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Item number: 8/2/23

23 Infantry Brigade


January - May 1946

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted)

Unit HQ 23 INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 46 To 31 Jan 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	1 Jan		Today observed as a day of rest throughout the Bde area, only necessary personnel remaining on duty for adm.	
		1800	The Bde Comd dined at 4 Base Sub Area	
	2 Jan	0600	Capt G.C. FARRAR former SC 23 Bde and Lt G.D. WRIGHT former SC(L) 23 Bde left by air for mainland for demob. All low priority personnel 150 and under who are not on OOB Fauro Force are preparing for movement to GDD Rabaul for reposting to grn units.	
	4 Jan		Points for discharge now fixed at 140. Personnel returning to the mainland with 160 points and under, may not necessarily be demobbed, but reposted to Ls of C to relieve higher priority personnel. Notification received that certain ships will shortly be made available for repatriation of Japanese on Fauro Is.	
	6 Jan		Pers without leave for 24 months, to be given 24 days leave and RTU - 400 pers in this category remain on the island. BALLALE airstrip now serviceable and RAAF inspection awaited. Maj G B COMBES, DAQMG First Army, after conferring with the Bde Comd and BM on matters relating to closure of Torokina area and opening of Fauro base, departed for First Army.	
	9 Jan		It is anticipated 6000 Jap surrendered forces will be evacuated from Fauro Is by approx 15 Feb.	
	10 Jan		Bde Comd and BM lunched aboard the MULIAMA, a 300 tonner on the TOROKINA - FAURO Is run. Authorisation received for transfer Capt WOOD, Mil Sec to HQ AMF Int Corps.	
	11 Jan		Lt.Col S C HIATT ADMS 3 Div visited the Bde Comd.	

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TOROKINA	11 Jan		Personnel returning for leave to the mainland, with 125 points and over will not be sent back to the islands unless required as key personnel.	
	14 Jan		Jap aircraft carrier HOSHO after loading balance of Japs from MUSCHU will move to Fauro and load approx 1300 Japs for repatriation to Japan. Thereafter all Jap ships will be diverted direct to Fauro.	
	16 Jan	0630	The Bde Comd, BM, SC, Lt.Col ELLIOTT SMITH CO PIB, Gp Capt CHAPMAN Comd 84 Wing RAAF visited the FAURO Is by Catalina and inspected areas and installations. The party lunched at HQ Force Maintenance and returned to TOROKINA during the afternoon. SS NORDNESS departed for SYDNEY with 547 personnel and 608 tons of stores.	
	17 Jan		ANATINA left for BRISBANE with 1096 personnel and 1122 tons of stores.	
	19 Jan		Col. HERBERTSON AA Tn Corps, Lt.Col LEDGEWOOD CO 3 Water Tpt Group, Lt.Col. BRUCE CO Port Op Coy First Army and Maj YOUNG HQ AMF visited the Bde Comd and discussed the water transport situation in the area.	
	21 Jan		Gp Capt CHAPMAN CO 84 Wing RAAF and Capt MORTLOCK Master of RIVER FITZROY, visited the Bde Comd and remained for dinner. The Jap aircraft carrier HOSHO after visiting FAURO Is and loading 800 Japs left TOROKINA for JAPAN.	
	24 Jan		Comd and BM lunched on the CANBERRA with the master	

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TOROKINA	25 Jan		- 3 - Jap aircraft carrier KATSURARI called at TOROKINA, en route to FAURO IS to load 5000 Japanese. CANBERRA sailed for SYDNEY via TOWNSVILLE with 551 personnel and 711 tons of stores.	
	26 Jan		Adv 23 Bde HQ opened at FAURO IS at 0800K. Lt.Col. A.G. MENDELSON appointed CO of 2 Fd Amb to replace Lt.Col. L.P. HIATT. Points level to be reduced to 125 and where possible all troops under 125 points with more than 12 months overseas service will be relieved by troops who have not served overseas.	
	27 Jan		The Jap aircraft carrier KATSURARI departed for JAPAN with 5000 Japs.	
	28 Jan		Lt.Col. FRY, Comd 4 Base Sub Area, visited the Bde Comd and discussed with him, arrangements for the reception of the Minister for the Army, at TOROKINA on 30 Jan.	
	30 Jan		Army Minister Mr F. FORDE accompanied by Maj.Gen. H.C.H. ROBERTSON CBE, DSO, GOC First Army, Brig WELLS and Lt.Col. HARRISON arrived at TOROKINA by air at 1100K. Mr FORDE addressed the troops over 9AC after which the party lunched at 23 Bde HQ. The party accompanied by the Bde Comd and BM then visited Bosley Field. Mr FORDE answered questions asked by a gathering of troops. Party left for RABAU at 1400K.	<i>M</i>
	31 Jan		The Bde Comd and BM were entertained by the Comd and Staff of 4 Base Sub Area at a farewell dinner. At 0001 hrs Comd of TOROKINA passed from 23 Bde to 4 Base Sub Area, which reverted to direct comd of First Army. At 0001hrs Bde HQ closed TOROKINA and opened FAURO IS.	<i>Collected by [Signature]</i>

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Date T.O.O.

FROM 23 INF BDE

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AG 268 unclassified . addressees will carefully check personnel attending unit sick parades with the object of tracing a member or members believed to have been injured in a vehicle accident on the night 18/19 Jan 46 . possible injuries severe abrasions . 109 CCS will advise this HQ direct if any member admitted who may be concerned in this accident

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War Diary

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FROM: 23 Inf Lde

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AG424 unclassified (.) first army AG30835 of 251700K begins (.)
 wearing of uniform after discharge (.) it is desired that a person
 granted such approval be encouraged to wear an appropriate official
 or ex-servicemens organization badge indicating he is a discharged
 serviceman (.) such badge to be worn on the left breast in the same
 position as service ribbons (.) if worn in conjunction with service
 ribbons badge is to be worn above such ribbons and in a central
 position (.) ends

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*McPherson
Capt.*

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DATE T.O.C.

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23 INF BDE

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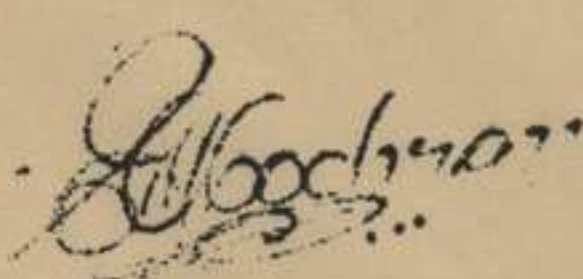
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Originators to
 AG426 unclassified . Landforces AG4857 of 241130K begins redemption
 of guilder currency from A.F. either in NEI or on return to AUST .
 following procedure will take effect immediately . FIRST .
 redemption of guilders from A.F. pers either in NEI by way of cash
 payment for remission to AUST or elsewhere or on the return to AUST
 to be limited in any one case to amount drawn by member in guilders
 as pay during service in NEI , amount redeemable on return to
 AUST will be the amount of pay drawn in guilders less remittances
 and less credits to pay back . SECOND . redemption of guilders to
 be made only by service paymasters . the commonwealth bank will
 cease to purchase guilders from troops . THIRD . members returning
 AUST with guilders are to declare and produce at port of disembarking
 . at the same time as redemption in accordance with part one is made .
 guilder holdings in excess of those redeemed by paymasters . lists
 showing names addresses and excess holdings declared to be forwarded
 by paymasters to NEI authorities in BAIS SYD OR MELB .
 FOURTH . NEI authorities will consider whether redemption of excess
 holdings limited to the amount declared and listed will be made
 in full or in part when total liability for redemption is known in
 due course . FIFTH . ensure all personnel under command are immedi-
 ately advised accordingly

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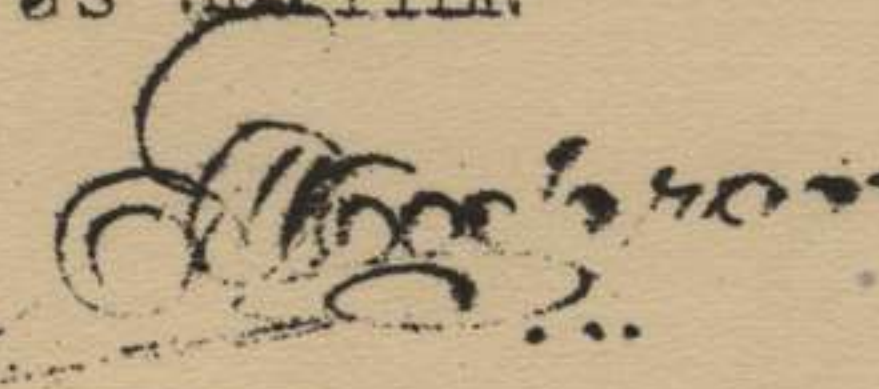
FROM 23 INF BDE

TO DISTRIBUTION LIST 'C'

Originator's No

AG 433 UNCLAS . landforces A4863 of 241215 begins AUST MILITARY
MISSION GERMANY located BERLIN has following vacancies its
establishment one QLO two corporal stenographers one corporal
driver one orderly . please signal this HQ by 2 feb army numbers
ranks and names volunteers recommended by you for a ove vacancies .
only nominate experienced and reliable men who are first class
mentally and physically and considered fit to represent AUSTRALIA
with credit for probably two years in GERMANY final selection
by this Q ends . signal return to reach t is HQ by 31 jan

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Subject: 23 INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 20

HQ 23 Inf Bde

G1/46/2231

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 20.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 7 Jan 46.
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 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No 19.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE

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SIGNED IN THE FIELD

10 Jan 46.

P. Campbell
for capt.
 Maj
 BM 23 Inf Bde

Distribution

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8 Inf Bn	6
PAPUAN Inf Bn	7
MDS 17 Fd Amb	8
109 Bde Ord Fd Pk	9
HQ Force Maint Area (2)	10 - 11
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23 INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 20
as at 2359 hrs 8 Jan 46.

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1 in series TOROKINA - FAURO ISLAND - SHORTLAND IS (1 in special)

Note: Prefix (a) in column (d) indicates redundant unit to move AUS for disbandment. See sheet 1.

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No. (c)	WE (d)	Unit (e)	Ref Map (f)	Location (g)	Remarks (h)
A1	HQ Units	61547	TS	HQ 23 Inf Bde AIF	TOROKINA	601896	
A2		45185		46 AL Sec (TacR Sqn)	"	586946	To be reorg normal AL sec and move RABAU or WEWAK
A3	Engrs	46157	TS	HQ 23 Fd Coy (AIF)	FAURO IS	731158	HQ plus increment only
A4	Sigs	49275	TS	23 Inf Bde Sig SEC (AIF) less	TOROKINA	601896	With u/c 1 det 34 Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF) and 1 det 4 Cipher Sec (Type F)
A4(a)				det	FAURO IS	731158	
A5				Det 19 L of C Sigs	TOROKINA	585929	With u/c 1 det 34 Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF) and 1 det 4 Cipher Sec (Type F)
A6	Inf	46175	TS	7 Inf Bn (AIF) less	FAURO IS	742148	
A6(a)				10 Pl B Coy	SHORTLAND IS	498058	
A7		46176	TS(D)	8 Inf Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	601930	Constr BALLALE STRIP
A8		48050	TS	Papuan Inf Bn	"	631892	
A9	Int	45138		Sec ATIS less	"	585932	Adv party FAURO IS 744135 att 7 Inf Bn
A9(a)				det	FAURO IS	731158	For local adm only. GHQ tps comprises 2 Corps and 3 Div Lang Dets.
A10	S & T	49446	TS	243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	"	730157	
A11		47493	TS	Det 11 Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	"	730157	
A12		49448	TS	Sec 40 Tpt Pl TS (AIF)	"	728156	
A13	AA Tn	48492	TS	Det 13 Small Ships Coy (AIF)	"	727157	
A14		92260	TS	52 Port Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	"	727157	
A15	Med	46180	TS(D)	17 Fd Amb (AIF) less	TOROKINA	586929	
A15(a)				MDS	FAURO IS	733158	To be relieved by 2 Fd Amb (AIF) at present RABAU

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A16	Dental	47156	TS	F Sec 77 Dental Unit (AIF)	FAURO IS	733158	u/c HQ Force Maint Area comprises A sec 63 Dental unit with sec 77 Dental unit
A17	Ord	46238	TS(D)	109 Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	607931	
A18	ADME	46237	TS(D)	109 Bde Wksp (AIF) less det	"	607932	
A18(a)					FAURO IS	728156	
A19		49062	TS	126 Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	594932	
A20		46174	TS(D)	2/108 LAD (Type J) less det	"	581933	Att HQ 23 Inf Bde
A20(a)					FAURO IS	728156	
A21	Pay	47668	TS	Det 11 Div Fd Cash Office	TOROKINA	587928	
A22	Postal	45066	TS	Det 7 Base Postal Unit	"	582931	
A23		92913	TS(D)	23 Inf Bde Postal Sec	"	601896	
A24	Pro	49492	TS(D)	14 Indep Pro Pl	"	605929	To move AUST
A25	Misc	92649	TS	Visitors and Observers Sec (AIF)	"	586931	
A26		45565		No 2 Mob Trg Team LHQ School of Mech	"	567933	LHQ Tps
A27				HQ Force Maint Area	FAURO IS	731158	u/c 23 Inf Bde
A28				Det NG AACCS	"	731158	
A29				Det Mob Cinema	"	733157	

4 BASE SUB AREA

Appendix "A"
Page 3

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No (c)	TS (d)	Unit (e)	Location (f)	Remark (g)
D 1	<u>HQ Units</u>	92590		HQ 4 Base Sub Area (AIF) (Type C)	581927	Being reorg as % (TYPE D)
B 2		47480		Det ANGAU	574933	
B 3		61438		% 8 Movt & Tn Gp	582928	
B 4	<u>Engrs</u>	92626		Rear Party 6 Mech Eqpt Coy less	581923	Adv party moved RABAUL
B 4 (A)				1 Mech Eqpt pl	580926	
B 3		37892		3 pl 2/2 Forestry Coy	589958	
E 6		46844		3 Adv pk pl-13 Wksp & pk Coy	579919	Balance of unit (less one pl) u/c LAE BSA, pl u/c 3 BSA
B 7		92201		plant holding pl 24 Mech Eqpt pk Coy	568937	Army Tps
B 8	<u>S & T</u>	92068	TS	B Sec 6 Fd Baking pl	565945	
E 9		92073	TS	11 Fd Baking pl	565945	
E 10		47793	TS	54 BIPOD pl (AIF)	588901	To be reorg as %
B 11		49397		1 Marine Food Sup pl (AIF)	569894	
B 12		92756	6	6 Indep Farm Coy	557951	
B 16		92757		7 Indep Farm pl	552932	
B 14		92508	TS	Rear Party 60 Tpt pl	604920	Adv Party Moved RABAUL
B 15		92509	TS	Rear Party 61 Tpt pl	603919	" " " "
B 17		92510	TS	Rear party 62 Tpt pl	603917	" " " "
B 17		92511	TS	Rear party 63 Tpt pl	603917	" " " "
B 18		47640	TS	HQ 133 GT Coy	563919	
B 19		92518	TS	68 Tpt pl	565922	
L 20		92519	TS	69 Tpt pl	565921	
B 21		92520	TS	70 Tpt pl	564920	
B 22		92522	TS	71 Tpt pl	564920	
B 23		92521	TS	133 Wksp pl	562921	
B 24		92690	TS	Rear Party 5 MAC pl (AIF)	561994	Adv Party Moved RAB AUL
B 25		94004	TS	6 port Det AASC	594935	
B 26	<u>Med</u>	45581		109 CCS (AIF)	577946	
B 27		55287		Rear Party 2/3 Con Depot (500 men)	616951	To be disbanded
B 28		48393	TS	19 Malaria Control Unit (Type B) (AIF)	593904	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
B29	Ord	92333		16 Adv Ord Depot (AIF) less dets	602908	Army Tps. Det att 18AOD,
B30		92339		3 RSD		Det att 10 AOD
B31		92340		%8 Ord Veh Pk (ME) (AIF) less two sec	604934	Army tps
B32		92613		Det 4 Ord Small Craft Pk		One sec u/c LAE BSA, one sec
B33		92463		Det 4 Ord Port Det (Type B) (AIF)	595937	u/c 6 BSA
B34		48282	TS	Rear Party 4 Sec Offrs Shop (Type B)	602908	Army Tps. To be reorg as %
B35		61238		2/6 Mob Ldy & Decn Unit	603906	Army Tps
B36		92341		13 Adv Amn Depot (Type A) (AIF)	565944	Adv party moved RIBAUL
B37	AEME	92507		Rear Party 12 Adv Wksp (AIF)	582912	Army Tps
B38		46210		212 LAD (Type A) (AIF)	602912	Adv Party moved RIBAUL
B39		45905	TS	250 LAD (Type A) (AIF)	579927	Att HQ 4 BSA
B40		46060		268 LAD (Type A) (AIF)	604934	Att 3 RSD
B41		92074		% 2/13 Veh Pk Wksp	581923	Att 6 Mech Eqpt Coy
B42		92718		Rear Party 6 Mech Eqpt Wksp	595936	Army Tps
B43		92019		2 Ldg Craft Wksp (AIF)	566936	Adv Party moved RIBAUL
B44					562902	
B44	AA TN Corps	48492		13 Small Ships Coy (AIF) less		
B44 (a)				One pl 13 Small Ships Coy (AIF)	562895	Army Tps Det R.B. J.L.
B45		40276		HQ 42 Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	579896	Det J. ACQUINOT B.Y.
B46		92259		53 Port Ldg Craft Coy	565898	Army Tps
B47				7 Water Amb Sec (Type B)	563900	
B48				12 Water Amb Sec (Type C)	563896	
B49				15 Water Amb Sec (Type C)	563896	
B50		47916		6 Port Op Coy (Type C) (AIF)	563896	
B51		48133		3 Pl 1 Port Maint Coy	576905	Army Tps
B52	Pay	49424		83 Depot Cash Office (Type C)	578903	Army Tps
B53	Pro	45782	TS	2 Corps Pro Coy (AIF)	577946	Att 109 CCS
B54					610931	
B54	Stationery	92346		10 L of C Stationery Depot (Type C)	581928	
B55	Graves	48814	T S	19 War Graves Unit (AIF)	540930	
B56	Labour	45493		5 Wks Coy	609922	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
B57	Canteens	45543		Det NG Sec AA Canteens Service	605934	HQ AMF Tps
B58		92894		31 AACS OR's Club (Type L)	565923	
B59	Amenities	47862		Det HQ AMF Pool Army Amenities Service	581927	FAA Det att 4 BSA
B60		92829		Det HQ AMF Pool Army Amenities Service Cinema Units	578927	Comprises 11, 31, 44, 78, 79, 84, 86, 95, 128, 129, and 131 Mob Cinema Units.
B61		92828		10 Det 1 Entertainment Unit	571932)	
B62		92828		16 Det 1 Entertainment Unit	609922)	HQ AMF Tps
E63		92828		5 Det 1 Entertainment Unit	607932)	
B64				9 AC Det Army Amenities Broadcasting Section	579931	HQ AMF Tps
B65				2 Mob Broadcasting Studio	571932	1 Det Type A 1 Mov Broadcasting Maint Sec
E66	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	47505	TS	28 L of C Sal Sec (MIF)	575916	
E67		47565		1/2 Det 15 Sec Kit Stores	583928	HQ AMF Tps
B68		48626		Det NG Details Depot	585926	Army Tps
B69		46392		Det 1 Adv 2 Ech Records	585926	Army Tps

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Copy No. 17.....

Subject : AMENDMENT NO.1 to 23 INF BDE
LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF
BATTLE NO.20

HQ 23 Inf Bde
G1/46/2232

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is Amendment No.1 to 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle NO.20.
2. This amendment includes all changes as at 2359 hrs 21 Jan 45.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Maj
BM 23 Inf Bde.

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

22 JAN 46.

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AMENDMENT NO.1 TO 23 INF BDE LOCATION
STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO.20

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Appendix 'A' to
HQ 23 Inf Bde G1/46/2232
of 22 Jan 46.

Delete : Serials A7. A17. A18. A20. A24. A26
B11. B12. B18. B19. B20. B21.
B22. B23. B25. B30. B35. B36.
B39. B47. B48. B49. B54. B56 (all returned to AUST)

From remarks column of Serial 60 delete : 44, 84, 86, 95. Mob cinema Units.
(All returned to AUST)

Serial B1 delete remarks.

Amend to read : Serial B3 amend col (c) to read 45123
Serial A25 col (e) to read 5 Visitors and Observers Sec (AIF)
Serial B44 amend remarks col to read 'HQ ceased to function this area 15 Jan,
resumed RABAUL 19 Jan'
Serial A15 (a) col (e) delete less MDS and insert HQ 2 Fd Amb; delete remarks.

Insert : Prefix D (indicating redundant unit to move AUST for disbandment). in col (d) of
Serials A19, B1, B4(a), B6, B8, B9, B10, B13, B26, B29 B31 B38, B42, B43, B46, B50,
B52, B58, B64, B66, B69.
Prefix D before 11, 31, 78, 79, 128 and 131 Mob Cinema Units in remarks col of Serial B60.
Add 'To move RABAUL' in remarks col of Serials A25, B32, B41, B61, B63, B65, B67.

Delete : remarks and insert 'To move RABAUL' in Serials A2, B4, B14, B15, B24, B37, B40.

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23 INF BDE ADM INSTR NO. 1/46

Copy No. 21.....

FAURO ISLAND GARRISON

2 Jan 46

GENERAL

1. This instruction sets out the general policy of 23 Inf Bde Gp (projected OOB att as appx 'A') for the garrison of FAURO IS and in particular the responsibilities of Bde units, HQ and units of Force Maintenance Area.

2. 23 Inf Bde Adm Instr. No 24/45 of 5 Dec 45 is cancelled.

RESPONSIBILITIES

3. 7 Inf Bn (AIF) is responsible for:-

- (a) Supervision and control of surrendered Japanese.
- (b) Security of AUST garrison.
- (c) Allocation and control of Japanese working parties.

4. Papuan Inf Bn responsibilities will be issued later.

5. 17 Fd Amb (AIF) until relieved by 2 Fd Amb (AIF) to be temporarily under comd HQ Force Maintenance Area and is responsible for:-

- (a) Care and evacuation of all AUST sick on FAURO IS.
- (b) Medical supervision of surrendered Japanese.

6. HQ Force Maintenance Area is responsible for:-

- (a) Discipline, control and adm of all units under comd (ref OOB appx 'A'). Units to come under comd on arrival FAURO IS.
- (b) The maintenance of AUST force.
- (c) The maintenance of surrendered Japanese forces in liaison with 7 Inf Bn (AIF).
- (d) Internal security of all maintenance installations and stores.
- (e) Supervision of control of port.
- (f) Supervision and control of development of FAURO IS in liaison with OC 23 Fd Coy (AIF).

7. 23 Fd Coy (AIF) is responsible for:-

- (a) Engr advice to comd 23 Inf Bde.
- (b) Development of FAURO IS.
- (c) Technical supervision of Japanese engr tasks.
- (d) Op of engr dump and control of use engr stores and eqpt.
- (e) Op of mech eqpt.
- (f) Op and maintenance of lighting and refrigeration plants.

8. Sec 40 Tpt Pl is responsible for execution of all tpt tasks ordered by comd Maintenance Area.

9. 243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF) is responsible for:-

- (a) Receiving, holding and detailed issue of all AUST rations and expense stores.
- (b) Receiving holding and issuing in bulk of Japanese rations and expense stores.
- (c) Supervision of detailed issue of Japanese rations and expense stores.

10. 52 Port Ldg Craft Coy is responsible for:-
 - (a) Mov of all stores and personnel by water as ordered by comd Force Maintenance Area.
 - (b) Control of port as ordered by comd Force Maintenance Area.
 - (c) Supervision of Japanese water tpt until disbandment.
 - (d) Execution of any mech repairs, considered necessary which are beyond the capacity of Area Wksp.

 11. Area Wksp is responsible for:-
 - (a) All first and second ech repairs on FAURO IS.
 - (b) Assistance required by engrs for maintenance refrigerator or electrical eqpt.
 - (c) Assistance required by 13 Small Ships Coy in repair of craft.
 - (d) Assistance required by 52 Ldg Craft Coy in repair of craft.

 12. 19 Malarial Control Unit is responsible for malarial control on FAURO IS under supervision of DAD (Hyg) 23 Inf Bde.

 13. 4 Water Amb Sec AA Tn C will op under direction of comd Force Maintenance Area in conjunction with comd 17 Ed Amb.

 14. Det 4 Ord Small Craft Pk is responsible for the holding and issuing of all small craft on FAURO IS.

 15. Det 11 Div Pro Coy on arrival, will be responsible for:-
 - (a) Traffic control
 - (b) Policing of anti malarial precautions throughout AUST forces.
 - (c) Security of cargoes from ship to storage.
 - (d) Any pro duties as ordered by comd Force Maintenance Area.
- SURRENDERED JAPANESE
16. STATUS: Japanese in FAURO IS will be treated as disarmed Japanese and NOT PW, consequently regulations appertaining to PW do not apply.

 17. PAYMENT: No payment will be made for work done by surrendered Japanese nor discussion entered into concerning payment or provisions of payment.

 18. MAIL AND PRINTED MATTER: Mail will not be received or despatched by surrendered Japanese nor will they have in their possession any newspapers or other printed matter unless approved by CC 7 Inf Bn (AIF).

 19. CONTROL: Implementation of instructions and discipline will be maintained through the Japanese chain of command.

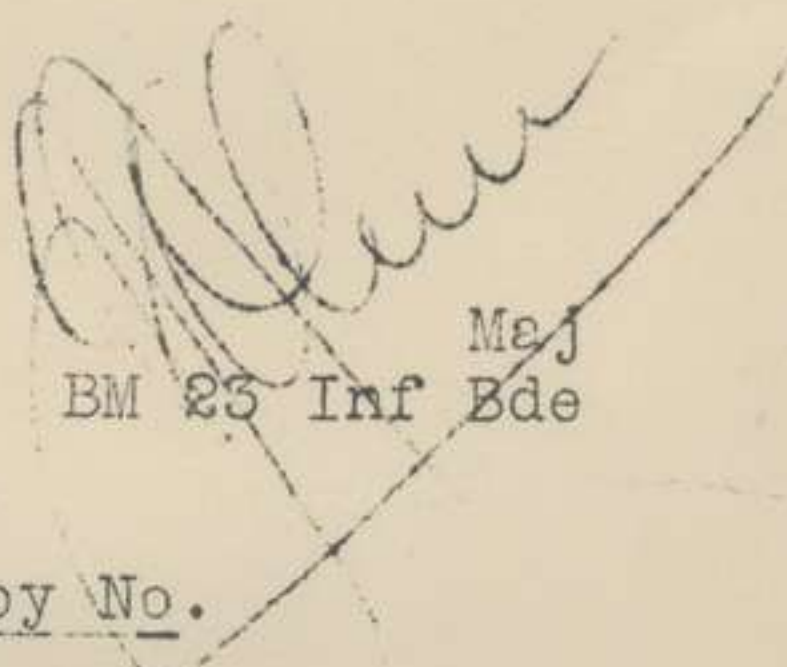
 20. FRATERNISATION:
 - (a) Under no circumstances will fraternisation or exchange of goods between Aust personnel and surrendered Japanese be permitted.
 - (b) Aust personnel will only speak to surrendered Japanese personnel in course of duty.
 - (c) COs and sub unit commanders will ensure that the above order is strictly enforced and any infringement severely punished.

21. COMPLIMENTS

- (a) Surrendered Japanese will pay compliments to all Aust officers at all times, irrespective of difference of rank.
- (b) Officers will only acknowledge compliments of surrendered Japanese Staff officers appointed as liaison officers or Japanese area commanders and then only in the course of duty.

22. ADMINISTRATION to be observed in the control of surrendered Japanese is attached as Appx 'B'.

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Det 8 MC Gp	1
HQ 23 Fd Coy (AIF)	2
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec	3
Det 34 Wireless Sec	4
7 Inf Bn (AIF)	5
Papuan Inf Bn	6
Sec 40 Tpt Pl	7
243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	8
52 Port Ldg Craft Coy	9
4 Water Amb ^b Sec AA Tn C	10
17 Fd Amb	11
19 Malarial Control Unit	12
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RESTRICTED

APPENDIX 'A' to
23 Inf Bde Adm Instr No 1/46
of 2 Jan 46

ANTICIPATED ORDER OF BATTLE - FAURO ISLAND GARRISON

Serial	Arm	Unit	Approx Strength (Personnel only)
1.	HQ and HQ Units	HQ 23 Inf Bde	85
2.		Det 8 MC Gp	8
3.	Engrs	HQ 23 Fd Coy plus increment	73
4.	Sigs	23 Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	49
5.		Det 34 Wireless Sec (Hy)	8
6.		Det One Cipher Sec (Type F)	2
7.	Inf	7 Inf Bn (AIF)	835
8.		PAPUAN Inf Bn	84
9.	Int	Det ATIS (one unit)	2
10.	S T	% 40 Tpt Pl	18
11.		243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	33
12.		% 11 Fd Baking Pl	16
13.	TN	52 Port Ldg Craft Coy	119
14.		4 Water Amn Sec AA Tn C (Type A)	11
15.	Med	2 Fd Amb (AIF) (less two coys)	107
16.		19 Malaria Control Unit (Type A) (less det)	16
17.	Dental	One Sec 77 Dental Unit	5
18.	Ord	Det 4 Ord Smallcraft Pk	10
19.	EME	BOUGAINVILLE Area Wksp	63
20.	Pay	Det 11 Div Fd Cash Office	3
21.	Posts	Det % 7 Base Postal Unit	4
22.	Pro	Det 11 Div Pro Coy	20
23.	Canteens	Det AA Canteens Service	15
24.	Amenities	Det AA Amenities Service	11
25.		Det 1 Cinema Unit	6
26.	Misc	Det HQ AMF Pool AA Edn Service	6
27.		Det % 28 L of C Sal Sec	5

CONTROL OF SURRENDERED JAPANESE FORCES

1. 7 Inf Bn (AIF) is responsible for:-
 - (a) Supervision and control of surrendered Japanese.
 - (b) Allocation and control of Japanese working parties.

ADMINISTRATION

2. All matters effecting surrendered Japanese will be dealt with by 7 Inf Bn (AIF) in liaison with Comd force maintenance area where necessary.

3. Detailed responsibilities are as under:-

- (a) Collection of all returns relating to surrendered Japanese.
- (b) Provision and supervision of Japanese working parties as demanded by Comd force maintenance area and required by 7 Inf Bn (AIF).
- (c) Direction of maintenance of surrendered Japanese forces.
- (d) Implementation of policy of self sufficiency of surrendered Japanese by assistance in the provision of plants and cuttings.
- (e) Inspection of Japanese areas to ensure that areas are maintained at ~~required standard~~.
- (f) To supervise Japanese liaison HQ, see para 4 below.

JAPANESE LIAISON HQ

4. A liaison HQ of approved army and navy officers is established. All orders to surrendered Japanese are passed to this HQ for action.

5. Duties are as under:-

- (a) Implementation and promulgation of all orders by CO 7 Inf Bn (AIF).
- (b) Administration and discipline within Japanese areas as directed.
- (c) Attendance for orders as directed.
- (d) Collection and collation of all requests and reports of Japanese area commanders for presentation.

JAPANESE AREAS

7. Surrendered Japanese are allotted areas under comd of an approved senior Japanese officer as shown on trace attached as annexure 'X'.

MEDICAL

8. Japanese medical services are responsible for health of all surrendered Japanese forces under supervision of senior Aust medical officer at FAURO IS.

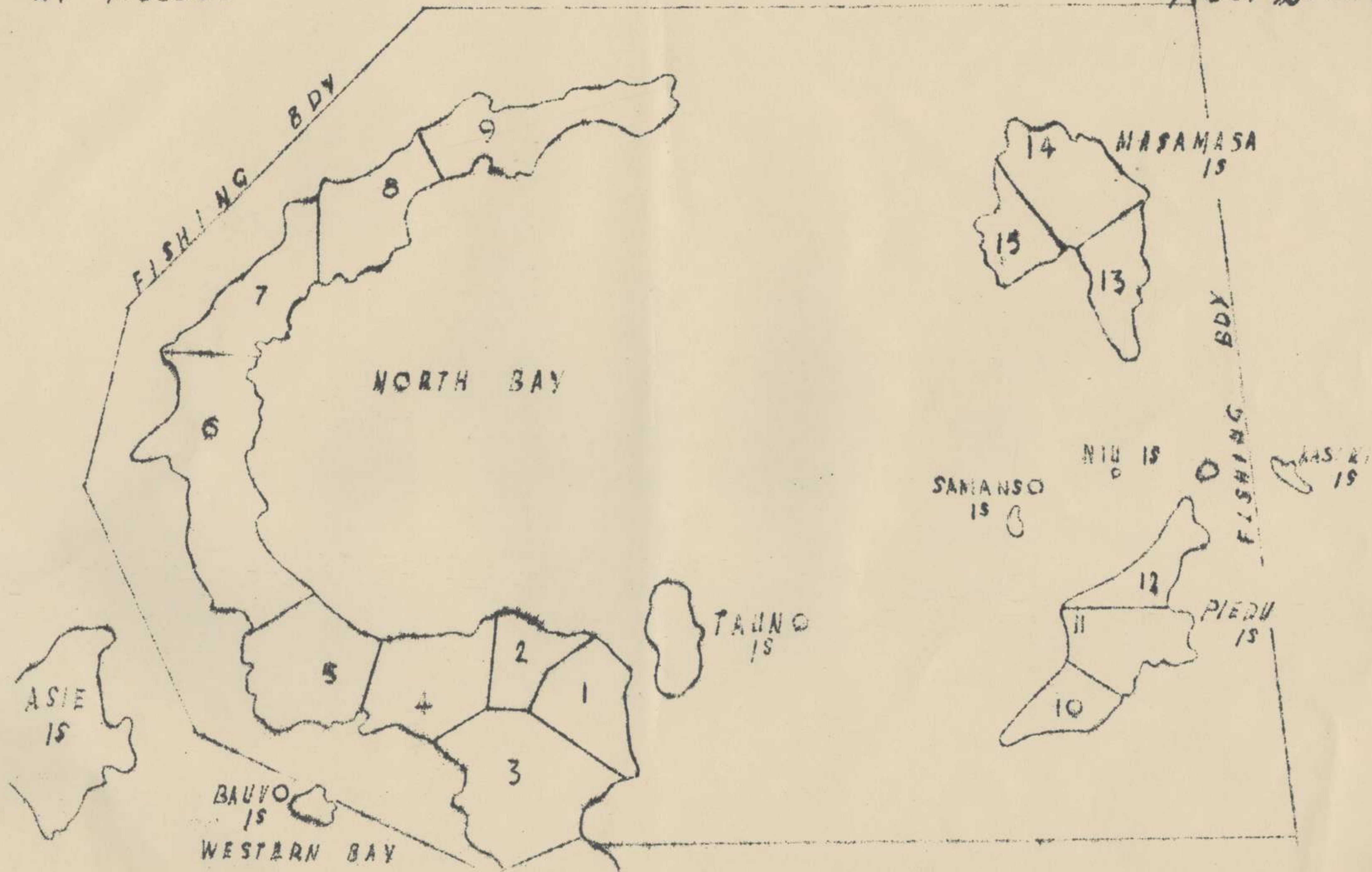
WATER TRANSPORT

9. Japanese water transport is under control of Port Landing Craft Coy and on completion of concentration of Port Landing Company will be disbanded.

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RESTRICTED ANNEXURE X
TO 23 INF BDE ADM INSTN
1/46 OF 2 JAN 46



WAR DIARY
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23 INF BDE ADM INSTR 2/46 - MOVEMENT AND REPOSTING
OF OTHER RANK LOW PRIORITY PERSONNEL.

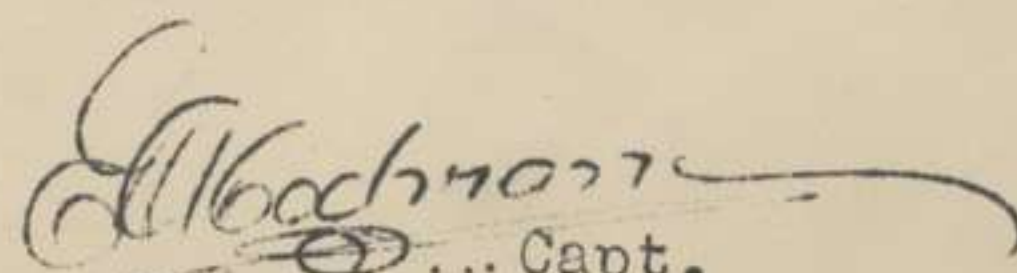
HQ 23 Inf Bde

4 Jan 46.

1. In order to enable First Army to arrange allocation of shipping and for 1 Adv 2 Ech LAE to organise repostings, it is required of this HQ to progressively supply the necessary information concerning low priority other ranks to their HQ. With the constant inter-unit transfers it has been found impossible to supply this information from AAF W3009 information and it now becomes necessary to call for nominal rolls.
2. Two copies of nominal roll showing number, rank, name, trade classification, demob points and date of last leave will be immediately prepared by units for all low priority other ranks who will be on strength after personnel have been embarked on ANATINA and first trip of RIVER FITZROY for RABAU and ORMISTON and NORDNES for mainland. This nominal roll will be forwarded to this HQ by 1800 hrs on 9 Jan 46, and to enable an accurate roll to be maintained by this HQ, any alterations occasioned by inter-unit transfers, drop of points release level, change of trade classification occurring subsequent to despatch will be notified immediately to this HQ by signal or memorandum.
3. Rolls will be submitted for personnel in the following categories :-
 - (i) Available immediately for transfer to det NGDD RABAU holding strength for reposting by 1 Adv 2 Ech.
 - (ii) In redundant units but required to remain to maintain area.
 - (iii) In interim army units required to remain to maintain area.
 - (iv) In units unspecified as redundant or interim army required to remain to maintain area, personnel NOT required this area will be shown in category (i).
 - (v) In units moving to mainland for duty.
 - (vi) In units moving to RABAU for duty.
 - (vii) On replacement order to units at (a) LAE, (b) MADANG or (c) WEWAK.
4. Total number only - not nominal roll - will be advised separately of personnel with 149 or less points who have not had leave for 24 months or more.
5. HQ 4 Base Sub Area will arrange to forward separate copies of nominal rolls for each unit under command and it is stressed that ALL units must furnish this return irrespective of task.
6. These returns must be accurate and will cover ALL other rank personnel as they will form the basis of all movement of personnel in this area, after present movements have been effected.

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Subject : DISCHARGE OF HIGH PRIORITY PERSONNEL
BEYOND THEIR NORMAL TIME OF DISCHARGE

HQ 23 Inf Bde
A4/30B

1. In view of the large number of retentions in relation to the numbers being made available for dispersal, the following instructions are contained in HQ AAF 159697 of 17 Dec 45.
2. For all personnel who are retained against their wishes the maximum period of retention will be four months. The months in which the member becomes High Priority will count as one month.
3. This means that for all personnel who are so retained, at the end of November, it will necessitate the training of a replacement by the end of February, when the member retained should be available for dispersal. Note that, in the case of those retained during October, the period of retention will be five months.
4. These conditions also apply to the women's services.
5. By the 6th January 1946 a report is required from each addressee in quintuplicate as per Appx "A", setting out the numbers of personnel whose estimated retention beyond end of February, is, in the opinion of the Comd, considered essential. This report will show:
 - (i) The number of male and female officers and ORs in their various types of employment.
 - (ii) The reasons, against each, why their continued employment, beyond the due date, is essential.
6. Similar reports will be rendered by the 4th of each succeeding month -
 - (a) as per appendix "B" for further personnel whose continued retention beyond the end of the month, following that of the report is considered essential, and
 - (b) a statement as per appendix "C" of members, by employment whose continued retention was previously stated to be essential, but whose release has since been possible. Both above and reports to be submitted in quintuplicate.

For example, the report in February will show additional personnel retained in December, who will be required after the end of March, and also those previously estimated to be retained beyond the end of February, but whose release before that date, has been possible.
7. Separate pro formas will be used for male and female personnel.

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/ JAN 46.

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Appendix "A" to HQ 23 Inf Bde
A.M.B. of 1 Jan 46.

Retention of High Priority Personnel Beyond Feb 46

Formation

Arm or Service	Posting	Rank or Trade Grouping	Number of Personnel	Reason for Retention
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Date Comd.

Appendix "B" to 23 Inf Bde A4/30E
of 1 Jan 45.

MONTHLY REPORT - RETENTION OF HIGH PRIORITY PERSONNEL
BEYOND (MONTH)

Formation

Arm or Service	Posting	Rank or Trade Grouping	Number of Personnel	Reason for Retention
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Date

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APPENDIX.C. to 23 Inf Bde
AA/30 B
of 1 Jan 46

MONTHLY REPORT - HIGH PRIORITY PERSONNEL WHOSE RETENTION
PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BUT WHOSE RELEASE HAS BEEN
POSSIBLE

Formation

Arm or Service	Posting:	RANK	Number of Personnel	Date of Release
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Date

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Subject :- DISTRIBUTION LISTS

HQ 23 Inf Bde

G12/569

1. Herewith Amendment No. 1 to 23 Inf Bde Distribution List issued 29 Dec 45 :

Insert new serials :

- 27. Det 11 Div Fd Cash Office - - 1 -
- 28. Det 7 Base Postal Unit - - 1 -

Amend totals page 2 to read : 22 31 159 29

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List 4.

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Subject : PROJECTED ORDER OF BATTLE FIRST ARMY AREA
AS AT 28 FEB

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HQ 23 Inf Bde

G 21/515

4 Base Sub Area
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec
7 Inf Bn
8 Inf Bn
126 Bde Wksp
Sec 40 Tpt Pl
Det 11 Div Fd Cash Office
Det 7 Base Postal Unit
HQ Force Maintenance Area

1. Further to 23 Inf Bde G36/531 of 22 Dec 45 Appendix 'A', a list of additional units now declared redundant in accordance with Orders for Demobilisation of the AMF is attached as Appendix 'A'.

2. With the exception of detachments to be absorbed vide para 2 of 3 Div G21/515 of 18 Dec 45 (not to all addressees) all units now declared redundant are being included in First Army Troop Movement Lists at present in course of preparation for early issue.

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List 'A' less serials 40, 48 - 53

ADDITIONAL UNITS DECLARED REDUNDANT

23 INF BDE

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|-----|----------------------|---|
| 1. | HQ AND HQ UNITS | HQ 4 Base Sub Area |
| 2. | | Det 1 Adv 2 Ech |
| 3. | ENGINEERS | One Adv Pk Pl 13 Wksp & Pk Coy |
| 4. | | One Mech Eqpt Pl and one Tip Truck Sec |
| | | 6 Mech Eqpt Coy |
| 5. | SIGNALS | One (Type A) Det 1 Broadcasting Sta Maint Sec |
| 6. | SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT | 54 BIPOD Pl |
| 7. | | x 222 Sup Dep Pl |
| 8. | | 7 Indep Farm Pl |
| 9. | | x 40 Tpt Pl (less one sec) |
| 10. | | 11 Fd Baking Pl (less one sec) |
| 11. | | One sec 6 Fd Baking Pl |
| 12. | ARME | 126 Bdc Wksp |
| 13. | | 2 Ldg Craft Wksp |
| 14. | | Det 6 Mech Eqpt Wksp |
| 15. | TRANSPORTATION | 53 Port Ldg Craft Coy |
| 16. | AMENITIES | 31 Mob Cinema |
| 17. | | 78 Mob Cinema |
| 18. | | Det AA Amenities Service (9AC Broadcasting Sta) |
| 19. | MISCELLANEOUS | Mob Team Clerical Wing NG Trg School |
| 20. | | Det 28 L of C S&I Sec |

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Subject : HQ AMF SCHOOL OF INFANTRY NO 5 COURSE

HQ 23 Inf Bde
G2A/361

1. The abovementioned course will commence about the end of February 1946, and will be of six months duration. Subsequent courses, as may be required, will commence at intervals of three months after the commencement of No 5 Course.
2. Approval has been granted for the attendance of members of the AMF who are desirous of serving in the post war PMF and comply with the requirements set out below.
3. The following personnel have been recommended by HQ AMF to attend and will be given preference in selection:-

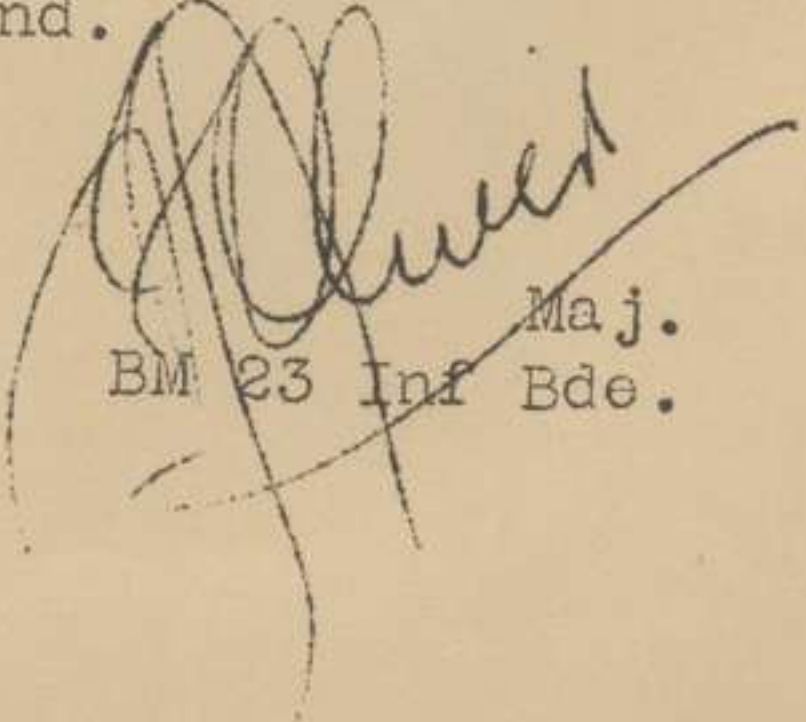
TP4811	TX6136	T/Capt	H D CATO	42 Landing Craft Coy
NP3424	NX119987	Lt	G D ROLFE	HQ First Army
NP9625	NX108001	Capt	J H KEFT	NG Details Depot
VP7303	VX120548	Lt	A J McMAHON	16 AOD
NP5598	NX104073	Capt	J ROBERTSON	12 Ord Veh Pk Sec
NP9638		T/WO2	J J FENTON	First Army Det Unit Maint
				Insp Sec HQ AMF.
4. Applications are now sought from other members of the AMF who are medically fit Class A1 and are:
 - (a) desirous of serving as warrant officers in the post war PMF;
 - (b) under the age of 30 years;
 - (c) possess a suitable standard of education (the standard of first class certificate of education may be taken as a guide);
 - (d) are reported on by their present COs as suitable in every respect (subject to qualifications at the course) for service as warrant officers in the PMF;
 - (e) are recommended by their formation &c commanders after personal interview. Formation commanders will certify in each case that they would be willing to employ the applicants as warrant officers under their own command. Where it is impracticable for this action to be taken by the Formation Commander, interviews will be conducted and certificates rendered by the next lower commander.
5. All applicants will be given clearly to understand that, at this stage, no detailed conditions of post war service can be stated, but the following action will be taken with regard to members who qualify:-
 - (a) Members of the PMF who enlisted prior to 6 Oct 39 who have satisfactorily held the rank of WOII or higher in any unit of the AMF will be promoted WOsII AIC.
 - (b) Members of the PMF who enlisted therein prior to 6 Oct 39 who have not held the rank of WOII or higher may be appointed WOII (Provisional) (AMR & O 203(3)). Confirmation of that rank will not be made until they have carried out the duties thereof to the satisfaction of the Military Board.

5. (c) These promotions and provisional promotions will, for the present, take effect as "nominal" promotions - vide para 6 of GRO A274 of 1944 - and will not affect the drawing rate of pay or rank or seniority of a member in the AIF or CMF unit with which he is serving.
- (d) Other members will be recorded as having qualified for the rank of WOII, AIC, in accordance with Sec 21B of the Defence Act, and will be afforded an opportunity of enlisting in the post war PMF when it is being raised. If so enlisted they will be granted the rank of WOII (substantive or provisional) subject to the establishments then in force.
6. The School of Infantry is prepared to accept an entry of 70 members for No 5 Course and 100 members for each of the two following courses. Should the number of recommended applicants exceed these vacancies, selection will be made by HQ AMF in the following priority:
- (i) Personnel shown in para 3 above.
- (ii) Members of the PMF enlisted therein prior to 6 Oct 39 who have had overseas service.
- (iii) Other members of the AMF who have had overseas service.
- (iv) Other members of the PMF enlisted therein prior to 6 Oct 39.
- (v) Other members of the AMF.
7. Lists of recommended applicants in accordance with the attached pro forma and accompanied by reports (para 4 (d) & (e) above) will be submitted to reach HQ 23 Inf Bde by 3 Feb 46. Thereafter, recommendations will continue to be submitted as they are received. Members who have applied and been recommended will continue to be employed under provisions of para 16 of "Demobilisation Instructions" issued on 4 Sep 45, until such time as notification is received of their acceptance or otherwise.
8. Applications for withdrawal should not be permitted in the case of members once reported as available unless there are strong reasons for so doing.
9. Once members' names have been submitted as recommended and available, units will advise by signal, all subsequent changes in postings or medical classification as they occur.
10. Joining instructions will be issued in due course.
11. In view of early commencement of No 5 Course, it is requested that the above action be treated as a matter of urgency.
12. HQ AMF will advise HQ Western Command and L of C Areas of enlistment of personnel selected to attend.

Signed in the Field.

22 Jan 46.

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MEMBERS RECOMMENDED FOR ATTENDANCE AT A COURSE AT HQ AMF SCHOOL OF INFANTRY (DA 21B)

Army Nos.		Rank		Name	Date of Birth	If recommended for rank of WOII PMF subject to qualification (g)	If available to attend No 5 Course. (if not show date when member will be available) (h)	Full reasons for non-recommendation (in case of members in lists 'A' and 'B' only) (i)	Present Posting (j)	If served overseas (k)	Remarks (l)
PMI	AIF or CMF	PMF	AIF or CMF								
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
<p>List A - T/WOsII & Ex T/WOsII AIC - due under provisions of LHQ 94962 of 18 Jul 45 (para 6(i))</p>											
<p>List B - Members of the PMF enlisted therein prior to 6 Oct 39, (date to be shown in Remarks column), para 6(ii) & (iv)</p>											
<p>List C - Other members of the AMF</p>											

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 (Signature of Formation & Commander)

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Subject : TERRITORIES OF P.P.U. NEW GUINEA

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HQ 23 Inf Bde
A12/148

1. Attached hereto are copies of Memoranda received from the Civil Administration calling for applications from personnel desirous of serving therein. It would be appreciated if the contents of these documents were communicated as soon as possible to personnel of all Units and steps taken to ensure that any applications received are forwarded forthwith to the Secretary, Department of External Territories, Canberra, A.C.
2. It will be noted that such applications must reach that Department on or before 15 Feb 46.

Signed in the Field.

22 Jan 46.

E. W. G. ...
... Capt.
SC 23 Inf Bde.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

Applications are invited from male persons between the ages of 28 and 35 years who are desirous of appointment to the position of Medical Assistant, Grade 1, £300 - £462, in the Public Service of the Provisional Administration, Territory of Papua-New Guinea, with eligibility for higher grades carrying salary rates up to £516 per annum. (The Income Tax Assessment Act does not apply to any income derived by a resident of the Territory from sources within the Territory.)

Appointees may be stationed at the Headquarters of the Administration or at any out station.

Commencing salary will be within the limits of the range, according to age and experience and will commence on the date of the appointee's departure from the Capital city of the state in which he resides.

Appointees will be on probation for a period of 12 months, after which they will, if their services have been satisfactory, be appointed to the Provisional Administration, or any permanent service which may replace the Public Service of the Provisional Administration.

The appointment of a Medical Assistant may be terminated at any time during his period of probation for inefficiency or unsatisfactory conduct.

Applicants should state their qualifications for appointment. The following qualifications are desirable:-

- (1) active and accustomed to outdoor life;
- (2) previous experience in Medical Unit, or in a hospital actually attending patients, not merely Wardsman;
- (3) experience in V.D. work.
- (4) experience in male nursing, photographic work or sanitary work
- (5) first aid certificate - though not essential - is valuable as evidence of interest in work
- (6) associated with Municipal health work.
- (7) general education
- (8) hobbies, knowledge of mechanics and motors.

Appointments will be subject to a medical examination as to fitness for employment in the tropics, by a Medical Officer nominated by the Department of External Territories.

Appointees may later be required to contribute to a Territorial Superannuation Fund.

After 21 months' service in the Territory, a Medical Assistant will be eligible for 3 months' leave of absence on full pay.

Applications, accompanied by copies only of testimonials, must reach the Secretary, Department of External Territories, Canberra, A.C.T. on or before 15th February, 1946, and should be in letter form as there are no printed forms of application.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Applications are invited from male persons between the ages of 18 and 35 years who are desirous of appointment to the position of clerk, £ 300-408, in the Public Service of the Provisional Administration, Territory of Papua - New Guinea, with eligibility for higher administrative positions carrying salary rates up to 852 per annum (The Income Tax Assessment Act does not apply to any income derived by a resident of the Territory from sources within the Territory).

Appointees may be stationed at the Headquarters of the Administration or at any out station.

Commencing salary will be within the limits of the range, according to age and experience, and will commence from the date of the appointee's departure from the Capital city of the State in which he resides.

Appointees will be on probation for a period of 12 months, after which they will, if their services have been satisfactory, be appointed to the Provisional Administration, or any permanent service which may replace the Public Service of the Provisional Administration.

The appointment of a Clerk may be terminated at any time during his period of probation for inefficiency or unsatisfactory conduct.

Applicants should state their educational qualifications. It is desirable that appointees should have passed the Leaving Examinations at one of the Australian Universities, or an examination of equivalent standard.

Appointments will be subject to medical examination as to fitness for employment in the tropics, by a medical officer nominated by the Department of External Territories.

Appointees may later be required to contribute to a Territorial Superannuation Fund.

After 21 months' service in the Territory, a clerk will be eligible for 3 months' leave of absence on full pay.

Applications, accompanied by copies only of testimonials must reach the Secretary, Department of External Territories, Canberra, A.C.T. on or before 15th February, 1946, and should be in letter form, as there are no printed forms of application.

TERRITORY OF P. PUA.-NEW GUINEA

Applications are invited from persons desirous of appointment as Patrol Officer in the Public Service of the Provisional Administration, Territory of Papua-New Guinea, with salary range £ 336- 534 per annum. (The Income Tax Assessment Act does not apply to any income derived by a resident of the Territory from sources within the Territory).

1. The positions for which applications are invited form portion of the District establishments, and the duties appertaining thereto are concerned mainly with the extension of Government influence amongst the native population and with the administration of the areas which have already been brought under Government control.
2. Applicants must be between the ages of 20 and 30 years.
3. Commencing salary will be within the limits of the range, according to age and experience, and will commence from the date of the appointee's departure from the capital city of the State in which he resides.
4. Appointees will be on probation for a period of 12 months after which they will, if their services have been satisfactory, be appointed to the Provisional Administration, or any permanent service which may replace the Public Service of the Provisional Administration.
5. The appointment of a Patrol Officer may be terminated at any time during his period of probation for inefficiency or unsatisfactory conduct.
6. Applications should state their educational qualifications
7. Applicants should state whether they have attained any proficiency in sport, and should furnish particulars of their height and chest measurements.
8. Appointment will be subject to a medical examination as to fitness for employment in the tropics, by a Medical officer nominated by the Department of External Territories.
9. Appointees may later be required to contribute to a Territorial Superannuation Fund.
10. After 21 months' service in the Territory, a Patrol officer will be eligible for three months' leave of absence on full pay.
11. Applications, accompanied by copies only of testimonials, must reach the Secretary Department of External Territories, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, on or before 15th February 1946. All applications must be made in the applicant's own handwriting, and should be in letter form, as there are no printed forms of application.

TERRITORY OF P.P.U.A. - NEW GUINEA

P.P.U.A. - NEW GUINEA ADMINISTRATION

Terms of Employment for personnel discharged from the Services in the Territory and engaged by the Administration as Temporary Employees.

1. PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT
Employment is for a period not exceeding 12 months PROVIDED THAT:
(i) If within a period of three months calculated from the date on which the Employee commenced duty, the Administrator is satisfied that the services of the Employee are not suited for the type of work and nature of the duties he is called upon to perform, the Employee may be offered some other form of employment at the same salary or a lower salary or the Employee may be returned to Australia at the expense of the Administration.
(ii) The Administrator at any time may dispense with the services of an Employee and return him to Australia at the expense of the Administration where he considers that the conduct, diligence, or efficiency of the Employee is unsatisfactory.

2. COMMENCING DATE OF EMPLOYMENT
The employee shall commence duty at a time and place to be agreed upon.

3. HOURS OF DUTY
The hours of duty shall be those for the time being applicable to the Public Service.

4. SALARY
The salary payable shall be within the salary limits indicated in the letter notifying engagement, at such commencing salary as is specified therein.

NOTE. Australian Income Tax Assessment Act does not apply.

5. ADVANCEMENT IN SALARY
Advancement in salary within the salary range specified for the Employee, or promotion to a higher salary range, will depend upon the suitability and capacity of the Employee and the recommendation of the Head of the Department to which he is assigned, but in any case, the payment of salary at a higher rate shall not exceed the maximum salary prescribed for Officers of the Public Service performing the same class of work.

6. ALLOWANCES
Employees are eligible for the grant of allowances at the same rates and on the same conditions as may be specified for Officers of the Public Service excluding such provision as may be made for the grant of passages to Officers proceeding on leave.

Subject : APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION

HQ 23 Inf Bde
A12/148

1. Advice has been received from the Administrator that a number of vacancies exist in the Civil Administration for personnel with the undermentioned qualifications:

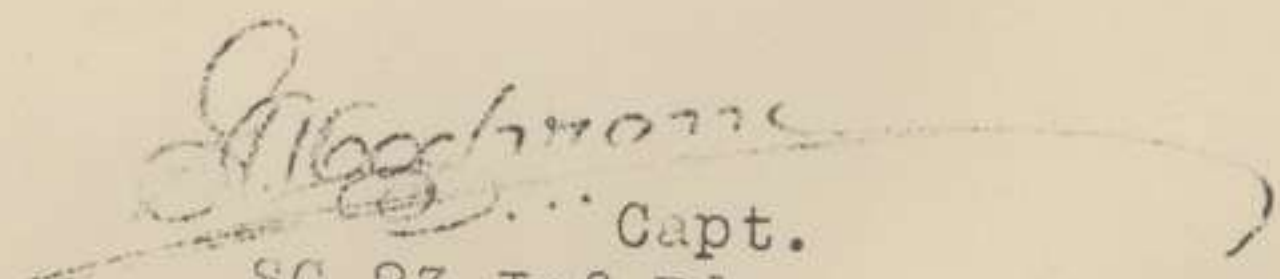
Radio Technicians	£ 412 - 472
Telephone Technicians	£ 412 - 472
Typewriter Mechanics	£ 372 - 432
Cable Jointers	£ 380 - 444
Linesmen	£ 336 - 376
Radio Telephone Operators	£ 300 - 408
Postal Clerks	£ 300 - 408
Technical Storemen	£ 336 - 376
Broadcast Control Operators (Female)	£ 252 - 310
Telephone Operators (Female)	£ 252 - 310
Recorders (Female)	£ 252 - 310

(Signal or Postal experience is essential)

2. Conditions of service appear in Appendix 'A' attached hereto.
3. Applications for the foregoing temporary positions are invited from Service personnel who are prepared to take early discharge within the Territory. Applications should be lodged so as to reach the Government Secretary, Provisional Administration, PORT MORESBY, not later than 7 Feb 46. Applications are requested to furnish full details of age, prewar occupation, experience, marital status and Army service, together with recommendation from Commanding Officer regarding release.
4. It is desired that addressees take immediate steps to bring the abovementioned particulars to the notice of all personnel and ensure that the necessary applications are forwarded within the time mentioned in para 3.

Signed in the Field.

22 Jan 46.


Capt.
SC 23 Inf Bde.

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7. RECREATION LEAVE

Recreation leave may be granted to an Employee at the rate of one day for each completed week of service, provided that the Employee remains in the employment of the Administration for a period of not less than six (6) months.

8. SICK LEAVE

Sick leave may be granted to an Employee at the rate of two days on full pay and two days on half pay for each month of continuous service.

9. FARES

In the case of Employees proceeding to Australia on leave of absence as specified in paragraph 7 hereof, or on termination of employment, the cost of transport from the Territory to the home town in Australia will be paid by the Administration. Provided that where the Employee has proceeded to Australia and returns to the Territory for the purpose of continuing in the employment of the Administration, and is accepted for such employment, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified or he is appointed to the Public Service of the Territory, the cost of fares for such Employee or Officer from his home town in Australia to the Territory will be paid by the Administration.

10. APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Employees will be eligible for consideration when applications are called for permanent appointees (on probation) for the Provisional Administration with continuity of service in the Administration that replaces the Provisional Administration.

11. DEDUCTION FOR QUARTERS AND BOARD

A deduction at the rate of five shillings (5/-) per day shall be made from the salary of any Employee who is provided with quarters and board by the Administration in respect of the period for which the Employee is provided with quarters and board.

WD

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Subject : LOSS OF REFRIGERATOR

HQ 23 Inf Bde
Q 55/130

1. One mechanical refrigerator (capacity 118 cubic feet) has been removed from the area previously occupied by 8 Inf Bn without authority.

Particulars of Refrigerator are as follows :-

Make	:	IDEC
Refrigerant	:	Methyl Chloride
Engine	:	Make - Ronaldson-Tippett HP - 2 3/4 Serial No. - 31783
Compressor No.	:	1625
Cabinet No.	:	1558

2. Unit having this refrigerator in its possession will advise HQ 23 Inf Bde of this fact immediately by signal.

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

Shepherd
 Bde Staff Capt.
 SC 23 Inf Bde.

26 JAN 46.

DISTRIBUTION LIST (C) Less Serials : 26,27,29,30,35,36,37.

Subject : TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

HQ 23 Inf Bde
G12/574

1. On 30 Jan 46, day prior to move of HQ 23 Inf Bde to FAURO Island, 23 Inf Bde switchboard will close and lines as under connected to Pacific Exchange.

2.

Comd 23 Inf Bde	Ex 174
BM " " "	Ex 183
SC " " "	Ex 179
SC (Q MOV)" "	Ex 185
PIB " "	Ex 190
Sig Office	Ex 564 R2
Sig Officer	Ex 564 R3

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

26 JAN 46.

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Less Serials : 3, 5 - 7, 12, 18.

[Handwritten Signature]
Maj.
BM 23 Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

HQ 23 Inf Bde

BY

21 Jan 46

BRIG N.W. SIMPSON,

COMD 23 INF BDE

Serials 16 - 19.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL


Maj.
BM 23 Inf Bde.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

16.

DISPOSAL OF NON
EXPENDABLE MEDICAL
STORES AND EQUIP-
MENT BY NON-MEDICAL
UNITS

1. The following instructions will be implemented by non-medical redundant units for the disposal of non expendable medical Stores and equipment.
 - (a) Redundant units will NOT return items of non-expendable medical Stores and equipment to nearest Adv Depot of Med Stores. These stores will be returned to the mainland with unit cadre and on arrival will be handed over to the appropriate Depot Med and Vet Stores. Unit Ledgers will be checked and balanced where required, and necessary acquittances obtained by the Unit.
 - (b) If the Comd of the units is satisfied that the articles of stores and equipment are unserviceable due to conditions of service, action may be taken in accordance with the provisions of GRO F311/44 para 1 (Adjustment of Losses and Surpluses) Write off vouchers (AAF D51) in duplicate, will then be submitted to Formation HQ for approval.
2. It is emphasised that non expendable items of Stores and Equipment will, under no circumstances, be returned to any Adv Depot of Med Stores in First Army Area.
3. Attention is also directed to the provisions of GRO 336/45 (accounting for non-expendable Medical Stores and Equipment by non-medical Units).

17.

RANK ON TRANSFER
TO THE R OF O OR
PLACEMENT ON RL

Subtended for information is copy of HQ AMF 157194 of 23 Dec 45.

"In future the rank to be granted to officers holding temporary rank at the time of termination of wartime services on the Active List will be in accordance with the policy set out hereunder.

17.(Cont).

2. TRANSFER TO RESERVE OF OFFICERS

(a) An officer promoted to temporary rank on or after 28 Sep 45 will relinquish that temporary rank on transfer to the R of O.

(b) An officer of the rank of Major (T/Lt-Col) who was promoted to that temporary rank on or before 27 Sep 45, and who at the date of transfer to the R of O has held the rank of T/Lt-Col for a continuous period of at least six months may, on transfer to R of O, be promoted to the rank of substantive Lt-Col with effect from 27 Sep 45.

(c) An officer of the rank of Major(T/Lt-Col) who was promoted to that temporary rank on or before 27 Sep 45, but who at date of transfer to the R of O has NOT held the rank of T/Lt-Col for a continuous period of six months will, on transfer to the R of O, relinquish his temporary rank and may be granted the rank of Honorary Lt-Col.

(d) An officer of the rank of Lt (T/Capt) or Capt (T/Major) who was promoted to that temporary rank on or before 27 Sep 45, and who at the date of transfer to the R of O has held that temporary rank for a continuous period of at least six months will, on transfer to the R of O, relinquish his temporary rank and may be granted honorary rank equivalent to the temporary rank held. Where the officer has not held the temporary rank for a continuous period of six months the temporary rank will be relinquished and honorary rank will NOT be granted.

(e) An officer promoted to temporary rank on or before 27 Sep 45 and whose temporary rank is more than one step higher than his substantive rank will be the subject of individual consideration in the matter of rank to be granted on transfer to the R of O.

3. PLACEMENT ON RETIRED LIST

The considerations under which an officer may be granted a step in honorary rank on placement on the Retired List are as set out in AMR & O 157".

18.
RELEASE OF KEY
PERSONNEL.

1. HQ AMF 1095 of 5 Jan 46 advises that to alleviate the position regarding the continued retention of members on the mainland with high priority points, and to permit their replacement by members ex overseas with lower points, capable of doing the same work (even though this might involve the temporary retention of such members) all personnel of 166 points to 150 points inclusive embarking for return to the mainland on and after 1 Jan 46, and irrespective of arm of service, have been warned that unless for accelerated discharge, they are liable to reposting in their home state. Our AG9837 of 5 Jan 46 refers.

18.(Cont)

It will be noted that this varies our AG9026 of 14 Dec 45, in which personnel ex overseas with 150 points and above were to be returned for demobilisation if not required by their branch or service.

2. Implementation by HQ Western Command and L of C Areas will be :-

(1) In each LTD a Selection Board consisting of a Staff Officer 'A' Branch, and a representative (where considered necessary) of AMSC, AMMC, AMOC, AEME, AMPC, Ech & Rec, will be constituted.

The S.O. 'A' Branch will represent the remaining Services.

HQ L of C Area will provide this S.O. with details of members of high points in base areas who should be replaced, showing the nature of their duties and location.

(ii) Individual members of the Board will decide the question of retention or discharge of members of the Service which they represent.

Personnel who have served in a particular Service are to be given first priority in repostings to that Service.

(iii) Where personnel are of arms not required for mainland duty, e.g. infantry, artillery, the Board will decide the question of retention or discharge, and will direct his transfer into the appropriate arm, service, etc. The Psychology Unit in each L of C Area should be used to assist in this selection where necessary.

(iv) The Board should operate preferably when members first arrive at LTD so that the question of leave as against "living out period" can be suitably adjusted. Where members are to be reposted, they will be permitted to take out any desired ARL up to a maximum of 24 days.

3. Such personnel who are reposted will in turn be replaced as necessary when members with still lower points become available to relieve them.

4. The instruction contained in AG signal AG9026 of 14 Dec 45 regarding the reposting of all members with 149 points and below, except where accelerated discharge has been authorised, will continue to apply.

5. This instruction in no way varies the procedure already in existence for obtaining volunteers, which should be pursued to the maximum.

6. In this connection, an attempt is being made to obtain up to 50% of deferred pay due, without restrictions, for all members serving beyond their normal time of discharge, either as volunteers or retentions.

18.(Cont)

7. Assistance in acquiring a War Service Home may now be applied for prior to discharge on first come first served basis with certain allowance made for degree of urgency. However, should assistance become available to a member before discharge, the grant will be deferred until discharge is completed. So many applications are pending that the above contingency is remote.

The provisions of the War Service Homes Act are under consideration at present and it is probable that the terms will be liberalized to provide assistance when available on same basis to qualified persons either discharged or still members of a Service.

8. This instruction will NOT apply to those returning from overseas or leave, and who are shown as RTU.

9. This instruction brings the whole of the AMF onto a common basis for High Priority Points, i.e. to the end of January, to 167 points.

The authority whereby services on the mainland were empowered to authorise the retention of High Priority members ex overseas, is cancelled.

Services, can of course, still obtain information regarding Service embarkations through their own channels if necessary.

Where the retention of members returning from overseas, above 166 points is still considered essential by the service on the mainland, the matter should be referred to DRD before decision. L of C Areas will implement discharge of such personnel unless prior approval for retention has been received from HQ AMF.

19.
REQUISITIONS FOR
STATIONERY

Stationery Depot, LAE, closed on 16 Jan 46. All requisitions for Stationery will in future be forwarded to 9 L of C Stationery Depot, RABAUL.

DISTRIBUTION LIST 'C'

J. Woodhouse
Capt.
SC 23 Inf Bde.

NOTICE

Any unit having a member with low priority for discharge capable of tuning pianos will please notify this HQ as early as practicable.

I see,

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

1/46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/1/1946 HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
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.					
W.E. 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.										
2	3		-											
10	1	1	10											
6	3		3											
19	6	1	14											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.										
				E.(1)	14									
				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.
VX114132	Lt T/Capt	FARRAR G.C.	HQ 23 Inf Bde	29.12.45	R.S.L. for retirement Ceases to be seconded. Relinquish appt as S.C. 23 Bde Auth. AG 9639
WX 23743	Lt	Wright G.D.	HQ 23 Inf Bde		Report to WEST COM. Ceases to be seconded Relinquish appt as S.C.(L) A uth. Land Forces AG10107 of 281600k

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

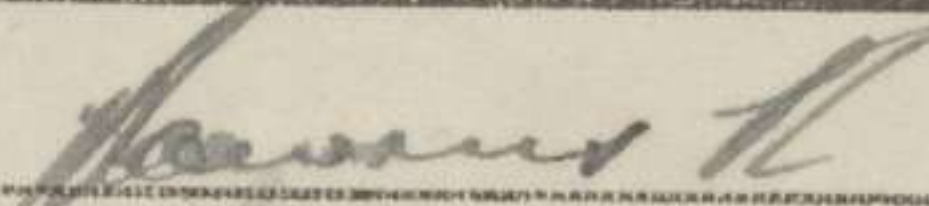
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	NX103818	QUINN C.E.	3 Div.	19.12.45.	Att pending trans to 25 Bde
"	NX 79114	BERRY G.A.	"	" " "	" " "
"	NX168970	XXXXX			
		McFarlane A.	"	" " "	" " "
Lt Lt	SX12112	WINCHESTER W.R.	7 Bn	30.12.45	For Duty
Lt	VX10872	STEVENS W.G.	7 Bn	2.1.46.	" "
"	NX179140	McCarthy G.	AEO HQ		
			AMF POOL	3.1.46	Educ.

5 Jan 46

Date of Despatch



Signature of Commander

a.w. 3m bks 12/44

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit

1/46 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/1/1946 (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.
COMMANDER							
Col (T/Brig.)	NX12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	Comd.	Yes	N/-/261	
STAFF							
Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.G.	Yes	Q/-/225	
"	QX734	GUEST	G.I.	INF	"	N/-/279	
MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS							
Lt. (T/Capt)	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	LO 1	No	V/N/146 Det 7 Bn for	Duty
Capt	NX104279	SYMONS	N.S.	TO	Yes	V/-/154	
Capt	VX114025	CAMPBELL	D.L.	IO	"	V/-/205	
SERVICES							
Capt	NX103926	DICKSON	H.C.	Basco	Yes	N/-/164	
"	NX121136	EWING	R.M.	AALC	"	N/N/197	
Lt	QX37074	BROWN	F.H.E.	BOO	"	Q/-/300	
"	WX30121	JONES	R.E.	EO	"	W/N/200	
"	SX28244	RIX	G.C.	AMEN	"	S/N/193	
CHAPLAINS							
Chaplain	VX134089	MAHER	G	4	CL	No	Detached to 7 Inf Bn
"	VX 94301	Pilkington	C.D.M.	"	"	"	" " 8 " "
"	SX 32801	RAWLINGS	N.E.A.	"	"	"	" " 8 " "
CHANGE OF POSTING.							
WXX28X48X							
WXX Lt	WX28748	WRIGHT G.D.					Relinquishes appt as SCL
Lt (T/Capt)	VX # 114120	FARRAR	G.C.				M/O R.S.L. for retirement Auth. AG 9639

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Maj	VX 64241	SPRING E.E.	HQ 3 Div	26.12.45.	Att pending trans to 11 Div
Capt (T.Maj)	VX114025	OLIVER J.A.	29 Bde	3.12.45	Att pending reposting as BM
Capt	NX131713	TREAT F.B.	15 "	2.11.45.	Duty War Crimes Commission
Lt	VX 102080	HOPE I.R.	7 Bn	" "	Att pending reposting as LO
"	NX103502	COUSINS L.	2/4 Fd Rgt	" "	Att pending reposting as LO2
Capt	VX85008	WOOD G.M.F.	3 Div	19/12/45	Att pending trans to 23 Bde
"	VX101846	O'Shea J.A.	29 Bde	" "	Att pending trans to 23 Bde
"	QX 57962	STEPHENS JWT	3 Div.	" "	" " " "

5.12.46

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 1 / 194 6 HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 3 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 80 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	3	3	5	Sergeants					
10		0	10	Corporals					
49		46	95	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 *	3	58	123 *	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	117		4							
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
01	HQ 5 Div.			14	leave		
1	AAAS 4 BSA			1	Temporary lines		
4	8 Aust Inf Bn			1	7 Aust Inf Bn		
				2	8 Aust Inf Bn		
				1	8 Div Amn.		

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 5/ 1/194 6

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery 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 Reelers			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	4		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	5		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Batman	12	20	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Nrps HT	0	13	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	0		Orderlies	0	0	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Nvg duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	10		Coach Trimmers				con duty	3	23	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				storemen	1	0	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				offrs mess	1	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				tpc sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				C.S.M.	1	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AALC Clerk	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AALC Batman	1	1	
Pharmacists				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AASG Clerk	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AASG Batman	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AASG Clerk	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAGG Clerk	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAGG Batman	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AASG Clerk	1	1	
												AASG Batman	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD	3	5		CARRIED FORWARD	10	30		CARRIED FORWARD	14	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	12	20	

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

5 Jan 46
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF WO'S and WOs

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>
Int duties	s/sgt	1	1		
" "	Cpl	1	1		
Drayman	Cpl	1	2		1
Typ sjt	sjt	1	-		
C.S.M.	WO1	1	1		
H.S.M.	WO1	-	1		1
C.S.M.S.	s/sgt	1	-	1	
Clerks Inf	WO1	1	1	(XX)	
	sgt	-	1		1
	Cpl	1	4		3
Evps NT	Cpl	1	1		1
Cooks	sjt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
Con duty	Cpl	1	2		1
Hoss Cpl	Cpl	1	2		1
EVS Cpl	Cpl	-	1		
A/C.S.M.S.	sgt	-	1		1

SERVICES

AASC	Clerk	Cpl	1	1	
ANIC	orderly	Cpl	1	1	
AALC	Clerk	Cpl	1	1	
AAES	Clerk	sjt	1	1	
AAAS	Clerk	sjt	1	-	1
AAAS	Clerk	Cpl	-	1	
AAOC	Clerk	sjt	1	1	
AAOC		Cpl	-	1	

NOTE

(XX) Promoted Not yet promulgated in PT 11 orders

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DEMOBILISATION

STATISTICS

5 Jan 46

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Trade	Rank	WE	Present str in army area	Below 125	125 129	130 139	140 149
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	1			1	
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	1				1
	Cpl	1	1			1	
	TG11 Pte	2	2 7	5 5		2	
Int D'man	Cpl&Pte	2	3		1	2	
Cooks	Sgt	-	1			1	
	Cpl	1	1				1
	TG11 Pte	2	2		1	1	
Clerks	WO11	1	1			1	
	sjt	-	1				1
	Cpl	1	4			3	1
	TG11 Pte	2	1	1			
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>							
C.S.M.	WO11	1	1	1			
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	-				
Tpt Sjt	sjt	1	-				
Batmen	Pte	12	18	5	3	8	2
Dvr's MT	Cpl	1	1		1		
	Pte	8	10			7	3
Orderlies	Pte	9	9	2	2	4	1
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1	1			
	Cpl	-	1	1			
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	1				1
	Pte	2	16	6	2	2	6
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	2	1	1		
Water Duty	Pte	1	1			1	
Storemen	Pte	1	8	2		5	3
	Cpl	-	1	1			
<u>SERVICES</u>							
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1			
Batman	Pte	1	1			1	
Clerk	Pte	-	1	1			
AAOC Clerk	Cpl	-	1	1			
Batman	Pte	1	1	1			
AAIC Orderly	Cpl	1	1	1			
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	1				1
Batman	Pte	1	1			1	
AAES Clerk	Sjt	1	1		1		
Batman	Pte	1	1			1	
AAAS Clerk	Sjt	1	-				
"	Pte	-	1			1	
AACHD Batmen	Pte	3	1	1			
AAES Clerk	Cpl	-	1				1
		66	107	32	12	41	22

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

/ / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 1 6 / 1946 (Unit)

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

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

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.							
W.E. 1			1	Brigadier* * Lieut.-Colonels												
2	1		1	Majors												
10	2	1	9	Captains												
6	1		5	Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
19	4	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.	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.												
				E(1)		16										
				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.
X102080	Lt	HOPE I.R.	7 Aust Inf Bn	20.12.45	seed. and appt LO(Lt)
NX103502	Lt	COUSINS A.G.	8 Aust Inf Bn	20.12.45	seed and appt LO(Lt) Auth: First Amsl1854
VX114025	Maj.	OLIVER J.A.	HQ 29 Bde	7.1.45	seed and app B.M.
OX57962	Capt	STEPHENS J.W.T.	HQ 3 Div.	23.12.45	seed and appt S.C. (L) 23 Bde.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX94301	Chap	PILKINGTON C.D.M.	HQ 1st Army	7.1.46	Auth: First Army Misl2038 of 29 Dec 45.
SX32801	Chap	RAWLINGS N.E.A.	27 Aust Inf Bn	27.12.45	

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).

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
COMMANDER							
Col (T/Brig.)	NX12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	Comd.	Yes	N/ -/261	
STAFF							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	B.M.	Yes	N/-/258	
Capt	QX734	GUEST	C.I.	B.M.L.	Yes	N/-/279	
"	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	
"	QX57962	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.(L)	Yes	Q/-/150	
MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS							
Capt	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	LO 1	No	V/N/146 Det 7 Bn for Duty	
Capt	NX104279	SIMONS	N.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/-/154	
Capt	VX114025	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/ -/205	
Lt	VX102080	HOPE	I.R.	LO(Lt)	Yes	V/N/142	
Lt	NX103502	COUSINS	A.G.	LO(Lt)	Yes	N/N/146	
SERVICES							
Capt	NX103926	DICKSON	H.G.	Basco	Yes	N/ -/164	
"	NX121136	EWING	R.M.	AALC	Yes	N/ N/ 197	
Lt	QX37074	BROWN	F.H.E.	BOO	Yes	Q/-/300	
"	WX30121	JONES	R.E.	EO	Yes	W/N/200	
"	SX28244	RIX	C.C.	AMEN	Yes	S/N/193	
CHAPLINS							
Chap.	VX134089	MAHER	G.	4 Class No		Det to 7 Aust Inf 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.
Col p	VX94301	PILKINGTON C.D.M.		7.1.46.	Att pending mov to HQ First Army
Capt	NX131713	TREAT F.B.	15 Bde	2.11.45.	Duty War Crimes Commission
Capt	VX85008	WOOD G.M.F.	29X Bde	19.12.45.	Att 3 Div Increment
Lt	NX79114	BERRY G.A.	3 Div.	19.12.45.	" " "
Capt	VX101846	O'SHEA J.A.	2 Corps	19.12.45.	" " "
Lt.	VX108720	STEVENS W.G.	7 Bn	2.1.46.	For duty with 4 Base Sub Area,
Maj.	VX64241	SPRING E.E.	3 Div.	26.12.45.	Pending mov to 11 Div.
Lt.	NX179140	MCCARTHY C.	HQ AMF	3.1.46.	A.E.O.

POOL

12/1/46
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 1 / 1946 Hq 23 Bde (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1 Reinfts. Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 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	6	Sergeants					
10		7	17	Corporals					
48		53	101	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 *	3	63	128*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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										
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
40	Hq 3 Div.			14	Leave		
1	AAAS 4 Base sub Area.			1	Torokina Times		
5	8 Aust Inf Bn.			4	7 Aust Inf Bn.		
				8	8 Aust Inf Bn.		

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 12 / 1 / 1946 .

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, B.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				Soughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reelers			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)		2	4	Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	3	4		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batman	12	20	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Drs MT	9	15	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Orderlies	9	9	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duty	5	22	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				storeman	1	12	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Offrs Mess	1	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	11		Tpt Sjt.	1	-	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				C.Q.M.S.	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AALC Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	0		Coach Trimmers				AALC Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AASC Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AASC Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAAS Clerk	1	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC Clerk	-	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC Batman	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAES Clerk	1	1	
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Typn. Plant				AAES Batman	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AACHD Batman	3	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAMC Ord.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				C.S.M.	1	2	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	5		CARRIED FORWARD	10	18		CARRIED FORWARD	14	29		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	128	

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.

13/1/46
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF WO's and NCO's

<u>POSTING</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	1		
" "	Cpl	1	1		
D'man	Cpl	1	2		1
Tpt sjt	sjt.	1	-	1	
C.S.M.	WO11	1	1		
RM1	WO1	-	1		1
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	-	1	
Clerks Inf	WO11	1	1 (XX)		
	Cpl	1	4		3
Dvr's MT	Cpl	1	1		
Cooks	sjt.	2	1		1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	5		4
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
Hyg Cpl	Cpl	-	-		
Cooks	Cpl	1	-	1	
Clerk Inf	sjt	-	1		1
A/C.Q.M.S.	sgt	-	1		1
<u>SERVICES</u>					
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		
AAMC ORDERLY	Cpl	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	
AAES clerk	sjt	1	1		
AAAS Clerk	sjt	1	-	1	
AAAS Clerk	Cpl	-	1		1
AAOC Clerk	sjt	1	1		
AAOC Clerk	Cpl	-	1		1

NOTE

(XX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PT 11 Orders

 Date of Report

 Signature of Commanding Officer

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS

MK 12 Jan 46

23 Aust Inf Bde.

TRADE	RANK	PRESENT		Below 125	125 129	130 139	140 149
		WE STR	IN ARMY AREA				
<u>POSTING</u>							
Int Duties	s/ sgt	1	1				1
" "	Cpl	1	1	1			
A mn Exam	sgt	1	1			1	
Int D'man	sgt Cp 1	1	2		1	1	
	Exp Pte	1	2	1		1	
Cooks	sgt	-	1			1	
	TGll Pte	2	2			2	
Clerks	Woll	1	1			1	
	Sjt	-	1	1			
	Cpl	1	3			2	1
COOK INT DUTY.	TGll Pte	2	1	1			
	Cpl	1	-	5		1	1
	TGll Pte	2	7				
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>							
C.S.M.	Woll	1	1	1			
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	-				
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	-				
Batman	Pte	12	18	8	1	7	2
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	2			2	
	Pte	8	11			8	3
Orderlies	Pte	9	9	2	1	5	1
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1	1			
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1				1
	Pte	2	19	5	4	6	4
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	2	1		1	
Water Duty	Pte	1	1			1	
Storeman	Pte	1	12	4	1	3	4
	Cpl	-	1	1			
<u>SERVICES</u>							
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1			
	Pte	-	1	1			
	Pte	1	1	1			
AAOC Clerk	Cp 1	-	1	1			
	Pte	1	1		1		
AAMC Orderly	Cpl	1	1	1			
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-				
	Pte	1	1			1	
AAES Clerk	Sjt	1	1		1		
	Pte	1	1			1	
AAAS Clerk	Sjt	1	-				
	Cpl	-	1				1
	Pte	-	2			1	1
AACHD Batman	Pte	3	1	1			
		66	114	38	10	46	20

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *19* / *1* / 194*6* *HQ 23 Inf Bde.* (Unit) *3 46*

W.E. *11 2* / *4* OFFRS. *39* O.R's. *36* + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E. *S*

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.					
<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>Brigadier</i> *										
<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Lieut.-Colonels</i> *										
<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Majors</i>										
<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>Captains</i>										
				<i>Lieutenants</i>										
				<i>Quarter-masters</i>										
				<i>A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.</i>										
				<i>Civilians Counting as Offrs.</i>										
<i>19</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>17</i>											
				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.										
				E.(1)	<i>17</i>									
				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.
<i>NX144651</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>Mitchell A.E.S.</i>	<i>Dental Sect 2/3 A.C.D.</i>	<i>12.1.46</i>	<i>Trans from Dental Sect 2/3 A.C.D. Auth: 23 Bde AG 4679</i>
<i>QX53207</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>Church R.L.</i>	<i>109 CCS</i>	<i>12.1.46</i>	<i>Trans from 109 CCS carried surplus to WE Auth: AG9867</i>
<i>WX61898</i>	<i>Lt</i>	<i>Mesly H.</i>	<i>109 Bde ord Bd</i>	<i>14.1.46</i>	<i>seed and appt 00 23 Bde. First Army AMS210 of 9 Jan 46</i>

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>37974</i>	<i>Lt.</i>	<i>Brown F.H.E.</i>	<i>RSL</i>	<i>17.1.46</i>	<i>for demob Auth: First Army AMS 210 of 9 Jan 46</i>
<i>30121</i>	<i>Lt.</i>	<i>Jones R.E.</i>	<i>WA I of C Area.</i>	<i>17.1.46</i>	<i>for demob. Auth: First Army AMS 246 of 11 Jan</i>

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

3 / 46 (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.
COMMANDER							
Col. (T/Brig)	NX12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	Comd.	Yes	N/-/261	
STAFF							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	BN	Yes	N/-/253	
Capt.	QX 734	GUEST	C.I.	B.M.L.	No	N/-/279 Det to HQ Maint Force	
Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	Fauro
Capt.	QX57962	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.(L)	Yes	Q/-/150	
MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS							
Capt.	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	LO 1	No	V/N/146 Det 7 Bn for duty	
"	NX104279	STIMONS	N.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/-/154	
"	VX114035	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	No	V/-/205 Det to HQ Maint Force	
Lt	VX103080	HOPE	I.R.	LO(Lt)	Yes	V/ N/142	Fauro
"	NX103502	COUSINS	A.G.	LO(Lt)	Yes	N/N/ 146	
SERVICES							
Capt.	NX103926	DICKSON	H.G.	Basco	Yes	N/-/164	
"	NX121136	EWING	R.M.	AALC	Yes	N/N/197	
Lt	VX61898	NEALY	H.	BOO	Yes		
"	SX28244	RIX	C.C.	AMEN	Yes	S/ N/193	
Capt	NX144651	MITCHELL	A.E.S	AADC	No	N/-/156 Det 202-6332/SA.C. D.	
"	QX53207	CHURCH	R.L.	AAMC	No	Q/N/156 Det to 109 CGS	
CHAPLINS							
Chap	VX134089	MAHER	G.	4 class	No	Det to 7 Aust Inf 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.
Chap.	VX94301	PILKINGTON C.D.M.	C.D.M.	7.1.46.	Att pending mov to HQ First
Capt.	NX151713	TREATT F.B.	15 Bde	2.11.45.	Duty War Crimes Commission
Lt	NX79114	BERRY G.A.	3 Div.	19.12.45.	Att 3 Div Increment
Capt.	VX101846	O'SHEA J.A.	2 Corps	19.12.45.	" " "
Lt.	VX108720	STEVENS W.G.	7 Bn	2.1.46	For duty with 4 Base Sub Area
Maj.	VX64241	SPRING E.E.	3 Div.	26.12.45.	Pending mov to 11 Div.
Lt	NX179140	MCCARTHY C.	HQ ANF POOL	3.1.46.	A.E.O.

19/1/46
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 1 / 1943 HQ 23 Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 3 / 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R.'s 60 + 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.																																			
3			3	W.Os. Class II.																																			
1	1		-	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																			
1		3	5	Staff Sergeants																																			
4	1	3	7	Sergeants																																			
20		8	18	Corporals																																			
68		60	108	Troopers, Privates, etc.																																			
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
66 *	2	13	139	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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								
B(1)		154	5							
B(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
40	H Q 3 Inv.			14	Leave		
1	AAAS 4 BSA			1	Torokina Mines		
				7	7 Aust Inf Bn		

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).

Unit
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/1/1946

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	2	2		Surveyors, Engineering	3	5		Operating Room Assts.	10	10		G.P.O. Assistants	14	30	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stiffeners			
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				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	4		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	5		Woodturners				Batman	13	23	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Mrs HT	0	10	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Orderlies	0	10	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Eye Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duty	3	22	22
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Storoman	1	13	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	1	4	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Exp Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C. Q.M.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	11		C. S.M.	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				RBI	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AALC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	9		Coach Trimmers				Birman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coarctors				AASC Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cocks				Birman	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAS Clerk	1	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAGC Clerk	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Birman	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASB Clerk	1	1	
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Tpin. Plant				Birman	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAGHD Birman	3	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAG Ord.	1	3	
Plumber				Moulders				Farrlers				AAG	1	3	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	5		CARRIED FORWARD	10	19		CARRIED FORWARD	14	30		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	130	

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

19/1/46
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF WO's and NCO's

<u>P. OSTING</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>
Int Duties.	S/sgt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	1		
D'nan	Cpl	1	2		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1 (XX)		
CGI	WO1	1	1		
RHI	WO1	-	1		1
CGIS	S/SGT	1	-	1	
Clerks Inf	WO1	1	1 (XX)		
	Sjt	-	1		1
	Cpl	1	1		1
IVRS HT Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
Cooks	Sgt	-	1		1
	Cpl	1	-	1	
Gen Duty	Sgt	-	1		1
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	2		1
A/CGIS	Sgt	-	1		1
Gen Duty Cpl	Cpl	1	2		1
<u>SERVICES</u>					
AADC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		1
AMIC orderly	S/sgt	-	1		1
	Cpl	1	2		1
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	
AABG CLERK	Sjt	1	1		
AAAS Clerk	Sjt	1	-	1	
AAAS Clerk	Cpl	-	1		1
AACC Ann Exam	Sjt	1	1		1
	Cpl	-	1		1
AADC SPl Clerk	S/sgt	-	1		1
	Cpl	-	1		1

NOTE

(XX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PTL orders

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DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS

HIXJX 19 Jan 46

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

TRADE	RANK	WE	Present in array area	Below 125	125 129	130 139	140 149
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	1				1
	Cpl	1	1	1			
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	1			1	
Int B'man	Cpl	1	2		1	1	
	Pte	1	2	1		1	
Int Duties	TG11 Pte	2	7	5		1	1
cook	Sgt	-	1			1	
	Cpl	1	-				
	TG11 Pte	2	3			3	
Clerks	Woll	1	1			1	
	sjt	-	1	1			
	Cpl	1	3			2	1
	TULLY	-	-				
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>							
C.S.M.	Woll	1	1	1			
C.A.M.S.	s/sgt	1	-			1	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	7	1	1	2
Batman	Pte	12	13			1	
DVRG MT	Cpl	1	1			1	3
	Pte	8	11		1	5	2
orderlies	Pte	9	10	2			
Eye Duty	Pte	1	1	1			1
Gen Duty	sjt	-	1				1
	Cpl	1	1			0	2
	Pte	2	22	5	6	1	
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	2	1		1	
Water Duty	Pte	1	1			3	
Storeman	Pte	1	12	4	1		4
	Cpl	-	1	1			
<u>SERVICES</u>							
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1			
	Pte	-	1	1			
	Clerk	1	1	1			
	B'man	-	1	1			
AAOC Clerk	Cpl	-	1		1		
	Pte	1	1			1	
AAOC B'man	B'man	-	1				
AAOC Orderly	s/sgt	-	1	1		1	
	Cpl	1	2	1			
AALG Clerk	Cpl	1	1			1	
	Pte	1	1				
AAES Clerk	sjt	1	1		1	1	
	Pte	1	1				
AAAS Clerk	sjt	1	-				1
	Cpl	-	1			1	1
	Pte	-	2				
AAGHD B'man	Pte	3	1	1			1
AAOC	s/sgt	-	1		1		
	Cpl	-	1	1			
	Pte	-	1	1			
		66	125	39	12	53	21

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit HQ 23 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 1946 To 28 Feb 1946

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	Feb 1	1500	The Bde Comd, B.M., personnel and stores of Bde HQ arrived in Fauro.	
	Feb 2	1700	The Bde Comd and B.M., attended formal mess at 7 Bn in POYANA BAY.	
	Feb 4	0900	The Bde Comd and B.M., visited Lt.Gen. KANDA 17 JAP Army on SAMANSO IS. Lt.Col. ELLIOTT SMITH C.O. P.I.B. called on the Bde Comd.	
	Feb 5	0900	The Bde Comd and B.M., inspected HQ Force Maintenance Area. Jap ships KASHIMA and KURUZUKI arrived in CENTRAL BAY.	
	Feb 6	0900 0800 1300	The Bde Comd and S.C. visited and inspected 7 Bn Area. KURUZUKI sailed for JAPAN with 1055 Japs. KASHIMA sailed for JAPAN with 1723 Japs.	
	Feb 7		ARAMASAN MARU, Hospital ship, arrived at Fauro to evacuate lying and walking cases.	
	Feb 8	1115	ARAMASAN MARU departed for JAPAN with 1400 Japs, comprising 200 lying and 1200 walking patients.	
	Feb 10		KUMANO MARU JAP repatriation ship arrived at FAURO IS.	
	Feb 11	0600	KUMANO MARU departed for JAPAN carrying 3611 JAPS. Lt.Col. MARSH O.B.E. CASC visited the Bde Comd and will remain at Bde HQ until 18 Feb.	
	Feb 12		8 M.D. assumes command previously exercised by First Army. HQ located at RABAU with rear HQ at LAE. HQ First Army and HQ 5 Base Sub Area declared redundant.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adap ed.)

Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	Feb 13	0500	<p style="text-align: center;">- 2 -</p> <p>Lt.Col. MARSH O.B.E. left for TOROKINA enroute to RABAUl. Jap repatriation ship NISSYO MARU sailed for JAPAN with 3100 Japs. 46 personnel from FAURO with 140 pts and over to move to TOROKINA for movement to AUSTRALIA by the KATOOMBA. A total of 1217 to depart from BOUGAINVILLE on the KATOOMBA.</p>	
	Feb 15		<p>Maj N.N. LACK O.B.E. Comd of Force Maintenance Area, with 33 personnel departed for TOROKINA for movement to the mainland on the KATOOMBA. Bde Comd received a personal message from LT.GEN. ROBERTSON conveying his best wishes for the future.</p>	
	Feb 17		<p>Two Jap repatriation ships departed for JAPAN. The KOSYO MARU with 2407 Japs and the HIKAWA MARU with 2536. With the sailing of these 2 ships there are only 3,700 Japs left in the FAUROS. These include 1400 FORMOSANS and KOREANS.</p>	
	Feb 18		<p>Advice received that the Jap aircraft carrier KATSURAGI, capacity 5000 due at RABAUl from JAPAN on 23 Feb. This ship to be rerouted to FAURO to lift all remaining JAPANESE, dropping the FORMOSANS and KOREANS at RABAUl.</p>	
	Feb 19		<p>Maj.Gen. MORRIS GOC 8 M.D. departed from RABAUl on HMAS MACQUARIE enroute to FAURO IS and TOROKINA. Mildist RABAUl require numbers of personnel on FAURO 124 points and under available for movement to RABAUl and numbers 125 points and over for movement to the mainland.</p>	
	Feb 21	1530	<p>Mildist RABAUl approves proposal to reduce FAURO Garrison to caretaker force. Maj.Gen. MORRIS, GOC 8 M.D. arrived FAURO and dined at Bde HQ.</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	Feb 22	0700	- 3 - Maj.Gen. MORRIS spent the night on board the MACQUARIE and departed at 0700 hrs for RABAU.	
	Feb 25		The Bde Comd, B.M., and S.C., visited the P.I.B. The courier LAE-TOROKINA reduced to one service weekly.	
	Feb 27		The B.M. departed for RABAU on JAP repatriation ship KATSURAGI to liaise with HQ 8 M.D. The delay in courier service has made the visit necessary in order to discuss and clarify the situation, now that all the JAPANESE have been repatriated from FAURO IS.	
	Feb 28		Two Japanese surrendered to the P.I.B. They had broken from the Jap compound, where they were serving sentences for desertion, in Nov 45 and since then have been living on local foods in the southern portion of FAURO IS. There are still at least four others in the hills.	

Walter Simpson
13/2/46

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APPX 'A'

SECRET

Copy No. 17

Subject: 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 21

Hq 23 Inf Bde

G1/46/2233

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 21.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Inf Bde as at 2350 hrs 7 Feb 46.
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 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 21.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE

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 capt
 for
 Maj
 Bn 23 Inf Bde

SIGNED IN THE FIELD

8 Feb 46.

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
Hq 23 Fd Coy	1
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
7 Inf Bn	3
PAFUAM Inf En	4
Hq 2 Fd Amb	5
Hq Force Maint Area (2)	6 - 7
Det 7 Base Postal Unit	8
Det 11 Div Pro Coy	9
Det AACCS	10
Det 2 MC Gp	11
Bn	12
BASCO	13
BOO	14
Comd Office	15
File	16
War Diary (2)	17 - 18
 <u>Copy to</u>	
First Army (4)	19 - 22
First Army Liaison Office	23
4 Base Sub Area	24
Nov TOROKINA	25

23 INF THE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 21
 as at 2309 hrs 7 Feb 46.

Ref Maps : TOROKINA - FAURO ISLAND - SHORTLAND IS one inch series

Serial	Arm or Service.	SE	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	HQ Un...	TS	HQ 23 Inf Bde (AIF)	FAURO	721159	
2.			Det 8 MC Gp (Type D)	"	731158	
3.	Engrs	TS	HQ 23 Fd Coy (AIF)	"	731158	
4.	Sigs	TS	23 Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	721159	
5.		TS	Det 35 Wireless Sec (Hy)(AIF)	"	724159	
6.		TS	Det 22 Cypher Sec	"	724159	
7.		TS	Det 1 Broadcast Maint Sec		Unknown	
8.	Inf	TS	7 Inf Bn (AIF) less 15 Pl	" SHORTLAND IS	742148 498058	DALLALE Airstrip
9.		TS	PAPUAN Inf Bn	FAURO	744135	
10.	Int	TS	Det ATIS	"	731158	
11.	S & T	TS	243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	"	730157	
12.		TS	Sec 40 Tpt Pl (AIF)	"	728156	
13.		TS	Det 17 Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	"	730157	
14.	AA Tn	TS	52 Port Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	"	727157	
15.		TS	4 Water Amb Sec	"	727157	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
16.	Med	TS	2 Fd Amb	FAURO	733158	
17.		TS	19 Malaria Control Unit (Type B)(AIF)	"	731158	Det remaining at TOROKINA until close of base.
18. 18(a).	EME		FAURO IS Area Wasp less Watercraft Wasp Sec	" TOROKINA	726157 TOROKINA	
19.	Dental	TS	F Sec 77 Dental Unit	FAURO	733158	
20.	Pay	TS	Det 11 Div Fd Cash Office	"	731158	
21.	Postal	TS	Det 7 Base Postal Unit	"	731158	
22.	Pro	TS	Det 11 Div Pro Coy	TOROKINA	TOROKINA	
23.	Graves	TS	19 War Graves Unit	"	"	
24.			Det First Army War Graves Maint Sec	"	"	
25.	Canteens	TS	Det AACS	FAURO	731158	
26.	Amenities	TS	Det 1 Cinema Unit	"	731158	
27.	Edn		Det HQ ALF A Edn Service	"	731158	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

8 / 40 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 1946 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 39 O.R's. 00 + 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.					
W.E. 1			1	*										
2	1		1	*										
10	2		8	Lieut.-Colonels										
6			6	Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
10	3		13											
				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.										
				E.(1)	13									
				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.
QX734	Capt	GURST G.I.	HQ 23 Inf Bde	1.2.46	Trans to appointed Cap Army Disposals HQ AIF Auth: AIF 1001 of 3 Jan 4
HX144661	Capt	ERICH MITCHELL A.S.S.	HQ 23 Bde	27.1.46	Trans to 1st CGS for movt to mainland Auth P.A. AG20757 of 23 Jan
QX53207	"	CHURCH R.L.	"	27.1.46	"
8X20344	Lt	REX G.G.	HQ 23 Inf Bde	20.1.46	REL. Reposting Auth: P.A. AIF 204 of 23 Jan

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 2/2/1946 (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.
<u>KIMMEL</u>							
Brig.	IX32221	SEMPSON	H.V.	Comd.	Yes	N/A/201	
<u>MAFF</u>							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	B.M.	Yes	N/A/203	
Capt.	QX30500	COCHRAN	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/A/255	
"	QX57062	STEPHENS	J.W.S.	S.C.L.	Yes	Q/A/150	
<u>UNRECORDED APPROXIMATES</u>							
Capt	VX114130	TRIVETT	J.L.	L.O.	Yes	V/N/143	
"	IX104279	STONIS	H.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/A/154	
"	VX114025	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/A/205	
Lt	VX103000	HOPE	I.R.	L.O. (Lt)	Yes	Not present with unit	Not recorded
"	IX105802	COUSINS	A.G.	L.O. (Lt)	Yes	N/A/140	
<u>WIGGS</u>							
Capt	IX103926	HICKSON	H.C.	Disco	Yes	N/A/104	
"	IX122150	EWING	R.M.	AALC	No	Not in base sub area	N/A/107
Lt	VX61000	HEALY	H.	BOC	Yes	V/N/205	
<u>WIGGS</u>							
Lt	VX104430	EATON	H.E.	AME	Yes	V/A/130	
"	IX137037	CONVARY	L.G.	H.C.	Yes	N/A/151	
"	IX179140	MCCARTHY	C.	H.O.	Yes		
<u>WELLS</u>							
Mag	VX134030	HAIER	G.	4 Class		Not yet must inf in.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

2/2/46
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/2/1946 HQ 25 Bdo (Unit)

W.E. 13/2/4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 64 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	6	Sergeants					
10		3	13	Corporals					
43		47	95	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66*	2	53	117*	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										
B(1)	108		9							
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.
3	AARS			25	Leave		
1	AARS 4 Base Sub Area.			1	7 Aust Inf Bn		
4	7 Aust. INF. Bn.			3	AVL		

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 2 / 2 / 1946.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners		2		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, 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)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)		2	3	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		3	6	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				H.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		4	13	C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				A.A.C. Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				B.M.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		4	17	Coach Trimmers				A.A.S. Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreteors				B.M.	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				A.A.C. Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				B.M.	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				B.M.	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				B.M.	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				B.M.	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				A.A.C.H.D. B.M.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.A.S. Clerk	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.C. Sgd.	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				H.S. Suty	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		3	3	CARRIED FORWARD		10	16	CARRIED FORWARD		14	20	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	117	*

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

2/2/46
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF W.O.'s & NCO's

Serial No. _____
Detailed in _____
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at _____ hours

Details of Treatment	Rank	W.O.	S.P.	GROUP I		GROUP II		Details of Treatment	Rank	W.O.	S.P.
				Number	Grade	Number	Grade				
Army Chaplain	Sgt			1	Sgt	1		Army Chaplain	Sgt		
Medical Aid	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Medical Aid	Cpl		
Team Leader	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Team Leader	Cpl		
Cook	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Cook	Cpl		
Battalion	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Battalion	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Platoon	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Platoon	Cpl		
Section	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Section	Cpl		
Team	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Team	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Battalion	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Battalion	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Platoon	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Platoon	Cpl		
Section	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Section	Cpl		
Team	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Team	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Battalion	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Battalion	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Platoon	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Platoon	Cpl		
Section	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Section	Cpl		
Team	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Team	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Battalion	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Battalion	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Platoon	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Platoon	Cpl		
Section	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Section	Cpl		
Team	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Team	Cpl		
Company	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Company	Cpl		
Battalion	Cpl			1	Cpl	1		Battalion	Cpl		

NOTE Orders LTP in detail are not to be promoted (XX)

Signature of Commander _____
Date of Dispatch _____

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS

HQ 23 Inf Bde

2.2.46

TRADE	RANK	W.E. Present in		Below	125	130
		army area		125	129	139
Int Duties	S/sgt	1	-			
	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	1	1		
D'man	Cpl	1	1		1	
Int	TG1 Pte	1	1			1
	TG11 Pte	2	3	2		1
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-			
Cook	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	-			
	TG11Pte	2	4	1		3
Clerks	WOLL	1	1			1
	Cpl	1	2	1		1
	L/Cpl&TG11Pte	2	3	3		
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
C.S.M.	WOLL	1	1	1		
C.Q.M.S.	S/sgt	1	-			
A/C.Q.M.S.	Sgt	-	1			
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1			
Batman	Pte	12	11	5	2	4
Dvrs M.T.	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	8	11	3	2	6
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	2	2	2
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1			1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	2	9		4	5
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	-	2			2
Water Duty	Pte	1	1	1		
Storeman	Pte	1	1			1
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	-	1	1		
	B'man	1	1	1		
AAOC Clerk	Sgt	-	1	1		
	Cpl	-	1	1		
	Pte	-	2		1	1 volunteered
	B'man	1	1			1 to serve on
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-			
	B'man	1	1			1
AAES SGT & B'man		2	1		Pte 1	
AAAS Clerk Sgt & Cpl		1	1		Cpl 140 Points Key Personnel	
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	1	1		
AAOC Storeman Cpl&Pte		-	8	3	1	4
		66	89	32	14	40

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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C. 10 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/2/1940 H.O. 30. 30 (Unit)

W.E. 11/3/4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
W.E. 1			1	Brigadier*												
2	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels												
10	2		10	Majors												
6			6	Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
10	3		16													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.												
				E.(1)			10									
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 0.3/194.6 (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.
COMMANDER							
		STIRSON	H.S.	CO HQ	YES		
GRADE							
Maj.	V3314035	OLIVER	J.A.	D.L.	YES		
Capt.	V333000	COCHRAN	G.A.	S.C.	YES		
Capt.	V337003	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.L.	YES		
REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS							
Capt.	V3314130	MURPHY	J.	101	YES		
"	V3304370	SMITH	H.S.	P.O.	YES		
"	V3314025	CALDWELL	D.L.	L.O.	YES		
Lt	V3302000	DOPE	T.H.	L.O.	YES	to det to 33 Bde HQ 2004	
"	V3303503	COUSINS	A.G.	L.O.	YES		
RETIRES							
Capt.	V3305000	NICHSON	H.C.	1000	YES		
"	V3321135	WYING	R.H.	1000	NO det to 4 Bde HQ 2004		
Lt	V331000	HEALY	H.	P.C.C.	YES		
"	V3304430	BROWN	H.S.	1000	YES		
"	V3307037	CONWAY	L.G.	L.O.	YES		
"	V3301140	MCCARTHY	J.	H.O.	YES		
REPLACEMENT							
Capt.	V3334000	HARRIS	C.	4th class	NO det to 7 Bde HQ 2004		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	V333303	KIRBY	H. 7 Bn	2.9.46	Attached for duty

9/2/46
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/2/1946. HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1	1		-	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	1		-	Staff Sergeants					
4		5	7	Sergeants					
10		2	12	Corporals					
48		42	90	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 *	2	48	112	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										
B(1)	103		9							
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.
4	7 Aust Inf Bn			25	leave		
4	AAES			1	7 Aust Inf Bn		
1	AAAS 4 Base Sub Area.			3	A.W.L.		

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).

Unit

Serial No.

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 2 / 1946 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter	2			Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
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				Range-takers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, 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)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	5	6		Woodturners				Batman	1	2	17
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Orderlies	9	8	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dyrs	9	17	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Eye Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duty	5	14	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Storeman	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN	1	5	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				1st Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	6		W.O.I.	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				R.S.M.	-	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				C.Q.M.S.	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	7		Coach Trimmers				A.L.C. Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				B'aman	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				A.A.S.C. Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				B'aman	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				A.A.S.C. Clerk	-	4	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.S.C. B'aman	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Storeman	7		
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				A.A.S. Clerk	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				B'aman	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				A.A.C.H.D. B'aman	3	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				A.A.S.C. ORD.	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	10	15		CARRIED FORWARD	1	4	21	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	1	12*

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(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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(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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DETAILS OF WO's & NCO's

POSTING

RANK

W.E.

P.S.

DEFICIENT

SURPLUS

Int Duties	Details of Assignment	Rank	W.E.	P.S.	Deficient	Surplus
Tpt Sgt	G.O. Assistant	S/sgt	1	1		
C.S.M.	Hammerman	sgt	1	1		
R.S.M.	Leather Blister	sgt	1	1		
C.Q.M.S.	Ordnance Number	sgt	1	1		
A/C.Q.M.S.	Ordnance Number	sgt	1	1		
Clerks	Rate Layers	W011	1	1		
Cooks Sgt	Electrician	sgt	1	1		
Gen Duty	Headquarters	sgt	1	1		
Mess Cp 1	Headquarters mess	sgt	1	1		
SERVICES						
A.A.S.C. Clerk	Technical	Cp 1	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Technical	Cp 1	1	1		
AAES Sgt	Weapon Erector	sgt	1	1		
AAAS Clerk	Warehouse	sgt	1	1		
AAOC Ann Exam Clerk	Warehouse	sgt	1	1		
NOTE						
(XX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PTL1 orders.						
CARRIED FORWARD						

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(c) When A.W.A.R. and/or A.A.M.V.R. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where equipment not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.E. in col. "Retains 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.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS

9.2.46

Hq 23 Inf Bde.

TRADE	RANK	W.E.	Present in army area	Below 1 25	125 129	130 1 39
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	=			
	sgt	=	1			1
	Cpl	1	1	1		
D ⁿ man	Cpl	1	=			
	Pte	1	1			1
Int	TG1 Pte	2	3	2		1
Assn Exm	TG11 Pte	1	=			
Cook	sgt	=	1			1
	Cpl	1	=			
	Pte	2	4	2		2
Clerks	WOLL	1	1			1
	Cp 1	1	2	1		1
	L/Cpl & TG11 Pte	2	3	3		
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
C.S.M.	WOLL	1	1	1		
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	=			
A/ C.Q.M.S.	sgt	=	1			
Tpt Sgt	sgt	1	1			1
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	8	11	3	2	6
Batman	Pte	12	9	5		4
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	2	2	2
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1			1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	2	9	1	4	4
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	=	2			2
Water Duty	Pte	1	1	1		
Storman	Pte	1	1			1
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	=	1	1		
B ⁿ man	Pte	1	1	1		
AAOC Clerk	sgt	=	1	1		
	Cpl	=	1	1		
	Pte	=	2		1	1 volunteered to serve on
B ⁿ man	Pte	1	1			1
Storeman	Cpl	=	2	1	1	
	Pte	=	6	2		4
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	=			
B ⁿ man	Pte	1	1			1
AAES Clerk	sgt	1	=			
B ⁿ man	Pte	1	1		1	
AAAS Clerk	sgt	1	=			
	Cpl	=	1			
AACID B ⁿ man	Pte	3	1	1		
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/2/1945 HQ 23 Bde. (Unit) 77/46 (Serial No.)

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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.
W.E. 1			1	* Brigadier *					
2	1		1	Lieut. Colonels					
10	2		1	Majors					
6	1		5	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
19	4		15						

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.										
E.(1)			15							
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.
No: 137027 Lt		CON VARY L.G.	NSW L of G Area	10.2.46	Relinquish appt as Hvy Offr 23 Bde, trans to NSW I of G Area for disposal Auth: F.A.MS604 of 31 Jan 46

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 26/2/1946 (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.
COMMANDER							
Brig.	1032931	SIMPSON	H.W.	Comd.	Yes	N/A/363	
STAFF							
Maj.	VX224005	OLIVER	J.A.	Batt.	Yes	N/A/350	
Capt.	055555	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	N/A/350	
"	057062	SIMPSON	J.W.T.	S.C.L.	Yes	N/A/350	
HIGH LAUNCH APPROXIMATES							
Capt.	VX224200	STEVENS	J.L.	LO 1	Yes	V/H/346	
"	10304370	SEMONS	H.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/H/354	
"	VX224005	CAMPBELL	D.L.	T.O.	Yes	V/H/355	
Lt.	VX202000	HOPKINS	L.R.	L.O.	Yes	V/H/343	
"	10303502	COUSINS	A.G.	L.O.	Yes	N/H/340	
SERVICES							
Capt.	10305000	HICKSON	H.C.	ENSCO	Yes	N/A/364	
"	10303355	BURNS	R.H.	AALC	Yes	N/H/397	
Lt.	VX202000	HEALY	H.	DOC	Yes	V/H/3050	
"	VX204450	BAXON	H.E.	AMON	Yes	V/H/330	
"	10379340	McCARNEY	G.	E.O.	Yes	N/A/340	
QUARTERS							
Cmp	VX234000	HALL	G.	4 class		not to 7 Aust Inf Bn.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	W333505	KEMPE R.	7 Inf	2.3.46	Attached for duty

26.2.46

Date of Despatch

Simons Capt
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/2/1946 HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/46. OFFRS. 1 2 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1 Reinf'ts. Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Reinf'ts. Required.
1		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	6	Sergeants					
10		2	12	Corporals					
48		38	86	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 *	1	43	108 *	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										
B(1)	99		9							
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.
4	7 Aust Inf Bn			25	Leave		
10	AAES			1	7 Bn		
1	AAAS 4 Base Sub Area.			3	AWL		
				2	COMAIR		

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 16 / 2 / 1946

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.F.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.F.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.F.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	-		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				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 Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Batman	12	17	
Electricians				Cooks	3	6		Woodturners				Orderlies	9	8	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Dvrs	9	1 6	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Gen Duty	3	12	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storeman	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								offrs Mess	1	5	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				R.S.M.	-	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Hcight Taker				Clerks	4	6		C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AALC Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				B'man	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	7		Coach Trimmers				AASC Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				B'man	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAOC Clerk	-	4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				B'man	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Storeman	-	7	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAES Clerk	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				B'man	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AAAS Clerk	1	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AACHD B'man	3	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAHC Ord.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Hyg Duty	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	10	15		CARRIED FORWARD	1	4	21	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	108	

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16 Feb 46
Date of Despatch

Chambers Capt.
Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF WO's & NCO's

POSTING

RANK

W.E.

P.S.

DEFICIENT

SURPLUS

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

Int Duties

Int Duties	Rank	W.E.	P.S.	Deficient	Surplus
D'man	Cpl	1	1	(XX)	
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	(XX)	
C.S.M.	WO1	1	1	(XX)	
R.S.M.	WO1	1	1	(XX)	
C.Q.M.S.	S/sgt	1	1	(XX)	
Clerks	WO1	1	1	(XX)	
Cooks	Cpl	1	1	(XX)	
Gen Duty	Sgt	1	1	(XX)	
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1	(XX)	
SERVICES					
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1		
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	1		
AAOC Amn Exam Clerk	Sgt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	2		
NOTE					
(XX) promoted NOT yet promulgated in PT11 ORDERS					
CARRIED FORWARD					

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

DEMobilisation/STATISTICS

H. Q 23 Inf Bde.

16.2.46

TRADE	RANK	Present in		Below 125	125 129	130 139
		W.E.	army area			
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	1		
	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	1	1		
B'man	Cpl	2	-			
	TG 1 Pte	1	1			1
	TG11 Pte	2	2	1		1
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-			
Cook	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	-			
	TG11 Pte	2	4	2		2
Clerks	W011	1	1			1
	Cpl	1	2	1		1
	L/Cpl & Pte TG111	2	3	3		
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
C.S.M.	W011	1	1	1		
C.Q.M.S.	S/sgt	1	-			
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1			1
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	8	10	3	2	5
Batman	Pte	12	9	5		4
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	2	2	2
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1			1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	2	7	1	3	3
Oftrs Mess	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	-	2			2
Water Duty	Pte	1	1	1		
Stroeman	Pte	1	1			1
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	-	1	1		
B'man	Pte	1	1	1		
AAOC Clerk	Sgt	-	1	1		
	Cpl	-	1	1		
	Pte	-	2		1	1 volunteered to serve on
B'man	Pte	1	1			1
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1	1	
	Pte	-	6	2		4
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-			
B'man	Pte	1	1			1
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1		1	
B'man	Pte	1	1		1	
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-			
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	1	1		
Y						
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

0 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... (Unit)

W.E. OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			2	*										
2	1		1	*										
10	2		8	Lieut.-Colonels										
0	1		5	Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
10	4		15											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.										
				E.(1)		15								
				E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

HQ 23 Inf Bde.

Unit

0 46 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/3/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
<u>COMMANDER</u>							
Brig.	113333	SHIPPON	H.V.	Comd.	Yes	1/1/303 D	
<u>MAJOR</u>							
Major	V1114025	OLIVER	J.A.	D.H.	Yes	1/1/350	
Capt.	Q136589	COCHRANE	C.A.	S.C.	Yes	1/1/350	
"	Q137962	STEPHENS	J.V.T.	S.C.L.	Yes	1/1/350	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>							
Capt.	V1114120	STEVENS	J.L.	L.O.L.	Yes	1/1/140	
"	H1204270	SEIGNS	H.S.	S.C.	Yes	1/1/154	
"	V1114038	CAMPBELL	D.L.	S.C.	Yes	1/1/305 D	
Lt.	V1103680	HOPE	I.R.	L.O.	Yes	1/1/140	
"	H1103802	COUSINS	A.G.	L.O.	Yes	1/1/140	
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt.	H1105026	ROBINSON	H.C.	TRACO	Yes	1/1/104	
"	H1101155	EVING	R.H.	A.A.L.C.	Yes	1/1/207	
Lt.	V1101000	HEALY	H.	B.O.C.	Yes	1/1/305D	
"	V1104430	BATH	H.B.	ASON	Yes	1/1/150	
"	H1170140	McCARTHY	S.C.	S.C.	Yes	1/1/140	
<u>CHAPLAINS</u>							
Capt.	V1134000	HAUER	G. 4 class		No	not to 7 Aust Inf Bde	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
<u>ROBINSON</u>					
Lt.	H1131503	ROBINSON R.	7 Inf	1.3.46	Attached for duty

23.3.46

Date of Despatch

e. Stevens Capt

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/2/1946 H.Q. 23 Ddo. (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/46 OFFRS 19 O.R.'s 66 + OFFRS 0 O.R.'s 0 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
<u>W.E.</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	W.Os. Class I.						
<u>2</u>			<u>2</u>	W.Os. Class II.						
<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	Staff Sergeants						
<u>4</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	Sergeants						
<u>10</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	Corporals						
<u>48</u>		<u>38</u>	<u>86</u>	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
<u>66</u> *	<u>-</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>109</u> *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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										
B(1)	<u>100</u>		<u>9</u>							
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
<u>4</u>	<u>7 Aust Inf Bn</u>		
<u>10</u>	<u>A.A.E.S.</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>A.A.A.S. 4 Base sub Area.</u>		

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
<u>25</u>	<u>Leave</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>7 Bn</u>		
<u>3</u>	<u>A.W.L.</u>		

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 23 / 2 / 1946 .

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	-		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				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Detman	10	17	
Electricians	2	2		Cooks	3	6		Woodturners				Orderlies	9	9	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								IVS	0	10	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Water duty	0	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Eye duty	0	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Gen duty	0	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Storeman	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Offrs Mess	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Sgt Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	4	6		WOL	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				WOL	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				C.O.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				A.A.L.C. Clk.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	7		Coach Trimmers				Detman	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AASC Clk	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Detman	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AASC Clk	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Detman	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Storeman	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAS Clk	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Detman	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAS Clk	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AACHD Detman	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAC Clk	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	10	15		CARRIED FORWARD	14	21		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	100	* *

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF A COMPANY

Unit

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 1/2/194

Int Duties	Rank	Serial No.	Special Duties	Remarks	Serial No.	Special Duties	Remarks
Command	1st Lt	1			1		
1st Sgt	1st Sgt	1			1		
C.S.M.	1st Lt	1			1		
R.S.M.	1st Lt	1			1		
C.Q.M.S.	1st Lt	1			1		
Clerks	1st Lt	1			1		
Cooks	1st Lt	1			1		
Gen Duty	1st Lt	1			1		
Mess Cpl	1st Lt	1			1		
SERVICES							
AASC Clerk	1st Lt	1			1		
AAC Ord	1st Lt	1			1		
AALC Clerk	1st Lt	1			1		
AAS Clerk	1st Lt	1			1		
AAS Clerk	1st Lt	1			1		
AAC Ann Excl Clerk	1st Lt	1			1		
NOTE							
(XX) promoted NOT yet promulgated in PTL1 ORDERS.							
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 reports provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where requirement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of N.E. 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.

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

DEMOBILISATION

STATISTICS

HQ 23 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE.

23.2.46

TRADE	RANK	Present in		Below 125	125		130		
		W.E.	army area		129	159			
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	1	1					
	sgt	-	1					1	
B'man	Cpl	1	1	1					
	Cpl	1	-					1	
	Tel Pte	1	1					1	
	Tel1 Pte	2	2	1				1	
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-					1	
Cooks	Sgt	-	1					1	
	Cpl	1	-					1	
	Tel1 Pte	2	4	2				2	
Clerks	Wol1	1	1					1	
	Cpl	1	2	1				1	
	L/Cpl & Tel11 Pte	2	3	3					
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>									
C.S.M.	Wol1	1	1	1					
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	1					1	
Tpt Sgt	sgt	1	1					1	
	Cpl	1	1	1					
Dvrs MT	Pte	8	10	3		2		5	
Patman	Pte	12	9	4				5	
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	2		2		2	
Rtg Duty	Pte	1	1					1	
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1					1	
	Pte	2	7	1		3		3	
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1					1	
	Pte	-	2					2	
Water Duty	Pte	1	1	1					
Storeman	Pte	1	1					1	
<u>SERVICES</u>									
AAAC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1					
	Pte	-	1	1					
B'man	Pte	1	1	1					
AAOC Clerk	Sgt	-	1	1					
	Cpl	-	1	1					
	Pte	-	2			1	1 volunteered to serve on		
B'man	Pte	1	1					1	
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1		1			
	Pte	-	6	2				4	
AAAC Ord	Cpl	1	1	1					
AAAC Clerk	Cpl	1	-						
B'man	Pte	1	1					1	
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-						
AAChD B'man	Pte	1	1	1					
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	1			1			
B'man	Pte	1	1			1			
		66	81	32		11		37	

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WAR DIARY

HQ 23 INF BDE
MARCH 1946.

FAURO IS.

- 1 MAR The WINCHESTER VICTORY departs RABAUl for FAURO IS, 2 Mar via TOROKINA.
Advice received from MILDIST RABAUl that personnel under 125 points with 15 months aggregate tropical service will move to mainland for repositing. All FAURO units with exception PIB will become redundant.
PIB to move to RABAUl.
- 2 MAR Following units on FAURO IS declared redundant. HQ 23 Bde - 23 Bde Sig Sec - 7 Inf Bn - 243 Sup Dep Pl - 2 Fd Amb (less 23 Fd Coy two coys) - FAURO IS Workshops - 52 Port Landing Craft Coy. Approval given for Maj J.A. OLIVER BM 23 Bde to be appointed BM 4 Inf Bde on completion of duties with 23 Bde.
Capt EWING Legal Offr 23 Bde repositing HQ 8 MD.
- 4 MAR ETA FAURO of WINCHESTER VICTORY now 6 or 7 MAR.
- 5 MAR Approval given for Lt.COL. P.G. WEBSTER, CO 7 Inf Bn to report to 11 DIV for interview with a view to appointment to Comd an Inf Bn of 11 Div on completion of present duties at FAURO IS.
Capt N.S. SIMONS T.O. 23 BDE to be attached to HQ 8 MD pending posting as SC(Q).
- 6 MAR Small craft courier service RABAUl-TOROKINA-FAURO and return to commence 11 MAR operating twice weekly.
- 7 MAR WINCHESTER VICTORY arrived at FAURO IS to load personnel and stores for shipment to RABAUl. The BM returned from HQ 8 M.D. on the VICTORY.
- 9 MAR Approval given for personnel who have not had leave for 2 years as at 28 FEB to be despatched on leave.
COL THOMPSON MC ADMS 8 MD arrived on FAURO and is staying at Bde HQ.
First mate of WINCHESTER VICTORY dined at Bde HQ.
Advice received from 8 MD that the "KANIMBLA" ETD SYDNEY 16 MAR will discharge cargo at RABAUl and thence load troops to capacity of 1300 from FAURO for movement to the mainland.
- 10 MAR The Comd, B.M. and SC lunched on board the WINCHESTER VICTORY.
- 11 MAR COL THOMPSON ADMS 8 MD boarded the VICTORY to return to RABAUl.
PIB and low priority personnel embarked for movement to RABAUl.
COMD TOROKINA area passed from Lt.COL FRY to CAPT E.D. CLARKE O.C. CARETAKER FORCE which will consist of 1 OFFR and 57 OR.
- 12 MAR WINCHESTER VICTORY remained anchored in the bay, owing to lack of docking facilities at TOROKINA.
- 13 MAR WINCHESTER VICTORY sailed for RABAUl via TOROKINA with 40 offrs. 772 ORs and 4 Jap PW. Units comprised PIB, det ATIS, "F" Sec 77 Dental Unit, det HQ AMF Pool AA Edn Service, together with personnel from all units under 125 points with less than 15 months overseas service.
- 15 MAR Bde Comd and S.C. visited ERVENTA IS by launch.
- 16 MAR Owing to lack of aircraft safety facilities at TOROKINA the air courier will be discontinued.

- 20 MAR The Bde Comd and S.C. visited SHORTLAND IS by launch. AV2070 "EMILY" sailed for RABAU.
- 21 MAR Allotment of personnel for the KANIMBLA - TOROKINA 70 incl RAAF - FAURO 1020, RABAU 210. The TURRAH refrigeration ship arrived from RABAU and will remain here to supply refrigerator requirements.
- 24 MAR Heavy seas damaged the jetty at TOROKINA, closing it to shipping for 48 hrs.
- 26 MAR The majority of the vacated JAPANESE compound gardens, are now producing considerable quantities of vegetables and fruit. All units are availing themselves of the opportunity of collecting supplies for local consumption.
- 28 MAR CDC CATALINA visited TOROKINA and FAURO IS.
- 31 MAR Advice received that "KANIMBLA" will arrive TOROKINA 1 APR, and approx 4 APR at FAURO IS.

Brig.
Comd 23 Inf Bde.

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

APR 46.

Subject: VICTORY MARCH, LONDON, JUNE 1946.

HQ 23 Inf Bde

A16/43.

7 INF BN
2 FL AMB
HQ Force Maint Area
Det 8 MC Gp
HQ 23 Fd Coy
243 Sup Dep Pl
11 Fd Baking Pl
52 Port Ldg Craft Coy
Faure Island Area Wksp
98 Depot Cash Office
Det 7 Base Postal Unit
Det NG Det AA Canteens Service
Det 1 Cinema Unit
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec
Camp HQ 23 Inf Bde.

Subtended for information and necessary action is a copy of Eight Military District A244 of 19 March.

1. Approval has been given to raise an Australian Contingent for participation in a Victory March to be held in LONDON during June 1946.
2. The Eight Military District allotment for the contingent is:-
Males - 1 Major
12 S/Sgts or below including 1 mech IV.
In addition HQ, AMB will select the following:-
CO (Lt-Col)
RMO (Major or Capt)
Chaplain
Female personnel of all Womens Services.
3. Branches, Services Formations and 8 MB Units are requested to forward to this HQ by signal urgently the names and full particulars (including decorations and awards) of volunteers and the recommendation of the CO.
4. Personnel to comprise the 8 MB allotment will be selected by HQ 8 MB from the volunteers whose names are submitted vide para 3 hereof.
5. Priority in selection will be given to volunteers who:-
 - (a) Have had distinguished service during the war with particular regard to recipients of decorations and/or awards,
 - (b) Have had long service,
 - (c) Those who are possessed of the highest standard of physical fitness

6. Medical and physical standard for males are those which are required for enlistment in the PMF. Technical instructions regarding the medical standard will be issued to those concerned at a later date.

Males - Minimum height 5 ft 7 ins,
Chest 34 ins.

Females - Medical Classification A.1
Height 5 ft 4 ins.

7. Conditions of service are as follows:-

Pay and allowances are as for A.I.F.

Authority is being sought for additional allowances whilst in England and further information will be promulgated when available.

Owing to the time factor the only leave which will be granted prior to embarkation will be that which does NOT interfere with the date of concentration.

It is unlikely that any leave other than local will be granted prior to embarkation.

Local leave will be granted in ENGLAND at the discretion of the CO and such leave will NOT be deductible from leave credits.

Recreation leave will continue to accrue at the rate of two days per month during service with the contingent.

It is improbable that war service will apply to members during their service with the contingent.

14 days disembarkation leave will be granted on return to AUSTRALIA.

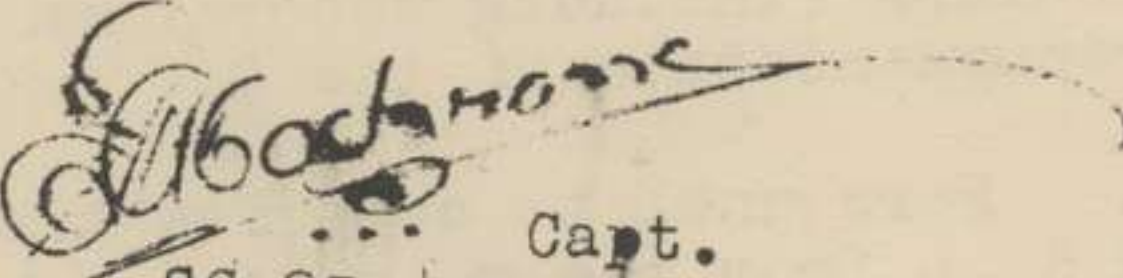
Exemption from taxation will apply during the nett period of service abroad.

Members will be eligible for War Gratuity in accordance with the War Gratuity Act.

Authority to proceed independantly back to AUSTRALIA will only be granted in exceptional cases.

8. Personnel will be required to concentrate in MELBOURNE NOT later than 1 Apr 46 and action in accordance with this memo must be treated as very urgent.

9. As this memo was not received at this HQ until 29 March units are asked to give the subject matter immediate publicity and will advise by 302000K the particulars of any applicants.


Capt.
SC 23 Inf Bde.

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

30 March 46.

War Diary

SECRET

Copy No. 16.....

Subject : 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 22

Hq 23 Inf Bde
G1/46/2235

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 22.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 7 Mar 46.
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 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 21.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Pamphill
for capt
Maj
Bn 23 Inf Bde

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

8 Mar 46.

Distribution

Copy No.

HQ 23 Fd Coy	1
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
7 Inf Bn	3
FAPUAN Inf Bn	4
Hq 2 Fd Amb	5
Hq Force Maint Area (2)	6 - 7
Det 8 ML Postal Unit	8
Det 8 ML Canteens	9
Det 8 ML Gp	10
Bn	11
EASCO	12
BOO	13
Camp Office	14
File	15
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HQ 8 ML	18 - 21
4 Base Sub Area	22
Gov TOROKINA	23

Appendix 'A' to HQ 23 Inf Bde
 G1/43/2335 on 8 Mar 46.

23 INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLES NO. 22
 AS AT 2350 HRS 7 MAR 46

Ref Maps : TOKOKINA - PAURO IS. One Inch.

NOTE : Prefix D in column 'C' denotes unit declared redundant to save AUST for disbandment.

Serial (a)	Arm of Service (b)	WE (c)	Unit (d)	Ref Map (e)	Location (f)	Remarks (g)
1	HQ Units	TS (D)	HQ 23 Inf Bde (AIF)	PAURO	721159	
2			Det 3 SIG Gp (Type D)	"	731158	To move RAHAUL
3	Engrs	TS (D)	HQ 23 PG Coy (AIF)	"	731158	
4	Sigs	TS (D)	23 Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	721159	
5		TS	Det 35 Wireless Sec (AIF) (AIF)	"	721159	
6		TS	Det 22 Cypher Sec	"	721159	To move RAHAUL
7		TS	Det 1 B'Cast Maint Sec		Unknown	
8	Inf	TS (D)	7 Inf Bn (AIF)	PAURO	742146	
9		TS	PAPUAN Inf Bn	"	744135	To move RAHAUL
10	Int	TS	Det ATIS	"	731158	To move RAHAUL
11	S & T	TS (D)	245 Sup Coy PL (AIF)	"	750157	
12		TS	Sec 40 P & T PL (AIF)	"	728156	
13		TS	Det 11 P & T along PL (AIF)	"	750157	
14	AA&C	TS (D)	52 P & T Craft Coy (AIF)	"	727157	To move RAHAUL Name: AUSTRAALIA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
15		TS	4 Water Aid Sec	SAURO	727157	
16	Med	TS (D)	2 Md Aid less two Coys	"	733158	
17 17(a)		TS	19 Hal Control Unit less on det	"	731153 TOROKIMA	To move RABAUL
18	AMEE	(D)	SAURO IS Area Wasp	"	726157	
19	Dental	TS	1st Sec 77 Dental Unit	"	733158	To move RABAUL
20	Pay	TS	Det 11 Cash Office	"	731153	To move RABAUL
21	Postal	TS	Det 8 MD Postal Unit	"	731153	To move RABAUL
22	Pro	TS	Det 11 Div Pro Coy	TOROKIMA	AGROLIMA	To move RABAUL
23	Canteens	TS	Det 8 MD Canteens	SAURO	731153	To move RABAUL
24	Amenities	TS	Det 1 Cinema Unit	"	731153	
25	Elm		Det 14 AMP Pool LA Elm Service MTRC		731153	To move RABAUL

War Diary

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Subject: 23 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 23

23 Inf Bde
G1/43/2236

1. Attached as appendix 'A' is 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 23.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 24 Mar 46.
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 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 22.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Campbell
capt
for a.j.
Lt. 23 Inf Bde.

SIGNED AT THE FIELD.

25 Mar 46.

Distribution	Copy No.
HQ 23 Pz Coy	1
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
7 Inf Bn	3
HQ 2 Pz Amb	4
HQ Force Maint Area (2)	5 - 6
Det S.M.L Postal Unit	7
Det S.M.L Canteens	8
Det S.M.L C Gp	9
LM	10
LASCO	11
DOO	12
Camp Office	13
File	14
War Diary (2)	15 - 16
Copy to:	
HQ S.M.D	17 - 20
MOV BORO. I.A	21

Appendix 'A' to HQ 23 Inf Bde
 GL/46/2256 of 26 Mar 46.

23 INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLES NO. 23
 AS AT 2359 HRS 24 MAR 46.

Ref Map : PAURO IS. One Inch.

NOTE : Prefix D in column 'C' denotes unit declared redundant to move AWST for disbandment.

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	WE (c)	Unit (d)	Ref Ma (e)	Location (f)	Remarks (g)
1	HQ Units	TS (D)	HQ 23 Inf Bde (AIF)	PAURO	721159	
2			Det 3 MC Sq (Type D)	"	731153	To move RA AUL.
3	Engns	TS (D)	HQ 23 FC Coy (AIF)	"	731153	
4	Sigs	TS (D)	23 Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	721159	
5		TS	Det 55 Wireless Sec (AIF) PAURO		724159	
6	Inf	TS (D)	7 Inf Bn (AIF)	PAURO	742140	
7	S & T	TS (D)	243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	"	730157	
8	AA Tn C	TS (D)	52 Port Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	"	727157	
8 (a)			Less one det		RA AUL	
9		TS	4 Water Amb Sec	"	727157	
10	Mod	TS (D)	2 Ed Amb less two coys	"	733158	
11		TS	19 Hal Cont Unit	"	731153	To move RA AUL
12	Pay	TS	Det 11 Div Ed Cash Office	"	731153	" " "
13	Postal	TS	Det 3 MD Postal Unit	"	731153	" " "
14	Canteens	TS	Det 3 MD Canteens	"	731153	" " "
15	Amphities	TS	Det 1 Cinema Unit	"	731153	" " "

War Diary

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

HQ 23 Inf Bde
G1/43/2236

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No.23.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 24 Mar 46.
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 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No.22.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Campbell
for a.j.
Lt. 23 Inf Bde.

SIGNED IN THE FIELD.

25 Mar 46.

Distribution	Copy No.
HQ 23 Fd Coy	1
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
7 Inf Bn	3
HQ 2 Fd Amb	4
HQ Force Maint Area (2)	5 - 6
Det S.M. Postal Unit	7
Det S.M. Canteens	8
Det S.M. C Gp	9
LM	10
LASCO	11
DOO	12
Camp Office	13
File	14
War Diary (2)	15 - 16
Copy to :	
HQ S.M.D	17 - 20
MOV FORCE HQ	21

Appendix 'A' to HQ 23 Inf Bde
 21/43/2256 of 26 Mar 43.

23 INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLES NO. 23
 AS AT 2359 HRS 24 MAR 43.

Ref Map : PAURO IS. One Inch.

NOTE : Prefix D in column 'C' denotes unit declared redundant to move AWST for disbandment.

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	WE (c)	Unit (d)	Ref Ma. (e)	Location (f)	Remarks (g)
1	HQ Units	TS (D)	HQ 23 Inf Bde (AIF)	PAURO	721159	
2			Det 3 MC Sq (Type D)	"	731158	To move RA AUL.
3	Engrs	TS (D)	HQ 23 PG Coy (AIF)	"	731158	
4	Sigs	TS (D)	23 Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	"	721159	
5		TS	Det 35 Wireless Sec (AIF) PAURO		724159	
6	Inf	TS (D)	7 Inf Bn (AIF)	PAURO	742143	
7	S & T	TS (D)	243 Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	"	730157	
8	AATnC	TS (D)	52 Port Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	"	727157	
8 (a)			Less one det		RA AUL	
9		TS	4 Water Amb Sec	"	727157	
10	Med	TS (D)	2 Ed Amb less two coys	"	733158	
11		TS	19 Mal Cont Unit	"	731158	To move RA AUL
12	Pay	TS	Det 11 Div Ed Cash Office	"	731158	" " "
13	Postal	TS	Det 3 MD Postal Unit	"	731158	" " "
14	Canteens	TS	Det 3 MD Canteens	"	731158	" " "
15	Amnities	TS	Det 1 Cinema Unit	"	731158	" " "

War Diary.

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Subject : 23 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 22

Hq. 23 Inf Bde
G1/46/2235

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is 23 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 22.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 23 Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 7 Mar 46.
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 Inf Bde Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 21.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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for capt.
maj
B. 23 Inf Bde

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8 Mar 46.

Distribution

Copy No.

HQ 23 Fd Coy	1
23 Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
7 Inf Bn	3
FAPUAN Inf Bn	4
HQ & Fd Amb	5
HQ Force Maint Area (2)	6 - 7
Det 8 ML Postal Unit	8
Det 8 ML Canteens	9
Det 8 MC Gp	10
Bn	11
EASCO	12
BOO	13
Camp Office	14
File	15
War Diary (2)	16 - 17

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HQ 8 LD	18 - 21
4 Base Sub Area	22
Nov TOROKINA	23

Appendix 'A' to 23 Inf File
 61/46/2335 of 8 Mar 46.

23 INF : DE LOCATION STATE LIST AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO. 22
 AS AT 2550 HRS 7 MAR 46

Ref Maps : TOKOKINA - MAURO IS. One Inch.

NOTE : Prefix D in column 'C' denotes unit declared redundant to save AUST for disbandment.

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	WE (c)	Unit (d)	Ref Map (e)	Location (f)	Remarks (g)
1	HQ Units	TS (D)	HQ 23 Inf Bde (AIF)	MAURO	721159	
2			Det SIG Gp (Type D)	"	731158	To move RABAU
3	Engrs	TS (D)	HQ 23 PG Coy (AIF)	"	731158	
4	Sigs	TS (D)	23 Inf Sig Sec (AIF)	"	721159	
5		TS	Det 35 Wireless Sec (AIF)	"	724159	
6		TS	Det 22 Cypher Sec	"	724159	To move RABAU
7		TS	Det 1 B'Cast Maint Sec		Unknown	
8	Inf	TS (D)	7 Inf Bn (AIF)	MAURO	742156	
9		TS	PAPUAN Inf Bn	"	744155	To move RABAU
10	Int	TS	Det AFIS	"	731158	To move RABAU
11	S & T	TS (D)	245 Sup Coy PL (AIF)	"	730157	
12		TS	Sec 40 PL PL (AIF)	"	728156	
13		TS	Det 11 PL PL (AIF)	"	730157	
14	AATOC	TS (D)	53 Pt Bn Graft Coy (AIF)	"	727157	To move RA AIF, thence AUSTRALIA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
15		TS	4 Water Amb Sec	PAURO	727157	
16	Med	TS (D)	2 Hd Amb less two Coys	"	733158	
17 17(a)		TS	19 Mal Control Unit less on Det	"	731158 TOROKIMA	To move RABAUL
18	AMEB	(D)	PAURO IS Area Wasp	"	726157	
19	Dental	TS	Pl Sec 77 Dental Unit	"	733158	To move RABAUL
20	Pay	TS	Det 11 Div Cash Office	"	731158	To move RABAUL
21	Postal	TS	Det 8 MD Postal Unit	"	731158	To move RABAUL
22	Pro	TS	Det 11 Div Pro Coy	TOROKIMA	TOROKIMA	To move RABAUL
23	Canteens	TS	Det 8 MD Canteens	PAURO	731158	To move RABAUL
24	Amenities	TS	Det 1 Cinema Unit	"	731158	
25	Elm		Det Hq AMP Pool LA Bldg S MRC		731158	To move RABAUL

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/5/1943 (Unit) 0 46

W.E. 11 2 4 OFFRS. 10 O.R's 06 + OFFRS. O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
W.E.				*										
1			1	*										
2	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
10	2		8	Majors										
6	1		5	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
19	4		15											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.										
				E.(1)	15									
				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/...../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.
<u>COMMANDER</u>							
Brig.	1513321	STIMPSON	H.W.	Comd.	Yes	H/-/361 D	
<u>STAFF</u>							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	D.M.	Yes	H/-/258	
Cpt.	QX56569	COCHRANE	C.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	
#	QX57962	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.L.	Yes	Q/-/150	
<u>ISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>							
Cpt.	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	L.O.1	Yes	V/H/143	
"	HX104279	SIMONS	H.S.	F.O.	Yes	V/-/154	
"	VX120319	CRIBBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/-/305 D	
C.	VX102080	HOPE	J.R.	L.O.3	Yes	V/H/142	
"	HX103502	COUSINS	A.G.	L.O.2	Yes	H/H/146	
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Cpt.	HX103926	DIXSON	H.C.	Encco	Yes	H/-/164	
"	HX121135	EWING	R.H.	AALC	Yes	H/H/197	
C.	VX11898	HEALY	H.	B.O.O.	Yes	V/H/205 D	
"	VX104430	BAYON	H.E.	AAAS	Yes	V/-/130	
"	HX179140	Mc CARTHY	C.	AAAS	Yes	H/-/140	
<u>HAFPLATS</u>							
hap.	VX134009	HAHER	G.	4 class	no det	to 7 Aust Inf Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt.	HX31383	KITNEY R.	7 In	1.2.40	Attached for duty

1.3.40

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2 3 6 HQ 23 Bdo.
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
		2	2	Sergeants					
10		2	12	Corporals					
43		38	86	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
			66	Civilians counting as O.R.					
66	1	43	108	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	99		9							
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.
4	7 Aust Inf Bn			11			
10	A.A.E.S.			25	Leave		
1	A.A.A.S.			3	A.W.L.		
				1	7 Aust Inf Bn		

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 2/ 3/194 6.

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			Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Palaters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
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)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	2	2		Cooks	3	6		Woodturners				Batman	12	17	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Orderlies	9	8	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dvrs	9	16	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duty	3	12	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engneers)								Storeman	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Offrs Mess	1	5	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	5		WO1		1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				WO11	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	7		Coach Trimmers				AALC Clerk	1		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				B'man	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AASC Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				B'man	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC Clerk		4	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				B'man	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				storeman		7	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAES Clerk	1	1	
Photographer, Dry Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				B'man	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAAS Clerk	1	3	
Printer				Moulders				Farriers				B'man	1	1	
Physicians				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAMC Ord.	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AACHD B'man	3	1	
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	10	15		CARRIED FORWARD	14	20		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	108	* *

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

2/3/46
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF WO's & NCO's

PART E. Detail of Present Assignments and Recommendations required as shown in

POSTING	RANK	W.E.	P.S.	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	1	(XX)	
	sgt	-	2		
	Cpl	1	1	(XX)	
D'man	Cpl	1	-		
Tpt Sgt	sgt	1	1	(XX)	
	Cpl	1	2		
C.S.M.	WO1	1	1		
R.S.M.	WO1	-	1		
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	1		
Clerks	WO1	1	-		
	Cpl	1	2		
Cooks	sgt	-	1		
	Cpl	1	-		
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	2		
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1		
SERVICES					
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-		
AAES Clerk	sgt	1	1		
AAAS Clerk	sgt	1	-		
AAOC Ann Exam Clerk	sgt	1	-		
	sgt	1	1		
	Cpl	-	2		
NOTE					
(XX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PT 11 ORDERS					
CARRIED FORWARD					

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(b) Authorized ranks or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A. and/or A.A.M.W.A. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on rank by insertion of N.E. in col. "Rank. Required".
(e) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on rank by insertion of N.E. in col. "Rank. Required".
(f) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander
Date of Despatch

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE.

TRADE	RANK	W.E.	Present in army area	Below 125	125 129	130 139
Int Duties	s/sgt	1	1	1		
	sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	1	1		
D'man	Cpl	1	-			
	Pte	1	1			1
	TG 1					
	TG11	2	2	1		1
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-			
Cooks	sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	-			
	Pte	2	4	2		2
Clerks	WO11	1	-			
	Cpl	1	2	1		1
	L/Cpl & TG111	2	3	3		

NON SPECIALISTS

C.S.M.	WO11	1	1	1		
C.Q.M.S.	s/sgt	1	1			1
Tpt Sgt	sgt	1	1			1
	Cpl	1	1	1		
Dvrs MT	Pte	8	10	3	2	5
Batman	Pte	12	9	4		5
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	2	2	2
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1			1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	2	7	1	3	3
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	-	2			2
Water Duty	Pte	1	1	1		
Storeman	Pte	1	1			1

SERVICES

AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1		
	Pte	-	1	1		
B'man	Pte	1	1	1		
AAOC Clerk	Sgt	-	1	1		
	Cpl	-	1	1		
	Pte	-	2		1	1 volunteered to serve on
B'man	Pte	1	1			1
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1	1	
	Pte	-	6	2		4
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
B'man	Pte	1	1			1
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	1		1	
B'man	Pte	1	1		1	
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-			
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	1	1		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/3/1946 HQ 23 Bde. (Unit) 10/46 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/2/46 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66+ OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
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.							
W.E. 1			1	* * Brigadier												
2	1		1	xxxxxxx Majors												
10	2		8	Captains												
6	1		5	Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
19	4		15													
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
				A.												
				E.(1)		15										
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

Hq 23 Inf Bde Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.--NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH ¹⁰ / ⁴⁶

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/2/1946 (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.
<u>COMMANDER</u>							
Bri g.	NX12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	Comd.	Yes.	N/-/261	D
<u>STAFF</u>							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	B.M.	Yes	N/-/258	
Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	
	QX57962	STEPHENS	J.W.T	S.C.L.	Yes	Q/-/250	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>							
Capt.	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	L.O.1	Yes	V/N/148	
"	NX104279	SIMONS	N.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/-/154	D
"	VX120319	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/-/205	D
Lt.	VX102080	HOPE	I.R.	L.O.3	Yes	V/N/142	
"	NX103502	COUSINS	A.G.	L.O.2	Yes	N/N/146	
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt.	NX103926	DICKSON	H.C.	Basco	Yes	N/N/164	
"	NX121135	EWING	R.M.	AALC	Yes	N/N/197	
Lt.	VX61898	MEALY	H.	B.O.O.	Yes	V/N/205	D.
"	VX104430	EATON	N.E.	AAAS	Yes	V/-/138	
"	NX179140	McCarthy	C.	AAES	Yes	N/-/140	
<u>Chaplains</u>							
Chap	VX134089	MAHER	G.	4 class No Det to 7 Aust Inf Bn			

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt.	VX134089	KITNEY R.	7 Bn	1.2.46	Attached for duty

9.3.46

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 3 / 1946. HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
2	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4			4	Sergeants					
10		3	13	Corporals					
48		39	87	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66 *	1	43	108	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.E. 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	99		9							
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	7 Aust Inf Bn			25	Leave		
13	AAES			3	A.W.L.		
1	AAAS			1	7 Aust Inf Bn		

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 3 / 1946

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes handwritten entries for various trades like Surveyors, Electricians, and Fitters, with numerical data in columns 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22.

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.

9.3.46

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Serial No.

DETAILS OF WO's & NCO's

Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3003 at 0800 Hours Saturday

POSTING	RANK	W.E.	P.S.	DEFICIENT		SURPLUS
				Number	Percentage	
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1 (XX)			
D'man	Cpl	1	1 (XX)			
Tpt Sgt	Cpl	1	1			
	Sgt	1	1 (XX)			
C.S.M.	Cpl	1	2			1
R.S.M.	WO1	1	1			1
C.Q.M.S.	WO1	-	1			1
Clerks	S/Sgt	1	1			
	WO1	1	-			1
	Cpl	1	2			1
Coo ks	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	1	-			1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	2			1
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	1			
SERVICES						
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1			
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-		1	
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1			1
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-			1
AAOC Ann Exam Clerk	Sgt	1	-			1
	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cpl	-	2			2
NOTE						
(XX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PT 11 ORDERS						
Carried Forward						

NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized ranks or specialties not included in list will be added as required in progress provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where requisitions not detailed note accordingly on return by location of R.N. in col. "Reinfs. Required".
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

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STATISTICS

HQ 23 AUST INF BDE

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TRADE	RANK	Present in		Below 125	125 129	130 139
		W.E.	army area			
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1		1	
	Cpl	1	1		1	
D'man	Cpl	1	1			1
	TG1 Pte	1	1			1
	TG11 Pte	2	2	1		1
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-			
Cooks	Sgt	-	1			1
	Cp 1	1	-			
	TG11 Pte	2	4	2		2
Clerks	WO11	1	-			
	Cpl	1	2	1		1
	L/Cpl & TG111 Pte	2	3	3		
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
C.S.M.	WO11	1	1		1	
C.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt	1	1			1
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1			1
	Cpl	1	1	1		
Dvrs MT	Pte	8	10	3	2	5
Batman	Pte	12	8	4		4
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	2	2	2
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1			1
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	2	7	1	3	3
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1			1
	Pte	-	2			2
Water Duty	Pte	1	1	1		
Storeman	Pte	1	1			1
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		1	
	Pte	-	1		1	
B'man	Pte	1	1		1	
AAOC Clerk	Sgt	-	1		1	
	Cpl	-	1		1	
	Pte	-	4			3 1 volunteered to serve on
B'm an	Pte	1	1			1
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1	1	
	Pte	-	5	2		3
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Pte Cpl	1	-			
B'man	Pte	1	1			1
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1		1	
B'man	Pte	1	1		1	
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-			
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	1	1		
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		66	80	32	13	34

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.30
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 3/1946. HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

(Serial No.) 11 46

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
W.E. 1			1	* * Brigadier										
2	1		1	xxxxxxx Lieut.-Colonels										
10	3		7	Majors										
6	4		2	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
19	8		11											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	11									
				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.
NX121135	Capt.	EWING R.M.	HQ 8 MD	12.3.46	Relinquish appt as Legat
VX104430	Lt	BATON N.E.	HQ 8 MD	12.3.46	Relinquish appt as officer 23 Bde
NX179 140	Lt	MCCARTHY C.	HQ 8 MD	12.3.46	Relinquish appt as AAAS Officer 23 Bde.
NX103502	Lt.	COUSINS A.G.	WGDD RABAU.	12.3.46	Relinquish appt as AAES Officer 23 Bde
					LO 11A 23 Bde.

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).

A.F. W.3006

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FROM

ORIGINATOR

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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HQ 23 Inf Bde.

16.3.46

FOR ACTION

TO

Q'd Ech & Rec.

(W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

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23 Inf Bde.

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23 Inf Bde. Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

11 46

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/3/194. (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.
COMMANDER							
Brig.	NX12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	Comd.	Yes	N/-/261	D.
STAFF							
Maj.	VX114025	EMERIE OLIVER	J.A.	B.M.	Yes	N/-/258	
Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	
"	QX57962	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.L.	Yes	Q/-/150	
MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS							
Capt.	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	L.O.1	Yes	V/N/148	
"	NX104279	SIMONS	N.S.	T.O.	YES	V/-/154	D
"	VX120319	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/-/205	D
Lt.	VX102080	HOPE	I.R.	L.O.3	Yes	V/N/142	
SERVICES							
Capt.	NX103926	DICKSON	H.C.	AASC	Yes	N/N/164	
Lt.	VX61898	MEALY	H.	AACG	Yes	V/N/205	D
Chaplains							
Chap.	VX134089	MAHER	G.	4 class No Det to 7 Aust Inf Bn			

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt.	VX134089	KITNEY R.	7 Bn	1.2.46	Attached for duty

16.3.46
Date of Despatch

Stewart Capt Camp
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 3 / 1946 HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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	1	W.Os. Class I.					
2	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
4			4	Sergeants					
10		2	12	Corporals					
48		36	84	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
66	*	1	39	104 *	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.P.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	96		8				■	■		
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
9	AAES		
1	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.
25	Leave		
3	A.W.L.		

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 16./ 3./1946

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	-		Surveyors, Engineering	3	2		Operating Room Assis.	10	14		G.P.O. Assistants	14	20	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
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				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 Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Batman	12	16	
Electricians	2	2		Cooks	3	6		Woodturners				Orderlies	9	8	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Dvrs	9	15	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Gen Duty	3	15	15
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Storemen	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Enginers)								Offrs Mess	1	4	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				WO1	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	8		WO1	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				C.Q.M.S	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AALC Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	6		Coach Trimmers				B'man	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AASC Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				B'man	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AAGC Clerk	-	4	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				B'man	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Storeman	-	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAES Clerk	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				B'man	1	-	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAAS Clerk	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				B'man	1	-	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AAAC Ord.	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AACHD B'man	1	-	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	104	
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	10	14		CARRIED FORWARD	14	22					

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
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Date of Despatch
16.3.46

Signature of Commander
Humans Capt Camp

DETAILS OF WO's & NCO's

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

POSTING RANK W.E. DEFICIENT SURPLUS

nt Duties	Details of Positions	S/Sgt	Cpl	Cpl	1	1	(XX)	(XX)	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
pt Sgt	Operating Assistants	Sgt	1	1	1	1	(XX)			
.S.M.	Operator	WO1	1	1	1	1				
.S.M.	Operator	WO1	1	1	1	1				
.Q.M.S.	Operator	S/Sgt	1	1	1	1				
lerks	Typists	WO1	1	1	1	1				
ook s	Bookbinders	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
ien Du ty	Typists	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
ess Cpl	Typists	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
SERVICES										
ASC Clerk	Administrative	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
AMC Ord	Administrative	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
ALC Clerk	Administrative	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
AES Clerk	Administrative	Sgt	1	1	1	1				
AAS Clerk	Administrative	Sgt	1	1	1	1				
AAC Ann Exam	Administrative	Sgt	1	1	1	1				
Clerk	Administrative	Cpl	1	1	1	1				
NOTE										
(XX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PT 11 ORDERS										
CARRIED FORWARD										

Signature of Commander

Date

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS

HQ 23 Inf Bde

as at 0600 hrs 16/3/46

TRADE or Du ty	Ran k	W.E.	Present Strength in 8 MD	Points classification under demob sch.							
				125 points & u nder							
				Tropical or O/S serv. in mths			126	130	140		
24	18	15	12 less than 12	129	139	over					
<u>TRADE GP 1</u>											
D'man	Cpl	1	1					1			
	Pte	1	1					1			
<u>TRADE GP2</u>											
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	1							
	Cpl	1	1		1						
	Pte	2	1					1			
Cooks	Sgt	-	1					1			
	Cpl	1	-								
	Pte	2	4	1	1			2			
<u>TRADE GP3</u>											
Clerks	WO11	1	-								
	Cpl	1	2	1				1			
	L/Cpl & Pte	2	3	1	2						
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>											
C.S.M.	WO11	1	1	1							
C.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt	1	1					1			
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1					1			
	Cpl	1	1		1						
Dvrs MT	Pte	8	12 8	1			2	5			
Batman	Pte	12	9	2	1		1	5			
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	1	1		2	2			
Hy g Duty	Pte	1	1					1			
Gen Du ty	Cpl	1	1					1			
	Pte	2	8		1		3	4			
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	-								
	Pte	-	2					2			
Water Duty	Pte	1	1		1						
Storeman	Pte	1	1					1			
<u>SERVICES</u>											
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1							
	Pte	-	3			1					
B'man	Pte	1	1	1							
AAOC Clerk	Sgt	-	1	1							
	Cpl	-	1		1						
	Pte	-	5	1			3	1 X			
B'man	Pte	1	1					1			
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1			1				
	Pte	-	5		1	1		3			
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1		1						
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-								
B'man	Pte	1	-								
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1				1				
B'man	Pte	1	-								
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-								
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	-								
(a)			66	76	14	9	4	1	13	34	1

NOTE X indicates volunteer for service through out demob period.

(b) Personnel at present on "X" List (not included in above figures) RTU expected
 1 Dvr Mt (pte) 130-139 points.

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Camp.

A.F. W.3006

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MESSAGE FORM

REGISTER NO.

CALL

SER. NO.

PRIORITY

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

ORIGINATOR

DATE—TIME OF ORIGIN

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(A)

HQ 23 Inf Bde.

23.3.46

FOR ACTION

TO

Q'ld Ech & Rec

(W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

GR

23 Inf Bde

ORIGINATOR'S NO.

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THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE TRANSMITTED BY FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

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.....Capt. SIGNED
Camp.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

12 / 46 (Serial No.)

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

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

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

1 2 3 4				5		6 7 8 9 10										
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Rein'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.						
W.E. 1			1	*												
2	1		1	*												
10	3		7													
6	4		2													
19	8		11													
				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.		
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.												
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

HQ 23 Inf Bde Unit

12 / 46 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 3 / 1946 (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.
<u>COMMANDER</u>							
Brig.	NX 12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	Comd.	Yes	N/-/261	D
<u>STAFF</u>							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	R.M.	Yes	N/-/258	
Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	
"	QX57062	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.L.	Yes	Q/-/150	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>							
Capt.	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	L.O.J	Yes	V/N/148	
"	NX104279	SIMONS	H.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/-/154	D
"	VX120319	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/-/205	D
Lt.	VX102080	HOPE	I.R.	L.O.J	Yes	V/N/142	
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt.	NX103926	DICKSON	H.C.	AASC	Yes	N/N/164	
Lt	VX61898	HEALY	H.	AAOC	Yes	V/N/205	D
<u>CHAPLAINS</u>							
Chap.	VX134089	MAHER	G.	4 class No Det to 7 Aust Inf 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.

23.3.46
Date of Despatch

W. Simons Capt. Camp.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)

(Page 1)

(Revised Jan., 1943.)

(Serial No.)

12 46

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/3/1946 HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					9	10		
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.				
W.E.				W.Os. Class I.									
-		1	1	W.Os. Class II.									
2	1		1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.									
1			1	Staff Sergeants									
1			1	Sergeants									
4			4	Corporals									
10		2	12	Troopers, Privates, etc.									
48		29	77	Civilians counting as O.R.									
66*	1	32	97*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*				*			
<p>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).</p> <p>** 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.</p>				Detail	C.M.P.		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									
				B(1)	89	8							
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.
9	AAES			18			
1	AAAS			18	Leave		
				3	A.W.L.		

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).

Unit

HQ 23 Inf Bde

12 46 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23 / 3 / 1943

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	3	2		Operating Room Assts.	10	13		G.F.O. Assistants	14	20	
Armament Artificer Fitter	1	-		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				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	2	2		Cooks				Woodturners				Batman	12	14	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics	3	6						Orderlies	9	8	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								DVRs	9	13	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Water Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Hyg Duty	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Gen Duty	3	14	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Storeman	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	1	4	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				WO1	-	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	4	7		WO 11	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				AALC Clerk	1	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners	4	5		Concretors				B'man	1	-	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AASC Clerk	1	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED B'N	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AOC Clerk	-	4	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				B'man	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Storeman	-	6	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAES Clerk	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				B'man	1	-	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AAAS Clerk	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AAMC Ord.	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2		CARRIED FORWARD	10	13		CARRIED FORWARD	14	20		Group of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	*97*	

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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.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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Unit
DETAILS OF WO's & NCO's

Page 2 of 2

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday

POSTIN G RANK W.E. P.S. DEFICIENT SURPLUS

In t Duties	RANK	W.E.	P.S.	DEFICIENT	SURPLUS
D'man	S/Sgt	1	1	(XXX)	
Tpt Sgt	Cpl	1	1	(XXX)	
	Cpl	1	1		
	Sgt	1	1		
	Cpl	1	2		1
C.S.M.	WO1	1	1		
R.S.M.	WO1	-	1		1
C.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt	1	1		
Clerks	WO1	1	-	1	
	Cpl	1	2		1
Cooks	Sgt	-	1		1
	Cpl	1	-	1	
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	2		1
Mess Cpl	Cpl	1	-	1	
SERVICES					
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1		
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1		
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	
AAOC Kmn Exam	Sgt	1	-	1	
Sgx Clerk	Sgt	-	1		1
	Cpl	-	2		2
NOTE					
XXX) Promoted NOT yet promulgated in PT11 ORDERS					
CARRIED FORWARD					

NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorized grades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where a W.A.S. number is given, the person so designated was detailed from that unit.
 (d) Where equipment is not detailed, note accordingly on letter by insertion of "N.E." in col. "Remarks."
 (e) Where equipment is not detailed, note accordingly on letter by insertion of "N.E." in col. "Remarks."
 (f) Where any request for material is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

DEMOBILIZATION STATISTICS

HQ 23 Inf Bde		as at		0600 hrs 23/3/46		Points Classification under Demob Scheme				
TRADE or DUTY	Rank WE	Present Strength in 8 MD	Tropical service in mths			126 -	130 -	140 & over		
			24	18	15				12 less than 12	
<u>TRADE GP I</u>										
D'man	Cpl	1	1					1		
	Pte	1	1					1		
<u>TRADE GP II</u>										
Ann Exam	Sgt	1	-					1		
Int Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	1						
C	Cpl	1	1			1				
	Pte	2	1							
Cooks	Sgt	-	1					1		
	Cpl	1	-					1		
	Pte	2	4	1	1			2		
<u>TRADE GP III</u>										
Clerks	WOII	1	-							
	Cpl	1	2	1				1		
	L/Cpl&Pte	2	3	1		2				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>										
CSM	WOII	1	1	1						
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	1					1		
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1					1		
Cpl	Cpl	1	1		1			1		
Dvrs MT	Pte	8	8	1						
Batman	Pte	12	9	2	1		2	5		
Orderlies	Pte	9	6	1	1		1	5		
Hyg Duty	Pte	1	1				2	2		
Gen Duty	Cpl	1	1					1		
	Pte	2	8		1			1		
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	-				2	5		
	Pte	-	2							
Water Duty	Pte	1	1		1			2		
Storeman	Pte	1	1					1		
<u>SERVICES</u>										
AASC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1						
	Pte	1	1							
B'man	Sgt	1	1	1		1				
AASC Clerk	Cpl	-	1		1					
	Pte	-	5	1			3	1 x		
B'man	Pte	1	1							
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1			1	1		
	Pte	-	5		1		1			
AAMC Ord	Cpl	1	1		1	1		3		
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-		1					
B'man	Pte	1	-							
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1				1			
B'man	Pte	1	-							
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-							
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	-							
		66	76	14	9	4	1	12	35	1

NOTE: * Indicates volunteered for service throughout demob period

Personnel at present on X List (not included in above figures) RIU expected :-

1 Dvr MT (L/Cpl) 130-139 pts

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A.F. W.3006

(Pads of 100) (Adapted) (Revised, Aug., '44)

MESSAGE FORM

REGISTER NO.

Issue

CALL	SER. NO.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM	ORIGINATOR	DATE--TIME OF ORIGIN	OFFICE DATE STAMP
(A)	HQ 23 Inf Bde	30.3.46	
	FOR ACTION		
TO	old. Ech & Rec		MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
	(W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)		GR
	23 Inf Bde		

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THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE TRANSMITTED BY FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE.

.....Capt.
Camp.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

13 / 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 3 / 194 6. HQ 23 Bde (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
W.E. 1			1	* Brigadier *												
2	1		1	Lieut. Colonels												
10	3		7	Majors												
6	4		2	Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
19	8		11													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.		11										
				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).

No. 23 Inf Bde Unit

1348 (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.
<u>COMMANDER</u>							
Brig.	HX12221	SIMPSON	H.W.	Comd	Yes	N/-/261	D.
<u>STAFF</u>							
Maj.	VX114025	OLIVER	J.A.	D.H.	Yes	N/-/258	
Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	S.C.	Yes	Q/-/255	
"	QX57962	STEPHENS	J.W.T.	S.C.I.	Yes	Q/-/150	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>							
Capt.	VX114120	TREVENEN	J.L.	L.O.I	Yes	V/N/148	
"	HX104279	SIMONS	H.S.	T.O.	Yes	V/-/154	D
"	VX120319	CAMPBELL	D.L.	I.O.	Yes	V/-/205	D
Lt.	VX102080	HOPE	I.R.	L.O.I	Yes	V/N/142	
<u>SERVICES</u>							
Capt.	HX103926	DICKSON	H.C.	AASC	Yes	N/N/164	
Lt.	VX61098	MEALY	H.	A.A.O.C.	Yes	V/N/205	D
<u>CHAPLAINS</u>							
Chap	VX134089	MAUER	G.	4 class	No	Det to 7 Aust Inf Bde	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

30.3.46
Date of Despatch

Simons
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

13 / 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 3 / 1945 HQ 23 Bdo (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns: 1-4 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, 5 DETAIL, 6-10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts., Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, etc., Civilians counting as O.R., and Totals of cols. marked *.

Analysis of Part A table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 19 Years, 19 Years and over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N., R.A.A.F., ** (Total). Includes explanatory text for personnel categories.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Two tables side-by-side. Part B: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which they belong. Part C: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which detached. Includes handwritten entries like 'A.A.B.S.', 'A.A.A.S.', '2 Pd Amb.', '18 Leave', '3 A.W.L.'.

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 3 / 1946

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			Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								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				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	2	2		Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	6		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	4	7					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5		Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Elders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2			CARRIED FORWARD	10	13		CARRIED FORWARD	14	20		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	66	97	*

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

Date of Despatch 30/3/46

Signature of Commander *Chambers* Capt. Camp

Hq 23 Inf Bde

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS
as at 0600 hrs 30.3.46

TRADE or DUTY	Rank	W.E. Present strength in 8 MD		Points classification under demob. sch.								
				125 points & under Tropical or O/S serv. in months								
				24	18	15	12	less than 12	126 129	130 139	140 & over	
<u>GRADE GP 1</u>												
Am n Exam	Sgt	1	-									
B'man	Cpl	1	1								1	
	Pte	1	1								1	
<u>GRADE GP 11</u>												
at Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	1								
	Cpl	1	1			1						
	Pte	2	1								1	
ooks	Sgt	-	1								1	
	Cpl	1	-								1	
	Pte	2	4	1	1						2	
<u>GRADE GP 111</u>												
lerks	WO 11	1	-									
	Cpl	1	2	1							1	
	Pte	2	3	1		2						
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>												
.S.M.	WO 11	1	1	1								
.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt	1	1								1	
pt Sgt	Sgt	1	1								1	
	Cpl	1	1			1					1	
vrs MT	Pte	8	8	1					2		5	
atman	Pte	12	9	2	1				1		5	
orderlies	Pte	9	6	1	1				2		2	
yg Duty	Pte	1	1								1	
en Duty	Cpl	1	1								1	
	Pte	2	8			1			2		5	
ffrs Mess	Cpl	1	-									
	Pte	-	2								2	
ater Duty	Pte	1	1		1							
storeman	Pte	1	1								1	
<u>SERVICES</u>												
ASAC Clerk	Cpl	1	1	1								
	Pte	-	1			1						
B'man	Pte	1	1	1								
ASAC Clerk	Sgt	-	1	1								
	Cpl	-	1		1							
	Pte	-	5	1					3		1 X	
B'man	Pte	1	1							1		
Storeman	Cpl	-	2	1					1		3	
	Pte	-	5		1							
AAMC Ord.	Cpl	1	1		1				1			
AALC Clerk	Cpl	1	-									
B'man	Pte	1	-									
AAES Clerk	Sgt	1	1						1			
B'man	Pte	1	-									
AAAS Clerk	Sgt	1	-									
AACHD B'man	Pte	3	-									
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NOTE: (a) X indicates volunteer for service through out demob period.

(b) Personnel at present on "X" List (not incl in above figures) RTU expected
1 Dvr MT (L/Cpl) 130-139

Remond
.....Capt.
Camp.

HQ 23 INF BDE

WAR DIARY for Month of April 1946.

FAURO IS.
BOUGAINVILLE.

1 Apr 46 to 30 Apr 46

APR 1

2200 hrs.

Signal received from HQ 8 M.D. advising ETA KANIMBLA at FAURO ISLAND 1330 hrs 2 Apr. All units were advised and preparations for embarkation were completed during the night.

APR 2

1330 hrs.

HMAS KANIMBLA arrived at FAURO IS, and embarkation was commenced immediately, LCVP's from the KANIMBLA being used to carry out all embarkation. Stores and transport were loaded from ALC 40's. Loading was completed by 1600 hrs and the vessel sailed for SYDNEY at 1630 hrs. Weather fine and clear. The only personnel remaining on FAURO ISLAND were details awaiting movement to RABAU for reposting and HQ of Landing Craft Coy, which is to move to RABAU at an early date.

APR 7

0900 hrs.

HMAS KANIMBLA berthed at BROWNS WHARF WOOLLOOMALOO SYDNEY and disembarkation of troops for leave and reposting was commenced shortly after. Unit cadres disembarked at 1400 hrs and proceeded to INGLEBURN in accordance with Disbandment Instructions issued by EASTERN COMMAND. Units raised in NSW were instructed to complete finalization at INGLEBURN, while units raised in other states were instructed to finalize WET and vehicles in NSW and then move to state of origin for final disbandment at WATSONIA VIC. O.C. Capt J.L.TREVENEN

APR 8

Unloading of the vessel was delayed due to strikes by wharf labourers, but was commenced during the late afternoon. Unloading of HQ 23 Bde stores was completed on 9 Apr 46. Tools were stolen from all jeeps, either en route or during the period between the berthing of the ship and commencement of the discharge of cargo.

APR 15.

Finalization and clearance for WET and transport was completed on 15 Apr and Eastern Command issued authority for movement of HQ 23 Inf Bde Cadre to WATSONIA to complete disbandment.

APR 17.

1730 hrs.

Cadre departed SYDNEY for WATSONIA.

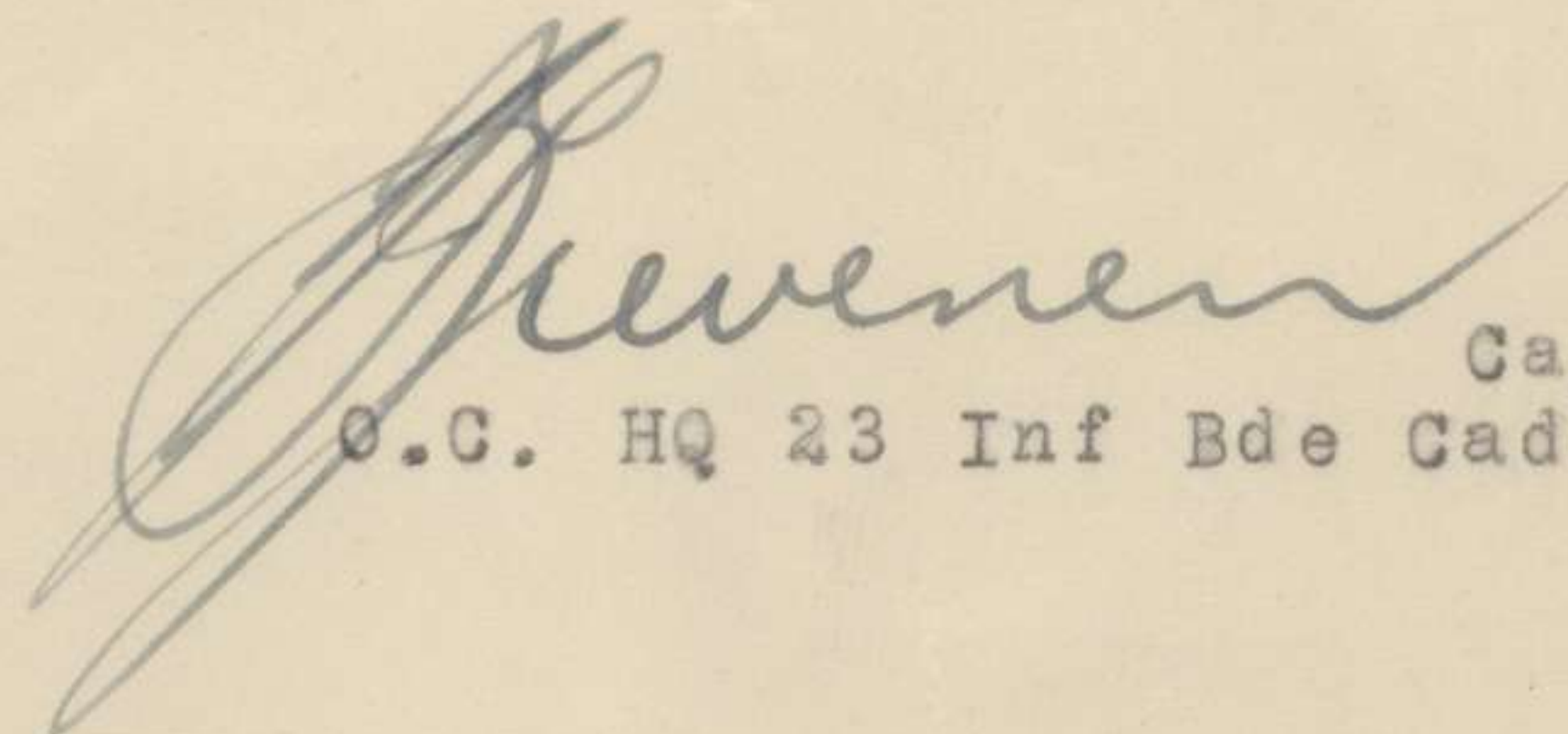
APR 18.

1800 hrs.

Arrived WATSONIA. Due to Easter Holidays, weekend leave was granted to all personnel.

APR 23.

Instructions were received from SOUTHERN COMMAND for completion of disbandment of units, and action was immediately commenced to implement same. Final clearance for all 'Q' matters was obtained on 2 May 46. Matters awaiting completion on that date being finalisation of records with DFO MELBOURNE and Ech and Rec Vic L of C.

 Capt.
O.C. HQ 23 Inf Bde Cadre.

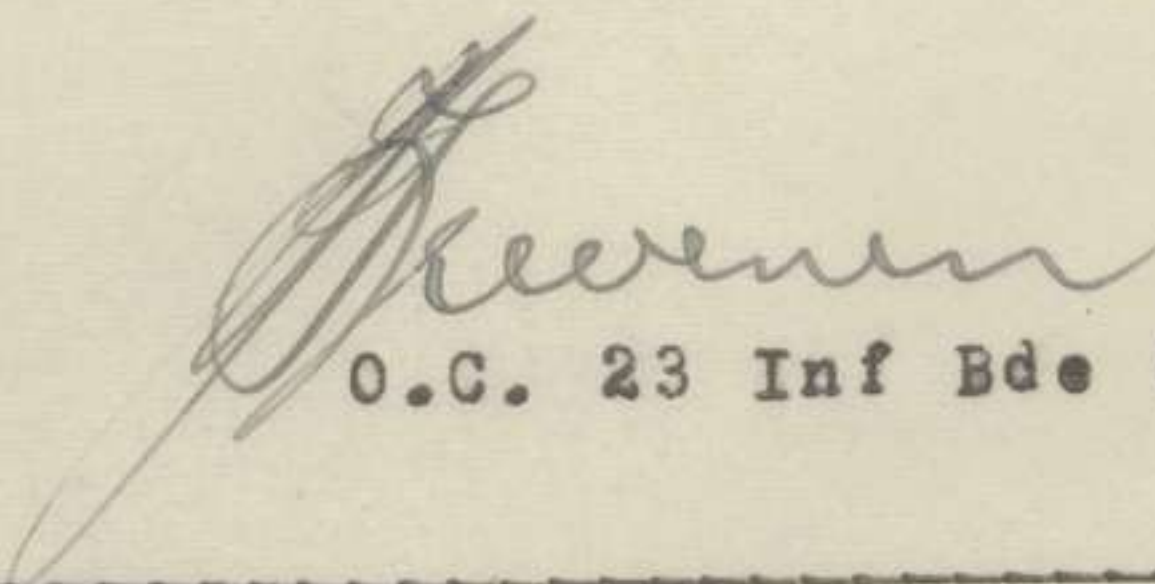
HQ 23 INF BDE WAR DIARY

MAY 46

WATSONIA VIC

From 1 May 46 to 15 May 46.

- May 2 . Unit Cadre moved from WATSONIA to CAMP PELL.
Final clearance for all "Q" matters was received
from HQ Southern Command.
- May 10 Clearance received from DFO Swanston St Melbourne
for all financial matters.
- May 14 Clearance received from Ech and Rec Swanston St
Melbourne for all records. . Receipt Appendix "A".
- May 15. Unit Cadre disbanded at CAMP PELL. O.C. marched
out to AMF Discharge Depot for Demobilisation and
OR's marched out to Vic RR & GDD for leave and
reposting.

 Capt.
O.C. 23 Inf Bde Cadre.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

35867

Headquarters, -
M Block No 1 Area,
ALBERT PARK VIC.

9 Apr 46.

HQ 23 INF BDE
23 INF BDE SIG SEC
7 INF BN
2 FD AMB

Copies for information:

Col GS
Brig i/c Adm
AAG
AQM.G. (2)
DAAG (PS)
DAAG (MS)
DAAG (R & D) (4)
DAAG (ADM)
SO Sigs
DDST
DDMS
DDOS (2)
DAD Amenities
DADAE

ADAPS
DAD Canteens
C I of Adm "H" Block Vic Bks.
Unit Equipment Inspector Southern Command
Vic Ech & Rec
District Accounts Office Vic
Unit Stores Account Sec^{HQ} AMF Vic Det
Southern Command Stationery Depot
Southern Command Depot Med & Vet Stores
4 BOD (5)
Advisory Cadre Puckapunyal
Camp Puckapunyal
File
Letter Book, Spares.

HQ 23 INF BDE
23 INF BDE SIG SEC
7 INF BN
2 FD AMB

}
DISBANDMENT OF

(Ref HQ AMF AG 16657 of 4 Apr 46)

INFORMATION

1. Approval is given for disbandment of:-

HQ . 23 INF BDE
23 INF BDE SIG SEC
7 INF BN
2 FD AMB

ACTION:

- 2. Action as directed hereunder will be taken by CO to disband unit, such action to be completed as soon as possible.

METHOD:

Unit Cadre

- 3. Unit Cadre will be appointed in accordance with GRO 229/45 Part 11.

Disposal of personnel - Officers entitled to immediate release

- 4. (a) Officers entitled to and available for immediate release will be marched out to the LTD of Area in which they elect termination of their services.
- (b) Advice of the movement of such officers will be forwarded to HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND DAAG (MS) in accordance with "Orders for Demobilization of the AMF" Para 160.

Officers other than those entitled to immediate release

- 5. (a) Particulars of Officers in accordance with the pro forma attached as Appendix "A" to this instruction will be forwarded to reach this Headquarters DAAG (MS) immediately.
- (b) In the absence of exceptional circumstances, officers who are members of the Unit Cadre will not be available for disposal until Unit affairs have been adjusted to the satisfaction of this HQ. Units will advise this HQ DAAG (MS) when such officer becomes available for disposal.
- (c) As officers become available for disposal:-
 - (i) those for whom instructions for reposting to other units have been issued will be marched out to such units.
 - (ii) other Officers will be transferred to RR & GDD WATSONIA for disposal.
 - (iii) advice of movement of officers in accordance with sub paras (i) and (ii) will be forwarded to this HQ without delay.

Other rank personnel

- 6. The following particulars in respect to OR personnel made available for disposal as a result of this disbandment will be forwarded to this Headquarters "A" Branch immediately.

Army No	Rank	Name	No of demob points	Trade Gp	How employed in unit	Civil occupation.	If members has elected to serve throughout demob
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On receipt of the above particulars, instructions concerning the disposal of the personnel will be issued by this Headquarters.

Confirmation or termination of Acting Warrant & NCO Ranks

- 7. Immediately on receipt of this instruction CO of unit will take action to confirm the rank of all acting warrant and NCOs or to revert such warrant and NCOs to their substantive rank and will ensure that no further appointments to, or promotions in Warrant or NCO ranks are made. CO will ensure that ranks confirmed are within WE.

Completion of action on current "A" matters

- 8. In accordance with GRO 229/45 Part IV.

Disposal of documents generally

- 9. In accordance with GRO 229/45 Part V.

Completion of financial matters

- 10. In accordance with GRO 229/45 Part VI paras 33 - 41 incl.

Equipment etc - Disposal of

- 11. (a) (i) Unit equipment including clothing and necessaries will be returned to 4 BOD.
 (ii) Vehicles will be returned to 13 Ord Veh Pk.
 (iii) Band instruments will be returned to 4 BOD.
- (b) Instructions set out in relative paras of GRO 229/45 Part XVII as amended and MGO Equipment Order No 159 will be observed when returning above items.
- (c) CO will ensure that all unit equipment including attractive stores on issue to members is withdrawn before any member leaves the unit.

Disposal of Stores etc

- 12. Disposal of following stores etc will be carried out as instructed in relative paras of GRO 229/45.-

Medical Stores and Dental Supplies	para 52
Text Books and Stationery	" 53
Rations and Exponse Stores	" 54 and 55
POL	" 56
Food coupons Register	" 57
Salvage	" 58
Postal Matters	" 59
Accommodation Stores	" 64
Engineer Stores	" 71

Stationery and Army Education Stores will be listed on AF G1033 (3 copies) Medical Veterinary and Dental Stores on D56 (5 copies) which will be receipted by the receiving depot. The original copy will be filed with unit records, the receiving depot will retain in the case of Stationery and Education Stores one copy and Med Vet and Dental Stores 3 copies. Remaining copy will be forwarded by the unit to DFO, Vic.

Closing of Ordnance Account

13. (a) Field Accounting (WET)

If unit is on Field Accounting, action will be taken to close WET as per instruction set out in GRO 229/45 para 69. On completion of this action Unit copy of WET will be reconciled with DADOS, George St, FITZROY before submission to this HQ.

(b) Ledger Accounting

On completion of accounting action after disposal of stores as directed balances remaining in the ledger will represent discrepancies which will be listed on AAFs F46. CO of unit will take action to investigate discrepancies in accordance with the provisions of GRO A348/44 and Unit "Q" representative will then personally submit the following to Unit Stores Account Sec, 31 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, for the purpose of closing account:-

- (i) AAFs F46 (six copies)
- (ii) Ledger and all supporting vouchers and documents
- (iii) Report of Investigating Officer
- (iv) OC's covering report.

Regimental Funds

14. (a) In accordance with GRO 229/45 paras 44 and 45.

(b) CO will ensure that no distributions in cash and/or kind are made to individual members of the unit from Unit Regimental Funds.

(c) The amount which may be expended by a unit on social entertainment will not exceed 25% of the Unit Fund, and in any case will not exceed £1 per head without the approval of this HQ.

Regimental Property

15. (a) All property purchased from Regimental Funds and gifts, and issues by DAD Amenities will be returned to DAD Amenities. Articles issued by DADAE will be returned to DADAE.

(b) Property returned to DAD Amenities will be divided into the following groups and delivered to Amenities Stores, Area 7, Hut 9, CAMP PELL.-

- (i) Officers' Messes : Donations ex C-in-C's fund.
- (ii) Sgts' Messes : Donations ex GOC's fund.
- (iii) ORs : Donations ex GOC's fund.
- (iv) ORs : Purchases from Army Amenities Service and outside sources from Unit Funds and Gifts.

(c) An AF G1033 (6 copies) for each group will be submitted with the articles receipted and will be distributed as follows:-

- (i) 1 copy will be forwarded with the property ledger.
- (ii) 2 copies will be retained by DAD Amenities Store.
- (iii) 1 copy will be forwarded to the HQ Mil Dist or HQ Command of Area in which the unit was raised.
- (iv) 1 copy to DFO, Vic.
- (v) 1 copy attached to the certificate of the CO vide para 45 of GRO 229/45.

(d) The Regimental Property Ledger will be forwarded to HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND (AQM) with:-

(i) A certificate to the effect that all Regimental Property has been returned to DAD Amenities or DADAE.

(ii) A statement of all property not returned and the reasons for non-returns.

(iii) A write-off voucher signed by CO for articles to be written off ledger charge.

Mess Funds and Property

16. (a) The Minutes of the General Meeting (in triplicate) of the Officers' and/or Sergeants' Mess authorising the disbursement of Mess Funds are to be forwarded to this HQ for approval. Two copies of the approved minutes for each mess will be returned to the unit; the unit will forward to the CFO, HQ AMF through the Depot Cash Office the Mess funds and one approved copy of the Minutes of the General Meeting to cover each Mess.

(b) Mess Property not disposed of will be forwarded to the Drill Hall, Area 60A, Simpson Street, WESTGARTH on AF G1033 in triplicate; one copy of which will be receipted and returned for attaching as a clearance in the Mess Property Ledger. The AF G1033 will as far as possible be completed to show the cost of the property and the book valuation at the time of dissolution. Separate AFs G1033 will be used for Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

(c) The Mess Property Ledger with all supporting vouchers will be forwarded to HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND (AQM).

Articles on loan

17. All articles on loan from Philanthropic societies or individuals will be returned and a signature obtained on an AF G1033 which will be attached to the Regimental Property Ledger.

Unit Trophies

18. A Unit Committee will be elected by Members of the Unit to recommend the eventual disposal of Unit trophies. A statement on an AF G1033 (six copies) of the proposed method of disposal signed by the Members of the Committee and concurred in by the CO will be submitted to this HQ for approval. After approval and return of the articles to Amenities Stores, Area 7, Hut 9, CAMP PELL, the copies of the AFs G1033 will be attached to each copy of the AFs G1033 as shown in para 15 (c) herein.

GENERAL

19. CO of unit will submit a report in triplicate to HQ Southern Command by 3 May 46 on action taken to implement this instruction.

W. J. Steiner Major

Brig
Brig i/c Adm SOUTHERN COMMAND.

TELEPHONE

F.0211 Ext. 426

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. ~~VIC. L. OF C. AREA.~~

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 014/7694

AA/MM/P.2(sec.9)14/5 p.m.

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SOUTHERN COMMAND Ech & Rec,
339 Swanston Street,
Melbourne. C.I.

14 May 46

Head-quarters,
SOUTHERN COMMAND,
"M" Block,
No. I Area,
ALBERT PARK, Melb.

UNIT: H.Q. 23 INF BDE (DISBANDMENT OF).

IN TERMS OF G.R.O. 229/45.

Refce HQ SOUTHERN COMD MEMO 35,867 of
9 APR 46.

Refce HQ AMF AG.16657 dated 4 Apr 46.

This is to certify that all records of the abovenamed Unit
have been completed and checked to my satisfaction.

Dwight Capt
Lt.Col.

Officer i/c SOUTHERN COMMAND Ech & Rec.

COPY TO:

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HQ, 23 INF BDE, AUSTRALIA. ✓

HQ 23 Inf Bde Cadre,
ROYAL PARK.

3 May 46.

HQ Southern Command,
ALBERT PARK

DISBANDMENT - HQ 23 INF BDE.

1. In accordance with Southern Command 35867 of 9 Apr 46 the following action has been taken to disband HQ 23 Inf Bde.

2. Clearance certificates have been obtained for:

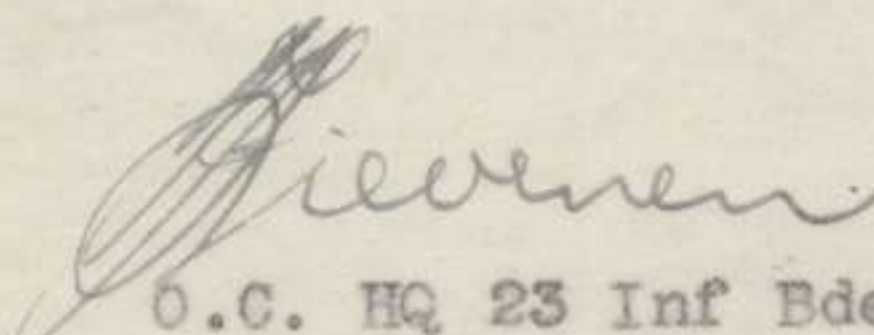
	<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Stores</u>
(a)	ORDNANCE	WET ACCN STORES VEHICLES AMMUNITION LEDGERS.
(b)	S & T	RATIONS.
(c)	ENGINEERS	STORES.
(d)	MEDICAL & VETERINARY	MED & VET STORES
(e)	STATIONERY	TEXT BOOKS STATIONERY OFFICE MACHINERY and EQUIPMENT.
(f)	AMENITIES	AMENITIES STORES
(g)	EDUCATION	EDUCATION STORES
(h)	SALVAGE	SALVAGE MATERIAL
(i)	REGIMENTAL PROPERTY	OFFRS MESS STORES. SGTS MESS STORES. REGIMENTAL PROPERTY AND TROPHIES.
(j)	POSTAL	POSTAL RECORDS.
(k)	ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS.	

'Q' BRANCH

All 'Q' matters have been completed to the satisfaction of AQMG Vic L of C Area.

3. The following matters have yet to be completed before final disbandment can be effected.

- (a) UNIT RECORDS
- (b) FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS - DFO.

 Capt.
O.C. HQ 23 Inf Bde Cadre.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HQ EASTERN COMMAND,
Victoria Barracks,
PADDINGTON, NSW.

5 APR 46.

HQ 23 INF BDE
23 INF BDE SIG SEC
7 INF BN
2 FD AMBINTERSTATE UNIT CADRES DISEMBARKED EX "KANIMBLA"

In accordance with HQ AMF Signal AG16557 of 4 Apr 46, action addressee units will proceed to under command HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND for disbandment in accordance with GRO 229/45.

2. Units will concentrate INGLEBURN Camp pending return of unit stores, vehicles and equipment, in NSW, under the direction of Q BRANCH EASTERN COMMAND in accordance with the following procedure -

- (a) Unit equipment will be returned to RSD EASTERN COMMAND
- (b) WET will be finalised with DAQMG (MAINT) EASTERN COMMAND.

3. Mechanical equipment and equipment of engineer origin (i.e. items listed on Army Form S69), will be transferred to 2 ENGR STORE BASE DEPOT HABERFIELD in accordance with HQ AMF memo 158116 of 11 Dec 45 (not to all addressees).

4. Subsequent to completion of action in accordance with the foregoing instructions, units will move to under command HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND in accordance with the following time table -

- (a) If movement effected before 12 Apr 46, destination PUCKAPUNYAL
- (b) If movement effected after 12 Apr 46, destination WATSONIA.


Brig
BRIG. ADM EASTERN COMMAND

HQ SOUTHERN COMMAND
G
A(0)
A(PS)
Q - (3)
NSW ECH & REC
ADAPS
DDOS
2 ENGR STORE BASE DEPOT
1 AUST MC GP
CAMP 'Q' STAFF INGLEBURN
UNIT STORES ACCOUNTS SEC HQ AMF (NSW DET)

1033 to D.D. Liverpool

F46 - 3. Copies each

1 for Lupton

1 for Deane

3 Copies of nil return

Relays

report to S. 1 B - Roberts

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CERTIFICATE ISSUE VOUCHER—UNIT.

A.A.F.—F2.
 Pads of 48
 (Revised Sept., 43)

APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO **WRITE OFF** STORES FROM CHARGE
 OF

UNIT No. NG 2027

D.D.O.S., etc., No. (UNIT) HQ 23 Inf Bde

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES TO BE WRITTEN OFF To be arranged alphabetically in sectional order and strictly in accordance with the authorised nomenclature	QUANTITY	REMARKS	LEDGER FOLIO
Duplicator Ditto Rotary 4299 (19/8/40) <i>538-0-6</i> Stationery Officer, Southern Command	1	This machine is NOT held by this HQ and no records concerning it are available. NO original members of HQ 23 Inf Bde are at present with unit and information re disposal of the machine is NOT available. All duplicators held by HQ 23 Inf Bde have been returned to Stationery Depot TOROKINA or RABAUL.	
Stapling Machine <i>22/6</i> Stationery Officer, Southern Command Major	1	This machine is NOT held by this HQ and no records concerning it are available. NO original members of HQ 23 Inf Bde are at present with unit and information re disposal of the machine is NOT available.	

Approved

D.A.D.O.S. Signature of C.O.

[Signature] Capt.
 O.C. HQ 23 Inf Bde Cadre.
 30 APR 1946

Date 19

Date 30 APR 1946

NOTE.—The reason for the Write Off and the authority for same will be shown in the form of a Certificate immediately preceding the items written off on the first sheet of the Voucher.