and VOL items

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means (except)

afu ilson } Wireless

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

SDS

FS

ITINERARY GOC's VISIT NORTHERN SECTOR TUE 7 AUG 45

hrs

1215 Arrive F BEACH (FSB) met by Bde Comd and moves to Bde Hq
1230 Lunch at Bde Hq
1330 Depart F BEACH (FSB)
1430 Arrive RATSUA - met by escort and jeeps from 8 Aust Inf Bn
1445 Arrive Hq 8 Aust Inf Bn - meets CO
1515 Depart/ B coy 8 Aust Inf Bn
1530 Arrive B Coy - meets Coy Comd
1530 Depart B Coy
1545 Arrive Hq 27 Aust Inf Bn - meets CO - afternoon tea
1630 Depart 27 Aust Inf Bn
1640 Arrive ADS 17 Aust Fd Amb
1700 Depart RATSUA (FSB)
1800 Arrive F BEACH

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This might be useful to you for War diary
at 7/8

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

11 Aug 45

CIRCULAR

A certain amount of restlessness is inevitable in the present expectant period of rumour and propaganda.

CO's will take steps to see that no reliance is placed in any but the official version of any enemy acceptance or otherwise of Allied terms of surrender.

Units will still maintain the highest standard of work and will carry on with the usual tasks.

No relaxation of standards is permitted.

Any official information relating to this subject will be forwarded without delay to the units and until that happens, the work goes on.

Ripon *Chap.*
for Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde
Brig

Distribution: List "E".



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FAR EASTERN LIAISON OFFICE

BOUGAINVILLE

QUOTE IN REPLY

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9 Aug 45. 506

IO,
23 BDE.

Subject: FELO LEAFLET JK22.

As requested in your signal G0157 of 3 Aug received at 1725 hrs 3 Aug by us, 18,500 of leaflet JK22 were run off by 0400hrs on 4 Aug and 50 information copies forwarded DRLS to reach 7 Bn at 1030hrs 4 Aug.

2. It was arranged that the 18,500 leaflets be dropped on the trail between our FDLs and Jap Base Camp 2 on morning of 4 Aug but unfortunately the plane could not find the target as ceiling was zero. The leaflets were actually dropped, as soon as weather permitted at 1000hrs on 5 Aug. The pilots reported excellent coverage on the target.

3. A report on this has been made verbally to IO 7 Bn, and it is intended that another drop be made using a corrected sketch prepared by 1(I) 2 Corps on information from IO 7 Bn.

4. 25 leaflets, with translations, herewith for your information.

Phusell

Capt,
OIC, FELO, BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
(INT)

TCR... 101900L

Log... (180) H

Distribute to units for info and retention.

Copies to file & War Diary

[Signature]

TRANSLATION

JK 22

ALL JAPANESE SOLDIERS OF 81 REGIMENT

You have fought bravely and loyally, but to fight on means certain death. A useless death with no one to tell of your deeds. A useless death which cannot help JAPAN.

Guard your life, which is your most valuable possession, and work for the reconstruction of the NEW JAPAN, for who is there better to serve JAPAN than you who have so often shown your loyalty.

Join your comrades who have already surrendered, and who are even now planning a NEW JAPAN where there will be no wars and no war lords.

Act now. Follow the map to find the AUSTRALIAN Officer. Take off your shirt and boldly advance along the middle of the road at mid-day with this leaflet held on high.

The Commanding Officer has ordered all soldiers and natives to safe-guard you and you will be treated with the dignity due to a veteran soldier. You will be immediately fed, clothed and given medical attention.

COME NOW AND WORK FOR THE NEW JAPAN

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253,440



SEA

ASITAVI

WAKUNAI

• NUNA NUMA

AUSTRALIAN OFFICER HERE

• IBU

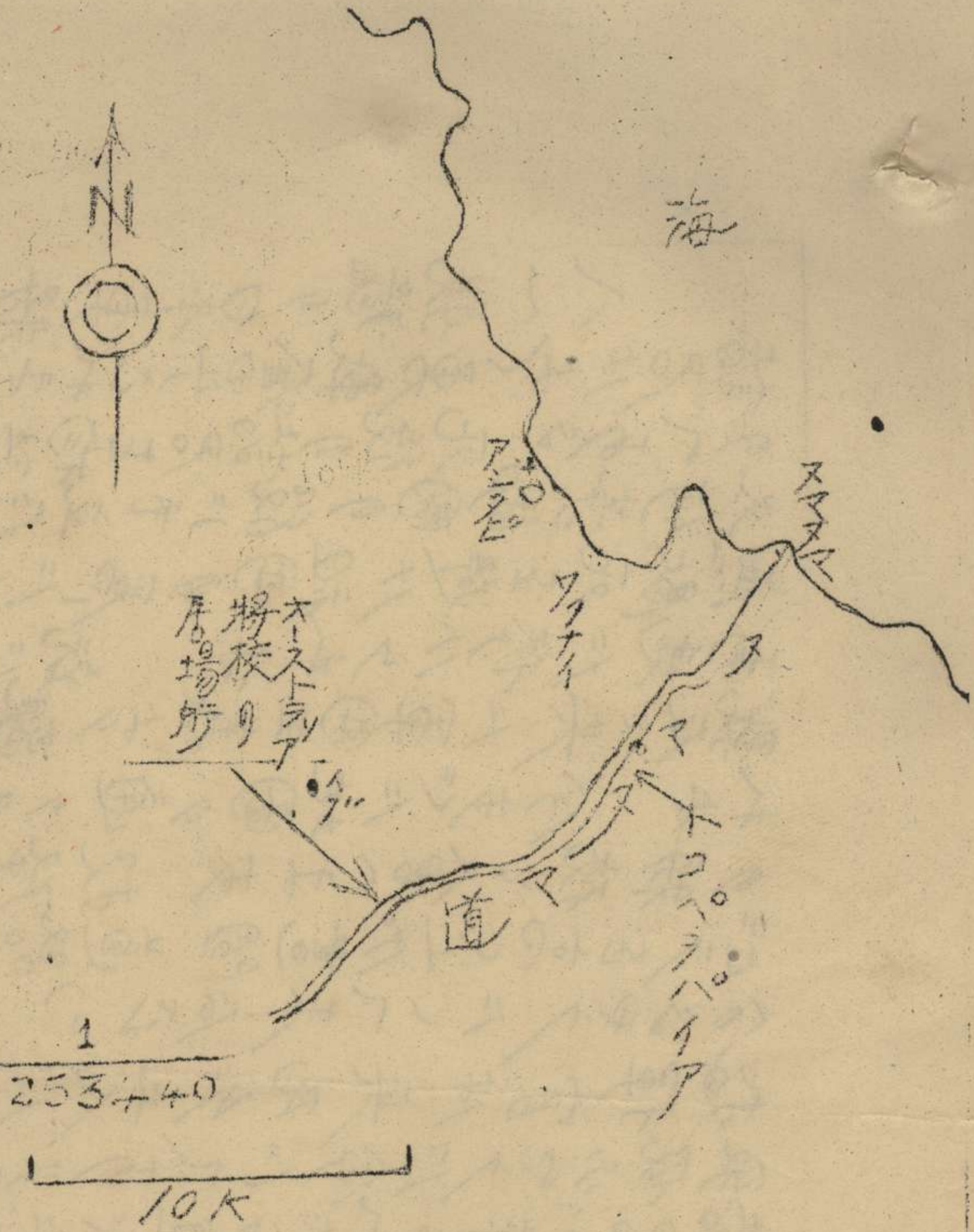
• TOKOPERAPAI

Nuna Numa Trail

SADDLE

MOUNTAIN

10 Kilos



下の英文には「此人は抵抗を
止めたる人たるつき国際
法規に基き親切に扱ひ
もより上官の所に送
るべし。」

聯合軍最高指揮官
とわいてあるの
であります。

BEARER HAS CEASED RESISTANCE. TREAT HIM WELL IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. TAKE HIM TO THE NEAREST COMMANDING OFFICER.

C. in C. AUSTRALIAN FORCE

八一 脱隊の日本軍將兵に生かすに
諸君はよく勇戦奮闘せられたるに
死後の諸君を物語る者もな
又何等の御褒の段にも立たない
無駄死を避け祖國の爲に尊き生命を
新日本
再建に捧げられたる
戦友と共に軍中主義より離れた平和な日本を待た
れよ 今更ぐた地國の通く来られたる
の將校と會へませ 投降の際には
道路の通中をばツキツと
分るやうにして来なさい
お揮官は兵死が土人には諸君を
取扱ふやうに命じてあります
諸君が来られたら直ぐに食物
被服を與へませ
新日本に當る方へ来給へ

脱隊の諸君及び

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. WE8

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

FROM (A) 2 corps	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 111250L	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
<i>For Action</i> 3 div 23 bde 7 bn NOIC TOROKINA CAMAIR NZAF			
TO	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	<i>Message Instructions</i>	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

**GO3467 SECRET (.) personal for gen GRIDGEFORD brig POTTS t/lt col DUNKLEY
 commodore FOWLER air com ROBERTS (.) in view of probable early cessation
 hostilities ops in 2 corps area until further notice will be confined
 to those necessary for the maintenance of present posns reached every
 effort is to be made to avoid futher aust cas (.) naval bombardment
 and air strikes at once suspended pending further notice (.) ack**

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { <i>except</i> } 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 THI or TOR	System	Op
Signed	Signed		Time Cleared		

Subject: ENEMY CASUALTIES

FWQ

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2198

14 Aug 45

2 Aust Corps (AIF)

1. Hereunder are details of casualties inflicted on the enemy by units of 23 Aust Inf Bde up to 1800 hrs 13 Aug 45:-

2.

CENTRAL SECTOR

	<u>For week ending 13 Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed	21	297
Found dead (Not included in killed total)	-	37
Unconfirmed killed	-	16
PW	-	-
Wounded	-	43
Graves	-	-

NORTHERN SECTOR

	<u>For week ending 13 Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed	17	161
Found dead (Not included in killed total)	1	8
Unconfirmed killed	-	16
PW	-	3
Wounded	1	24
Graves	-	-

D. W. Holt Brig
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF
C2136

FROM 23 inf bde

TOO 1423k5L

To : 7 inf bn 8 inf bn 27 inf bn 16 tp 2/4 armd regt
11 bty 4 fd regt B tp 141 HAA bty 2 mtn bty
det 42 ldg craft coy 23 fd coy A coy PIB B coy PIB
101 hy mortar coy 243 sup dep pl 244 sup dep pl
40 tpt pl 17 fd amb 109 ord fd pk 109 bde wksp
2/108 LAD

AG 1300 CONFIDENTIAL and PERSONAL for COs and OCs (.) following message rptd for infm begins (.) in the event of early surrender of JAPS (.) C in C will issue order of the day as follows (.) quote (.) adv LHQ BORNEO (.)date etc (.) order of the day by gen sir THOMAS BLAMEY etc (.) the JAPS have surrendered (.) our long and arduous struggle has ended in complete victory (.) the climax has come at the time when all six AUST divs are fighting strenuously each on its own area in far flung battle line (.) NO divs amongst the allies have contributed more to the downfall of our enemies than ours (.) our general offrs and our comds of all grades our regt offrs our warrant and non-commissioned offrs have led you unfalteringly to victory (.) under their guidance the tps have been formed into a magnificent army to the pride and glory of AUST (.) we have fought through the burning days and freezing nights of the desert and have fought through the ooze and sweat of tropical jungles (.) we have defeated the ITALIANS and GERMANS and we would soon have destroyed completely the JAPS before us (.) we are now to go to our homes having done our part in ensuring freedom for all peoples (.) we will NOT forget this freedom for which we have fought so long and successfully and so let us stand together in future years to ensure it remains the crowning heritage of AUSTRALIAN people and above all we give thanks to the ALMIGHTY for HIS greatest and crowning mercy that marks for all people the total downfall of tryanny (.) unquote (.) above will NOT be released to tps until official announcement of surrender of JAPS has been made (.) ends (.) this announcement will be made through this HQ all informed

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands, this
message must be sent IN
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Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

Signed *Abshunlop*

WD F11
RESTRICTED
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
G4/26/3296
14 Aug 45

ACTION BY UNITS PRIOR TO AND AFTER
CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

GENERAL

1. Advice has been received from 2 Aust Corps that immediately notification is given of the cessation of hostilities a leaflet will be dropped in all Jap occupied territories and local broadcasts made to inform the enemy of the action they will take.

2. The official advice of the termination of hostilities will be transmitted to all units by the quickest possible means. Units will remain in their present locations and unless attacked by the enemy no further hostile action will be initiated by them.

SURRENDER PROCEDURE

3. A point will be selected and advised to the Jap forces on BONIS PENINSULA stating time and date where enemy emissaries will be received.

4. Maj MORAN 8 Aust Inf Bn with body guard of a pl str will represent the bde to meet such emissary. Location and times to meet emissary will be advised to Maj MORAN at some later date.

5. The Jap forces will be advised that their emissary will be accompanied by NOT more than two (2) personnel, that they will NOT be armed, and that they will advance to the appointed place under a white flag.

6. On the arrival of the enemy representatives at the appointed place they will be blindfolded and conducted back to the Bde Comd at F BEACH.

7. 8 Aust Inf Bn will advise this HQ by an immediate signal when the emissary has been received. Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft will have available their fastest craft at RATSUA JETTY at a time and date to be notified for transporting the emissary back to this HQ.

8. During the negotiations and implementation by the Japs of such negotiations, all personnel will be warned to guard against any act of treachery.

9. Panic amongst prisoners, attempts to create disturbances, and subsequent casualties incurred by us are always a possibility.

10. No shots will be fired by our troops at any time except at the command of an officer or NCO and then only if necessary to save lives. Any indiscriminate firing will meet with the severest disciplinary action possible against offenders.

ACTION AFTER SURRENDER

11. Action by units after details of the surrender have been completed will naturally be dependent on the negotiations entered into. However, it is hoped that most of these can be anticipated and units will be prepared to carry out the following plan:-

12. 8 Aust Inf Bn

(a) Will be prepared to take over responsibility for all security measures of Jap PsW.

(b) It is anticipated that the concentration of PsW will be in the vicinity of BONIS AIRSTRIP and the unit will therefore be prepared to move to that location.

- (c) 8 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the supervision of PsW in removal of all mines and booby traps from an area incl track TARBUT - CHABAI 286757 - 260730 to the NORTH incl BUKA. All enemy weapons and amn will be dumped in a central position.
- (d) Rest Camp at SORAKEN will be evacuated by the Bn and all troops concentrated in RATSUA area by a time and date notified by this HQ.

13.

27 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) 27 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the supervision of a det of PsW in removal of all mines and booby traps bounded by grid 70, 30 to excl TARBUT - CHABAI track. All enemy weapons and amn will be concentrated in a central position at PORTON.
- (b) The sub-units NOT employed in the above role will be concentrated in the SORAKEN area as early as possible, after official notification of cessation of hostilities is received.

14.

A Coy PIB

- (a) Will be responsible for the supervision of a sec of PsW in removal of all mines and booby traps EAST of grid 30.
- (b) On completion of task to withdraw back into their previous rest camp at F BEACH.

15.

16 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt

Will withdraw from the fwd area and move with 27 Aust Inf Bn back to SORAKEN.

16.

11 Bty 4 Fd Regt

To salvage all line layed and remain present location prior to movement back to TOROKINA.

17.

B Tp 141 HAA Bty

To remain present location and to return TOROKINA at an early date.

18.

101 Hy Mortars

Will concentrate at present LOB area F BEACH at time and date to be notified.

19.

Engrs

2 Pl 23 Fd Coy will be responsible for salvaging all engr material in areas at present occupied. On completion of task will concentrate in present area of engr dump.

20.

Det 42 Ldg Craft Coy

Det 42 Ldg Craft Coy will retain present base at SAPOSA until the bde and PsW have been transferred to TOROKINA. Immediately a decision has been finalised on the location of PsW at BONIS AIRSTRIP OC Det 42 Ldg Craft Coy will carry out a recce for suitable routes

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and landing points in BUKA PASSAGE for maint of 8 Aust Inf Bn at BONIS AIRSTRIP. Consideration will also be given to suitable anchorages for ALC 15 with a view to permanently stationing at least two ALC 15's in that area for duration of stay of 8 Aust Inf Bn.

21. B & C Secs 244 Sup Dep Pl

To be withdrawn back to F BEACH area at time and date to be notified.

22. 2/108 LAD

2/108 LAD less det will concentrate back in old site at Bde HQ, at time and date to be notified. Det 2/108 LAD will remain and move with 8 Aust Inf Bn.

23. ADS RATSUA

ADS less lt sec will be withdrawn back to MDS at time and date to be notified. Lt sec to remain at RATSUA until 27 Bn and PIB have completed their task. Further instructions to be issued later on medical arrangements BONIS AIRSTRIP.

24. Pro Pl

One sec Pro Pl will move with 8 Aust Inf Bn and after evac of RATSUA area will move dot at RATSUA JETTY back to this HQ.

25. 40 Tpt Pl

One sec to be withdrawn back to this HQ, one sec to move with 8 Aust Inf Bn.

26. Garrisons SAPOSA TAI OF

Garrisons at present at TAI OF and SAPOSA will be withdrawn by units after notification of the cessation of hostilities.

27. Unit Areas.

All areas at present occupied by units will be completely deloused of booby traps and mines and when evacuated will be left in a clean and hygienic condition.

All amn with the exception of rds for personal protection will be withdrawn and returned to Sup Dep Pl RATSUA. All wire will be returned to engrs.

ADVANCE PARTIES

28. Units will be prepared to move advance parties to TOROKINA at an early date in preparation for concentration of all units of the bde in that area.

PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE JAPANESE

29. 2 Aust Corps Routine Order A178 of 11 Aug defines quite clearly the attitude and action our troops will adopt when contacting the enemy. CO's will ensure that the instruction is rigidly enforced.

Surrender of Japanese Officers' swords will NOT be accepted by units or sub-units under comd of this formation except and until authority has been given by 2 Aust Corps. Units are reminded that any infringement of this rule can easily be detected on

interrogation of Japanese officers and will therefore carefully police this instruction.

It will be conveyed to all ranks that the behaviour and steadiness of our troops will be noted by the Jap at this juncture and may possibly leave a lasting impression on his mind as to our fighting qualities, discipline and ability to back our demands.

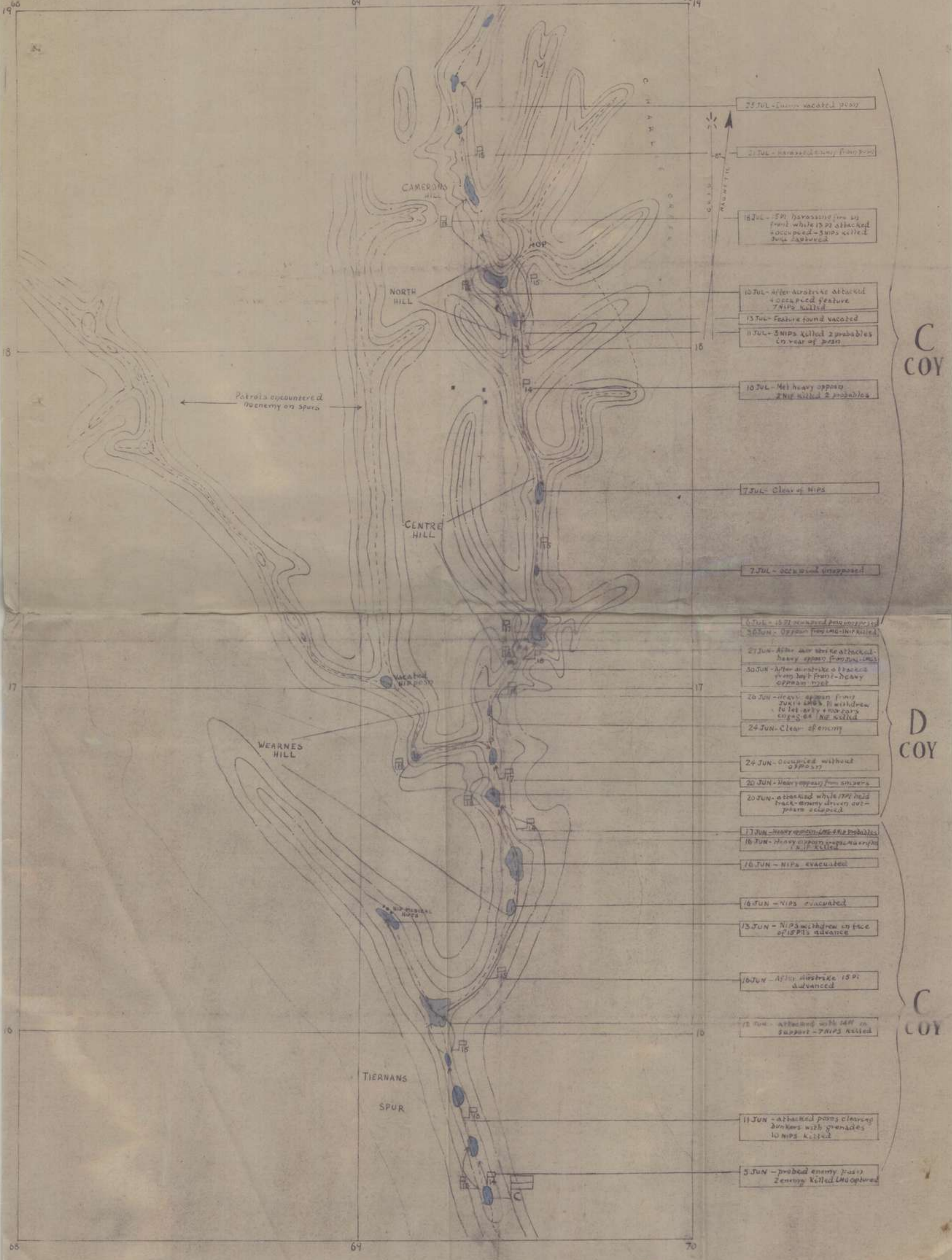
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25 JUL - Enemy vacated pass

21 JUL - Manned position, firing post

18 JUL - 1st Pl having no line up front while 15 Pl attacked + occupied - 3 NIPs killed 2 NIPs captured

10 JUL - After airstrike attacked + occupied feature 7 NIPs killed

13 JUL - Feature found vacated

11 JUL - 3 NIPs killed 2 probables in rear of pass

10 JUL - Met heavy opposition 2 NIPs killed 2 probables

7 JUL - Clear of NIPs

7 JUL - occupied unopposed

6 JUL - 15 Pl reoccupied pass unopposed

30 JUN - Opposed position unopposed

27 JUN - After air strike attacked heavy opposition from 15 Pl

30 JUN - After airstrike attacked even last front - heavy opposition met

20 JUN - Heavy opposition from 15 Pl + 15 Pl withdrew to let air strike + mortar engage 15 Pl killed

24 JUN - Clear of enemy

24 JUN - Occupied without opposition

20 JUN - Heavy opposition from 15 Pl

20 JUN - attached while 15 Pl held track enemy driven out - pass occupied

17 JUN - Heavy opposition 15 Pl probables

16 JUN - Heavy opposition 15 Pl probables 15 Pl killed

16 JUN - NIPs evacuated

16 JUN - NIPs evacuated

13 JUN - NIPs withdrew in face of 15 Pl's advance

16 JUN - After airstrike 15 Pl advanced

15 JUN - Attached with 1st Pl in support - 7 NIPs killed

11 JUN - Attached pass clearing bunkers with grenades 10 NIPs killed

5 JUN - Probable enemy 15 Pl 2 enemy killed 1 captured

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7 AUST INF BN A.I.F.
24 JUL 45

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REPORT ON ENGINEER TASKS

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23 AUST INF BDE OPERATIONS

BONIS PENINSULAR

C.E.
2 AUST CORPS

REPORT ON ENGINEER TASKS 23 Aust Inf Bde OPERATIONS

BONIS PENINSULAR

1. REFERENCE MAP

CHABAI 1/25000
SORAKEN 1/25000

2. REPORT BY

Capt S. CAMPBELL 2 i/c 23 Aust Fd Coy

3. DATE

16 June '45

4. OBJECT

Rece 11 Bde operations in BONIS PENINSULA
AND DETERMINE future engineer tasks.

5. ENGINEER TASKS

(a) Water Supply

(i) Water on western side of peninsula
is plentiful, being obtained from
wells, swamps and rivers.

(ii) Water on eastern side being carted
by jeep and trailer from W.P.
operated by 16 Fd Coy at 318691.
No convenient source of supply yet
located for this area.

(iii) Conclusion :-

RAE assistance required
in the location and establishment
of suitable W.P's, particularly for
eastern side.

(b) Defences .

(i) Defence limited to normal wiring etc.

(ii) Conclusion :-

NO RAE assistance
required.

(c) Engr Stores Depot.

(i) Depot operated by 16 Fd Coy at
present established F2 Beach and
it is intended to hand over to
23 Bde

All accom. and defence stores now
held.

5. ENGINEER TASKS (Continued)

(c) Engr Stores Depot (Continued)

(ii) Ede policy is to maintain base at F Beach.

(iii) Conclusion :-
RAE personnel required to operate depot. Depot remain at F Beach while this area continues to be used as base by SS Ede.

(d) Demolitions.

(i) No demolition work being carried out or anticipated.

(ii) Conclusion :-
NO RAE personnel required.

(e) Accomodation and Installations.

(i) F Beach area established. Camp construction limited to clearing and levelling with dozer, and construction of wards, theatre at ADS

(ii) Two - 300 c.ft. & Three - 100 c.ft refrigerators in area requiring servicing.

(iii) Conclusion :-
NO RAE personnel required for building construction. Carpenters from Pnr Pl able to supervise work. RAE refrigerator mechanic reqd to service refrigerators.

(f) Tank Support.

(i) SS Ede Comd advised that employment of tanks in area was likely.

(ii) Conclusion :-
RAE personnel required to operate mech. equipment accompanying tanks. Two bulldozers D8 class required as tanks will probably operate with two Bns.

(g) Mine Fields

(i) Experience in 5 Div has shown that enemy has used extensively mine fields, booby traps etc since the introduction of tanks in 3 Aust Div Area.

(ii) Conclusion :-
With introduction of tanks into northern section more extensive enemy employment of mine fields etc anticipated. RAE personnel required for detection and clearing.

5. ENGINEER TASKS (Continued)

(h) Wharfage .

(i) Jetty constructed at RATSUI by 16 Fd Coy.

(ii) Condition of enemy jetty at SORAKEN PENINSULA and RATSUI indicates that jetties shown on maps can be expected to be in state of dis-repair.

(iii) Conclusion :-

RAE personnel required for construction of barge landing points, (particularly if tanks to be landed) and jetties.

(j) Bridging .

(i) Folding boat bridge constructed by 16 Fd Coy at 249608.

(ii) Single span timber bridges constructed along jeep track RATSUI to KURI BAY.

(iii) No major bridge project anticipated in future operations.

(iv) Conclusion :-

Pioneer personnel required to maintain FBE bridges. Single span track bridges well in scope of Pnr Pls. NO RAE required.

(k) Roads and Tracks.

(i) 3 Ton road 290680 to 302684 only major road construction carried out by 16 Fd Coy.

(ii) Tracks permitting jeep traffic to forward Bns are required to be constructed speedily. Traffic is restricted to jeeps.

(iii) As all tracks require about 80 % Corduroy, development of track to road is major task.

(iv) Conclusion :-

Except in advisory capacity regarding general location of track RAE NOT required. Pnr's with native working parties should cope with this work.

(l) Summary of Tasks.

TASK	PERSONNEL	
	RAE	PNRS
Water Supply	Yes	No
Defences	All	Arms
Stores Depot	Yes	No
Demolition	No	No
Accom & Install.	Yes	Yes
Tank Support	Yes	No
Minefields	Yes	No
Wharfage	Yes	No
Bridging	No	Yes
Roads & Tracks	Advise Only	Yes

6. RECOMMENDATION

(a) Labour.

One Pl of a Fd Coy.
Two Pnr Pls.
100 natives for working parties.

(b) Plant.

If tanks operate - Two D6 Class Dozers.
If tanks NOT operating- 1 D4 Class dozer only.

Tractor Crane.

(c) Engr Stores.

Depot already established -Continue to operate under RAE.

7. APPENDICES

(a) List of stores as at 16 June in F Beach Stores Depot to be handed over from 11 Bde to 23 Bde (Sheets)

(b) List of stores as at 16 June '45 in Depot to be returned to TOROKINA by 16 Fd Coy (Sheets)

THIS REPORT CONTAINS FOUR (4) TYPED SHEETS AND SEVEN (7) SHEETS OF APPENDICES.

0900 Hrs

18. July 45 Date

S. Campbell Capt.
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S. CAMPBELL
E i/c 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

APPENDIX ALIST OF STORES AS AT 16 JUNE HELD IN F BEACH STORES DEPOT TO
BE HANDED OVER FROM 11 Bde to 23 Bde.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
Motors Outboard	9 h.p.	No	1
Motors Outboard	4 h.p.	No	1
Cylinders Gas Acetylene	100 c.ft.		2
Cylinders Gas Oxygen	100 c.ft.		4
Sets Welding			1
<u>BRIDGING STORES</u>			
Boats Assault			5
" Dingy			2
" Recce (Rubber)			5
" Folding			1
<u>HAND TOOLS</u>			
Files Bastard	12"	Only	12
Files Mill Bastard	10"	"	24
Files S/Taper	7"	"	12
Hammers Claw		"	4
Saws Hack Frame		"	5
<u>DEFENCE STORES</u>			
Bags Sand		"	1000
Pickets Star	2'	"	200
Pickets Star	5' 6"	"	370
Wire Barbed	28 lbs	Coils	680
Wire Netting		Rolls	1
<u>HARDWARE</u>			
Bolts	$\frac{3}{8}$ " X 36	Only	14
do with strap	do	"	12
Dogs Logging	9" X 4"	"	50
Nails Clout	$\frac{3}{8}$ "	lbs	159
" Staples	1"	"	22
" Clout	1"	"	220
"	1"	"	10
"	2"	"	677
" Springhead	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	117
"	3"	"	103

APPENDIX A (Continued)			
ITEM	SIZE	UNIT	ON HAND
<u>HARDWARE (Continued)</u>			
Nails	5 1/2"	lbs	321
"	4"	"	349
"	6"	"	465
" Flathead	6"	"	111
Nuts	3/8"	only	50
"	1/2"	"	200
"	5/8"	"	50
Washers Galv	1/2"	"	200
Screws Wood	1 1/2"	"	288
<u>BLOCKS AND CORDAGE</u>			
Blocks Snatch	3"	"	1
Blocks double	3"	"	8
Blocks treble	3"	"	9
" snatch	6"	"	2
Cordage	1"	Coils	1
	1 1/2"	"	2
	2"	"	3 1/2
	3"	"	6
	5"	"	1
	6"	Feet	100
Ropes S.W.R. Japanese	1/2"	Feet	150
<u>FIELD TOOLS</u>			
Adzes helves		Only	11
Augers wood	1 1/2"	"	1
	1 1/2"	"	1
	1"	"	1
Axes felling		"	6
		"	269
Bars crow	5'	"	7
" spud	5'	"	9
pinch Japanese	5'	"	4
Cutters Wire		"	4
Hammers sledge heads	7 lb	"	10
		"	66
	helves	"	

APPENDIX A (Continued)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
<u>FIELD TOOLS (Continued)</u>			
Grindstones		Only	3
Machetes		"	96
Mattocks heads		"	54
Picks Heads		"	20
Saws Cross cut	5'	"	17
Shovels RE		"	30
Shovels long handled		"	20
Axes Broad heads		"	2
		helves	2
Wedges splitting	10"	"	10
<u>IRON AND STEEL</u>			
Armco Culvert	15"	Sheets	255
do	24"	"	124
Mesh A.R.C.	10 x 6'	"	80
Rods M.S.	$\frac{3}{8}$ "	feet	7658
	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	7712
	$\frac{5}{8}$ "	"	1200
	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	"	600
Wire Plain	10 g.	coils	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	20 g.	lbs	88
<u>WATER SUPPLY</u>			
Pumps S/Rotary	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	only	2
Cocks stop	1"	"	8
	2"	"	3
Nipples Hex	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	12
Piping	2"	feet	20
	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	"	140
	1"	"	180
	6"	"	20
Tees	2"	"	11
Valves foot	2"	"	2

ITEM	SIZE	UNIT	ON HAND
<u>BUILDING MATERIAL</u>			
Cement (Drums)	4 cwt.	"	IX 8.
Gauze Wire	3' x 100	"	5
Hinges Butt	3"	pairs	12
Hessian		yards	1130
Pabcoite	3' x 75	rolls	30
<u>EXPLOSIVES</u>			
Ammonal	25 lb	tins	1
Bitumastic Compound	1 pint	tins	24
Detonators No 6		only	1855
do Elec		"	730
Primacord	1000'	Coils	4
Fuse Safety	48'	tins	15
do	40'	Coils	325
Igniters Percussion		Only	20
Gelignite	50 lbs		75
Monabel Quarry	50 lbs	Case	5
Mines Beehive Mk 1		Only	25
shrapnel Mk 11		"	40
Contact Mk v		"	155
do fuses		"	270
Jungle		"	90
Primers C.E.	1 oz.	"	165
Pistol Trip Mesh		"	54
Pliers Crimping		"	1
Switches Murray		"	110
Release M 1		"	32
Pull M 2		"	50
Pressure M 4		"	25
T.N.T.		SLABS	168

ITEM	SIZE	UNIT	ON HAND
<u>PAINTS</u>			
Paint P.F.U.	1 gall	tins	15
Paint dark grey	5 gall	"	2
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Coke		bags	15
Sleds Inverkip		only	5
Gas Acetylene v	100 c.ft	cylinders	2
Oxygen	do	" c	4
<u>ACCOMADATION STORES</u>			
Seajs Natrine		Only	22
Showers Canvas portable 2 gal		"	72
Roses Shower		"	11
Globes Electric	240V-60W	"	IBB 96

APPENDIX B.LIST OF STORES AS AT 16 JUNE '45 IN DEPOT TO BE RETURNED
TO TOROKINA BY 16 Fd Coy

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
<u>A STORES</u>			
Battery Charging Sets		No	2
Jacks Wallaby		"	1
Motors Outboard	4 h.p.	"	1
m" "	22 h.p.	"	1
File Driver w/- Harmon winch	35 ft		1
<u>BRIDGING STORES</u>			
Box Sections (SBG)			4
Horn Beams			4
Launching Noses			3
Ramps			4
Bank Seats			2
Deck Panels			24
End Panels			2
Main ribands			16
Dogs			24
Cradles			3
Cradle Pins			4
Launching rollers			8
Carrying Bars			7
Riband Bolts			28
<u>FIRE EQUIPMENT</u>			
Beaters Fire		Only	104
Extinguishers Fire Wheeled	35 gal	"	1
<u>BLOCKS AND CORDAGE</u>			
Blocks Assorted (Japanese)	2"	"	24
Ropes S.W.R.	2"	Coils	1

APPENDIX B (Continued)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
<u>FIELD TOOLS</u>			
Adzes heads		Only	17
Anvils Field light		"	1
Picks heads			416
Shovels R.E.		"	52
Spades		"	10
<u>WATER SUPPLY</u>			
Hose Canvas	2 1/2"	Coils	5
<u>BUILDING MATERIAL</u>			
Cement (Drums)	4 cwt	only	4
Pabcofite	3' x 75	rolls	22
Rivets Timmen's	No 8	lbs	4
do tank with washers		"	4
Tapes Tracing		rolls	8
<u>EXPLOSIVES</u>			
Grenades A/T Mk. 1		Only	6
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Saws Circular	36"	Only	1
	42"	"	1
	48"	"	1
Scoop	1 yd	"	1
<u>ACCOMODATION STORES</u>			
Globes Elec.	240V-60W	"	96

Subject:

ENEMY CASUALTIES

F 17

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2205

21 Aug 45

2 Aust Corps (AIF)

1. Hereunder are details of casualties inflicted on the enemy by units of 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp up to 1800 hrs 20 Aug 45:-

2.

CENTRAL SECTOR

For week ending 20 Aug 45.

Total

Killed	-	297
Found dead (Not incl in killed total)	-	37
Unconfirmed killed	-	16
PsW	-	-
Wounded	-	43
Graves	-	-

NORTHERN SECTOR

For week ending 20 Aug 45.

Total

Killed	-	161
Found dead (Not incl in killed total)	-	8
Unconfirmed killed	-	16
PsW	-	3
Wounded	-	24
Graves	-	-

Aw Potts Brig,
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Subject:

DAILY BARGE EXCURSIONS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A1/28/3507

29 Aug '45

1. Commencing Mon 3 Sep it is proposed to make three barges available daily to enable all tps to visit nearby islands.
2. Two barges will report "I" BEACH and one "F" BEACH at 0830 hrs MON - FRI incl to lift personnel as allotted in para 5. Barges will return to these points by 1630 hrs.
3. An Officer or Senior NCO as detailed in para 5 will arrange itinerary of the barge and will be responsible for the conduct of personnel.

4. The following islands may be visited:

TAIOF, TANWOA, HATSIKAN, TOROTIAN, TAFFRANG
SIOTUS, TAKARU, TASISIANA, TOROKORI.

The following islands are out of bounds:

FAISAF, JUPINOL, SEVAN (Scrub typhus), un-named island WEST of SEVAN (Scrub typhus).and SAPOSA.

5.

Barge No	Units	Maximum No Pers	Place of Reporting	Time of Reporting	Offr to co-ord arrangements
1	8 Aust Inf Bn	55	"I" BEACH	0830	8 Aust Inf Bn
	11 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	17	"	"	"
2	27 Aust Inf Bn	60	"	"	27 Aust Inf Bn
	B Tp 141 HAA Bty	8	"	"	"
3	23 Bde HQ	6	"F" BEACH	0830	Mon
	23 Aust Fd Coy	8	"	"	"
	23 Bde Sig Sec	4	"	"	101 Hy Mor Coy
	28 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	2	"	"	Tues
	101 Hy Mor Coy	10	"	"	"
	40 Aust Tpt Pl	4	"	"	17 Aust Fd Amb
	243 Sup Dep Pl	4	"	"	Wed
	17 Aust Fd Amb	16	"	"	"
	109 Ord Fd Pk	2	"	"	2/108 Aust LAD
	109 Bde Wksp	7	"	"	Thur
2/108 Aust LAD	2	"	"	"	
14 Indep Pro Pl	3	"	"	109 Bde Wksp	
				Friday	
					23 Bde Sig Sec

6. As a precautionary measure all clothing will be treated with mite lotion.

7. Parties will arrange own midday meal.

W. L. L. L.
for Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

11 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
B Tp 141 HAA Bty
23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)
28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
40 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
17 Aust Fd Amb
109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)
2/108 Aust LAD
14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
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16 ~~10/11~~ 2/4 Armd Regt: ✓ 291678

23 Fd Coy ✓: 292678

8 Aust Inf Bn ✓ 291679

27 Bn ✓ 301679

101 2/7 Mor ✓ 287693

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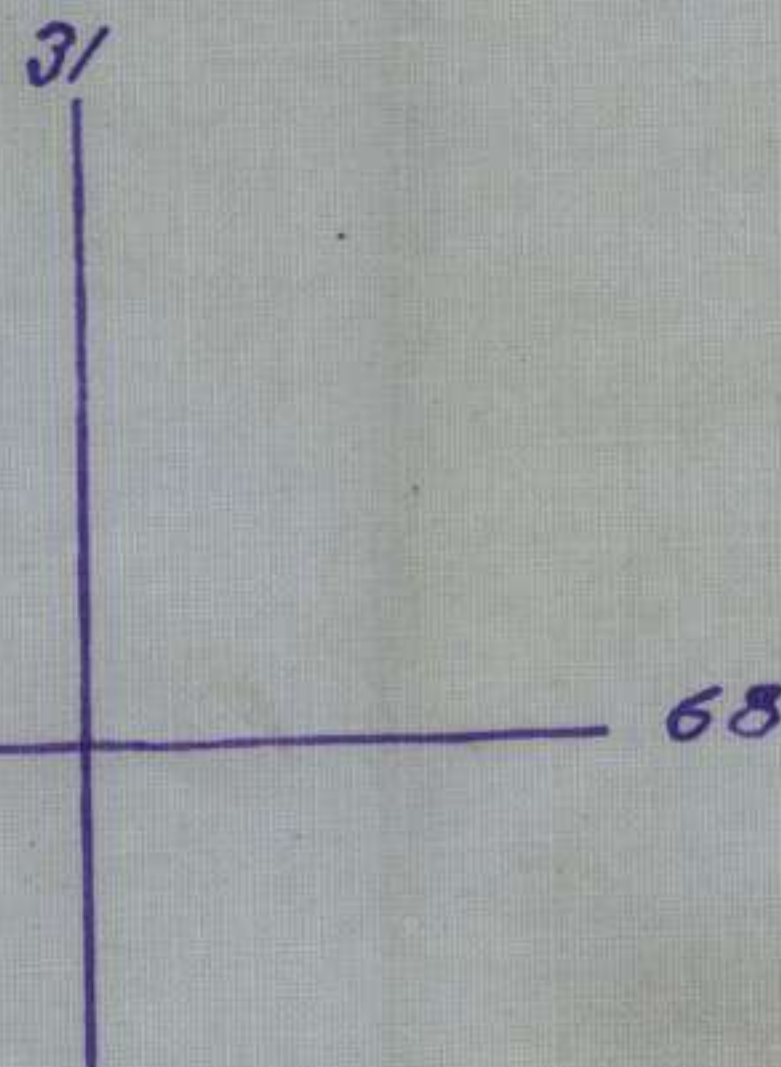
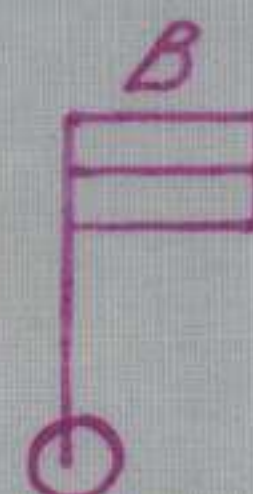
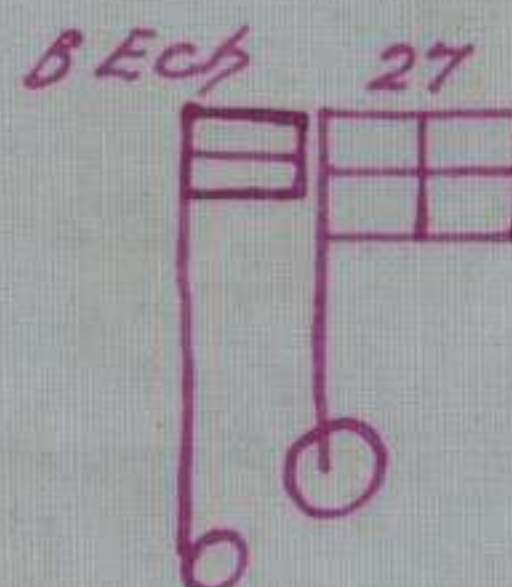
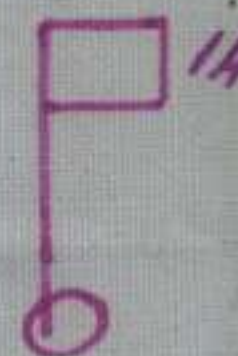
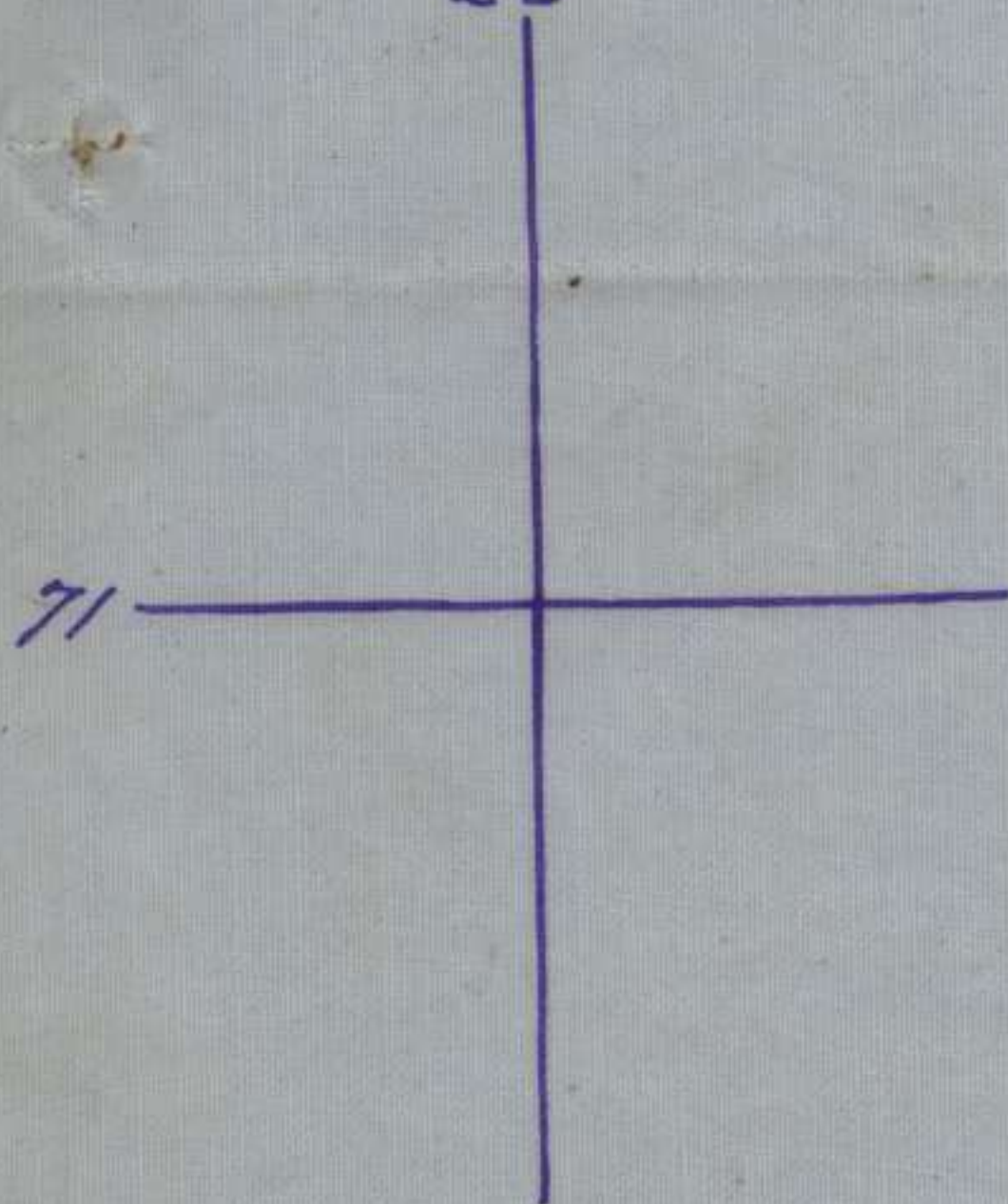
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OVERLAY

Showing Coy Dispositions
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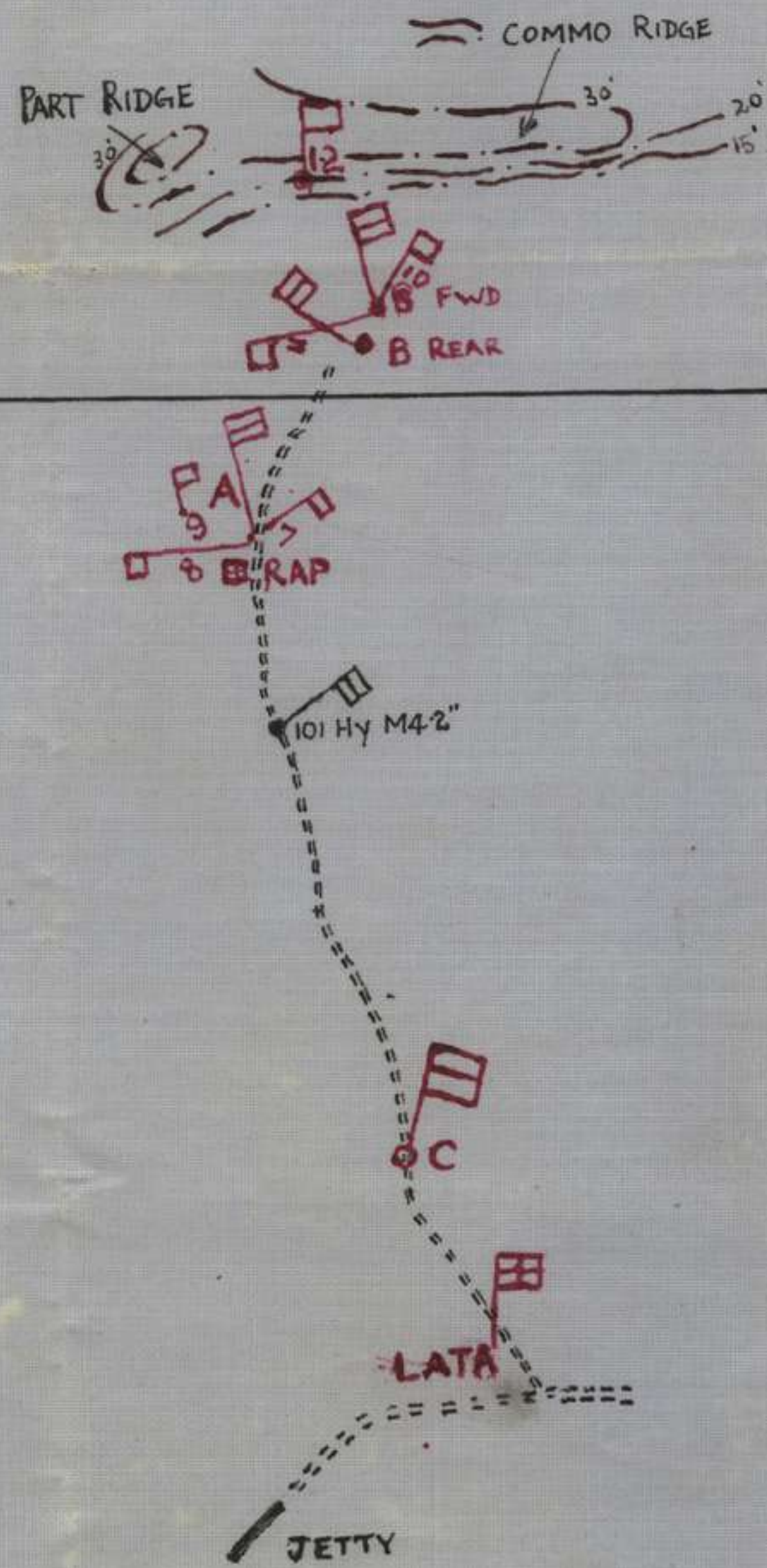
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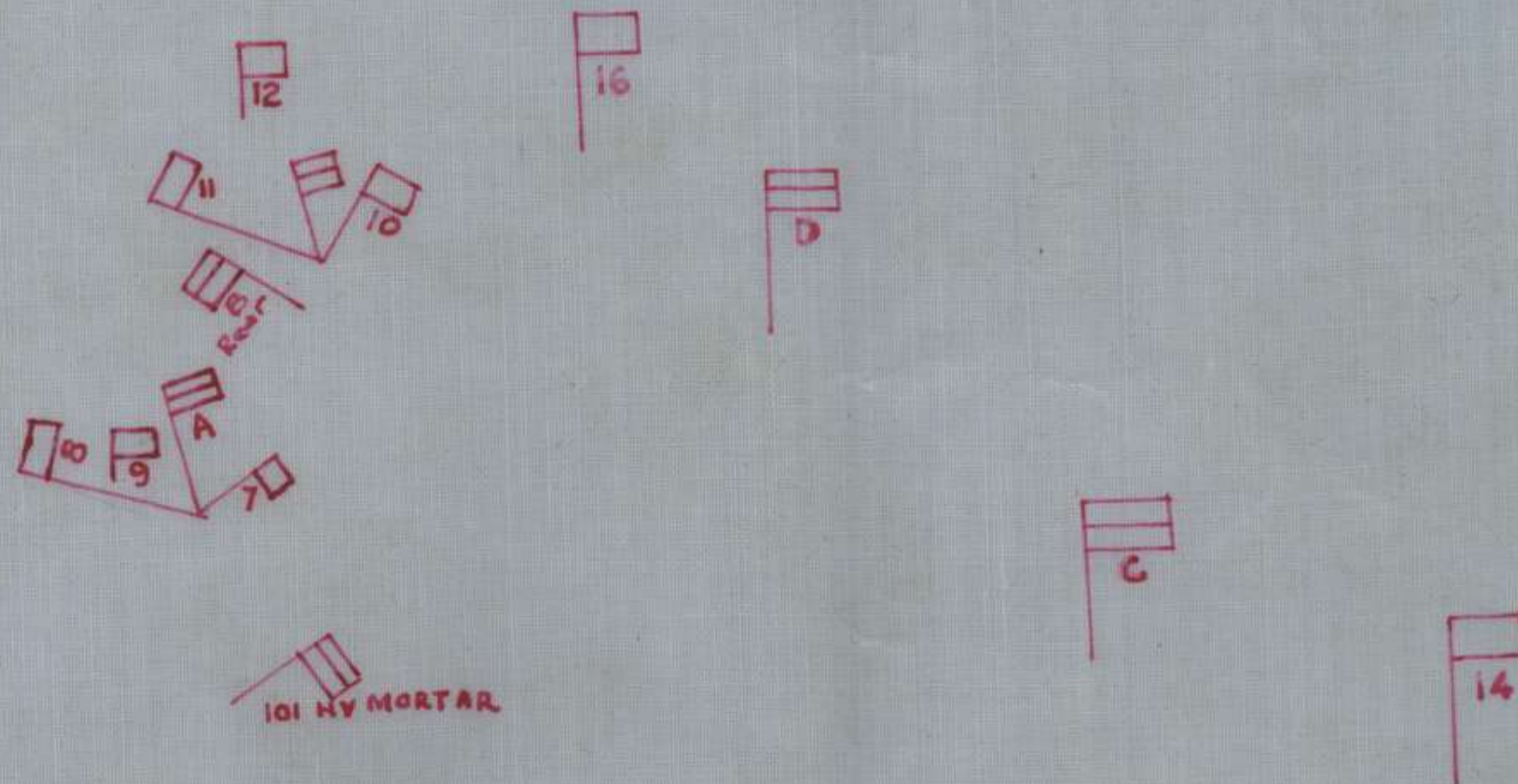
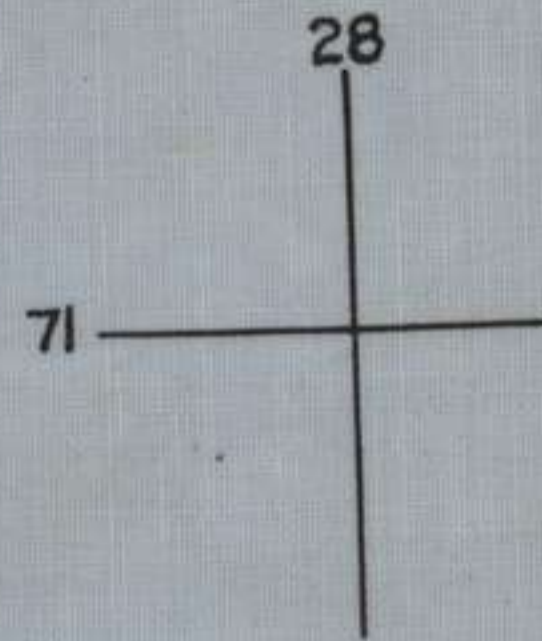


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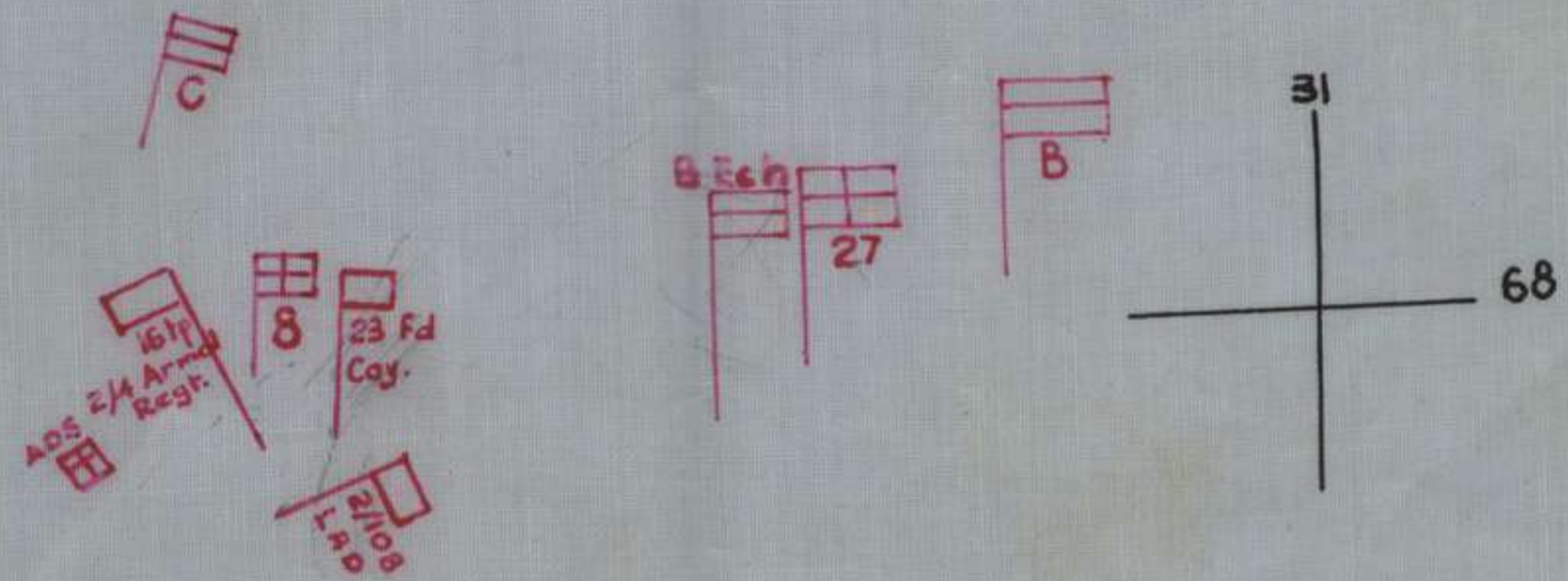
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OVERLAY SHOWING BN DISPOSITIONS AS AT 17 AUG 45

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NOTE
D Coy 8 Bn RESTING H Beach.
A Coy 27 Bn RESTING H Beach.



HQ 23 AUST INF BDE
25 AUG 45 *Ab.*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
31 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 8 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4	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.						
1			1	Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	1		1											
11	3	1	9											
6	1	1	6											
20	5	2	17											
				DETAIL	A.A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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.	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.
NX160013	Lt	DUNSTAN D B	27 Aust Inf Bn	15/7/45	Ceases to be seconded. Authority: First Aust Army AS 6919

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 4/8/5 (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	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt(T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BN	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BN(L)	No	ARL	23/7/45
Capt	WX 32881	LEWIS	A A	SC	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX 47188	WORRALL	B S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 3	No	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	No	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AMF	BOO	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	No	ARL	
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	Yes		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class det		7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDM	do	do	8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	SEA	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.
Capt	NX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24/6/45	Att as Legal Offr
Chaplain	VX117292	TRESSIDER R G	106 CCS	3/7/45	
Lt	TX 10887	CLEARY THE	2/3 Con Depot	25/7/45	Att as Educ Offr

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer

Capt

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)

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(Revised Jan., 1943.)

31 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 8 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.				
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.										
			2	W.Os. Class II.										
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.										
			1	Staff Sergeants										
4	NR 1	2	5	Sergeants										
10	NR 1	1	10	Corporals										
49			48	Troopers, Privates, etc.										
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
67	*	2	4	68	*		*		*					
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).														
			Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.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.
														68

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	HQ A&S Pool			8	Leave		

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 4 / 8 / 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.
AACG Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Tcolmakers				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								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Ident'n. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				ANLS Clerk	1	1	-
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	1	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AASC "	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks	3	4		Woodturners				LAAS "	1	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								LAAC "		1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								LAOC Stmn		2	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Batmen	14	12	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Dysc MT	9	9	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								XXXXXXXXXX			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	9	9	-
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Water duty	1	-	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	4	5	-	Hyg duty	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Gen duty	3	9	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Stmn	1	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	4	5	-	Clerks, Technical				Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Tpt Sgt	1	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				CSM	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RSW		1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				XXXXXXXXXX			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	1	1	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AASC Batmn	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AACG "	1	-	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AACD "	3	-	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC Ord	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC Batmn	1	-	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	11		CARRIED FORWARD	14	16	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	68	-

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.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Capt

DETAILS OF WCs AND NCOs

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

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT		SURPLUS		Details of Tradesmen
				W.C.	N.C.O.	W.C.	N.C.O.	
Trade Gp 1								
AAOC Amn Exam	Sgt	1	1					Ammunition Examiners
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
Trade Gp 2								
AAOC Cooks	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
Int duties	S/Sgt	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
Trade Gp 3								
Inf Clerks	WO 11	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
	Sgt	-	1					Ammunition Artillery
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
	Sgt	-	1					Ammunition Artillery
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
AAES "	Sgt	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
AASC "	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
A/OC "	Cpl	-	1					Ammunition Artillery
NON TRADESMEN								
Dvr's MT	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
CSM	WO 11	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
RSM	WO 1	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
COQS	S/Sgt	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
A/MC ord	Cpl	1	1					Ammunition Artillery
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE								
<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Remarks</u>			
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	35	RSM	surplus			
SX 27817	Pte	LIGHT	24	Cook TG 3				
WX 41623	Sgt	COWAN	25	Clerk	Carried surpl Auth: 2 Corp: AG 2738 of 6			
<p>NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back. (b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided. (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back. (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on letter by insertion of "R.R." in col. "Remarks 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.</p>								

Signature of Commandant _____ Date of Despatch _____

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ¹¹/₈ / 194⁵ HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. ¹¹/₂/₄ OFFRS. ²⁰ O.R's. ⁶⁷ + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
	W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
WE :	Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
1 :				1	Brigadier *										
2 :		1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
11 :		3	1	9	Majors										
6 :		1	1	6	Captains										
					Lieutenants										
					Quarter-masters										
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
20 :		5	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.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.

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 11 / 8 / 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	POFFS A	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt(T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	NO	ARL	
Capt	WX 32881	LEWIS	A A	SC	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39052	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HC	NO	HOSP	8/8/4
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	Yes		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th	Class Det	7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	GDM	do	do	8 "	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	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.
Capt	NX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24/6/45	Att as Legal Offr
Lt	TX 10887	CLEARY THE	2/3 Con Depot	25/7/45	" " Educ Offr
Chap	VX134089	MAHER A A	2 Corps	31/7/45	
T/Capt	NX 70714	MENBILL D J	11 Bde	8/8/45	" " G111 Air

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Date of Despatch

Obbhenis Capt
Signature of Commander
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF "X" LIST OFFICERS

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PART D.-NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH
Date: 25/3/45
Remarks: Staff School (Aust) G G Lt(T/Capt) FARRAR
No. VX114122

8		7		6		5		4		3		2		1	
Date of Transfer- Insert		If not present with Unit, state how enclosed.		Whether present with Unit (Insert Name or No)		Postings		Initials		Surname		Army Number		Subsidiary Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	

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

8		7		6		5		4		3		2		1	
Date of Attachment		Nature of Attachment		Unit		Name and Initials		Army Number		Subsidiary Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held					

Signature of Commander: *[Signature]* Date of Despatch: *[Date]*

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

32 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 8 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2 :			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1 :			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 :			1	Staff Sergeants					
4 :	NR 1	2	5	Sergeants					
10 :	NR 1	1	10	Corporals					
49 :		1	50	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67 :	*	2	5	70 * <small>Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.</small>		*			*

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	C.M.F.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	67		3				[]	[]		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.
2	LHQ AAES Pool			8	Leave		
1	LHQ AAAS "						
4	P Aust FS Sec						
2	2 Corps Fd Cash Office						

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 11 / 8 / 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 Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammomen			
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				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Palaters				Eivellers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddleiree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakes				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths	1	1	-
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AALC : Clerk	1	1	-
Electricians				Cooks	3	4	-	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								AAOC : Stmn	-	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	14	12	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Dvrs MT	9	9	-
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				PTM XXXX			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	5	-	Orderlies	9	9	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water duty	1	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Hyg duty	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				Gen duty	31	91	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Stmn	1	2	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Mess Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Tpt Sgt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				CSM	1	1	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				RSM	-	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				CQMS	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Tptn. Plant				AASC Batmn	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC "	1	-	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAOCD "	3	-	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAAC Ord	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AALC Batmn	1	-	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	11	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	16	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	67	70	-

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(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

11 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

Obshun Capt
Signature of Commander Bde

DETAILS OF WOs and NCOs

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

Part A of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

GRADE	DETAILS OF TRADESMEN	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED	PRESENT STRENGTH	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS	REMARKS
Grade Gp 1	Details of Tradesmen					
LACC Amn Exam Int Draughtsmen	GROUP III (cont.)	Sgt Cpl	1 1			
Grade Gp 2	Details of Tradesmen					
LACC Cooks Int duties	GROUP I (cont.)	Cpl S/sgt Cpl	1 1 1			
Grade Gp 3	Details of Tradesmen					
Inf Clerks	GROUP II (cont.)	WO 11	1			
LALC "	GROUP III	Cpl Sgt Cpl Sgt Sgt	1 1 1 1 1			
AAAS "	GROUP IV	Sgt	1			
AAES "	GROUP V	Sgt	1			
AASC "	GROUP VI	Cpl	1			
LACC "	GROUP VII	Cpl	1			
NON TRADESMEN						
Wrs MT	Wagon Drivers	Cpl	1			
pt Sgt	Wagon Drivers	Sgt	1			
en duties	Wagon Drivers	Cpl	1			
mess Cpl	Wagon Drivers	Cpl	1			
CSM	Wagon Drivers	WO 11	1			
RSM	Wagon Drivers	WO 1	1			
QMS	Wagon Drivers	S/sgt	1			
AAMC Ord	Wagon Drivers	Cpl	1			
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE						
No	Name	Rank	Age	Trade	Remark	
X119783	GARDNER	WO 1	35	RSM	Surplus	
X 27817	LIGHT	Pte	24	Cook TG 3		
X 41623	COWAN	Sgt	25	Clerk	Carried surplus Auth: 2 Corps AG 2738 of 6 Jul	
CARRIED FORWARD						

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 (b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces 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 form by insertion of 'R.R.' in col. 'Points Required'.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
33 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **18 8 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde** (Unit)
 W.E. **11 2 4** OFFRS. **20** O.R's. **67** + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
1 :			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2 :	1		1	Majors					
11 :	2	1	10	Captains					
6 :	1	1	6	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
20 :	4	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)											

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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/8/1945 (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)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	NO	ARL	
Capt	WX 32881	LEWIS	A A	SC	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	"		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	NO	HOSP	
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	Yes		
<u>Chaplains</u>							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det		7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	CDH	do	do	8 "	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	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.
Capt	NX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24/6/45	Att as Legal Offr
Chap	VX134089	MAHER A A	do	31/7/45	
T/Capt	NX 70714	McNEILL D J	11 Bde	8/8/45	Att as G111 Air
Chap	TX 9285	TANNER J S	2 Corps	13/8/45	

18 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 8 / 1945 R 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R.'s. 67 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	C.M.P.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A	69		3							72
	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	LHQ AAES Pool			1	Leave		
1	LHQ AAAS "						
4	P Aust FS Sec						
2	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office						

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 18 / 8 / 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.			
AAOC														
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	0	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			Rangefinders					
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders		Palators			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						Biggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine					
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.		Sawyers			Storemen, Technical					
Coppersmiths				Armourers		Signallers			Tailors					
Dispensers				Axemen		Signwriters			Textile Refitters					
Draughtsmen				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)	2	2	0	Carpenters and Joiners		Wireman			AALC Clerk	1	1			
Electricians				Cooks	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					AAOC Stmn	2	2			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians					NON TRADESMEN					
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)					Batmen	14	12			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators					Dvrs M	9	9			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator		GROUP III.			PEACE OFFICERS					
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman		Battery Surveyors			Orderlies	9	9			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker		Butchers			Water duty	1	1			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator		Clerks	4	5	Hyg duty	1	1			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator		Clerks, Supply			Gen duty	3	10			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	Clerks, Technical			Stmn	1	1			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners		Coach Trimmers			Mess Cpl	1	1			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman		Concretors			Tpt Sgt	1	1			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals		Cooks			CSM	1	1			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers		Dental Clerk Orderlies			RSM	1	1			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal		Despatch Riders			ATTRACTION BY W.E.					
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood		Draughtsmen, Signals			CQMS	1	1			
Pattern Maker				Masons		Drivers, H.T.			AASC Batmn	1	1			
Pharmacist				Masseurs		Driver Mechanics			AAOC "	1	1			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		Driver Tptn. Plant			AACHD "	3	3			
Photewriter				Miners		Engine Hands, I.C.			AAMC Ord	1	1			
Plumber				Moulders		Equipment Repairers			AALC Batmn	1	1			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained		Farriers								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.		Fitters' Mates								
						Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	0	CARRIED FORWARD	10	11	0	CARRIED FORWARD	14	16	0			
										Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		67	72	0

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18 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

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

DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

Unit: _____

TRADE RANK WE PS DEFICIENT SURPLUS

Trade Gp 1

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
AACG Ann Exam Int Draughtsman	Sgt Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp 2					
AACG Cooks Int Duties	Cpl S/Sgt Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerks	WO 11 Cpl Sgt	1	1		
AALC "	Cpl Sgt	1	1		
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1		
AAES "	Sgt	1	1		
AASC "	Cpl	1	1		
AACG "	Cpl	1	1		
NONTRADESMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen duties	Cpl	1	2		
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
CSM	WO 11	1	1		
RSM	WO 1	-	1		
COQS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Surplus
WX 41623	Sgt	COWAN G	25	Clerk	Carried surplus. Auth: 2 Corps AG 2738 of 6 Jul
VX137092	Cpl	CAMERON J G	30	Gen duties	To be transferred to AACS on return to unit.
VX112870	Cfn	BYRNE H	34	Carpenter TG 2	Awaiting discharge medically unfit.
<p>CARRIED FORWARD</p> <p>10 11 10 11 10 11</p>					

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Date of Dispatch: 18 Aug 52
Signature of Commander: _____
L.H.O. Form 216-10/43-116m

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

34 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 1944 HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + 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.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	Brigadier *										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
2	1		1	Majors										
1	2	1	10	Captains										
6	2	1	5	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
20	5	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.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	17									17
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
				25/8/45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX105757	Lt	ELLIOTT A G	Hospital	15/8/45	vac to hospital

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

34 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 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.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	BdeComd	Yes		
Capt(T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	No	ARL	
Capt	WX 32881	LEWIS	A A	SC	No	Att to 2 corps for duty	
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IC	"		
Capt	VX 47168	MORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
Services							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	BALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	BCC	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
Chaplains							
	WX163533	FRY	F J	Chap	4th class det	7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	C D H		do	8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	H E A		do	27 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	WX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24/6/45	Att as Legal Offr
Chap	VX134089	MAHER A A	do	31/7/45	
T/Capt	WX 92714	McNEILL D J	11 Bde	8/8/45	Att as Gill Air
Chap	TX 9285	TANNER J S	2 corps	13/8/45	

25 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. O.R's + 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.
:		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4	1	2	5	Sergeants					
10	1	1	10	Corporals					
49		3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67	*	2	72	*		*			*

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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	69		3							72
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	LHQ AARS Pool			15	Leave		
1	LHQ AAAS			1	Hospital		
4	P Aust FS Sec						
2	2 Corps Fd Cash Office						

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 25/ 8 /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.
AACG 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				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				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Whezers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	-	1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2x	2		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								AACG "	-	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								AACG Stm	-	2	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Batmen	14	12	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Dvrs MT	9	9	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	5		Water duty	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Hyg duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen duty	3	9	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Storeman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MESS Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Coaks				Tpt Sgt	1	-	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.A.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				RSM	-	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AASC Batm	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AACG "	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masschrs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AACHD	3	-	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AANG Ord	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AALC Batm	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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25 aug 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form W.3003 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24/1/42
DETAILS OF REG AND NCOs
 Part E. Detail of Present Strengths required as shown in

TRADE	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS	
Trade Gp I					
AAOC Ann Exam	Sgt	1	1		
Int Draughtsman	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp II					
AAOC Cooks	Cpl	1	1		
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1		
Int Duties	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp III					
Inf Clerks	WO 11	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
	Sgt	1	1	1	
AALC	Cpl	1	1	1	
	Sgt	1	1	1	
AAAS	Sgt	1	1		
AAES	Sgt	1	1		
AASE	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC	Cpl	1	1	1	
NON TRADESMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	2	1	
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
GSM	WO 11	1	1	1	
RSM	WO 1	1	1		
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
NO	RANK	NAME	AGE	TRADE	REMARKS
VX119783	WO 1	GARDINER R P	35	RSM	Surplus
VX 41623	Sgt	COWAN G	25	Clerk	Carried Surplus Auth 2 Corps AG2728 of 6 Ju
VX137092	Cpl	CAMERON J G	30	Gen duties	To be transfer to AACS on ret to unit
VX112870	Cfn	BYRNE H	34	Carpenter TG 2	Awaiting discipl med unfit
CARRIED FORWARD					3
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Signature of Commanding Officer _____ Date of Report _____
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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 218

(Information received to 010600L AUG 45).

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(a) 27 Bn

Patrols operated along the track from 308692 to the reported jap outpost at 315714 and found that the posn had been vacated. The area had been thoroughly searched by the japs. No mov was seen.

A C Coy patrol established a patrol base at 299716 from where recce patrols searched the area enclosed by 296713 296718 and 299716 for reported jap posns. No contact or signs of previous occupation was found. This reported jap posn is known as BASE 3.

Standing patrols on RURI track and CENTER track reported no enemy mov.

(b) 8 Bn

A patrol from B Coy patrol base on COMMO RIDGE moved NORTH to 294709 where they were engaged by rifle fire. A fire-fight followed and the patrol withdrew without loss. Enemy cas are unknown.

At 290708 another patrol was fired on by one MMG, two LMG's one OSMG and rifles from a strongly defended position. Seven 75 mm booby traps were fired and a bitter exchange of grenades followed before the patrol broke contact. Jap snipers were active from trees. Four japs are known to have been killed.

Following an explosion of a 75 mm improvised mine at 300697 on TASUI track, a further mine with 50 yds of wire attached was located in the vicinity. Over the period of past 14 days, there has been a marked decrease in the number of mines set by the jap along our L of C.

The area immediately north of BUOI PTN was searched for the reported jap posn at 280700 but no sightings were made.

C Coy has moved to the REST CAMP at SORAKEN PTN.

(c) A Coy PIB

A security patrol to PORA PORA located fresh foot-prints crossing the track at 303648, but no japs were seen.

The posn, at 320705 (previously reported as being at 321707) is estimated to be held by 6/8 japs. PIB recce patrols were seen by sentries and withdrew without any engagement.

(d) 12 Bty 4 Fd Regt

Harassing fire was continued on the jap posns at BASE 5 fwd of D Coy 8 Bn. Commencing at 1000 hrs, rounds were fired on 6 known targets in an endeavour to check company locations by sound bearings, but the intersections obtained were unsatisfactory. A troop target was registered at 31367129.

(c) B Tp 141 HAA Bty
TAIOF O.P.

During the night 30/31 Jul a small party of japs (considered 3 or 4) landed on the north tip of TAIOF IS and proceeded south along the WEST coast to recon the barge landing point at 132713, where they sought the aid of natives. At 1030 hrs a patrol from 28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust GC Regt made contact with the jap party to the north of the barge point and killed one jap. Later a further contact was made and another of the raiding party killed. Equipment captured included a pistol, binoculars, compass, 90 mm shell, rations and documents.

Documents reveal the enemy intentions to land at 1900 hrs 30 Jul on the north shore of TAIOF by canoe, and from there recon the barge landing point on 31st, and to formulate a plan for an assault on the following morning. A captured diary suggests a good jap O.P. on either MADEHAS IS or Cape LANAHAN from where our barge mov along the west coast of TAIOF can be observed.

TAIOF O.P. reports that during the night 30/31 Jul the damaged stores were removed from BUKA Jetty (Int Summary 217) At 310810L a small boat with 3 japs was observed off BONIS Jetty and 35 minutes later a boat carried 5 pers from BONIS to SOHANA. A boat later made the return trip with the same number of pers. At 1310 hrs 6 nips were taken from BONIS to CHIMATOWN.

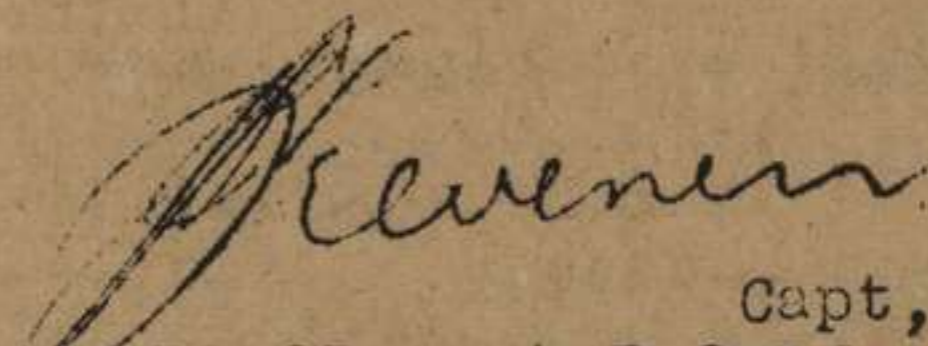
23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR

(f) 7 Bn

Supported by arty mortar and machine gun fire, 10 Pl occupied the jap posn at 695193 fwd of CAMERONS HILL. Patrols moving fwd of this posn encountered strong opposition from 695194 where the japs have at least 3 automatic weapons. Known enemy cas are 2 killed 1 probably killed 1 wounded.

A patrol returned to TOKUA having reconed the area between IBU and NASISIPOK without sighting enemy mov.

A party of six japs moving NORTH towards BURITSIOTORARA was ambushed at 673280. Four japs were killed without loss to our patrol.


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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 219
(Information received to 020600L Aug 45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(a) 8 Bn

A lone Jap was seen to approach B Coy patrol perimeter on COMMO RIDGE during night 31 Jul/1 Aug. On 1 Aug B Coy patrols with FOO moved out along TASUI track and arty registered on the Jap posn at 290709 (Int Summary Nr. 218). No mov was seen. A listening post has been established at 289704.

(b) 27 Bn

At 0400 hrs 1 Aug mov was heard around C Coy perimeter at 298699 and one Jap was seen. An exchange of grenades followed but results on the enemy raiding party were unobserved. The area of BASE 2 (south of KUNAI C) at 315719 was again searched and no enemy sighted. Continuing the recce from C Coy patrol base at 299716, the area for atleast 200 yds from 300718 was searched and revealed no sign of enemy occupation or old posns. A well worn track alongside which was a hy duty sig wire, was followed from 302718 to 301719. The area around 302718 has been heavily shelled. While the recce was being carried out a party of 5 Japs approached the patrol base at 300718 and were all killed. On the return route our patrol detonated an improvised mine at 305714.

(c) A Coy PIB

Continuing their activity against Jap ambush parties on RURI BAY track a patrol surprised and attacked a Jap ambush party of 20 at 324708. 14 of the Japs were killed and the remainder withdrew. A lone Jap was sighted at 325698. An ambush at 318700 reported no sign of Japs.

(d) 12 Bty 4 Fd Regt

An Arty/R shoot was carried out on three targets during the morning the first on a hut at 281719, on which several tree bursts were obtained. The hut was either destroyed or covered with branches as it could not be sighted after the shelling.

On the NORTH side of the road at 278721 in a grassed clearing under over-hanging tree, a 3 ton tray type truck was engaged. No damage to the vehicle was observed but several near misses were recorded.

Two huts at 272724 were engaged, one being badly damaged. The Jap position at 290709 was registered at 1420 hrs.

(e) TAIOF Is

No further sightings of Japs have been made on TAIOFF but footprints indicate that two Japs left the island on night 31 Jul/1 Aug.

CENTRAL SECTOR

(f) 7 Bn

B Coy patrols again reced the enemy position at 695194 during the day. An ambush was set at the rear of the position but no movement seen.

Arty and mortars harrassed the position throughout the day.

At 1200 hrs Arty attempted to engage MASISPOK, but the Jap position was found to be 200 yds beyond maximum range.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 220
(Information received to 030600L Aug 45)

Ref Map: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR

(a) 7 Bn

Ambush parties again op on NUMA NUMA TRAIL to the north of the Jap posn at 695194 but no mov was seen. Patrols also reced for infm of the def posn. Patrols are op in the IBU and RESIOPAIA area.

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(b) 8 Bn

Activity was confined to recce patrols fwd of COMMO RIDGE to the Jap posn at 290708 and from D Coy NORTH to the Jap posn at BASE 5. No Jap sightings were made in these areas. Evidence of 2 Japs having spent the night at 287697, 250 yds fwd of A Coy was found by natives. Further investigation revealed prints of LMG bipod legs.

(c) 27 Bn

Following reports of Jap ambush parties op on the RURI BAY fighting patrols with tk sp moved EAST along the track and reported that the area at 320705 had been vacated. Patrol continued EAST and located and deloused 3 75 mm improvised mines at 325709 and then to 325711 where the area was heavily mined. One tk was disabled. No Jap ambush parties were located. A patrol NORTH from C Coy was engaged from 295710 with an HMG, two LMGs and rifles. A fire fight followed during which the patrol withdrew without loss. The only indication of a def posn was the sighting of one freshly dug weapon pit.

(d) 12 Bty

During the afternoon 287704 was registered as a bty target.

(e) B Tp 141 HAA Bty

At 1010 hrs one boat with 2 Japs moved from BONIS to SOHANA. 5 enemy were seen in the vicinity of the SOHANA guns at 1322 hrs and were accurately engaged with air bursts from our guns at SORAKEN. At least 1 of the Japs was killed. At 1450 hrs another boat carried 4 Nips from CHINATOWN to BONIS.

2. AIR - OWN & ENEMY

A tac/R aircraft reported the sighting of the rear portion of an apparent AFV or prime mover under hy undergrowth at the rd junc 246739. The body of the veh was estimated at 6 ft wide, 6 ft high with guards covering tracks 2 ft to 2 ft 6 in in width. The rd surface at the junc appeared dry, hard and in good condition. At approx 1600 hrs 4 Corsairs accurately bombed the tk, the third bomb landing within 10 yds of the veh, causing large holes and turning it on its side. A detailed inspection was not possible due to hy rain over the target. Japs working in a garden area at 237748 were strafed with unobserved results.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 221
(Information received to 040600L AUG '45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

I. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(a) 8 Bn
A coy patrolled the area immediately NORTH of BUOI PTN to the small peninsula at 270699 and report that area clear of enemy. No mov nor signs of enemy occupation was seen. A bomblines was registered forward of D Coy posn at 288702.. Amended location 9 Pl 285697.

(b) 27 Bn
Patrolling was limited to security patrols and ambushes, all of which report no enemy mov. Standing patrols on RURI BAY track and CENTER TRACK made no contact.

(c) 12 Bty
At 1015L the jap posn at 290709 was engaged and later the area of track junc 325710 was harassed.

(d) B Tp 141 HAA Bty
Twelve nips were seen on BUKA No 2 jetty at 1200 hrs on 2 Aug and at 1840 hrs a boat carried 7 nips from BONIS to SOHANA. A large barge with a large red circle on the bow moved from CHINATOWN to BONIS under the cover of SOHANA IS at 1137 hrs on 3 Aug. Activity was observed around the SOHANA gun posns during the day.

CENTRAL SECTOR

(e) 7 Bn
Supported by accurate arty and mortar fire, 12 pl advanced and occupied extensive japanese posns at 695195. The enemy withdrew hastily to the EAST side of CHARLIE CK, leaving documents and an LMG. Patrols moved EAST across CHARLIE CK and killed one jap.

11 Pl	695195
16 Pl	685126
18 Pl	639177
B Coy PIB	683143

SOUTHERN SECTOR - 3 AUST DIV

(f) 15 Bn
A patrol from C coy contacted 15 japs at 107324 south of SHISHIGATERO killing two probably four. A PIB patrol operating from the base at 131352 made contacts along the OAMAI R at 146340 and 147324; three japs were killed one wounded. A further 15 japs were contacted at 104324, 10 at 133330 and 131338, of which 16 were killed and one wounded.

(g) 42 Bn
Small enemy parties were seen at 085333 and 090326 west of SHISHIGATERO. 42 Bn HQ 089335. C coy 091334.

(h) 47 Bn
A patrol wounded two of a party of japs contacted at 100378.

(i) 24 Bn

Two japs were observed at 052427 near KAPANA and further enemy mov is suspected near 043408 to the SW.

(j) 57/60 Bn

A hut at 023361 SE of HARI was occupied by small enemy party during the night 1/2 Aug.

(k) 58/59 Bn

An enemy party of 40 was engaged at 066372 east of MUSAKAKA; enemy broke contact but was again engaged 200 yds further east. At 075368 a smaller enemy party was engaged and two japs were killed and two wounded. Signs of enemy activity were reported at 083387 082384 068371. A small party of enemy were seen moving east from 063337 but no contact was made. (2 Aust Corps Daily Int Summary No 204). (2 Corps SITREP 255).

PART 111

GENERAL

JAPANESE IMPROVISATION

The accusation often levelled at the Japanese, that they lack inventive genius and initiative, has been rather set at nought by the revelations appended hereunder. While it is conceded that necessity is the mother of invention, it does not necessarily follow that the children are in all respects desirable members of any household.

From HQ Allied Land Forces SE Asia :

" A new japanese technique for destroying tks was encountered during the advance to MEIKTILA. A japanese squats in a narrow trench with an aircraft bomb between his knees, fuze uppermost. When an enemy tk is immediately above his trench he belabours the fuze of the bomb with a brick. No tks have yet been destroyed in this manner, but nine of these intrepid warriors have been captured lying doggo in their trenches."

From a TOKYO broadcast regarding conditions in fortress RABAUL :

" In RABAUL every soldier is a special advance unit. Always advance, never retreat. With a single word "I am going" in front of the commanding officer, they leave and do not come back again. They fight as long as they live. If their munitions are exhausted they fight with the sword. If their swords are broken they live up to the RABAUL Fighting Code which says; "Even if you have only your bare hands then bite the enemy to death".

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No 36)

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Brewer Capt.
TO 23 Aust Inf Bde.

SUMMARY OF WEEK'S ACTIVITY

War Diary

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
G4/19/3181

6 Aug 45

2 Aust Corps (AIF)

1 Attached herewith please find overlay covering activity of this formation for period 29 Jul- 4 Aug.

2. Enemy activity within the brigade area continues to be on a reduced scale, no actual sightings were made. An exchange of grenades followed movement around a Coy perimeter at 298699 night 31 Jul/1 Aug and an electrically detonated mine at 300697 on 31 Jul were only indications of Jap activity.

3. Three fighting patrols of 27 Aust Inf Bn to BASE 2 area confirmed previous reports that there is no defensive position in the area. Patrols to BASE 3 similarly report no defensive position.

4. The only contacts made by our fighting patrols in the area bounded by grids 72, 30, 70 and 32 was an encounter with a Jap foraging party. In view of the continual sweeps and ambushes of this area with negative results, it is concluded that the Japs have ceased to pay any particular attention to that area.

5. 8 Aust Inf Bn confirmed previous reports that area around BASE 6 is clear of enemy. This leaves the only known defensive positions forward of our present FDL'S to be at BASE 1, 695710, 689709 and BASE 5.

6. PIB after their period of rest and training have commenced patrolling with increased vigour. Several engagements occurred along RURI BAY TRACK. When a patrol from 27 Bn moved out to engage the suspected enemy position no contact was made although the track was heavily mined resulting in the loss of one tank.

7. A small raiding party of four were encountered on TAIOF ISLAND, two being killed, the remainder evacuating by canoe.

8. Details of patrol activity are contained in attached overlay

A W Potts Brig.
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

War Diary **H6**

LEGEND TO SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>E V E N T</u>
1.	29 Jul 45	PIB engaged attempted jap ambush party - following engagement japs withdrew towards SIAR PTN leaving nine killed four probably killed and three wounded. Own cas one killed. Patrol continued advance and contacted further jap patrol 100 yds north. Cas own nil enemy unknown.
2.	30 Jul 45	Patrol reports 20 japs observed digging in and mining jeep track. While preparing to launch offensive patrol engaged by enemy outpost four japs 314713. Cas enemy three killed one wounded own nil (27 Bn).
3.	30 Jul 45	Security patrol from COMMO RIDGE located new bunker and beebie trap (8 Bn).
4.	30 Jul 45	PIB patrol located jap patrol base - no enemy sighted, but weapon pits and fresh footprints indicate occupation.
5.	31 Jul 45	Ref serial 2, patrol 16 found enemy posn vacated - NMS (27 Bn).
6.	31 Jul 45	0830L track mined, one 75 mm shell electrically detonated. (8 Bn).
7.	31 Jul 45	Rece patrol during mov, lost direction. Continued mov north until fired on by one HMG two LMGs and OSMG from enemy posn. Fire fight followed - cas enemy four killed own two killed incl one Offr, three missing, three wounded (8 Bn).
8.	31 Jul 45	PIB report enemy sentries observed patrol approaching jap outpost. Est str 6 - 8 - nil engagement.
9.	1 Aug 45.	0400L jap mov around perimeter. Grenades exchanged - cas enemy unknown own one died of wounds (27 Bn).
10.	1 Aug 45	Five japs approached patrol base were engaged. Cas enemy five killed own nil (27 Bn).
11.	1 Aug 45	Patrol detonated mine - cas own one killed (27 Bn).
12.	1 Aug 45	PIB patrol attacked enemy ambush party, est str 20. Enemy cas 14 killed own nil.
13.	2 Aug 45	Night 1/2 Aug footprints two japs seen (8 Bn).
14.	2 Aug 45	Patrol 18 moved east with tk sp along RURI track report jap posn ref serial 8 vacated. Moved north towards 324708 where track heavily mined. Patrol and tks moved off track at 324710 to est perimeter for night. The leading tk detonated a probable 500 lb aerial bomb and was destroyed. Cas tk crew three killed Inf seven wounded (27 Bn).
15.	2 Aug 45	Patrol located enemy str unknown with one HMG two LMGs and rifles. Engagement followed - cas enemy unknown own one wounded. (27 Bn).
16.	3 Aug 45	Patrol 29 returned reports BASE 6 clear of enemy (8 Bn).
17.	4 Aug 45	Patrol engaged jap ambush party, str at least six with two LMGs. Cas enemy two killed two probably killed own nil (8 Bn).

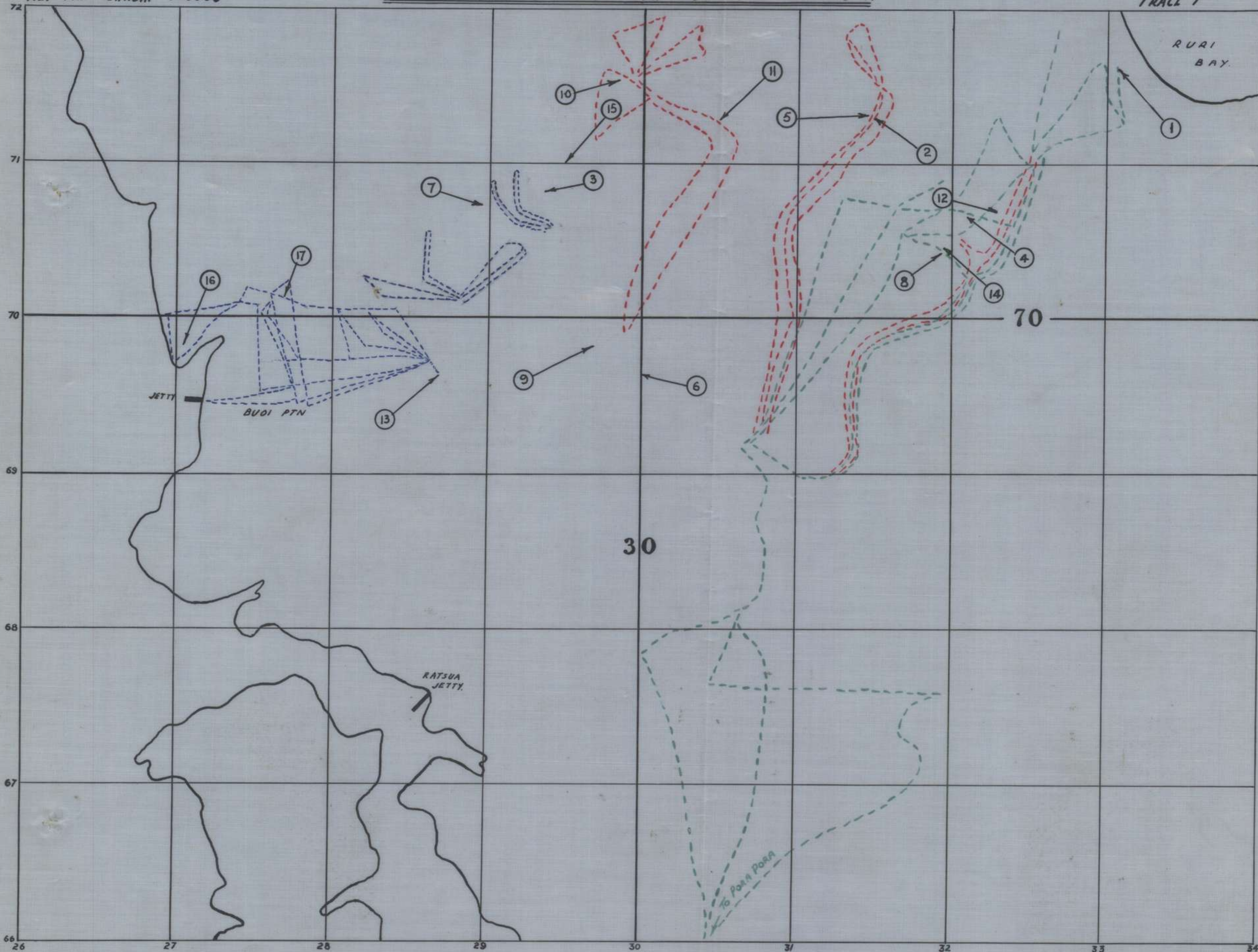
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS- NORTHERN SECTOR.

WEEK 29 JUL - 4 AUG 45.

OVERLAY SHOWING PATROL ROUTES & CONTACTS.

REF MAP: CHABAI 1:25000

TRACE 'P'



LEGEND
 Patrol Routes as taken by 8 Bn ————
 " " " " 27 Bn ————
 " " " " A Coy PIB ————

Compiled by
 INTELLIGENCE SECTION
 HQ 23 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE
 6 Aug 1945

War Diary

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 222
(Information received to 050600L AUG '45)..

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR

(a) 7 Bn

A standing patrol fwd of 11 pl posn at 695195 killed a jap moving along the EAST bank of CHARLIE CK. In the WAKUNAI area three japs were seen digging in on the track at IBU. All three were killed. From the main IBU def posn the japs immediately returned the fire with HMG and rifles.

CHARLIE CK at 696196 is three to five ft deep, 30 yds wide and swiftly flowing. There is a steep drop of 200 ft to the creek at this point.

Locations : 6 Pl PIB 637177.

NORTHERN SECTOR - 23 AUST INF BDE

(b) 8 Bn

A coy patrols operated from the coy perimeter NW to 279705 then SW to 277702 where they encountered a probable jap ambush patrol; str at least six with two LMGs. In the engagement that followed two japs were killed and two probably killed.

Locations: B Coy less 12 Pl 289684
12 Pl 294705

(c) 27 Bn

A patrol with FOO located and registered on previously reported jap def posns in the BASE 3 area. From the registration the posn is pinpointed at 299712. Many fresh footprints were found in the area. Standing patrols reported no mov throughout the day.

(d) 12 Bty

042300L the bty engaged the strong jap posns on BASE 5 at 287705. Throughout the night harassing fire continued.

(e) B Tp 141 HAA Bty

The following sightings were reported from the TAI OF OP:

- 031820L One barge from BONIS to SOHANA with five japs and later returned with three.
- 040750L Four japs working in the SOHANA gardens.
- 040850L One lakatoi with five japs from BONIS to BUKA Jetty No 1.
- 040855L A small boat with six japs from BONIS to CHINATOWN and returned again at 040905L with five pers.
- 041500L One lakatoi with two japs from MADEHAS to SOHANA, possibly the remains of the raiding party to TAI OF IS night 31 Jul/1 Aug. (Int Summary 218, 219).
- 041550L One lakatoi from BONIS to CHINATOWN with six japs.
- 041630L One lakatoi CHINATOWN to BONIS with four japs.

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Subject: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - 23 AUST INF BDE

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8 Aug 45

1. Attached hereto for information and retention SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS for week ending 5 Aug 45 of BOUGAINVILLE CENTRAL and NORTHERN SECTORS.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - CENTRAL SECTOR
WATER BARRIERS 5 AUG '45

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1. 31 Jul 45 Following Arty Mortar and MG fire 10 Pl occupied enemy posn 695193. Later 10 and 11 Pls, encountered by opposition from further enemy posn 100 yds north, where at least 3 automatics were directed on them. Cas enemy two killed one probably killed one wounded own three killed.
2. 31 Jul 45 Patrol 34 operating from WAKUNAI R base ambushed six enemy approx 700 yds north of EVIAN at 673280 moving in direction of BURITSIOTORANA, enemy cas four killed own nil.
3. 3 Aug 45 Sp by arty and mortar fire 12 Pl occupied extensive enemy posns 695145. Cas enemy one killed, 1 LMG captured.
4. 4 Aug 45 Standing patrol killed one jap on EAST bank CHARLIE CK at approx 697145.
5. 4 Aug 45 WAKUNAI R patrols engaged three enemy digging in at ISU, on TORUA track. Enemy cas three killed, own nil.
6. 5 Aug 45 1630L standing patrol killed one jap across CHARLIE CK at 697195.
7. 5 Aug 45 Native scout returning to firm base 757264 with info, was followed by three japs with kanaka scouts. Enemy engaged - three japs killed.

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LEGEND TO SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - NORTHERN SECTOR
WEEK ENDING 5 AUG '45

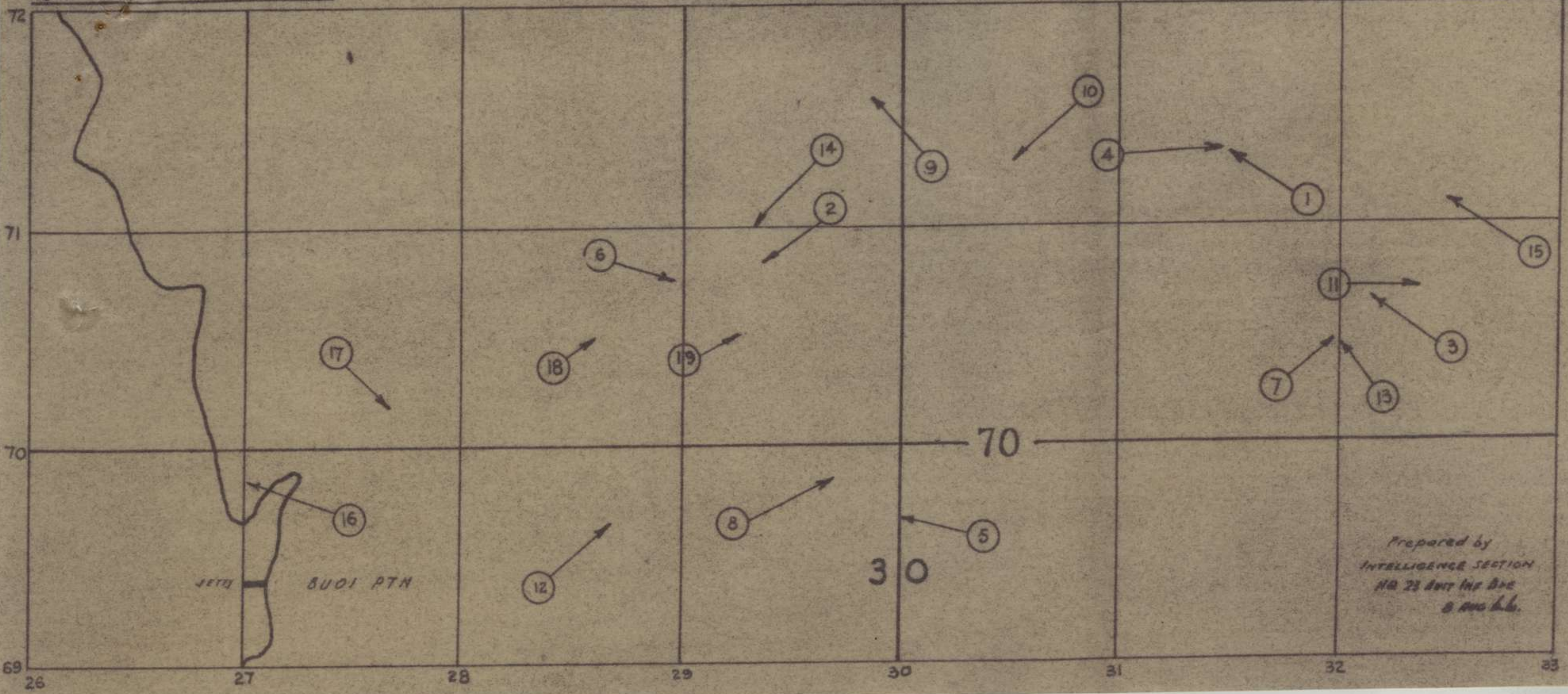
Serial	Date	Event
1.	30 Jul 45	Patrol reports 20 japs observed digging in and mining jeep track. While preparing to launch offensive patrol engaged by enemy outpost of 4 japs at 314713. Cas enemy three killed one wounded, own nil (27 Bn).
2.	30 Jul 45	Security patrol from COMMO RIDGE located new jap bunker and beoby trap.
3.	30 Jul 45	PIB patrol located jap patrol base - no enemy sighted, but weapon pits and fresh footprints indicate occupation.
4.	31 Jul 45	Ref Serial 1 patrol 16 found enemy posn vacated - NMS (27 Bn).
5.	31 Jul 45	0830L track mined, one 75 mm shell electrically detonated (8 Bn).
6.	31 Jul 45	Rece patrol during mov lost direction. Continued mov north until fired on by one HMG two LMGs and OSMG from enemy posn. Fire fight followed - cas enemy four killed, own two killed incl one Offr, three missing three wounded (8 Bn).
7.	31 Jul 45	PIB report enemy sentries observed patrol approaching jap outpost. Est str 6 - 8 - nil engagement.
8.	1 Aug 45	0400L jap mov around perimeter. Grenades exchanged - cas enemy unknown, own one died of wounds. (27 Bn).
9.	1 Aug 45	Four japs approached patrol base were engaged - cas enemy four killed - own nil (27 Bn).
10.	1 Aug 45	Patrol detonated mine - cas own one killed (27 Bn).
11.	1 Aug 45	PIB patrol attacked enemy ambush party, est str 20. Enemy cas 14 killed, own nil.
12.	2 Aug 45	Night 1/2 Aug footprints two japs seen (8 Bn).
13.	2 Aug 45	Patrol 18 moved EAST with tk sp along RURI track report jap posn ref serial 7 vacated. Moved north towards 324708 where track heavily mined. (27 Bn).
14.	2 Aug 45	Patrol located enemy, str unknown with one HMG two LMGs and rifles. Engagement followed - cas enemy unknown, own one wounded (27 Bn).
15.	2 Aug 45	Ref serial 13 patrol and tks moved off track 324710 to est perimeter for night. The leading tk detonated probable 500 lb aerial bomb and was destroyed. Cas tk crew three killed, Inf seven wounded (27 Bn).
16.	3 Aug 45	Patrol 29 returned reports BASE 6 clear of enemy (8 Bn)
17.	4 Aug 45	Patrol engaged jap ambush party, str at least six with two LMGs. Cas enemy two killed two probably killed - own nil (8 Bn).
18.	5 Aug 45	Following by bombing and strafing by 23 corsairs on BASE 5 at 0827L, fighting patrols from D Coy, sp by arty and mortar fire advanced and reached objective against light opposition by 0920L. 1405L whole of BASE 5 was clear of the enemy and a total of 43 bunkers were found, est to have been occupied by at least 40/50 japs. Cas enemy five killed thr wounded, own two walking wounded (8 Bn).

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - NORTHERN SECTOR

WEEK ENDING - 5 AUG 45.

TRACE 'P'

REF MAP: CHABAI 1:25000



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 (Information received to 060600L Aug 45)

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Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1/25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR(a) 8 Bn

D Coy fighting patrols penetrated and cleared the strongly def Jap posn at BASE 5. In all 43 bunker posns were encountered, but accurate bombing and arty and mortar fire neutralised the enemy action.

At 0827 hrs 23 Corsairs bombed the area of 288707 285705 and followed up with accurate strafing runs. 8 bombs fell in the target area, the remainder falling to the immediate NW. The arty & mortar barrage that followed was extremely accurate, direct hits being observed on several of the Jap bunkers. These bunkers were completely filled in by the debris and it is not possible to count the cas without excavation. Fighting patrols adv against light opposition initially, and then encountered the strong bunkered posns at 285706 and which extended over an area of 200 yds by 400 yds. Arty and mortars were directed on to these posns. It is estimated that 40/50 Japs occupied the area, of which 12 were seen to hurriedly withdraw to the NORTH. The known enemy cas are 5 killed and 3 wounded; the sealed bunker posns have yet to be investigated to obtain a complete count of cas inflicted. 2 rifles and one OSMG were captured. Japs were active during the early morning of 5 Aug around B Coy patrol base on COMMO RIDGE. 2 75 mm shells were electrically detonated on the track fwd of the perimeter, but no damage was caused.

(b) 27 Bn

A patrol from C Coy moved NORTH to confirm previous info of a Jap posn at 299712 and reported no mov in that area. During the night 5/6 Aug Jap mov was heard around C Coy perimeter at 299698 although no mov was seen. A patrol to 304717, on the western limit of KUNAI reced the area and reported no mov. A set of fresh footprints were found at 308696.

(c) PIB

A patrol moved through the jungle from 312691 to the garden area at 314707 without sighting any signs of activity. Continuing NW, the jeep track was crossed at 321713; no Jap mov within past 24 hrs. An ambush was set at 327717 and a recce party moved fwd to the rd at 329718 and found fresh footprints. LMG fire was heard from approx 329722.

(d) 12 Bty

The target and bombline for the air strike on BASE 5 were indicated at 0828 hrs, the pilots reporting the indication very satisfactory. From 0847 hrs until 0917 hrs Jap posns at 287704 was engaged, and at 1058 hrs an MG post at 287707 was fired on. This target was again engaged from 1431 until 1451 hrs. At least 4 bunker posns were completely destroyed by direct hits with delay fuzes. At 052200L the bty engaged 290710 and continued harassing fire throughout the night. A truck near the rd at 275725 was engaged by arty/R and damaged.

(e) B Tp 141 HAA Bty

At 1035 hrs accurate A/A fire was directed against the Jap gun posns on SOHANA ISLAND as an indication for a bombing attack by 8 Venturas aircraft. All A/A rds were in the target area. No enemy A/A fire was observed.

At 0915 hrs a large column of black smoke was observed between CHINATOWN and BUKA Jetty approx 250 yds from the shore line; possibly the result of dynamiting. Following the sighting of 2 Japs in the SOHANA gardens, a party of 8 Japs on the CHINATOWN Jetty were engaged. The pers scattered and the jetty was damaged. Later in the afternoon 9 Japs moved by boat from BONIS to CHINATOWN and were engaged on reaching the jetty. The boat and jetty were damaged. Shortly afterwards 7 Nips were observed around the boat which was again engaged and sunk in shallow water.

CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn

(f) A standing patrol fwd of B Coy again killed a Jap on the eastern bank of CHARLIE CK. A patrol returned from the RESIOPAIA area and reports much activity along the southern bank of the WAK-UMAI R. From a patrol base at 767264 recce patrols op fwd and on 5 Aug were followed back by 3 Japs and a kanaka scout. They were engaged and the 3 Japs killed. The patrols then withdrew from the patrol base and 85 minutes later heard by fire from the direction. An unidentified plane, possibly twin engined, was heard over NUMA NUMA sector at 050545L flying from SE to NW. The patrol from RESIOPAIA reported the sounds of an engine, considered that of a barge in NUMA NUMA HARBOUR between 050550L and 050600L.

AIR - OWN & ENEMY

At 1040 hrs 8 JACQUINOT based bombers directed 63 500 lb bombs at the dual purpose guns on SOHANA IS. The target had been accurately indicated by B Tp 141 HAA Bty. No direct hits were scored, but 31 of the bombs fell to the immediate left of the target and the remainder just to the right. The flight leader reported a number of indication rds fell in the gun posn. One hut was destroyed. 23 Corsairs bombed and strafed Jap def posns NE of BUOI PTN in sp of 23 Bde fighting patrols. 8 bombs fell in the target area. In South Bougainville 28 Corsairs bombed and strafed huts in the MAIKA area; 13 huts were destroyed and two trucks damaged. 20 Corsairs bombed and strafed a store dump at 351349 and 12 Corsairs bombed KARA STREP.

PART IV

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The Jetty on SORAKEN PENINSULA at 233662 will be known as SUTHERLAND JETTY.

The jeep track from 308692 to 315714 will be known as CENTRAL TRACK.

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Subject: ENEMY CASUALTIES

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7 Aug 45

2 Aust Corps (AIF)

1. Hereunder are details of casualties inflicted on the enemy by units of 23 Aust Inf Bde up to 1800 hrs 6 Aug 45.

2.

CENTRAL SECTOR

	<u>For week ending 6 Aug 45</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed	15	276
Found dead (not included in killed total)	-	37
Unconfirmed killed	1	16
PW	-	-
Wounded	1	43
Graves	-	-

NORTHERN SECTOR

	<u>For week ending 6 Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed	33	144
Found dead (not included in killed total)	-	7
Unconfirmed killed	2	16
PW	-	3
Wounded	3	23
Graves Found	-	-

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 224.
(Information received to 070600L Aug 45)

Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000

PART I.

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR.

(a) 8 Bn.

Patrolling of the area immediately NORTH of BUOI PTN was continued and fresh footprints were located at 276700. No mov was seen. Another patrol moved through BUOI PTN and also reported no mov.

During the night 6/7 Aug eight aust hand grenades were thrown into 12 pl perimeter on COMMO RIDGE. Booby traps in 9 pl area BUOI PTN were interfered with. No damage or cas were inflicted.

(b) 27 Bn.

At 0930 hrs two hostile shells fell near C coy perimeter at 298699; one that failed to explode has not been located. From the hole created by the explosion, the shells are est to be larger than 7mm and were possibly fired from HAHEILA.

A patrol to BASE 2 located a well defined footpad running NORTH through the kunai at 315720, which showed use by at least two japs during the past 24 hrs.

PIB activities were confined to security patrols.

(c) 12 Bty.

Harassing fire was directed against the jap posn at 290709. throughout the day and night.

(d) B tp 141 HAA Bty.

At 0956 hrs the Jap guns on SOHANA ISLAND were again accurately indicated to a flight of 5 VENTURAS. All bombs fell to the SOUTH of the target area. Again no enemy AA fire was observed.

CENTRAL SECTOR.

(e) 7 Bn.

Patrols moved EAST of CHARLIE CREEK and made initial recce of the enemy posns at 678197.

From TOKUA a patrol reports a bunker posn astride the track at 616217, 1000 yds SW of NASISIPOK. The enemy str is unknown.

A native scout was fired on by japs operating in the WAKUNAI RIVER area at 696246. There has been increased activity around our coy base on WAKUNAI RIVER.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 225.

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Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000

PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

23 Aust Inf Bde - NORTHERN SECTOR

(a) 8 Bn - A patrol operated NORTH of BUOI PTN and located jap footprints at approx 276705. On the return route, our patrol was ambushed at this point by a party of japs with two or three LMGs and rifles. A sharp fire fight before the patrol broke contact. A relief of coy posns was carried out during the day and patrolling was limited to security and protective patrols. 10 Pl 27 Bn relieved 12 pl 8 Bn of the patrol base on COMMO RIDGE. B Coy 289702 D Coy 289684.

(b) 27 Bn - At 0800 hrs a jap ambush was sprung at 301697 and a 75 mm mine detonated. The area was sprayed with fire, but no cas were caused. Standing and security patrols made no contact. D Coy less 16 Pl 297700; 16 Pl 294705. A Coy less 9 Pl 304694 9 Pl 312691; B Coy 305682.

(c) PIB - A fighting patrol established a base at 333717 300 yds SOUTH of the track junc at RURI BAY from where it operated NORTH towards SIAR PTN. One sec moved around the cliff edge to the rear of the jap posns at 331717 and engaged three japs, who were all killed. The remainder of the surprised japs moved hurriedly across a clearing and were engaged by a sec from a range of 10 to 15 yds; seven japs were killed. A further party of japs moved down the track apparently to take offensive action and were immediately engaged - six being killed, bringing the total enemy cas to 16. The patrol then withdrew without loss.

(d) 12 Bty - The following targets were engaged by arty/R.
(i) Two sac sac huts at 279721 were destroyed.
(ii) Garden areas at 237750 and 266734 were well covered with fire. From 0600 hrs until 1440 hrs Arty harassed the jap p sn at 290709.

(e) B Tp 141 HAA Bty

Jap activity in BUKA PASSAGE has decreased considerably and only minor sightings have been made. Pers were sighted in the SOHANA gardens and on SOHANA beach.

CENTRAL SECTOR

(f) 7 Bn

Arty and mortars fire harassed the newly located Jap posns at 700198. 2 further Jap posns were located at 703196. Recce patrols op along the NUMA NUMA trail and left propaganda leaflets before withdrawing. A patrol returned from the IBU - BURITSIOTORARA area having ambushed a party of 7 Japs moving towards BURITSIOTORARA at 658251. 5 of the Japs were killed; all of whom were wearing new clothes & carried short rifles. 2 Mtn Bty now located 684181.

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Ref Map BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(a) 8 Bn - Standing patrols were set to the NORTH of BUOI PTN at 280698 and 284698 throughout the day. Fresh footprints were found but no enemy mov seen. At 2130 hrs enemy were active around A Coy perimeter at 286696 and grenades wounded at least one of the jap party. Locations ; D Coy 240635 Rest Camp; C Coy 289684.

(b) 27 Bn - At 0830 hrs 8 aug an improvised 75mm mine was located outside D Coy perimeter 297700. Later two japs were observed EAST of the perimeter. Patrols again reced the area of BASE 2 at 315719 and report no signs of enemy activity. At 1800 hrs alone jap, was seen outside D Coy perimeter carrying a rifle and bag, possibly containing a 75 mm shell.

(c) PIB - A patrol moved along the WEST side of RURI BAY track and set an ambush at 321703 but made no contact.

(d) 12 Bty - The relief of 12 Bty by 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt has been completed. C Tp 236657; D Tp 235659.

(e) B Tp 141 HAA Bty - Jap activity in BUKA PASSAGE has been on a much reduced scale and only small groups of personnel, usually swimming, fishing or fossicking on the reefs, have been sighted. At 1025 hrs 5 nips were engaged while fossicking on the reef in the passage, and were quickly dispersed. At 1040 hrs 3 japs were seen swimming near PORTON PTN.

CENTRAL SECTOR

(f) 7 Bn - After a heavy concentration of arty mortar and MG fire, 12 pl crossed CHARLIE CK and occupied the jap posn at 700196. The japs had apparently abanboned the posn during the fire programme. One jap was killed. Patrols pushed further EAST along the NUMA NUMA trail and killed another jap. PIB patrols operating along the creek to the SOUTH of the jap posns, located 15/20 japs washing in the creek at 710188. Ten of the japs were killed.
Locations: 11 Pl 698197; 8 Pl PIB 696196

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 227
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PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

CENTRAL SECTOR - 23 AUST INF BDE

(a) 7 Bn

Enemy snipers were active forward of 11 Pl posn at 698197 and mov was observed 300 yds EAST of that posn throughout the day. PIB patrols operated to approx 707694 and located a jap posn of 15/20 japs. One jap was killed before the patrol withdrew.

NORTHERN SECTOR

(b) 8 Bn

Enemy activity has been on a reduced scale during the past week. B coy patrols operated fwd. to 285704 and report the area clear of enemy. Recce for a suitable jeep track NORTH of the BUOI PTN has been continued and high ground been located immediately north of the ck in sq 2869. No enemy mov was seen in the area.

(c) 27 Bn

Security patrols reported signs of enemy activity at 313695 and PIB patrols later confirmed that 5/6 japs had been operating in that area. A patrol NE along the jap track from 298707 to 300712 report it not recently used and no sign of enemy in the area. From COMMO RIDGE a recce to the NW located a jap def posn at 292710 - bunkers and a leanto were seen and the area is known to be booby trapped. No wire was seen around the perimeter. It seems likely that this is the posn contacted by 8 bn patrols on 31 Jul. One jap body, dead ten days, was located near D coy perimeter, probably the result of the grenade action on night 31 jul/laug. During the night 9/10 aug japs were active around D coy perimeter and at 2200 hrs a mine was exploded just outside of the area - no damage being caused. A sig wire at 294703 was cut.

(d) A Coy PIB

Recent traces of 5/6 japs were located at 312691 and later at 321709. It is thought that the japs had moved on, immediately prior to the arrival of the patrol.

(e) 11 Bty

The relief of 12 Bty by 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt has been completed. Indication rds were fired on 299711 in co-operation with tac/R.

(f) B Tp 141 HAA Bty

B Tp co-operated with both naval and air strikes on jap posns during the day. HQ From 0843 hrs until 1010 hrs an Aust vessel engaged the jap area on BONIS PENINSULA at 180799 183799 178796 and 178697. The fire, which was directed from the TAI OF OP was accurate and covered the area effectively. During this shoot, 10 venturas circling to bomb SOHANA IS were engaged by jap A/A from that island. In all 12 rds by A/A and two bursts 1t A/A were fired; all rds falling short of the A/C. B Tp replied and immediately silenced the hostile guns. The first stick of bombs straddled the target with possible hits. The gun at 170795 remained elevated during the bombing and was later depressed. The second stick of bombs fell to the EAST of the gun pits. The bombing cleared undergrowth and camouflage from the gun park area and revealed old gun emplacements.

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At 1515 hrs nine haps in a large barge crossed from BUKA to SOHANA.

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WEEK ENDING 11 AUG 45

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6 Aug 45

2 Aust Corps (AIF)

Other than additional demands based on patrol information which becomes available during the week, projected ops for the ensuing week are outlined below.

8 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) Relinquishes responsibility for COMMO RIDGE and TASUI TRACK.
- (b) To increase the depth of fighting patrols as far NORTH as GRID 71 to locate any enemy positions.
- (c) By continual fighting and recce patrols to BASE 5, prevent enemy re-occupation of that area.

27 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) Assumes responsibility for COMMO RIDGE and TASUI TRACK.
- (b) Fighting patrols NORTH to GRID 71 with a view to elimination of located enemy positions.
- (c) Maintain strong ambushes and patrols along MIDDLE TRACK.

PIB

Continuation of present role of fighting patrols and ambushes on RURI BAY track, SIAR and KUNAI C.

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Subject: SUMMARY OF WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
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13 Aug 45

2 Aust Corps (AIF)

1. Attached herewith please find overlay showing patrol routes and contacts of this formation for period 5 - 11 Aug 45.
2. Enemy activity continues on a reduced scale within the brigade area, with the exception of TASUI TRACK from 295702 to 300 696 where ambush parties have been active. 75 mm improvised mines have been unsuccessfully employed. On 11 Aug four Japs ambushed a jeep train at 298698 and in the fire fight that followed casualties inflicted were own - two killed, one wounded, enemy - one killed. The only other contact within the brigade area was at 287696 on night 8/9 Aug when one of a small Jap harassing party was wounded.
3. Extensive patrolling has been carried out forward of all defended localities.
4. On 7 Aug 27 Bn relieved 8 Bn of the responsibilities of the patrol base on COMMO RIDGE. Patrols forward confirm the presence of a well defended position at 290709. Patrols to BASES 2 and 3 report no signs of Jap occupation.
5. 8 Bn fighting patrols, supported by 23 Corsairs, artillery and mortars cleared 40/50 Japs from extensive bunker positions on BASE 5 on 5 Aug. A total of 43 bunkers were counted. Patrols to that area on 11 Aug found no signs of re-occupation and a patrol base was established at 287704.
6. The only contact made EAST of grid 31 was by PIB at 331717 on 7 Aug, when 16 Japs of a standing patrol were killed.
7. The known defensive positions forward of our FDLs are at BASE 1 and 690709. Contact has been made with enemy patrols NORTH of BUOI PTN in sq 6770.

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LEGEND TO SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>E V E N T</u>
1	5 Aug 45	Following heavy bombing and strafing by 23 Corsairs on BASE 5 at 0827L fighting patrols from D coy, sp by arty and mortar fire advanced and reached objective against light opposition by 0920L. 1405L whole of BASE 5 was clear of the enemy and a total of 43 bunkers were found, est to have been occupied by 40/50 Japs. Cas enemy 5 killed 3 wounded- Own 2 walking wounded (8 Bn).
2	5 Aug 45	0650L Japs electrically detonated two 75mm shells on track - no damage (27 Bn).
3	6 Aug 45	Patrol to 277702 reports sounds of enemy mov; investigation revealed footprints in area (8 Bn).
4	6 Aug 45	One Jap seen (27 Bn).
5	6 Aug 45	Two enemy shells, est 75/105mm landed in coy area- one failed to explode, not located - nil damage (27 Bn).
6	6 Aug 45	Night 6/7 Aug threw eight 36 grenades into 12 pl perimeter - nil cas (8 Bn).
7	7 Aug 45	At 0820L, a 76mm mine exploded fwd of jeep train - no damage suffered (8Bn).
8	7 Aug 45	Patrol 38 engaged by enemy party str unknown, with 3 LMG and rifles. Following fire fight, patrol withdrew. Own cas 1 killed - enemy nil (8 Bn).
9	7 Aug 45	Patrol sprung Jap Ambush - 75mm mine detonated - nil cas (27 B
10	8 Aug 45	Patrol to BASE 2 returned at 1630L. States no enemy activity in area (27 Bn).
11	7 Aug 45	PIB patrol 15 located and engaged enemy posn. Surprised Japs ran through clearing and were engaged. Cas enemy 16 killed own nil.
12	9 Aug 45	Enemy activity around perimeter- cas 1 Jap wounded (8 Bn)
13	9 Aug 45	Patrol 27 returned, report enemy posn located. Number of bunkers and lean to observed - strength unknown (27 Bn)
14	9 Aug 45	PIB patrol found traces 5 Japs - surprised Japs hurriedly withdrew on hearing mov of our patrol.
15	10 Aug 45	Japs exploded mine near D coy perimeter - grenades exchanged, - nil cas (27 Bn).
16	10 Aug 45	Ref serial 13, patrol 29 confirms existence of Jap posn - est to be occupied by approx 20/25 Japs (27 Bn)
17	11 Aug 45	Patrol 50m returned, reports BASE 5 clear of enemy. 12 pl now in occupation.
18	11 Aug 45	Four Japs ambushed jeep train - fire fight followed, cas enemy 1 killed - Own 1 killed 1 died of wounds 1 wounded.

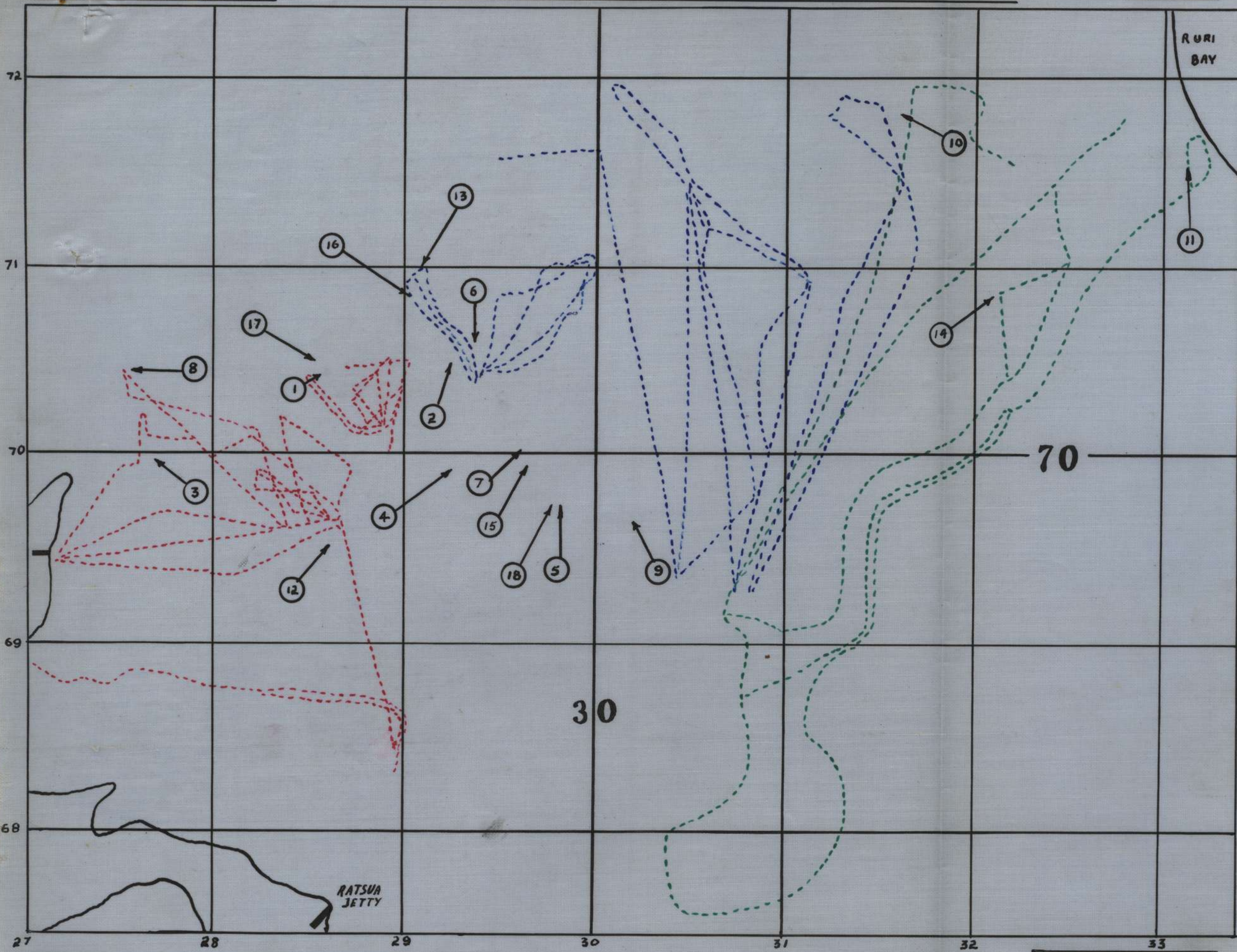
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - NORTHERN SECTOR

WEEK 5 AUG - 11 AUG 45

OVERLAY SHOWING PATROL ROUTES & CONTACTS

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Patrol Routes as taken by 8Bn - - - - -
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Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

23 Aust Inf Bde - CENTRAL SECTOR

(a) 7 Aust Inf Bn - Activity in this area has been confined to security patrols. 14 Pl relieved 18 Pl at TOKUA. 18 Pl now located 681137.

23 Aust Inf Bde - NORTHERN SECTOR

(b) 8 Aust Inf Bn - Patrols fwd to BASE 5 reported the area clear and no signs of enemy reoccupation. 12 Pl has est a patrol base at 287704.

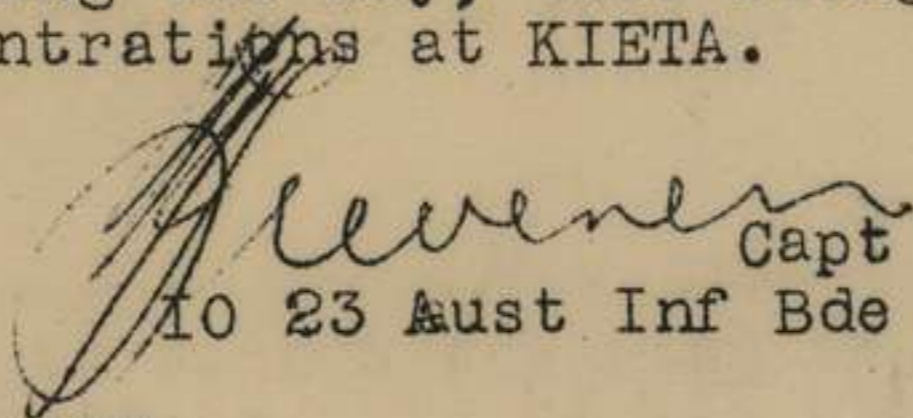
(c) 27 Aust Inf Bn - Jap ambush patrols have again been active along TASUI TRACK. Two 75 mm improvised mines were located and deloused at 303695. Two hours later a party of 4 japs ambushed a jeep train at 298699. A fire fight followed during which one jap was killed.

(d) 11 Bty - The following targets were engaged by Anty/R during the day; 2 huts in thick timber at 309744, suspected enemy posn NE of track 314742, suspected gun posn 232740 (all rds in area several direct hits scored) kitchen areas 252745 249735, huts 264728 and jap gardens 259752. All areas were well covered. A Bty concentration was fired on the jap posn at 290709 NW of COMMO RIDGE at 1635 hrs.

(e) B Tp 141 HAA Bty - Following the bombing and shelling of SOHANA IS 15/20 japs moved from the gun posn area to suspected caves at 166788 on the west of the island.

2. AIR - OWN 11 AUG

One strike only was completed during the day, that being carried out by 16 Aircraft on enemy concentrations at KIETA.


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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 230
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Ref Map: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

During the past 24 hours there has been a marked decline in enemy activity in this sector.

(a) 8 Bn

Apart from mov heard round 12 Pl perimeter at 287704 BASE 5 no jap activity has been apparent. All Ops were limited to security patrols.

(b) 27 Bn

A two day patrol returned from BASE 3 area and located a footpad running NORTH and SOUTH at 295715. The track showed signs of being used within the last 48 hrs by two japs, but no enemy mov was seen.

(c) 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt

Following the reporting of mov around the patrol base on BASE 5 11 bty and mortars laid defensive fire round that area. No further mov was reported. During the day the following targets in the CHABAI - PORTON area were engaged:- 249735 252745 272724 267737. Two loud explosions followed the shelling of 249735 and a further explosion and flash followed the shelling of 267737.

CENTRAL SECTOR

(d) 7 Bn

Signs of jap mov were again sighted at 703199 on the EAST of CHARLIE CK during the day. Arty harassed the posn throughout the day and also the jap posns at NASISIPOK.

SUMMARY OF PATROLS

(e) 32 japanese are reported killed on 10 Aug in an attack on ROROVANA NORTH of KIETA. Attempts by the enemy at ROROVANA to move towards KIETA have previously been reported foiled by our scouts.

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PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

Jap activity has been renewed in this sector; ambush parties being active along TASUI TRACK and by enemy shelling has been directed against 8 Bn areas. The shelling has been the heaviest since 23 Bde assumed comd of NORTHERN SECTOR.

(a) 27 Bn

At 0800 hrs four japs seen at 299701, NORTH of TASUI TRACK, were engaged with unobserved results. Later two japs with an LMG fired into D Coy perimeter, no cas being caused. Japs were also active at 310692; one jap was seen and later a 75 mm improvised mine was found under the corduroy in the vicinity. Three japs were seen at 309692 at 1000 hrs.

(b) 8 Bn

No enemy ground activity was reported from this sector, From 1848 hrs until 1915 hrs 59 enemy shells were fired into the general area of GROVE TRACK at 290684. Sound bearings indicate that the jap guns are operating from a posn NORTH of CHINDAWON - PORTON ROAD in sq 2873. It is est that two 75 mm guns were employed. No damage was caused.

(c) B Tp 141 HAA Bty

CHINATOWN JETTY was harassed during the afternoon.

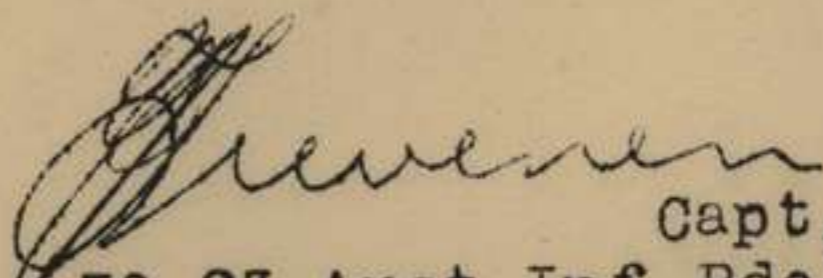
23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR

(d) 7 Bn

An enemy force est at 15/20 launched an attack on 11 Pl perimeter on the EAST of CHARLIE CK at 0900 hrs. The attack was driven off and a counter attack by 10 pl forced the enemy to withdraw from the posn at 703199. Later 12 Pl consolidated at 703199. Known jap cas are two killed. One LMG was destroyed. The jap posn at 704199 was shelled during the day.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - CENTRAL SECTOR

Date

E v e n t

- 6 Aug 45 : Patrol 17 reports new Jap bunker posn astride track at 666216 - enemy str unknown.
- 7 Aug 45 : Patrol distributing surrender leaflets on Jap L of C located enemy posn at 703196, occupied by approx 10 Japs.
- 8 Aug 45 : Under covering arty and mortar fire 12 pl crossed CHARLIE CR and occupied enemy posn 700697. During by fire Japs abandoned posn, leaving equipment and documents. Cas enemy 1 killed own nil. Later another patrol operating 100 yards forward of occupied posn killed a further Jap
- 8 Aug 45 : PIB patrol surprised 15 Japs bathing in creek at 710188 - cas enemy 10 killed own nil.
- 9 Aug 45 : Enemy sniper active 700697 - fired on 11 pl posn - nil cas.
- 9 Aug 45 : PIB patrol, 900 yards fwd of 11 pl posn at 700197, contacted and engaged enemy str approx 15/20. Cas enemy 1 killed.
- 10 Aug 45 : 11 pl contacted enemy str unknown with 1 LMG. Following short engagement, enemy withdrew to def posns at 703199.
- 10 Aug 45 : Patrol operating from WAKUNAI R, ambushed and killed 1 Jap at 694310
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LEGEND TO SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - NORTHERN SECTOR

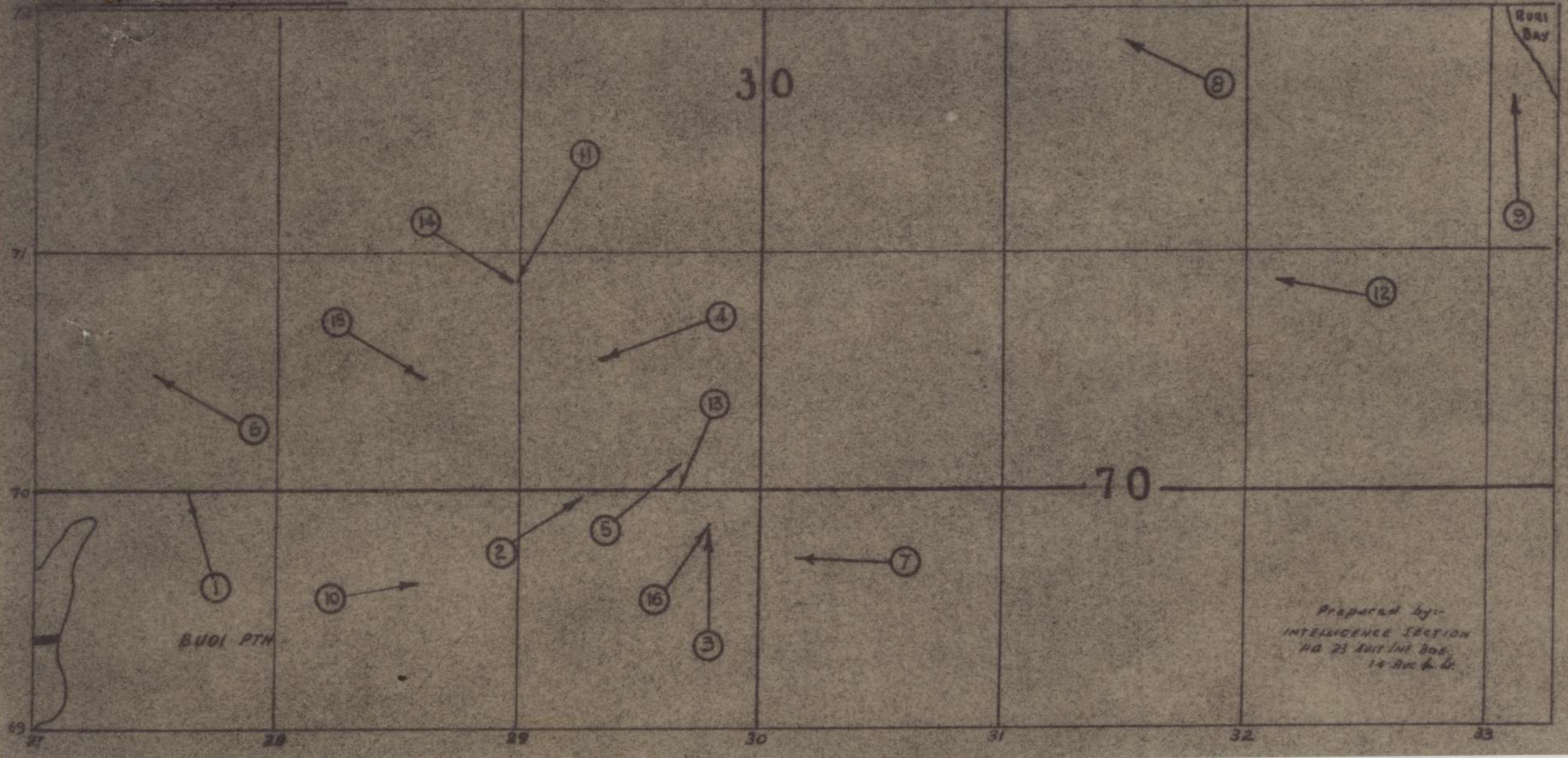
<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	6 Aug 45	Patrol to 277702 reports sounds of enemy mov - investigation revealed footprints in area (8Bn)
2	6 Aug 45	1 Jap seen (27Bn)
3	6 Aug 45	Two enemy shells, est 75/105 mm landed in coy area - one failed to explode not located - nil damage (27 Bn)
4.	6 Aug 45	Night 6/7 Aug enemy party threw eight 36 grenades into 12 pl perimeter - nil cas (8Bn)
5.	7 Aug 45	at 0820L, 70 mm mine exploded fwd of jeep train - no damage suffered (8Bn)
6.	7 Aug 45	Patrol 38 engaged by enemy party str unknown, with 3 LMGs and rifles Following fire fight, patrol withdrew - own cas 1 killed enemy nil (8Bn)
7.	7 Aug 45	Patrol sprung Jap ambush - 70 mm mine detonated - nil cas (27 Bn)
8.	8 Aug 45	Patrol to BASE 2 returned at 1630L - no enemy activity in area (27Bn)
9.	7 Aug 45	FIB patrol 15 located and engaged enemy posn. Surprised Japs ran through clearing and were engaged. Cas enemy 16 killed own nil.
10.	9 Aug 45	Enemy activity round perimeter - cas 1 Jap wounded. (8Bn)
11.	9 Aug 45	Patrol 27 returned report enemy posn located. Number of bunkers and lean to observed - str unknown. (27Bn)
12.	9 Aug 45	FIB patrol found traces five Japs - suspect Japs hurriedly withdrew on hearing movement of our patrol.
13.	10 Aug 45	Japs exploded mine near D Coy perimeter- grenades exchanged - nil cas (27 Bn)
14.	10 Aug 45	Ref serial 11, patrol 29 confirms existence of Jap posn - est to be occupied by approx 20/25 Japs (27Bn)
15.	11 Aug 45	Patrol 50 returned, reports BASE 5 clear of enemy. 12 Pl now in occupation. (8Bn)
16.	11 Aug 45	Four Japs ambushed Jeep train - fire fight followed cas enemy 1 killed own 1 killed 1 died of wounds 1 wounded (27 Bn)

SUMMARY OF OPS - NORTHERN SECTOR

WEEK ENDING 12 AUG 45.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 232
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Map Ref: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

23 AUST INF BDE - CENTRAL SECTOR

(a) 7 Bn

Following jap LMG and HMG fire, into 12 Pl perimeter, fire was directed against jap bunker posns at 704199. One bunker posn was destroyed. Arty and Mortars harassed the posn throughout the day.

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(b) 8 Bn

Between 0625 hrs and 0632 hrs 14 Aug a further 42 enemy shells fell in the area 290684 and 286677, between GROVE TRACK and RATSUA Jetty. No damage was caused. Between 1900 and 1907 hrs 34 enemy shells fell in the vicinity of 12 Pl on BASE 5; 16 rds fell at 285705 and 18 rds at 287706. It is est that two 70/75 mm guns are operating from posns along the CHINDAWON - PORTON ROAD between 290734 and 278725. No enemy ground activity has been reported.

(c) 27 Bn

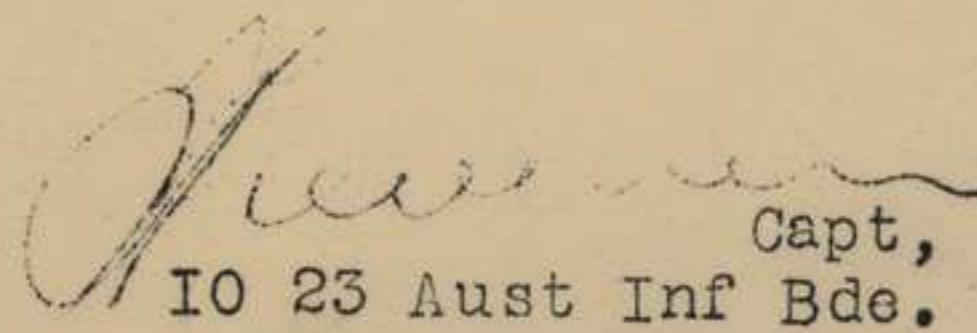
No contact throughout the day, the only indication of enemy activity being the locating of fresh footprints of 4/5 japs at 308692. C Coy less 14 Pl relieved A Coy at 304694. 14 Pl 312691. A Coy 240634. (Rest Camp).

(d) 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt

Following the jap shelling of BASE 5, at 1900 hrs 11 Bty harassed jap posns at 294752 and 284715. Tac/R was unable to locate enemy gun posns.

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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 232.
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Ref Map: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

Hostilities with Japan ceased as from 15 Aug 45. Apart from hostile shelling of 8 Bn area and TAI OF IS barge landing point, only minor enemy activity was reported during the day.

23 AUST INF BDE - NORTHERN SECTOR

(a) 8 Bn

A 75 mm mine was detonated on GROVE TRACK at 288688. Hostile shelling into 8 Bn area ~~xx~~ continued at 1850 hrs and in 10 mins 32 shells, est at 70/75 mm fell in the vicinity of 288677. No damage was caused.

(b) 27 Bn

Two improvised mines were located at 301696, but were disarmed before causing any damage. No further enemy activity has been reported.

(c) 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt

In reply to hostile shelling on 8 Bn ~~xxxxx~~ personnel areas between 1850 and 1900 hrs, 11 bty engaged suspected gun posns in the TARBUT area.

(d) General

At 1030 hrs, a jap gun, est at 75 mm located on WEST TIP of MADEHAS IS registered the entrance to the barge landing bay at TAI OF IS 131712. Some near misses were scored on a barge in the area at that time. B Tp 141 HAA bty harassed MADEHAS IS and CAPE LANAHAN and jap fire ceased at 1100 hrs. At 1623 hrs the dual purpose guns on SOHANA IS fired six rds. It is thought that the rds fell approx 600 yds SOUTH of RATSUA. All shells failed to explode.

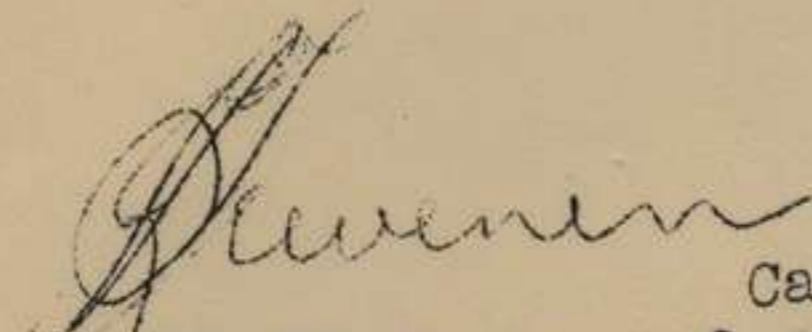
CENTRAL SECTOR

(e) 7 Bn

Enemy harassed 12 Pl with small arms fire at 1415 hrs to which our arty replied.

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(Information received to 170600L Aug 45)

Ref Map: BOUGAINVILLE - 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

No hostile action has been reported during the past 24 hrs. Loud explosions were heard throughout the day in the vicinity of BUKA DROME, CHINATOWN and HAHEILA and Japs on SOHANA IS were seen to dump stores into the sea off SOHANA Jetty. NO Jap emissaries have yet approached our perimeters.

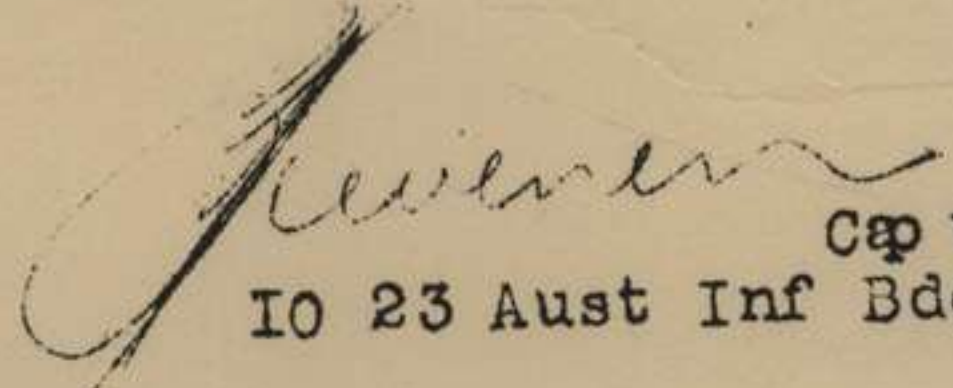
8 Bn

10 Pl relieved 12 Pl at 287704.

PART 111

3. GENERAL

All tps should bear in mind that the value of captured documents and eqpt does NOT cease with the surrender of JAPAN. Captured docs will be of great assistance in the handling of surrendered enemy tps and may contain infm which will enable us to trace our own and Allied airmen etc, captured in this area. The infm to be gained from the examination of captured enemy eqpt will also be of military value. Therefore the present high standard of effort in the collection of docs and eqpt should be maintained.


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23 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 234
(Information received to 180600L AUG '45)

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) NORTHERN SECTOR - 23 AUST INF BDE

During the past 24 hrs there has been no hostile enemy activity in this sector. In the BUKA DROME, CHINATOWN and HAHEILA area loud explosions continued, indicating the further destruction of stores. A fishing party operating in the RATSUA inlet, contacted and detonated a jap improvised floating mine at 1200 hrs. The mine which was covered with banana leaves was constructed from a 5 lb jam tin with two pieces of timber attached to give buoyancy. It has not been possible to obtain further details.

Between 2345 hrs and 2400 hrs an aircraft, believed to be a jap flying boat, was heard over the RATSUA - SORAKEN area. It is thought that the plane took off near SOHANA, gained height and then flew south to RATSUA where it changed direction and flew west over TAI OF IS.

(b) CENTRAL SECTOR - 23 AUST INF BDE

7 Bn

A lone armed jap approached 10 Pl perimeter (fwd pl on NUMA NUMA TRAIL) at 1100 hrs, but was not engaged. Leaflets have been distributed to japs at 704199 fwd of 7 Bn posns by 2 inch mortar bombs

(c) SOUTHERN SECTOR - 3 AUST DIV

Three japanese have been sighted at 017370 near HARI No 1.

PART 11

No emissary has yet appeared in any sector. Today leaflet dropping was repeated over all sectors, those areas WEST of the MIVO RIVER where enemy parties are believed still to be moving being well covered. A special drop has been made for natives who have been told of the end of the war and have been instructed not to fraternize with the Japanese and to report any enemy movement to our troops. The japanese at the MIVO Ford are apparently enjoying our front line broadcasts. Yesterday 2 barefooted Japanese appeared on the EAST bank apparently to obtain a better audition of the nostalgic music. This morning the performance was repeated by 3 more. An invitation by our troops to come across was declined by these Japanese who waved cheerily, bowed and went quietly away.

(2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No 219)

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Ref maps: BOUHAINVILLE 1/25000

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) NORTHERN SECTOR - 23 AUST INF BDE

All tps have been withdrawn from RATSUA - RURI BAY area and TAI OF ISLAND and have concentrated in the SORAKEN - COMPTON R area. Armed Japs have been sighted marking mined areas fwd of our previously occupied posns.

Locations : 16 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt - 233648; 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt - 233640;
8 Aust Inf Bn - 232648; 27 Aust Inf Bn - 236641;
101 Hy Mortar Coy - 243598; A Coy PIB - 237580;
2 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy - 244596.

(b) CENTRAL SECTOR - 7 Bn - 23 Aust Inf Bde

Minor enemy mov has been observed at 704199 on the EAST of CHARLIE CK during the past four days. Locations: 14 Pl - SMITH'S HILL - 681137
10 Pl 703199
2 Mtn Bty has moved to TOROKINA.

(c) SOUTHERN SECTOR - 3 AUST DIV

Approx 80 Japs moved from HARI to the BUIN area on 22 Aug.

PART 11

AIR PATROL SIGHTINGS

Security air patrols on 23 Aug made a number of interesting sightings. The usual large numbers of Japs have been observed as on several previous days, fishing and swimming or moving along the coast to defined areas, particularly NUMA NUMA, KIETA and BUIN generally. Odd small groups of Japs and natives are still being seen all along the east coast of BUKA, this being the only area where there is yet no sign of concentration or where any fear of the A/C is still shown. There appears to be considerable mov of armed tps around MOILA Point. A total of at least 10 serviceable barges, 2 metal dinghies and a large number of canoes were seen in use today, mainly in the KIETA and BUIN area. Stores are apparently being moved from KIETA by barge. 3 trucks, 3 barges, a crane and a considerable quantity of by eqpt incl rails and girders were sighted at BALLALE Island. The BUKA air strip now appears serviceable. Grass was burnt off yesterday and observation today disclosed that the strip appears to be almost wholly resurfaced. Solidity of the surface could not be judged. One patrol observed that the surface was wet and a grader or large truck was seen.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 225)

SURRENDER INFORMATION

The 2 Aust Corps envoys who visited the Jap 17 Army HQ on 22 Aug gained some general infm in conversation with English speaking Jap offrs or by observation. Some items of interest are given below:

- (a) Minefds between the OAMAI and MIWO Rivers are being lifted by the Japs. However, some mines laid in the jungle between these Rivers cannot be located, mainly because some of the pers who laid them also cannot be located.
- (b) Jap tps are withdrawing east of the SILIBAI River except for mine lifting parties. The envoys observed one party of 100-120 and several of 10-20 moving east. These tps carried rifles and Bren-type LMGs. Some had no weapons and many were barefooted.

- (c) Nine apparently serviceable trucks and one staff car were seen at various points along the rd, also three horses.
- (d) Mov was by foot to the SILIBAI thence by truck to MAIKA, the journey taking over three hrs. The rd is in a very poor state,. Such bridges as exist are of very flimsy construction, fords being used where possible.
- (e) All natives in the BUIN area have been removed to SHORTLAND Island.
- (f) No mail (personal) has been received since mid-1943.

The envoys were treated with courtesy and no apparent animosity by the Japs.

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FROM 0001L 1 SEP to 2400L 30 Sep 46

SEP 1

- 0900 Bde Comd at TOROKINA called on Lt.Col. COURT at 2 Corps and discussed the movement of 23 Bde from SORAKEN to TOROKINA.
- 1800 Bde Comd had dinner at TOROKINA OFFRS CLUB with Lt.Cols DUNKLEY, CHALLEN, McDONALD, JOBSON and OGLE and Comd FOWLER.
- 1000 Remainder of 16 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt moved from SORAKEN to TOROKINA.

SEP 2

Bde Comd discussed 8 Bn promotions with Mil Sec at 2 Corps and later discussed SAPOSA IS Rest Camp with GOC 2 Corps.

SEP 3

- 0800 Bde Comd and Lt.Col. OGLE departed TOROKINA for SORAKEN and during the afternoon visited all units in the area. As from 0800L 23 Fd Coy came under command 5 CRE. Maj C THOMPSON 8 Bn appointed Bde Rep to 2 Corps General Sports Committee.
- 1800 Bde Comd, Lt.Col. OGLE and 6 Bde HQ officers visited the Nursing Sisters at SAPOSA and had a very enjoyable evening.

SEP 4

- Bde Comd signed a citation recommended Pte PARTRIDGE, 8 Inf Bn for V.C.
- 0800 Lt.Col. OGLE and Capt WORRALL inspected the vacated RATSUA area.
- 1100 AANS officers departed SAPOSA for TOROKINA but were forced to return by bad weather.

SEP 5

- 1300 Maj RUTHERFORD, Camp Comd, 2 Corps called at Bde HQ after carrying out an inspection of SAPOSA REST CAMP.
- 1330 A meeting of unit sports offrs was held at Bde HQ.

SEP 6

- 0800 Bde Comd departed by Auster A/c for TOROKINA via BONIS PENINSULA-BUKA PASSAGE. He visited 2 Corps but could obtain little information due to the preparation for the arrival of Lt.Gen. KANDA, Jap 17 Army, on Sep 7.

SEP 7

- 0900 Lt RIX and Lt ALEXANDER departed SORAKEN for TOROKINA by FSB. Unit censorship of mail ceases from 7 Sep 45, but 100% base check on parcels will continue.

SEP 8

The following warning orders were received from 2 Corps,
(1) 7 Bn Gp, less one coy will prepare for early move to TOROKINA. One coy to remain PEARL RIDGE area to act as guard and staging det for Japanese surrendered parties.
(2) 23 Bde Gp, less 7 Bn Gp and one Inf Bn Gp to remain SORAKEN will prepare for mov to TOROKINA. One Inf Bn Gp and necessary det to remain SORAKEN.

SEP 9

An enthusiastic meeting of unit sports representatives was held at Bde LOB area TOROKINA.
7 Bn defeated 4 Fd Regt at Aust Rules Football. Scores 12 goals 9 behinds to 9 goals 8 behinds.

SEP 10

- 0830 Bde Comd departed by hospital craft for SORAKEN, also Maj MORAN, Capt POWELL and Lt ALEXANDER.
- 0900 GOC 2 Corps departed TOROKINA for SAPOSA IS. The movement of B Tp 141 HAA Bty from SORAKEN to TOROKINA was completed during the day.

SEP 11

During the stay of GOC 2 Corps at SAPOSA, a daily Auster A/c service will operate between TOROKINA and FREDDIE BEACH.
At TOROKINA Lt RIX and Maj THOMPSON selected Bde sports areas.

SEP 12

Instruction was issued to 7 Bn for the movement of NUMA garrison to TOROKINA. Appx F4.
Aust surrender party in charge Maj MAXWELL GSO II (Liaison) 2 Corps, arrived at Bde HQ.

- 1100 Bde Comd carried out Auster A/c recce of BUKA PASSAGE area.

SEP 13

244 ASD closed at NUMA NUMA ROAD HEAD and opened at TOROKINA.

- 1300 Two Japanese Naval Staff officers arrived from BUIN by Auster A/c, following a request from Capt KATO, EIKICHI, Comd 87 Naval Gd Force for their presence at BONIS PENINSULA to ensure safe conduct and smooth negotiations.

Appx F5.

1000 BOUGAINVILLE SC moved to TOROKINA to open Bde HQ. Bde HQ closed FREDDIE BEACH opened TOROKINA at 1800 hrs. Rear HQ will remain at TOROKINA 287958 FREDDIE BEACH and 8 Bn will eventually take over the responsibilities of Northern Sector. The movement of troops from SORAKEN to TOROKINA continued throughout the day.

SEP 14

- 1000 Surrender party departed FREDDIE BEACH to meet Japanese envoy off SORAKEN PTN. Japanese envoy handed over allied national PW listed in Appx F3 and F7.
- 1800 BM, IO(I) and IO attended ~~and~~ farewell to LONGSER OFFRS at 8 Bn.

SEP 15

- 0800 BM and IO went to BONIS PENINSULA with Aust surrender commission. Both strongly criticized the conduct of the commission and considered it a performance not worthy of

worthy of/
Australian forces. The Japanese staff officers "tied the Aust surrender commission offers in knots from start to finish." a very poor show.

1600 Bde Comd, Lt.Col. IRWIN and Maj MORAN attended a Sing Song at JUPINOL IS. and remained there overnight.

SEP 16

0800 Bde HQ personnel, with the exception of Bde Comd, BM and IO departed for TOROKINA.
42 Port Idg Craft Coy are to remain at SAPOSA IS and used as required by the Surrender Commission for the movement of surrendered Japanese.
13 serious Japanese medical cases were evacuated from BONIS PENINSULA to 17 FdAmb. (later 2 died 20 Sep and 1 on 21 Sep)
7 Bn less two coys now located at TOROKINA.

SEP 17

23 Bde Postal Unit arrived TOROKINA ex SORAKEN.
Surrender Commission again moved to Jap HQ at BONIS and continued negotiations. An improvement on previous days.

0940 BM departed by Auster A/c for TOROKINA, via BUKA PASSAGE, and en route took down 3 overhead wires stretched across BUKA PASSAGE. On the following day, a message from Rear Admiral YAMAZUMI, (BUIN) requesting that our aircraft fly at a height of more than 15 ft in future.
Brig POTTS received a personal letter from Capt KATO, Comd Jap 87 Naval Gd Force BONIS PENINSULA, requesting that KATO be permitted to present to him his favorite sword. This request was later refused by 2 Aust Corps.

SEP 18

0900 Bde Comd departed SORAKEN for TOROKINA by Auster A/c, and on arrival called on Brig LEGGE at 2 Corps and discussed current problems.

1300 Bde Comd witnessed football match between B Corps Sigs and 7 Bn, that latter winning 12-7 to 10-5.

1500 Bde IO arrived TOROKINA ex SORAKEN by Auster A/c and remained overnight to be present at a farewell party in the mess to Capt POWELL and Lt BRANSON who are to return to Australia.

SEP 19

0800 IO returned to SORAKEN by Auster A/c.
A Coy 17 Fd Amb arrived TOROKINA ex SORAKEN.

1400 Vessel "RIVER GLENELG" arrived from NAURU carrying 43 offers 1198 other ranks surrendered Japanese, and who were marched to TOROKINA PW Compound - the first PWs to occupy that site.
AV EVELYN arrived TOROKINA from NUMA NUMA carrying 110 surrendered Japanese incl 103 sick.

1200 GOC 2 Corps had lunch at Bde HQ and then made an inspection of unit camp areas.

1800 Bde Comd present at dinner at HQ 3 Div. Lt.Gen. STURDEE present.

SEP 20

Vessel "RIVER BURDEKIN" arrived from NAURU with 50 offers

offrs/
1200 surrendered japanese. In the 10 mile to the PW compound, 2 died of exhaustion and 1 other died on arrival. 70 others collapsed en route. Average weight of packs 70 - 100 lbs.
147 surrendered japanese from NUMA NUMA area arrived at McINNES HILL.

1700 Rear Bde HQ closed at SORAKEN.

SEP 21

A further 146 surrendered Japanese arrived at McINNES HILL during the day.

0930 Bde Comd had conference with GOC 3 Div and was informed that 23 Bde would probably assume command of Bougainville and be given the role of guarding the Surrendered Japanese.

1100 Lt.Col. IRWIN and Bde IO arrived by Aust A/c from SORAKEN.

SEP 22

0800 Bde Comd and BM went to HQ 7 Bn at BERRYS HILL and watched the movement of surrendered japanese.

1530 Bde Comd reported to GOC 2 Corps who is to depart to Australia tomorrow. He thanked the Comd for his work and the work of the Bde.

1800 Bde Comd and Lt.Col. IRWIN went to dinner at the offrs club with Sisters WALL and BAILEY and later attended a farewell party to LONGSER SISTERS at 2/1 AGH.

Bde Comd received Capt KATO's sword.
AV DEBORAH arrived TOROKINA ex NUMA NUMA with further 90 japanese patients. Approx 120 sick still remain.
818 surrendered Japanese arrived FAURO IS ex BUIN. 7 Bn are to be responsible for the maintenance and guarding of Japanese at FAURO Island.

SEP 23

0800 Bde Comd, BM and IO departed TOROKINA for SAPOSA IS by FSB. Maj MORAN adm comd 8 Bn called at night.
Det 19 War Graves and a patrol comd by Capt S.J. REED 8 Bn departed for RATSUA area to carry out a search for Aust graves and to survey the japanese defences.
On arrival at SAPOSA Bde Comd and party went to PORTON and found the japanese still in occupation.
580 Japanese arrived TOROKINA from BONIS and a further 150 Japs arrived at McINNES HILL en route to TOROKINA.

SEP 24.

0800 Bde Comd and party with Lt ARCHER, ANGAU went to MADEHAS and SOHANA IS, but found japs still in occupation.

1200 23 Bde HQ passes from Comd 2 Corps to 3 Div. Appx F8.
Tp movement priority list to Australia issued to all units. Appx F9.
1816 Japanese arrived FAURO IS ex BUIN.
Further 151 japs at McINNES HILL.

SEP 25

0800 From SAPOSA IS Bde Comd and party visited 8 Bn, and awaited the arrival of Matron HURLEY 2/1 AGH who arrived from TOROKINA by Auster A/c. Marton and party of 12 nurses to spend 1 week at SAPOSA.

SEP 25

1100 Bde Comd and party departed for TOROKINA. On return Bde Comd received infm that 23 Bde would constitute BOUGAINVILLE GARRISON for guarding of Japanese at TOROKINA and FAURO IS. 7 Bn to move to FAURO, 27 Bn to TOROKINA PW Compound, and 8 Bn from SORAKEN to TOROKINA.

1300 HQ 17 Fd Amb ex SORAKEN opened TOROKINA. 1350 Japanese arrived at BUIN from FAURO, and a further 150 arrived at McINNES HILL en route to TOROKINA. Capt POWELL and Lts BRANSON and ALEXANDER departed to Australia on TAROONA on LONGSER RELEASE.

SEP 26

0800 Bde Comd, Lt.Col. POPE and SC made recce for suitable camp area adjacent to TOROKINA PW compound for 27 Inf Bn. 2250 Japanese arrived FAURO from BUIN, 149 arrived McINNES HILL from NUMA NUMA. The first picture was screened at 23 Bde DONALD DUCK theatre - the feature being, "the Man who lost himself."

SEP 27

820 Japanese arrived TOROKINA ex BONIS; where a further 1500 still remain. 1440 Japanese arrived FAURO from BUIN. 151 Japanese arrived McINNES HILL.

0900 Lt.Col. POPE and SC made an inspection of TOROKINA PW compound.

28 SEP

0900 Bde Comd called on GOC 2 Corps and Brig NIMMO and discussed surrendered Japanese policy and compound staff. Brig SIMPSON DSO is to relieve Brig POTTS of Comd 23 Inf Bde on departure of HQ 29 Inf Bde from TOROKINA. 2019 PWs arrived FAURO IS.

SEP 29

0600 Bde Comd and SC watched the embarkation of 7 Bn troops at TOROKINA. 7 Bn is to garrison the Japanese now concentrated on FANHO IS.

0900 Bde Comd called on Lt.Col. DUNKLEY MC and outlined the plan for the FAURO GARRISON. "A" Coy 8 Fd Amb reverted to command 8 Fd Amb at 290001L. "P" FS Sec and A, B and C secs 82 ADU passed to Comd 4 Base Sub Area. Appx F10.

0730L det 39 W/T Sec departed SORAKEN for TOROKINA. A further 1839 surrendered Japanese arrived at FAURO. 93 are located at McINNES HILL making a total of 1291 still to be moved from NUMA NUMA area to TOROKINA.

1500 An issue of Japanese swords was received from 3 Div, enabling a distribution of a sword to be made to all officers within the Bde.

SEP 30

A further 2030 surrendered Japanese arrived at FAURO

1630 Bde Comd was present at a farewell cocktail party given to Brig HAMMER at HQ 15 Bde.

CASUALTY CHART

Month : AUGUST.

		Killed	Died of Wounds	Bodies Found	Probably Killed	Wounded	Missing	PW
CENTRAL SECTOR	Own	-	1	-	-	4	-	-
	Enemy	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTHERN SECTOR	Own	2	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Enemy	43	-	1	2	4	-	-
TOTAL	Own	2	3	-	-	16	1	-
	Enemy	73	-	1	2	4	-	-
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<u>TOTAL TO DATE.</u>								
CENTRAL SECTOR	Own	21	3	-	-	49	-	-
	Enemy	296	-	37	16	42	-	-
NORTHERN SECTOR	Own	18	7	-	-	61	4	-
	Enemy	133	-	3	16	22	-	3
TOTAL	Own	41	10	-	-	110	4	-
	Enemy	429	-	40	27	64	-	3

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PT 1

by

MAJ R.F. DIXON MC
BM 23 AUST INF BDE

208. DUTY OFFICERS.

DUTY NCOs

Sun	9	Sep	Capt BODE	S/Sgt N.S. ANGEL
Mon	10	"	Lt CHAPMAN	Cpl H.H. CAIRE
Tues	11	"	Lt H.G. GLANVILLE	Sgt C. CLARKE
Wed	12	"	Capt J. TREVENEN	Sgt N.G. LADNER
Thur	13	"	Capt E.S. WORRALL	Sgt R.S. BENNETT
Fri	14	"	Lt C. ALEXANDER	S/Sgt C.H. CUMMINS
Sat	15	"	Capt L.G. POWELL	Cpl K.L. HALL
Sun	16	"	Lt A.W.F. WILSON	Sgt J.R. McMURRAY
Mon	17	"	Lt R.E. JONES	S/Sgt N.S. ANGEL
Tues	18	"	Lt C.C. RIX	Cpl H.H. CAIRE
Wed	19	"	Capt R.M. EWING	Sgt C. CLARKE
Thur	20	"	Lt C. ALEXANDER	Sgt N.G. LADNER

209. DISCHARGES.

(a) The only discharges in respect of which there is any certainty are discharges of personnel with long service and discharges on occupational grounds.

Demobilisation will commence on 1 Oct 45 and will be governed by the points system.

Long service discharges for this HQ have been considered.

(b) Discharges on operational grounds are subject to the following conditions:-

The only occupations to which discharge will be granted for the time being are -

Building materials and fittings
Housing
Industrial, chemicals and fertilisers
Railway, Tramways and Omnibus Services
Rubber manufacture and tyre retreading
Sleeper cutting, timber getting, saw milling
and seasoning yards
Water Supply and sewerage
Gas and Electricity
Wet Batteries.

(c) An application for discharge on occupational grounds will not be approved unless -

- (i) it is recommended by the Director-General of Man Power or his deputy in the State in which the member desires to resume civil employment;
- (ii) The member does not come within the category of "key personnel", as defined by para (d) of this order;

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(iii) in the case of a member serving outside Australia and Tasmania his discharge is approved by LHQ;

(iv) special approval is given by LHQ which indicates that other factors will not be applicable.

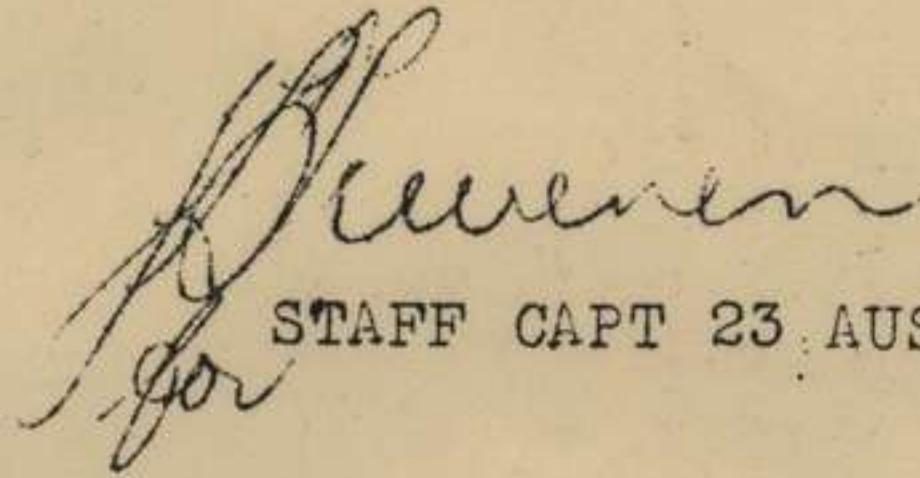
(d) Key personnel.

The term "key personnel" includes any member whose discharge, in the opinion of the appropriate formation commander, would seriously prejudice the efficiency of his unit.

(e) Application may be made by members or may be initiated by Man Power Directorate.

(f) Compassionate Discharges and Discharges to occupations other than the abovementioned.

The position with regard to these applications is not yet clear. Applications on such grounds will not be considered at present.



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STAFF CAPT 23 AUST INF BDE

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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BM 23 AUST INF BDE.

210.	<u>Duty Officers</u>				<u>Duty NCO's</u>	
Tues 18	Sep	Capt	EWING	Cpl	CAIRE	
Wed 19	"	Lt	ELLIOTT	Sgt	CLARKE	
Thurs 20	"	Lt	RIX	Sgt	LADNER	
Fri 21	"	Capt	WORRALL	Sgt	BENNETT	
Sat 22	"	Lt	GLANVILLE	S/Sgt	CUMMINS	
Sun 23	"	Lt	WILSON	Cpl	HALL	
Mon 24	"	Lt	JONES	Sgt	McMURRAY	
Tues 25	"	Capt	WORRALL	Cpl	O'FARRELL	
Wed 26	"	Capt	TREVENEN	Sgt	STRUTHERS	
Thurs 27	"	Capt	EWING	S/Sgt	ANGEL	

211. ROUTINE TIME TABLE

The following daily time table will operate as from 24 Sep 45:-

0630	Reveille (Sundays 0700)
0640	Adm Parade
0730	Breakfast (Sundays 0800)
0815	Morning parade
0900	Sick parade
1000 - 1015	Morning Tea
1230	Luncheon
1400	Parade of Morning Duty Personnel
1730	Evening Mess
1830	Atebrin parade and malarial precautions Inspection. Ablutions to be completed and sleeves rolled down.
2045	Supper
2300	Lights Out

212. MESS PARADES

Duty NCO will call each parade and ensure that all personnel are correctly dressed prior to marching off.

213. DRESS

All ranks will be correctly dressed at all times. Shirts will only be removed by those personnel on manual labour.

214. POSTAL

Closing times for mail 0800 hrs daily.

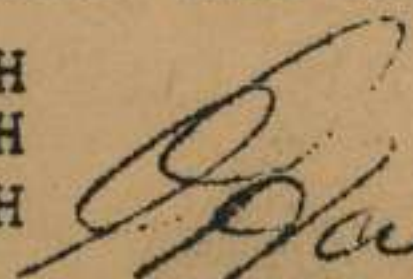
215. MALARIAL CONTROL

All previous instructions will be strictly adhered to by all ranks.

216. TRAFFIC SPEEDS

Speed limits for vehicles in 2 Aust Corps area will not exceed the following:

Staff cars	25 MPH
M/C	25 MPH
All other vehs	20 MPH


Capt,
SG 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Subject: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 15

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2208

9 Sep 45

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is amendment No. 1 to 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 15.
2. This statement includes all changes as at 2359 hrs 8 Sep 45.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Encl/

R. J. ...
BM 23 Aust Inf Bde

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Sec B Tp 141 HAA Bty	4
23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	5
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	6
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	7
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	8
8 " " " "	9
27 " " " "	10
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)	11
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	12
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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HQ 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 15

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Appendix "A" to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI/45/2208 of 9 Sep 45.

Delete : Serials 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14a, 23, 23b, 25a, 28b, 30, 42.

Insert:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
17 a	SIGS	46325	Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type D)	SORAKEN	241587	For local adm only. Army tps att Det 42 Ldg Craft Coy
20 b	INF	46176	B Coy 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	do	241586	

Amend to read:

19 d	KOWARO	684151
19 e		659090
28	TOROKINA	566942
28 a	SORAKEN	239585
36 b		663100

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Subject : 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE
NO 15

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
GI / 45 / 2210
23 Sep '45

1. Attached at appendix "A" is 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 16.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Aust Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 22 Sep 45.
3. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this HQ by units concerned.
4. Please destroy 23 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 15.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]
 BM 23 Aust Inf Bde
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HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)	1 - 2
23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	3
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	4
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27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	6
101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)	7
17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	8
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✓ War Diary	12 - 13

23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB NO 16
as at 2359 hrs 22 Sep 45

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 Appx "A" to
 HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
 GI / 45 / 2210

Ref Maps TOROKINA 1 in to 1 ml
 KOWARO SORAKEN (revised dyeline) 1 : 25000
 EMIRAU IS. 4 in to 1 ml

LINE	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	TOROKINA	587958	Under Comd 2 Aust Corps
2			Det ANGAU	KOWARO	681147	
3			do	SORAKEN	244602	
4		61438	Det 2/1 Aust Mov and Tn Gp	do	239586	Army tps for local adm
5	Sigs	49275	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less det	TOROKINA	587958	
5a			Det do	SORAKEN	245594	
6		47752	A Det 39 Aust wireless Sec (lt) (AIF)	do	245594	To mov TOROKINA
7		48864	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	do	do	
8		46325	Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type D)	do	241587	Att 42 Ldg Craft Coy
9		48574	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Sig Sec (AIF)	do	239586	
10	Inf	46175	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TOROKINA	569937	do
10a			D Coy do	KOWARO	684149	
10b			17 Pl do	do	696196	
10c			18 Pl do	do	659090	
11		46176	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	SORAKEN	245594	Unit less one coy to mov TOROKINA
11a			do (LOB	TOROKINA	565950	
12		46170	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	do	576933	
12a			Int Sec do	SORAKEN	245594	
13		45203	101 Aust Heavy Mortar Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	588963	Redundant unit to mov Aust
14		61005	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	do	586960	
15	Int	45161	Det F Aust FS Sec (AIF)	SORAKEN	245594	
16	ST	49446	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	do	242588	Unit less det to mov TOROKINA
17		49447	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	TOROKINA	567933	
17a			Det do	KOWARO	659090	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
18	ST	49448	40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) (AIF) less	TOROKINA	566932	
18a			Det do	SORAKEN	239585	
19		47493	Det 13 Aust Fd Bkg Coy	do	242588	
20	Med	46180	17 Aust 2d Amb (AIF) less	do	244592	For local adm
20a			A and B Coy do	TOROKINA	584956	Unit less det to mov TOROKINA
21		45969	Det 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	KOWARO	659090	
22			Det 19 Aust Malarial Control Unit	SORAKEN	245594	To mov TOROKINA
23	Dental	45384	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	do	244592	do
24			B Sec do	TOROKINA	576933	
25			C Sec do	do	569937	
26	Ord	46238	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less	do	587959	
26a			Det do	EMIRAU	72447.621	To mov TOROKINA
27		46237	109 Aust 2de Wksp (AIF) less	TOROKINA	587959	
27a			Det do	SORAKEN	244586	To mov TOROKINA
27b			Det do	KOWARO	663100	
27c			Det do	EMIRAU	72547621	To mov TOROKINA
28		46174	2/108 Aust L&D (Type J)	TOROKINA	588961	
29	Tn Corps	48276	Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	SORAKEN	217623	Corps Tps
30	Postal	46186	23 Aust 1st Bde Postal Sec	TOROKINA	587958	
31	Pro	49492	14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl less	do	578955	
31a			Det do	KOWARO	659090	
32	Misc	45932	Det 2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	242587	To mov TOROKINA
33		45543	Det NG Sec and Canteens Service	do	242587	do
34			Det Aust Mobile Cinema	do	242587	

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Subject: EDUCATIONAL AND AMENITIES ACTIVITIES

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A1/24/3579

4 Sep '45

- 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
- 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- 28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
- 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)
- 40 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)(AIF)
- 243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
- 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
- 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
- 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
- 109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)
- 2/108 Aust LAD
- 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl (AIF)

For Information:

- Education Officer
- Amenities Officer
- SC
- War Diary (2)
- File

1. OBJECTS

- (a) To give all ranks as much practical and theoretical training as possible to fit them for the type of work they expect to do in civilian life.
- (b) To furnish advice to those who have at present no clear idea of their future so that they may select suitable subjects for training as in (a).
- (c) To provide appropriate periods for general education in subjects not of immediate practical value but which will give a better appreciation of the various arts, such as music and literature and enhance the value of leisure hours.
- (d) To provide sporting and general amenities activities to provide for physical well being, give mental relaxation and maintain esprit de corps.

2. ORGANISATION

The general policy will be controlled from 2 Aust Corps through a committee to be termed 2 Aust Corps Educational and Amenities Committee.

This committee will consist of :-

- DA & QMG as Chairman
- AAG
- Lt Col CHALLEN
- DAD Education
- DAD Amenities

The main functions of the committee will be :

- (a) To direct the general policy.
- (b) To organize such control schools and classes as are beyond the capacity of formation resources.
- (c) To make a survey through formation HQ of all personnel of whatever rank whose special qualifications fit them to act as teachers or instructors.
- (d) To control correspondence courses
- (e) To arrange provision of books, equipment, Amenities and sporting material and additional accommodation.

- (f) To arrange sports carnivals and inter unit competitions of all descriptions.
- (g) To co-ordinate programmes of evening entertainment including concert parties, cinemas, broadcasting, lectures and debates etc.

3. APPOINTMENT OF UNIT EDUCATION AND AMENITIES STAFFS

- (a) In units of strengths of 400 or more, officers will be appointed on a full time basis for
 - (i) Education
 - (ii) Sports
 - (iii) Amenities other than sports
- (b) In units of strengths 150 - 400 the appointment of full time officers for
 - (i) Education
 - (ii) Sports and amenities
- (c) For units of strength less than 150, the following groups will be formed :

<u>Group 1</u>	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 28 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy 2/108 Aust LAD	(250)
<u>Group 2</u>	17 Aust Fd Amb 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk 109 Aust Bde Wksp	(244)
<u>Group 3</u>	40 Aust Tpt Pl 243 Aust Sup Depot Pl 244 Aust Sup Depot Pl 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	(170)

For each group, officers will be appointed on as near to full-time basis as possible. To ensure this, the officers selected will be relieved of unit routine duties by officers of other units in the group as far as possible.

- (d) The first named unit in each group will arrange a conference of unit representatives at which an Education Officer and a sports and amenities officer will be appointed for that group.
- (e) 7 Bn, 8 Bn, 27 Bn, 23 Bde for Group 1, 17 Fd Amb for Group 2, and 40 Tpt Pl for Group 3 will submit to this HQ names of Education, Amenities and Sports Officers by 8 Sep 45.

4. SURVEY OF INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS

The following information is required to reach this HQ by 8 Sep 45:

- (a) A survey of instructors available in academic, technical and industrial (incl rural industries) subjects with a note of degrees held or experience in the particular subjects in accordance with Pro Forma Appendix "A" attached.

- (b) A survey of the number of prospective students of both academic and technical subjects which cannot be handled by unit education staffs. (In general, subjects which cannot be handled by unit staffs will be non-primary subjects. Primary grades in **academic subjects** and the elementary stages of technical subjects will be handled within units wherever possible). It is desired that this information be tabulated showing subjects in alphabetical order and grades e.g.

	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>LEAVING ETC</u>
Algebra	-	2	4
Agriculture	2	-	-
Arithmetic	10	4	-
etc			

Trades covered in paragraph (c) below will NOT be included.

- (c) A survey of the number of personnel requiring re-establishment in the trades listed in Appendix "B". Skilled and partly skilled personnel to the numbers shown can commence instructional courses as soon as available. Basic instruction in as many of these trades as possible will be carried out within units.
- (d) A nominal roll of personnel who, on enlistment, were serving apprenticeships, indicating the type of trade, number of months required to complete apprenticeship at enlistment, and time spent at trade during service in the forces.

5. ALLOTMENT OF TIME

- (a) A period of 20 hours will be set aside for education each week, during the period Monday to Friday.
- (b) Inter-group sporting activities and all day sporting fixtures will be confined to Saturdays and Sundays.

6. TRG CENTRE STAFF

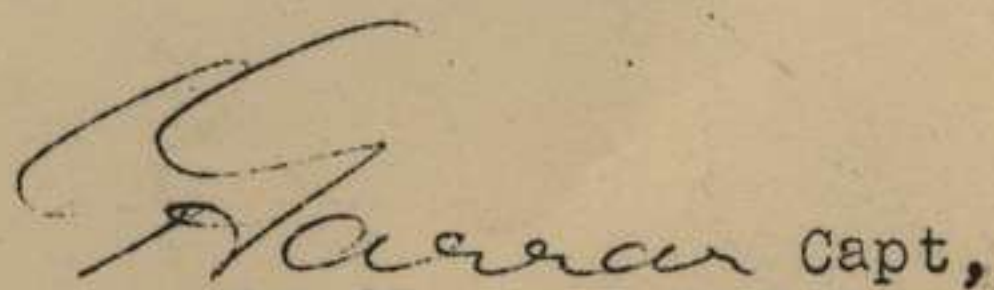
A staff is to be raised from personnel on low priority for discharge and will live in own unit or LOB lines within TOROKINA PERIMETER.

7, 8, and 27 Bns will forward personnel particulars of one (1) clerk for appointment to Trg Centre Staff. Return to reach this HQ by 8 Sep 45.

7. RETURNS

All returns and information required will be forwarded to this HQ by 8 Sep 45. 7 Aust Inf Bn will submit returns direct to 2 Aust Corps with information copy to this HQ.

8. 23 Bde Education Offr and Amenities Offr will co-ordinate educational and Amenities Activities for Bde Gp.


Capt,
SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Appendix "B" to HQ 23 Aust
 Inf Bde A1/24/3579 of 4 Sep.

LIST OF TRADE COURSES PROPOSED

Nos of skilled and semi-
 skilled tradesmen who can be
 absorbed into the various
 Services for training and work.

	<u>RAE</u>	<u>AEME</u>	<u>SIGS</u>	<u>AAOC</u>
Carpenters	60	25		
Joiners	64			
Excavator Operators	100			
Engineering Fitters	30			
Plumbers	18			
Tinsmiths	10	5		
Fitters Mechanical Eqpt	12	6		
Electrical Fitters	8			
Electrical Wiremen	6			
Engine Hands I.C.	20	2		
Mechanics Engines	25			
Driver Mechanics	25	15		
Mechanics Refrigeration	5			
Operators Refrigeration	3			
Painters	14	2		
Sign Writers	14			
Welders	8			
Concreters	20			
Engineering Draughtsmen	5	1		
Architectural Draughtsmen	4			
Saw Doctors	2			
Riggers	10	2		
Instrument Mechanics		10		
Watch Makers				
Fitters MV		50		
Mechanics MV		50		
Electricians MV		5		
Radio Mechanics		40		
Moulders		2		
Pattern Makers		1		
Turners		5		
Tailors				
Boot Makers				20
Textile Refitters		4		
Tyre Repairers		10		
Building Constructions				
Linesmen and Cable Jointers			50	

CENTRAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Pro-forma for Particulars of Potential Instructors

Army Number..... Surname.....

Rank..... Christian Names.....

Unit..... Posting on Unit WE.....

Date of Enlistment..... Date of Birth.....

Period of Overseas Service.....

Educational Qualifications (indicate particulars of degrees and certificates held)

Primary.....

Secondary.....

University.....

Army.....

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Trade or Professional Experience

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Institution Membership

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Instructional Experience, including Army Schools (indicate Subjects and Standard which you are qualified to teach)

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Date.....

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In lieu of
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From : 23 inf bde

To : 11 bty 4 fd regt 2 pl 23 fd coy 243 sup dep pl
244 sup dep pl

For Infm : 2 corps 23 bde LOB 8 inf bn mov TOROKINA
mov SORAKEN det 42 ldg craft coy BASE SORAKEN BASCO

QM 1557 UNCLASSIFIED (.) following units pers veh and stores will
mov TOROKINA 11 sep loading approx 101600L as follows (.) first (.)
AV 2057 11 bty (.) 150 pers 9 jeeps 8 trailers (.) ex DID SORAK EN
50 tons amm (.) second (.) one ALC 40 number AB2135 (.) 11 bty (.)
23 pers 7 guns 12 ton stores (.) third (.) one ALC 40 AB2136 (.)
243 sup dep pl (.) 18 pers 2 jeeps 3 trailers (.) 23 fd coy 2 pers
2 jeeps 2 trailers (.) fourth (.) one ALC 40 AB 2143 (.) 23 fd coy
12 pers one pump jupiter one compressor one 1/2 yd scoop one R4 one
TD9 dozer (.) fifth (.) one ALC 40 AB 2144 (.) 11 bty (.) one TD9
tractor (.) 23 fd coy (.) 24 pers one TD14 dozer (.) 243 sup dep pl
(.) 14 pers 10 ton stores (.) firm times loading will be advised
direct by MOV SORAKEN (.) four days rations will be carried (.) pers
will embark 110700L ETD SORAKEN 110800L

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

IMPORTANT

Signed *[Signature]* Capt.

MESSAGE FORM

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

SURRENDER COMMISSION

122050L

For Action

2 CORPS

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

23 BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AGLO unclassified(.) one(.)evacuate allied nationals BUKA BONIS area
(.) jap HQ have today ordered BUKA comd and have ack and
confirmation despatch barge with 6 chinese incl 2 women plus 3
french missionaries at 140900L to RV SORAKEN 141100L(.) all
stated to be in good health (.) two(.) jap barge will carry
interpreter and conducting effr and will be used to guide AUST
surrender commission representative to jap HQ to commence
negotiations(.) main jap comd all navy and army BUKA BONIS will
be advised (.) ~~xxxxx~~three(.) 23 inf bde advise corps comd and
local representatives surrender commission

DISTRIBUTION

Corps Comd

Maj MAXWELL

Bde Comd

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MESSAGE FORM

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			WD

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FROM (A) SURRENDER COMMISSION	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i> 122335L	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
<i>For Action</i>			
2 CORPS 23 INF BDE 7 INF BN			
TO	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		<i>Message Instructions</i> GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Qml unclassified(.) mev NUMA NUMA garrison to TOROKINA your
 AG5709 and G/2001/eps(.) one (.) following summary order given
 to lt gen KANDA (.) all pers to walk less guard and work party
 up to 100 march via NUMA NUMA TRAIL(.) staging to be est by 7 inf
 bn at 3 points(.) party will be 150 per day organized under
 commissioned and non commissioned effrs(.) white flag will be
 carried in front of each party(.) first party will report and
 surrender to 7 bn at first staging point 201500L (.) 7 bn will
 guide to succeeding posts(.) parties carry two days rations(.) on a
 arrival first staging post 7 bn assumes responsibility provide
 rations but NOT cooking(.) first party incl one interpreter for
 first staging post plus 8 cooks(.) cooks are 2 for each of 3
 posts and 2 for compound(.) pers carry pers gear kits and water
 bottles also pers tentage(.) 15 rifles per party for protection
 maj gen KIJIMA will remain NUMA NUMA until ordered by us(.)
 our party will visit NUMA early date arrange mev remaining pers
 incl sick(.) twe(.) delay due to tpt difficulty gen KIJIMA return
 from KAHILI will order plus time to organize force for mev(.)
 str(.) 1637(.) japs estimate hospital patients 200 and these too
 weak to walk 300 total 500(.) difficulty being experienced

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

ORIGINATOR'S No.

due shortage of boats but japs ordered all fit pers will
 march(.) three(.) ^{is} ~~island~~ DEBORAH available IMMEDIATELY ON
 discharge chineseex BUIN to return with NUMA NUMA KIETA surrender
 commissien parties on board(.) if se despatch to report here en
 route for orders(.) prepose they use DEBORAH to evac sick to
 capacity direct NUMA TOTOKINA therefore head stretchers and 3
 days voyage rations (.) estimate of DEBORAH capacity for sick
 and number stretchers required advised later(.) KIETA visit
 subject seperate instr ~~xxx~~ this area and local tpt will be used(.)
 four(.) if movements can send additional 300 tenners and ALC 40
 with voyage rations majority remaining NUMA garrison can move
 direct TOROKINA first lift (.) insufficient feed and accn to
 accept here

DISTRIBUTION

Corps Comd
 Maj MAXWELL
 Bde Comd

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(A)

Originator

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SURRENDER COMMISSION

130750L

For Action

2 CORPS

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

23 BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

QM12 unclassified(.) comd jap forces BUKA BONIS is
 commander EIKICHI KATO(.) jap HQ here request we send naval
 staff effr from here to ensaure safe conduct and smooth
 negetiations(.) consider this advisable if air tpt available as
 no personal contact this area to BUKA since surrender (.) can you
 you provide AUSTER KARA FREDDIE BEACH today and at what time

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 Maj MAXWELL
 Bde Comd

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Signed

F6

23 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 20.

RESTRICTED

Copy No.....22.....

13 Sep 1945

GENERAL

1. After the movement of 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp less 8 Aust Inf Bn Gp to TOROKINA has been completed, following units will remain SORAKEN AREA concentrate F BEACH area and come under comd 8 Aust Inf Bn for local adm:

- 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- A Det 39 Wireless Sec
- Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec
- Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy
- Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec
- Det P Aust Fd Security Sec
- 243 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- Det 40 Aust Tpt Pl
- Det 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy
- A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit
- Int Sec 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- HQ Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb
- Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp
- Det 2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit
- Det NG Sec Aust Army Canteens
- Det Mobile Cinema Unit

SUPS

2. DID remains present location under control 243 Aust Sup Depot Pl. Indents will be submitted as normal.

MEDICAL

3. Evacuations direct to 17 Aust Fd Amb F BEACH thence TOROKINA.

REP & REC

4. Lt Sec 109 Aust Bde Wksp remains present location and will be responsible for 1st echelon repairs only. 2nd echelon repairs will be evacuated to 109 Aust Bde Wksp TOROKINA.

ORD

5. Indents for ordnance stores will be submitted direct to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde TOROKINA who will be responsible for despatch to SORAKEN area on normal courier service.

PAY

6. 8 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for establishing a cash office to service all units remaining SORAKEN area. Rep 2 Aust Corps Cash Office will visit SORAKEN area on Wednesday of each fortnight for pay requirements.

POSTAL

7. 8 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for all postal arrangements including mail, postal notes, stamps etc to supply units remaining SORAKEN area.

CIP

8. Remains present location; present stocks will be reduced to conform with reduced commitments this area. Purchase of canteen goods will be effected through cash office 8 Aust Inf Bn; money for canteen requirements will be paid to cash office and supply of goods will be issued by canteens on production of cash office receipt.

AMENITIES

9. YMCA hut and staff remains F BEACH area. Det Mobile Cinema remains and will operate only at F BEACH after 18 Sep. It is anticipated two films weekly will continue to be shown, nights to be advised later. Requisitions for Amenities Stores will be submitted to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

R. J. ...
1. SC 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

	<u>Copy No</u>
8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	1
Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec	2
Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	3
Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec	4
Det P Aust Fd Security Sec	5
243 Aust Sup Depot Pl	6
Det 40 Aust Tpt Pl	7
Det 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy	8
A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	9
Int Sec 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	10
HQ Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	11
Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp	12
Det 2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	13
Det NG Sec Aust Canteens Service	14
Det Mobile Cinema Unit	15
Comd	16
BM	17
SC	18
BASCO	19
BOO	20
Amenities	21
War Diary	22 - 23
File	24

MESSAGE FORM

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Ser. No.

Priority

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W-D

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FROM

Originator

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Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 Inf bde

140950L

8 bn det 4 cipher sec *For Action* det 42 ldg craft coy
det P FS sec 245 sup pl det 40 tpt pl det 1 S baking pl

TO A sec 82 ADU Hq coy 17 rd amb det 109 skap

Message Instructions **GR**

~~det 2 corps sal unit~~ *(w) For Information (INFO)* det 2 corps sal unit
det NG sec canteens service det mobile cinema

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AQ 520 UNCLASSIFIED (.) further to 23 bde adm instr number 20 of 13 sep
(.) canteens supplies (.) payment for supplies incl bear will be by cash
remittance to canteen issuing point SORAKEN (.) pay (.) all units will
notify 8 bn by 141700L amount of pay required to pay tps for one month
(.) all informed

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WD

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

(A)

23 *inf bde rear*
For Action

141510L

TO

2 Corps

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Surrendered mission

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG523 unclassified @ allied nationals handed over
by JAP envoy **SORAKEN** **141100L** @ include **CHINESE** @
LAURIE CHAN 30 yrs **MRS CHAN** four children eldest 7 yrs @
CHEONG NAM (male) 55 yrs @ **FRENCH MARIST FATHERS** @
Paul CAFFIAUX 44 yrs **William SERVANT** 62 yrs **Paul MONTAUBAN**
59 yrs @ total seven chinese incl one adult
female @ three french male @ at present

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

(A)

141510L

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

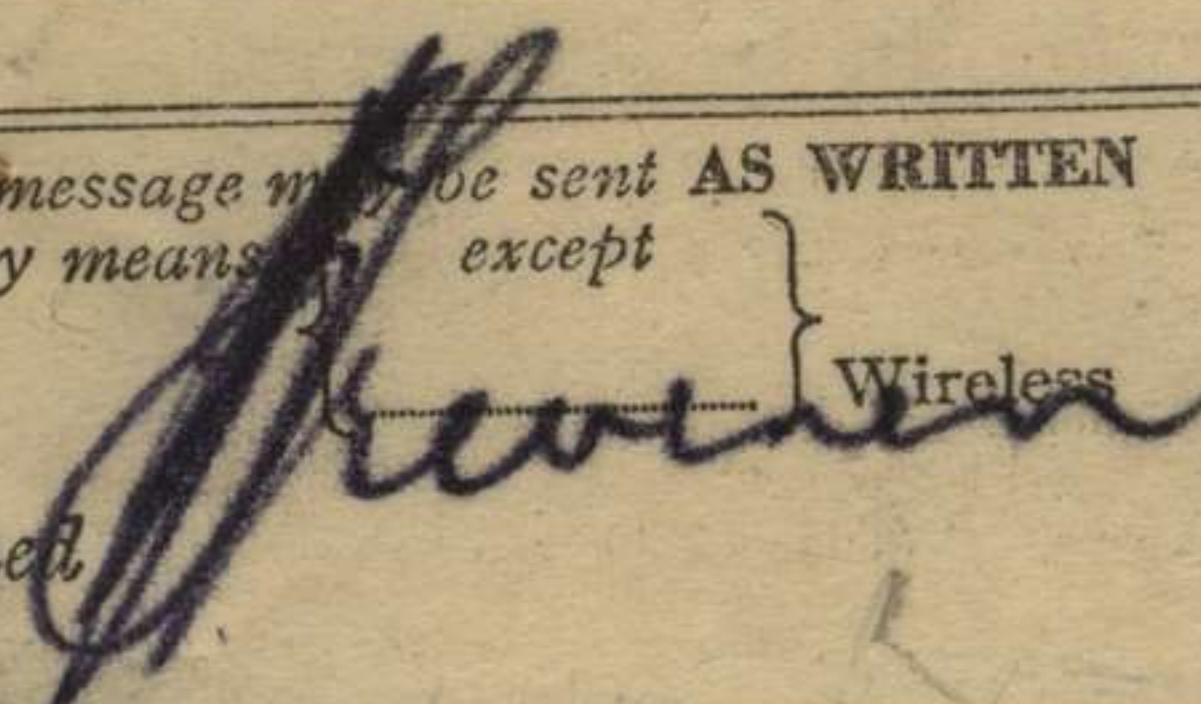
ORIGINATOR'S No.

held 17 fd amb @ propose evacuate TOROKINA
best courses ETD FREDDIE BEACH 150730L @ all in
fair health @ do you concur

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by any means except

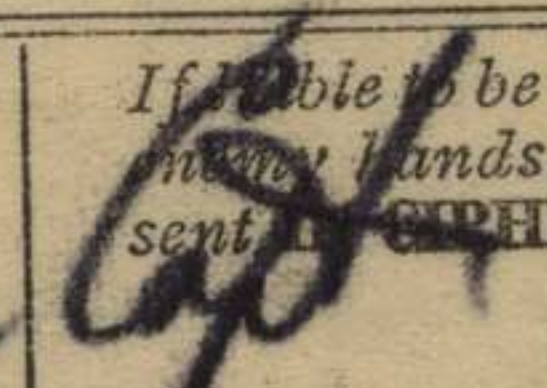
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Signed



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sent by CARRIER

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Wa *Drain* **F8**

In lieu of
AF C 2136

MESSAGE FORM

TOO 241400L

FROM: 23 inf bde

TO: Det 42 Ldg Craft Coy 23 inf bde sig sec 7 bn 8 bn 27 bn
 101 hy mortar coy 40 tpt pl 243 sup pl 244 sup pl 17 amb
 A sec 82 ADU B Sec 82 ADU C Sec 82 ADU 109 Ord Fd Pk
 109 bde wksp 2/108 LAD 23 bde postal sec 14 pro pl 28 pl 2/1 gd rgt

SD 112

SD 112 RESTRICTED (.) effective from 241200L sep 45 HQ 23 inf bde and
 units under comd come under comd 3 aust div (.) all informed

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 by any means (except)

Degree of priority

..... Wireless

S D S

Harman Capt
 Signed

MESSAGE FORM

F9

SECRET

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A27/2/3819
24 Sep 45

TROOP MOVEMENT PRIORITY LISTS.

APPLICATION.

1. Troop Movement Priority Lists, attached as Appx "A", states the relative priority of units or detachments declared redundant by First Aust Army and constitute WARNING ORDERS for their movement. No further warning instructions will be issued other than by amendments.

MOVEMENT DETAILS.

2. 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy will advise this HQ immediately movement details in accordance with BRO 318/43 (as amended) para 2a (b), also MOVEMENT TOROKINA.

UNIT EQUIPMENT INCLUDING VEHICLES.

3. Redundant units returning to Australia for disbandment will move at strength down to the priority classification nominated under Orders for Demobilisation of the AMF. Unless otherwise stated move with personal arms and equipment, all serviceable unit equipment (including vehicles), but NOT accommodation stores, tentage, tents, half shelter, capes tent shelter, hydro burners and loan A engineer stores.

4. Unit equipment unserviceable, all accommodation stores, tentage, tents half shelter, capes tent shelter and hydro burners will be returned prior to movement to Returned Stores Depot, and loan A engineer stores to the Engineer Depot.

AMMUNITION TO ACCOMPANY UNITS.

5. Units returning to Australia will move with only Small Arms amm required for security purposes. All other amm and explosives held will be returned to the Amn or Engineer Stores Depot as appropriate, prior to movement.

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO SHIPS.

6. Whilst the earliest advice will be given it is envisaged that the allotment of units to ships will often be advised at short notice by 2/1 Mov and Tn Gp.

101 Aust Hy Mortary Coy will ensure that the unit is kept in general readiness to move whilst continuing to carry out normal duties.

CAPT
STAFF CAPT 23 AUST INF BDE

DISTRIBUTION:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Det 42 Landing Craft Coy | |
| 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | |
| 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) | |
| 8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) | |
| 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) | |
| 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy | |
| 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) | 2/108 Aust LAD |
| 243 Sup Dep Fl (AIF) | 23 Inf Bde Postal Sec |
| 244 Sup Dep Fl (AIF) | 14 Aust Ind Fro Fl |
| 40 Aust Tpt Fl (AIF) | 28 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt |
| 109 Aust Bde Ord Fl Pk (AIF) | A Sec 82 ADU |
| 109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF) | B do |
| | C do |

SECRET

Appx " A" to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
A27/2/3819 of 24 Sep 45.

TROOP MOVEMENT - PRIORITY LIST
BOUGAINVILLE - AUSTRALIA.

Priority	Unit	Present Command	Remarks
1	106 Aust CCS		
2	HQ 32 HAA Bty 474 HAA Tp 475 HAA Tp		Warning Orders for priorities 1 to 7 already issued.
3	6 Aust AA Op Room		
4	BD Mob Team LHQ SME		
5	Det FELO		
6	Det 7 Port Op Coy		
7	One Sec 5 Div Pro Coy		
<hr/>			
8	HQ 2 Aust Corps		Redundant Unit
9	4 Mil Hist Wld Team	2 corps	do
10	5 Op Report Team	do	do
11	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	do	do
12	2 Corps Sec Int Corps	do	do
13	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde, Sig Sec and 241 LAD	3 Div	do
14	9 Aust Inf Bn	do	do
15	25 Aust Inf Bn	do	do
16	61 Aust Inf Bn	do	do
17	5 Aust Fd Coy	4 BSA	do
18	113 Bde Ord Fd Fk	3 Div	do
19	113 Bde Wksp	do	do
20	11 Aust Fd Amb	do	do
21	54 Tpt Fl	do	do
22	224 Sup Dep Fl	do	do
23	227 Sup Dep Fl	do	do
24	7 Inf Bde Postal Sec	do	do
25	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, Sig Sec and 266 LAD	do	do
26	24 Aust Inf Bn	do	do
27	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	do	do
28	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	do	do
29	15 Aust Fd Coy	4 BSA	do
30	129 Bde Ord Ed Fk	3 Div	do
31	129 Bde Wksp	do	do
32	15 Fd Amb	do	do
33	53 Tpt Fl	do	do
34	3 Sup Dep Fl	do	do
35	4 do	do	do
36	15 Inf Bde Postal Sec	do	do
37	5 Mob Met Flt	2 Corps	do
38	101 Hy Mortar Coy	23 Bde	do
39	2 Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 213 LAD	3 Div	do
40	2 Mtn Bty	RAA 2 Corps	do
41	554 LAA Bty less sec	4 BSA	Sep warning Order issued by 4 BSA.
42	141 HAA Bty	do	do
43	U Hy Bty	3 Div	Redundant Unit
44	6 Comd AL Sec	2 corps	do
45	15 Sqn AL Sec	do	do
46	16 do	do	do
47	33 do	do	do
48	47 do	do	do
49	52 do	do	do
50	53 do	do	do
51	2 corps Rec Camp	3 Div	do

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

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Office Date Stamp

(A)

23 inf bde

281615L

For Action

TO 7 inf bn 8 inf bn 27 inf bn 17 fd amb

(ie) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG 155 UNCLASSIFIED (.) following changes in cmd effective as
from 290001L (.) 4 mil history sec pass to cmd 3 div (.) A coy 8
fd amb reverts to cmd 8 fd amb (.) PFS sec and A B abd C secs 22
dental unit pass to cmd 4 base sub area all informed

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 28

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			<u>281145L</u>

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FROM (A) 3 Div *Originator*

Date—Time of Origin 281145L



TO 23 Bde *For Action*

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 607385

unclass @ following changes
in comd effective as from 290001L
@ 4 mil history sec pass to comd
3.ain @ A coy 8fa amb reverts to
comd 8fa amb @ PFS sec and AB
and C Sec's 82 dental unit pass to
comd 4 base sub area all informed

Comd
Bm
SC
IO

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde
(INT)
281255L

cc rpt 7 8 27/17/28/9

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			Times Cleared		

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
35 / 35 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 9 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. O.R's ATT. BY W.E. W.D.

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.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
1														
	1		1											
2	2	1	10											
11	2	1	5											
6														
	5	2	17											
20														
				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.

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 **1 9 5** / / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Brig Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MAGONACHIE	O R	BM(L)	No	ARL	
Capt	WX 32881	LEWIS	A A	SC	No	Att 2 Corps for duty	18.8.45
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	No	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J H	AALC	No	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	W F	BOO	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
CHAPLAINS							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det		7 Bn	
	VX 94301	FILKINGTON	CDH	do	do	8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	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.
Capt	NX121135	EWING R H	2 Corps	24/6/45	Att as Legal Offr
Chap					
Chap	TX 9285	TANNER J S	do	13/8/45	Att for duty
Chap	VX114018	GANLY D A	do	18/8/45	Att for duty

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Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signatures of Commander

Capt

SACRIFICIO TIL K

Unit

At 0600 Hrs Saturday

PART D--NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

(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	Position	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit state how employed	Date of Detachment
Major	VX 1274	PORTS	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1275	BLON	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1276	WACOMACHE	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1277	LEWIS	A A	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1278	TARRANT	A C	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1279	TRAYNEM	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1280	WOMALL	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1281	WRIGHT	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1282	BRANSON	A A	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1283	POWELL	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1284	LAWAN	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1285	WILSON	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1286	JONES	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1287	RIX	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1288	RY	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1289	WILKINSON	A B	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 1290	WALLIS	A B	Comd	Yes		

PART E--NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number	Name and Initials	Unit	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment		
Major	VX 1291	WALLIS	2 Corp	12/42	att as legal off		
Major	VX 1292	TARRANT	2 Corp	12/42	att for duty		
Major	VX 1293	BAILY	2 Corp	12/42	att for duty		

Date of Despatch: 1 Sep 42
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Rank: [Handwritten Rank]

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 9 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS 20 O.R.'s 67 + OFFRS O.R.'s ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.		
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.						
2			2	W.Os. Class II.						
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
1			1	Staff Sergeants						
4	1	2	5	Sergeants						
10	2	1	9	Corporals						
49		2	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
67	*	3	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).

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	67		3							70
B(1)										
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.
3	LHQ AAES Pool			15	Leave		
1	LHQ AAAS						
4	P Aust FS Sec						
2	2 Corps Fd Cash Office						

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 1/ 9/194 5.

Table with 15 columns: Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required. Rows include various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc.

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.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W 3009 at 0500 Hours Saturday 1/19/45

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AACG Ann Exam Int Draughtsman	Sgt Cpl	1 1	1 1	1 1	
Trade Gp 2					
AACG Cooks Int duties	Cpl S/Sgt Cpl	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerks	WO 11 Cpl Sgt	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
AALC Clerks	Cpl Sgt	1 1	1 1	1 1	
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1	1	
AAES "	Sgt	1	1	1	
AASC "	Cpl	1	1	1	
AACG "	Cpl	1	1	1	
NONTRADE SMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	1	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	1	
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1	1	
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	1	
CSM	WO 11	1	1	1	
RSM	WO 1	1	1	1	
COIS	S/Sgt	1	1	1	
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	1	
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
No	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	35	RSM	Surplus
WX 41623	Sgt	COWAN	25	Clerk	Carried surplus Auth: 2 Corps AG 2728 of 6 Jul 45
VX137092	Cpl	CAMERON	30	Gen duties	To be transferred to AACG on return to unit
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE	34	Carpenter	Awaiting discharge TG 2 med unfit
<p>NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on rank. (b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided. (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are desired show details on back. (d) Where reinforcement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinforced." (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.</p>					
Total of column marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.		CARRIED FORWARD		CARRIED FORWARD	

Signature: _____ Date of Despatch: _____

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
36 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 9 / 1945 **HQ 23 Inf Bde** (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R.'s. 67 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	* Brigadier *										
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
2			1	Majors										
11	2	1	10	Captains										
6	1	1	6	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
20	4	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)										

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.
NK105757	Lt	ELLIOTT A G	"X" List	1.9.45	ex Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

23 Aust Inf Bde

Unit

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PART D.--NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/9/1945 (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.
Brig	WX 1574	POFFS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt (Maj)	WX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	NO	ARL	
Capt	WX 32881	LEWIS	A A	SC	NO	Att 2 Corps for duty	18.8.45
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC(L)	Yes		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	No	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	G C	AO	"		
Lt	NX 105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HyGO	"		
CHAPLAINS							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class		Det 7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	G D H	do		do 8 "	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	H E A	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.
pt	NX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24/6/45	Att as Legal Offr

8 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander
SG 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 8 / 9 / 1945

Table with 15 columns: Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required. Rows include various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Operating Room Assts, G.P.O. Assistants, etc.

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.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Unit Commander

DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

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

Part A of Arm. Lists W.3000 DEFICIENT SURPLUS

TRADE	RANK	NO	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS	REMARKS
Trade Gp 1					
AACC Ann Exam	Sgt	1	1		
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp 2					
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	1		
Int duties	S/Sgt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerks	WO 11	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
	Sgt	1	1		
AALC "	Cpl	1	1		
	Sgt	1	1		
AAAS "	Sgt	1	1		
AAES "	Sgt	1	1		
AAAC "	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1		
NONTRADESMEN					
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1		
Gen duties	Cpl	1	1		
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
GSM	WO 11	1	1		
RSM	WO 1	1	1		
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1		
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
No	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER	35	RSM	Surplus
WK 41623	Sgt	COWAN	25	Clerk	Carried surplus Auth: 2 Corps AG 2728 6 Jul 45
VX137092	Cpl	CAMERON	30	Gen duty	To be transferred to AACS on return to unit
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE	34	Carp TG 2	Awaiting discharge med unfit
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.S. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of "N.R." in col. "Remarks."
(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.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ¹⁵/₉ / ⁵/₂₃ / 194 (Unit)

W.E. ¹¹/₂ / ⁴ OFFRS. ²⁰ O.R's. ⁶⁷ + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	Brigadier *										
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
11	3	1	9	Majors										
6	1	1	6	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
20	5	2	17											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	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.
WK 32881	Capt	LEWIS A A	SL (Ops) HQ First Aust Army	3.9.45	Auth: HQ First Aust Army ANS 8283 of 4.9.45.

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

/ (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	NO	ARL	
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SG(L)	Yes		
Lt (T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	NO	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	WX33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	A W F	B00	Yes		
Lt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	Yes		
Lt	SX 28244	RIX	G C	AO	"		
Lt	WX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Chaplains							
	WX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain	4th Class Det	7 Bn	
	VX 94301	FILMINGTON	GDH	do	do	8 "	
	SX 32806	HAWLINS	HEA	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.
Capt	WX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24.6.45	Att as Legal Offr
Chap	SX 27741	CONSTABLE E V	AACHD	8.9.45	For duty

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SC 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Army Form W.3009.
(Adapted.) (Page 1.)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)

37 / 45 Serial No.

At 0600 hrs. Saturday 15 9 5 HQ 23 Inf Bde / /194..... (Unit).

W.E. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 20 O.Rs. 67 + OFFRS. O.Rs. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A.—Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
WE	Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																										
			1	1	W.Os: Class I.																																		
2 :				2	W.Os: Class II.																																		
1 :				1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																		
1 :				1	Staff Sergeants																																		
4 :	1		3	5	Sergeants																																		
10 :	4		1	7	Corporals																																		
49 :			4	53	Troopers, Privates, Etc.																																		
					Civilians counting as O.R.																																		
67 :	5		8	70	Totals of columns 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 paragraph 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B (1) and B (2)

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	67		3							70
B (1)										
B (2)										

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this column. 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.
3	LHQ AAES Pool			15	Leave		
1	LHQ AAAS						

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 15 / 9 /1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (contd.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (contd.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (contd.)		
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	-									
			Pharmacist			Masseurs			Farriers		
			Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Fitters' Mates		
			Photowriter			Miners			Gun Layers		
			Plumber			Moulders			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Hammermen		
			Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assistants			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Plate Layers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Rangetakers		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Riveters		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Roughriders		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Saddlers		
			Welders			Painters			Saddletree makers		
						Panel Beaters			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Stevadores		
						Predictor Numbers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
						Printers			Storemen, Technical		
						Radiographers			Tailors		
						Riggers			Textile Refitters		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Tinsmiths		
			Armourers			Signallers			Vulcanizers		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Wagon Erectors		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Whitesmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Bórers			AALC: Clerk	1	1
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			AASG: "	1	1
			Carpenters	-	1	Winchman			AAES: "	1	1
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			AAAS: "	1	1
			Cooks	3	3	Woodturners			AAOC: "	-	1
			Dental Mechanics						AAOC: Stmn	-	2
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						NON-TRADESMEN		
			Driver-Operator						Batmen	14	12
			Drainers						Dvrs MF	9	9
			Electricians			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Electricians (Engineers).			Battery Surveyors			Orderlies	9	9
			Fire Control Operators			Butchers			Water duty	1	1
			Gun Operator			Clerks	4	4	Hyg duty	1	1
			Hatchman			Clerks, Supply			Gen duty	3	3
			Height Taker			Clerks, Technical			Storeman	1	1
			Helio Operator			Coach Trimmers			Mess Cpl	1	1
			Instrument Operator			Concretors			Tpt Sgt	1	1
			Intelligence Duties	4	4	Cooks			CGMS	1	1
			Joiners			Dental Clerk			CSM	1	1
			Lineman			Orderlies			RSM	-	1
			Lineman, Signals			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Lithographers			Draughtsmen, Signals			AASC Batman	1	1
			Machinists, Metal			Drivers, H.T.			AALC "	1	1
			Machinists, Wood			Driver Mechanics			AAOC "	1	1
			Masons			Driver Tptn. Plant			AACHD "	3	3
						Engine Hands, I.C.			AAMC Ord	1	1
						Equipment Repairers					
Carried forward	3	2	-	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		
									67	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.R. in col. " Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words " See Back " should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

15 Sep 45

Date of Despatch.

[Signature] Capt

Signature of Commander.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

Part A of Form W. 3008 is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit. Details of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Form W. 3008 is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit.

Trade	Rank	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Trade Gp 1					
AAOC Ann Exam	Sgt	1			
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1			
Trade Gpm2					
AACC Cooks	Cpl	1	1		
Int duties	s/Sgt	1	1		
Trade Gp 3					
Inf Clerks	WO 11	1	1		
	Cpl	1		1	
	Sgt	1	1		
ALC "	Cpl	1		1	
	Sgt	1	1		
AAS "	Sgt	1	1		
AAES "	Sgt	1	1		
AASC "	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1		
NONTRADESMEN					
Dvrs MF	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		
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		
PERSONNEL SURPLUS TO WE					
No.	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Surplus
WX 41623	Sgt	COWAN C	25	Clerk	Carried surplus Auth: 2 Corps AG 2728 of 6 Jul 45
VX137092	Cpl	CAMERON J G	30	Gen duty	To be transferred to AACS on return to unit
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE H	34	Carp TG 2	Awaiting discharge med unfit
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively					

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.E. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of "R.H." in col. "Remarks".
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch: 15 Sep 45
Signature of Commanding Officer: [Signature]

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
38 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 9 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
1			1	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels										
2	1		1	Majors										
11	3	1	9	Captains										
6	1	1	6	Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
20	5	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.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.

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 22 / 9 / 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.
Brig	VX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde Comd	Yes		
Capt(T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BN	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACOMACHIE	G R	BN(L)	No	ARL	
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC	Yes		
Lt(T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47189	WORBALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Lt	VX 28743	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	No	ARL	
Lt	SX 5711	BRANSON	G A	TO	Yes		
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	VX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	No	ARL	
Lt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BCC	Yes		
Lt	VX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Lt	NX105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Lt	SX 26244	RJA	C C	AO	"		
Chaplains							
	NX163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th Class Det		7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	DMH	do	do	8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	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.
Capt	NX121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24.6.45	Att as Legal Offr
Chap	SX 27741	CONSTABLE E V	AACHD	8.9.45	For duty
Major	NX 76249	THOMPSON G W	8 Bn	4.9.45	For duty

22 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 9 / 1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's 67 + OFFRS. O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
	1	2	3	Sergeants					
10	3	2	2	Corporals					
49		3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67	*	4	8	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.P.	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		3							71
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	LHQ AAES Pool			15	Leave		
1	LHQ AAAS						

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 22 / 9 / 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.
AAGG Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				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				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	1	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Wagon Erectors			
Electricians				Cooks	3	3	-	Woodturners				Wagon Erectors			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Wagon Erectors			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Wagon Erectors			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Wagon Erectors			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		Wagon Erectors			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4	-	Coach Trimmers				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				Wagon Erectors			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Wagon Erectors			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Wagon Erectors			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Wagon Erectors			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Wagon Erectors			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Wagon Erectors			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Wagon Erectors			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Wagon Erectors			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Wagon Erectors			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Wagon Erectors			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-	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.	67	71	-

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.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
39 45
(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **29** / **9** / 19**45** **HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde** (Unit)

W.E. **11** / **2** / **4** OFFRS. **20** O.R.'s **57** + 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
1			1		Brigadier *									
				Lieut.-Colonels										
2	1		1	Majors										
11	3	1	9	Captains										
6	1		5	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
20	5	1	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.	E.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.
SK 5711	LT	G A BRANSON	RR & GDD	25/9/45	LONGSER RELEASE
			BA L of C Area		

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 29 / 9 / 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.
Brig	WX 1574	POTTS	A W	Bde	Yes		
				Comd			
Capt (T/Maj)	VX 10378	DIXON	R F	BM	"		
Capt	VX117148	MACONACHIE	G R	BM(L)	NO	ARL	
Capt (T/Capt)	VX114122	FARRAR	G C	SC	Yes		
Capt (T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J L	IO	"		
Capt	VX 47188	WORRALL	E S	LO 1	"		
Capt	WX 28748	WRIGHT	G D	LO 2	NO	ARL	
SERVICES							
Capt	VX 39042	POWELL	L G	BASCO	NO	Emergency ARL	
Capt	WX 33868	LAVAN	J M	AALC	NO	ARL	
Capt	VX100371	WILSON	AWF	BOO	Yes		
Capt	WX 30121	JONES	R E	EO	"		
Capt	NK105757	ELLIOTT	A G	HO	"		
Capt	SX 28244	RIX	C C	AO	"		
Chaplains							
	NK163533	FRY	F J	Chaplain 4th		Class Det 7 Bn	
	VX 94301	PILKINGTON	GDH	do	do	" 8 Bn	
	SX 32806	RAWLINS	HEA	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.
Capt	NK121135	EWING R M	2 Corps	24.6.45	Att as Legal Officer
Chap	SX 27741	CONSTABLE E V	AAGh D	8.9.45	For duty
Major	NK 76249	THOMPSON C W	8 Bn	4.9.45	For duty

29 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Capt

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/9/1945 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4	2	2	4	Sergeants					
10	4	2	8	Corporals					
49		4	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
67	* 6	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	67		3							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
1	LHQ AAAS POOL		
1	LHQ AAAS		

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.
15	Leave		

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 29 / 9 / 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, 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								Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				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				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	1	-	Carpenters and Joiners	3	3	-	Wireman				Wagon Erectors			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Wagon Erectors			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Wagon Erectors			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Wagon Erectors			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Wagon Erectors			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	4	4		Wagon Erectors			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Wagon Erectors			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Wagon Erectors			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Wagon Erectors			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Wagon Erectors			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Wagon Erectors			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Wagon Erectors			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Wagon Erectors			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Wagon Erectors			
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Wagon Erectors			
Printer				Moulders				Farriers				Wagon Erectors			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Wagon Erectors			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Wagon Erectors			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	-	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.	67	70	-

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DETAILS OF WO's AND NCO's

TRADE **RANK** **WE** **PS** **DEFICIENT** **SURPLUS**
 Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Trade	Rank	WE	PS	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS	Remarks
AAOC Ann Exam	Sgt	1	1			
Int Draughtsmen	Cpl	1	1			
Trade Gp 2						
AAOC Cooks	Cpl	1	1			
Int duties	s/sgt	1	1			
Trade Gp 3						
Inf Clerks	WO 11	1	1			
AAAG "	Sgt	1	1			
AAAS "	Cpl	1	1			
AAES "	Sgt	1	1			
AAEC "	Sgt	1	1			
AAOC "	Cpl	1	1			
NONTRADESMEN						
Dvrs MT	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			
AAMG Ord	Cpl	1	1			
PERSONNEL						
No	Rank	Name	Age	Trade	Remarks	
VX119783	WO 1	GARDNER R P	35	RSM	Surplus	
WX 41623	Sgt	COWAN C	25	Clerk	Carried surplus Auth: 2 Corps AG271 of 6 Jul 45	
VX137092	Cpl	CAMERON J G	30		Gen duty To be transferred 1 x2888 AACs on RTU	
VX112870	Pte	BYRNE H	34	TG 2 Carp	Awaiting discharge Med Unfit	
Totals of column						
marked * to agree						
with columns 4 and 7						
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