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- 4 APRIL 44
WONDECLA N.Q. On 4 April 17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No.15 covering battalion exercises with tanks was issued. (See attached as Appx). Tng Instn No.15 also outlined tentative plans for battalion exercises throughout the month of April, concluding with 17 Bde Field Firing Exercise from 25 April to 3 May.
- C.O.s 2/5, 2/6, and 2/7 Bns attended a conference at Bde HQ to-day to discuss training.
- 5 April 44
WONDECLA N.Q. Instns for Battalion Exercise No.1 were issued to-day.
- 8 April 44
WONDECLA N.Q. 17 Bde Athletic Sports Meeting for Easter was held to-day on Bde Sports Oval.
- 9 April 44
WONDECLA N.Q. Col MAXWELL and Lieut McCORKINDALE, N.Z. Army arrived for attachment to HQ 17 Bde for a short period to observe training
- Maj ESKELL B.M. who had been in hospital since 25 March returned to HQ to-day and resumed duties. Capt D.O.HAY, who had been acting throughout this period as B.M., returned to 2/6 Bn.
- 10 Apr 44
WONDECLA N.Q. 2/5 Bn carried out the battalion exercise with tanks in the HERBERTON area to-day. Major BENNETT 2/5 Bn acted as O.C. enemy troops with one coy 2/1 Pnr Bn and Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt.
- 11 Apr 44
WONDECLA N.Q. Maj Gen STEVENS A/Corps Comd 1 Aust Corps visited Bde HQ to-day.
- 12 Apr 44
WONDECLA N.Q. 2/6 Bn carried out their part in the battalion exercise with tanks to-day.
- Major G.C.DARLING B.M.(L) returned from A.T.C. Staff and Comd School, MILNE BAY, to-day and resumed duties at Bde HQ.
- Adm arrangements were issued to-day for the re-commencement of 17 Bde Junior Leaders School, Course No.4; Course to extend from 17 Apr 44 to 13 May 44. Major A.C.BENNETT 2/5 Bn was appointed C.I. of School.
- 14 Apr 44
WONDECLA N.Q. 2/7 Bn carried out the battalion exercise with tanks to-day.
- 17 Apr 44
WONDECLA N.Q. 17 Bde Junior Leader School reopened to-day in the camp area adjacent to Bde HQ.
- 18 Apr 44.
WONDECLA N.Q. 6 Aust Div TEWT No.1 was carried out in the MILLAA MILLAA area. 17 Bde Gp with Brig MOTEN as Syndicate Leader consisted of the following, Bde HQ; B.M., S.C., BASCO, and Sig O., Comds 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns and 2/2 Fd Regt; O.C. B Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt, O.C. Tp 12 Bty 2/3 Tk/A Regt, O.C. Coy 2/3 MMG Bn and CO 2/2 Fd Amb. The TEWT was completed on 21 Apr.
- 22 Apr 44
WONDECLA N.Q. General Instns, Opening Narrative, Inf Bn O.O., Umpires Instns, Sequence of Events, and relative Appx, for 17 Bde Field Firing Exercise to be carried out in the WALSH RIVER arty range area by 2/5, 2/6, and 2/7 Bns in turn from 25 Apr to 3 May, were issued to-day. (See attached as Appx)
- Bde Comd inspected 2/7 Bn on a ceremonial parade, after which 2/7 Bn marched past; Bde Comd taking the salute at Bde HQ.
- 25 Apr 44.
WONDECLA N.Q. 2/5 Bn carried out their field firing exercise in the WALSH RIVER area to-day. The exercise was conducted under Bde supervision.

28 Apr 44

2/6 Bn carried out the field firing exercise to-day.

WONDECLA N.Q. The exercise was witnessed by Lt-Gen STURDEE, Comd 1 Aust Army and Maj-Gen STEVENS GOC 6 Aust Div.

Notification was received to-day that Brig M.J.MOTEN, Comd 17 Bde, had been awarded the decoration of CBE for operations in NEW GUINEA.

GENERAL

All documents covering training exercises during the month are attached as Appx.

.....*M.J. Moten*.....Brig
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde.

7 APR 1942
OPERATIONS (DIARY)

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Ref Map

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
✓ 97	2 APR		6 Aust Div	2030		0457	Following info requested by 400 2/97 100 with 3 Aust Corps.	returned to c.c.
✓ 98	9	7/8 Jd Coy.		2000	-	A947	Ref explosion parties for exercise 10, 15, 16 apr. Please arrange for them to RV bridge 323105 at 0900 hrs NOT 0130 hrs as previously arranged.	returned to Chief Clerk
✓ 99	12	7/5, 7/6, 7/7 Bns 7/1 Par Bn 16 Aust Inf Bn	-	0935		0284	Capt Hay will give 2 short lectures on 17, 18 Apr at 0800 hrs on subject navigation by star. Lectures will commence 1930 hrs each night in 7/5 Bn rec hut. 8 officers from each bn will attend. 4 officers from 16 Bn also attending. 7/5 Bn will arrange hut for lectures.	returned to c.c.
✓ 100	17	7/5 Bn 7/6 7/7 Bns	-	0935		0283	D.M.7 visiting area 2/17 apr 440 hours training programme for these days.	returned to c.c.
✓ 101	12		6 Aust Div.	-	1100	0453	Demonstration firing exercises from Green mounting Tuesday 14 apr to many M.G. personnel as far as can be spared from duty plus any number of officers desired. R.V. rd June 298 085 at 0930 hrs. All informed.	returned to c.c.

17 AUGUST 1943
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✓ 102	12	17 Aust Lt Bde RAE 6 Aust Div	6 Aust Div	1630	1740	0455	Addresses arrange mutually instruction for offrs + privs pls in stresses and strains cordage and wire and knot tying.	Returned to C.C.
✓ 103	14		6 Aust Div	1830	-	0461	Mobile map reading and Fd sketching course to be held Wongabel 18 Apr to 1 May. advise by 1800K 15 Apr. Off. or NCO vacancies required all informed.	Returned C.C. units informed
✓ 104	17		Adv. 2/5 Bn.	1230	1330	I4	Sitrep Number 2 as at 1200 @ ABD coys AP area 257097 @ C Coy HQ 24509 13 14 245087 14 243091 15 245090 @ enemy in strength on crest rocky knoll 243090 @ est two pls south side feature @ two LMGs approx 243090. Two LMGs 242090	
✓ 105	17		2/5 Bn Adv.	1355	1450	I5	Sitrep number 3 as at 17/1400 @ ABC coys nothing to report further enemy positions on ROCKY HILL at WOODY PT @ IO's patrol carried out to recce FUP for night attack.	

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106	17		Adv 2/5 Bn	1607	1630	I6	Sitrep number 4 to 171600 K @ C Coy patrols located enemy HQ 50 yds west of rock on rocky knoll @ two man weapon pits around woody hill 20 yards from top @ otherwise sitnor.		
107	17		Adv. 2/5 Bn	1800	1830	I9	Sitrep number 5 as at 1700 @ Sitnor.		
108	17		Adv. 2/5 Bn	2000	2022	I10	Sitrep number 6 as at 172000 K A B D Coys moving to F83		
109	17		Adv. 2/5 Bn	2130	2240	I11	Sitrep 7 as at 172130 @ A & D Coys have captured objective and now consolidating their positions @ B Coy advanced fwd to posns approx 245090		
100 110	21		6 Aust Div	1600	1640	0501	ref map HERBERTON in to 1ml @ 16 aust inf bde firing six flares illuminating from 211930K to 212030K at 30058 all informed		

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100	17	7/5 Bn 7/6 7/7 Bns	-	0935		0283	DM.7 visiting area 2/5/11: apr 4-10 Adm. training programme for those days.	returned C.C.
101	12		6 Aust Div.	-	1100	0453	Demonstration firingickers from Bn mounting 2nd day 12 Apr. As many MG personnel as can be spared from duty plus any number of officers desired RV rd junction 2/5 055 at 0930 hrs. All informed.	returned to C.C.

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Apr 44

17 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 14

During the recent training with tanks and also those coy exercises carried out without tanks, the following points have been noted. The corrections or remedies required are marked thus ** and will be put into effect in the training forthwith.

1. SCOUTS invariably move too close together and not far enough ahead of their section to prevent surprise.

Scouts will move by bounds well ahead of leading sections to give the section the earliest possible warning of the enemy. The rear scout should be in view of the section cmd and the forward scout (or scouts) well ahead but in view of the rear scout.

2. SECTION FORMATIONS are in many cases quite sound but in others are so loose as to give the section cmd no control whatever over his section.

All sections will be practised in the open and semi-open country in section formations (line, file, arrowhead etc) and in the group formations within the section. Particular attention will be paid to control by the section cmd and the flexibility of the section.

It is suggested that an odd hour each and every week would be well spent on this training, which could be combined with practice in recognition of targets and fire orders.

3. ACTION OF THE LEADING SECTIONS WHEN FIRED ON It is noted that apart from going to ground and staying "put", little or no further action is taken by leading sections. Little attempt is made to locate enemy positions, engage enemy by fire (unless enemy is very obvious) or to push or probe further forward.

- ** (a) As soon as first contact is made, the leading section will -
 (i) immediately deploy (automatic contact drill) and push forward and locate enemy positions;
 (ii) if only of a minor nature will deal with the opposition speedily themselves.
 (b) If it is necessary to deploy the platoon to deal with the opposition, the leading section will get far enough forward to cover the platoon cmd's recce. (The section cmd must assist in this recce by obtaining information for the platoon cmd by probing as far forward as possible with his section - apply the contact drill intelligently.) **

4. PLATOON AND COY COMDS RECCE It is noted that platoon and coy comds fail to get forward early to contact their leading units when they are held up, but are apt to rely entirely on information passed back by 108 W/T or "Walkie Talkie".

As soon as the leading units (section or platoon) are held up, the cmd (platoon or coy) must go forward and contact the leading unit cmd to get early information and make an early recce for himself on the situation.

5. CONSOLIDATION The enemy always counter-attacks. Where consolidation forms part of an exercise it must be carried out thoroughly. Too much lip service is being given to this important subject.

5. (contd)

** (a) The general considerations of consolidation are set out in

- Inf Trg (T&W) 1937 Sec 68 para 3
- Sec 69 para 3
- Sec 71 para 3
- Sec 85 para 9
- FSR Vol II 1935 Sec 59, 2 .

These points must be studied, understood and applied by all officers in attack exercises.

(b) In all attack exercises, platoon comds will be trained to size up quickly whether their platoon objective is suited for consolidation and what adjustments in their disposition are immediately necessary to mutually supported platoons on their flanks and to hold the ground the platoon has gained. **

6. COMPASSES One coy comd gave compass bearings for an attack. Neither he nor his platoon comd carried compasses. Coy comd stated that he included a compass bearing in his orders "because it was the usual thing".

** Training in the use of compasses will be continuous and will be carried and used by all officers during tactical exercises. The use of the compass will be instinctive. **

7. RUNNERS AND ORDERLIES Judging by the standard of messages delivered verbally by runners, no serious thought is being given to their training.

** Immediate attention will be given to this aspect of training (Inf Trg page 18). **

8. VERBAL ORDERS

A noticeable improvement in the standard is noted but the following points must be insisted upon.

** (a) Orders should be given from a position where sub-unit comds can see the ground they are to attack or defend.

(b) The plan must be simple. (Some look too far ahead and are most elaborate and involved.) **

9. ENEMY

** On capture of an objective provision must be made for the "enemy" to be moved out of the way or lie down, and not to "mill" around the objective with the attackers. This applies particularly to IKA and MB personnel who may not desire to "abandon" their weapons. **

An improvement on these points will be looked for in future exercises.

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/1 Aust Par Bn
- 8 Aust Div
- Comd
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)

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 Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

4 Apr 44

17 AUST INF BDE INSTRUCTION NO 15

(In amplification of 17 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instruction No 13)

WEEK COMMENCING 10 APRIL

1. Battalion exercise with tanks in the open (outline scheme will be prepared by Brigade HQ and units advised)
 - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn on 10 April 44
 - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn on 12 April 44
 - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn on 14 April 44
2. Battalion exercise (1 day) attack in open using one platoon of Carriers.
3. Company training - Withdrawal by day.
4. Battalion exercise .. (By daylight and in the open) "Drill" of night attack. To be repeated during hours of darkness.
(Vide Inf Trg (T and W) 1937 Sections 84 and 85)
5. Musketry, Navigation, wire crushing.

WEEK COMMENCING 17 APRIL

6. Battalion exercise
 - (i) Night Attack
 - (ii) Defence
 - (iii) Withdrawal before daylight to new position.
 (If weather suitable this exercise may be continuous over say 3 days, otherwise return to camp at end of each phase.)
7. Assault course - (NOT to be too strenuous at this stage of training.)
8. Musketry, Navigation, Wire crushing, Section formations.
9. Company Training. Subject chosen to correct weaknesses revealed in Battalion exercises, otherwise Defence and Counter Attack.

FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 24 April

10. Battalion Battle Practice with carriers, Artillery and RAAF co-operating.
Exercise will be prepared in detail by Brigade HQ to take place in WALSH RIVER RANGES area. Units will be exercised as follows:
 - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 24 to 26 April (inclusive)
 - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 27 to 29 April (inclusive)
 - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 2 to 4 May (inclusive)
11. Battalion exercise of at least 3 days duration in both jungle and open country covering:
 - The approach march
 - Attack - Consolidation
 - Defence (against attack by active enemy) and Counter Attack
 - Withdrawal during darkness.

This exercise should be the subject of the Battalion TEWT for unit officers and officers of supporting arms, to be carried out prior to the exercise with troops, one Battery of Artillery, one platoon of Carriers and

11. (contd)

one platoon of MMGs (from MG Bn) will be attached to each Battalion for this exercise.

12. Company and platoon exercise - as ordered by unit comds.

13. Musketry, navigation, wire crushing, assault course.

WEEK COMMENCING 8 MAY

14. Brigade exercise.

Outline programme for each battalion is required at Brigade HQ by 8 Apr 44.

Copies of battalion schemes (including forecast of events) are required at Brigade HQ:

- Exercise in para 2 by 8 Apr 44
- 6 by 14 Apr 44
- 11 by 20 Apr 44 (including TEWT)

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(30 MAY)
A/SM 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- RAA 6 Aust Div
- 2/3 Aust MG Bn
- 6 Aust Div Carrier Coy
- 6 Aust Div
- Comd
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)

5 Apr 44

BATTALION EXERCISE No 1OPENING NARRATIVE

Ref Map: HERBERTON 1" to 1 mile.

A JAP force pushed inland from the coast and had captured HERBERTON. 17 Aust Inf Bde Group advancing from IRVINEBANK contacted the enemy 2 miles SOUTHWEST of HERBERTON and succeeded in getting part of the Bde Group astride the Jap L of C to ATHERTON. The main Jap force thereupon commenced to withdraw due EAST to WONDECLA and thence via the unmade track just SOUTH of NORTH NIGGER CREEK towards MT HYPIPAMEE (ref 4007). The enemy left strong rear guards to delay our advance along the track to MT HYPIPAMEE.

By 1100 hrs on D-1 the forward battalion was held up on the high ground EAST of the creek crossing 323105 having suffered heavy casualties in an attempt to dislodge the enemy.

At 1300 hrs D-1 the Commander 2/ Aust Inf Bn met the Brigade Commander at 327103 and was given the following orders:

1. 2/ Aust Inf Bn will capture the enemy position and secure the track junction at 358097 on D Day.
2. The enemy dispositions as located by the leading battalion are shown on sketch (attached).
3. B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt will RV at square 3009 on D Day and come under command 2/ Aust Inf Bn as from 0800 hrs. The squadron commander will report to you at 1400 hrs D-1 for recce.
4. Attack will take place NOT before 1100 hrs D Day.
5. Start line for attack will be the general line of the FDLs of the leading battalion, but will be taped prior to the attack.

D O Hay

Capt

(D O Hay)
A/BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

As for "Battalion Exercise
No 1" of 5 Apr 44.

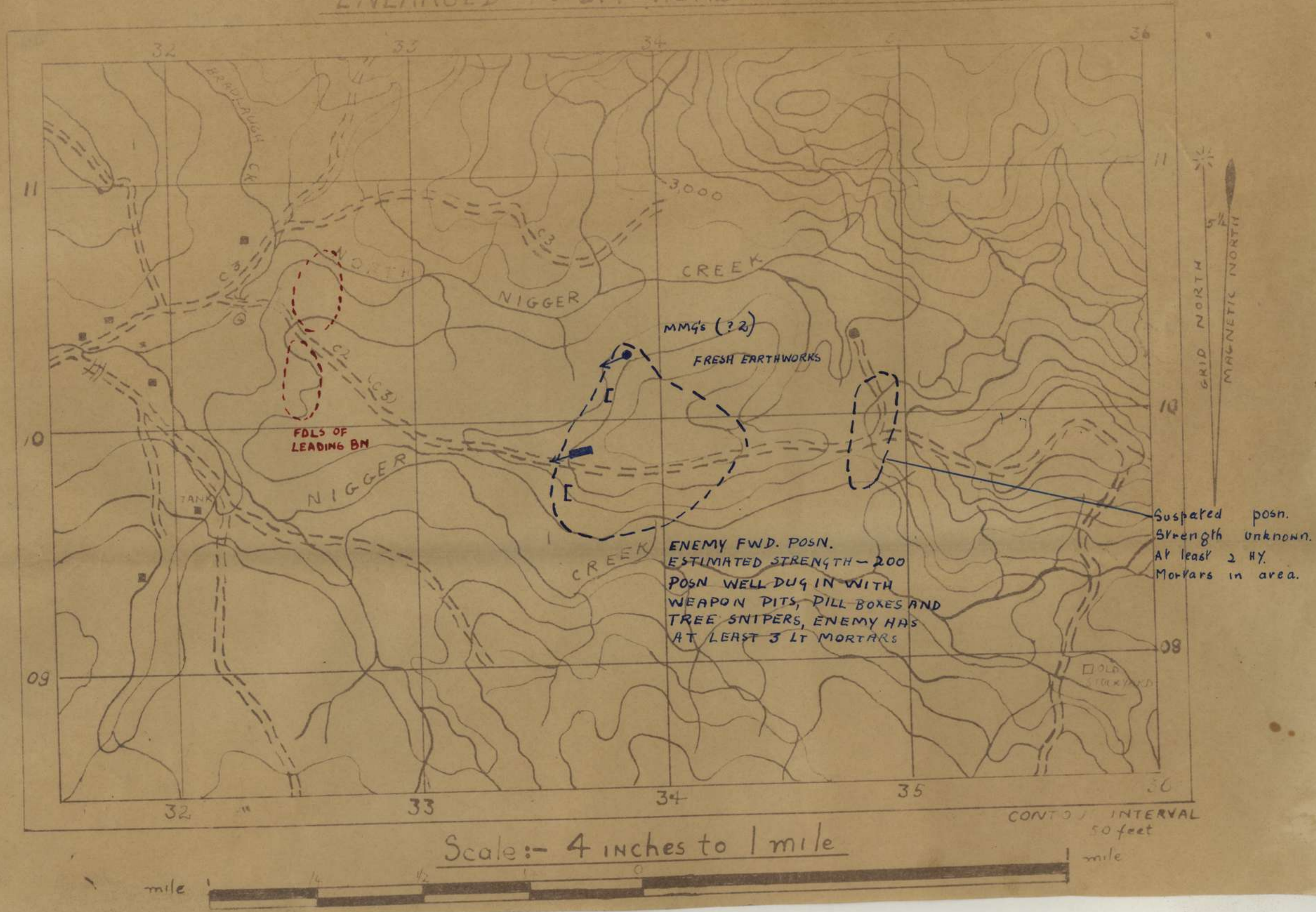
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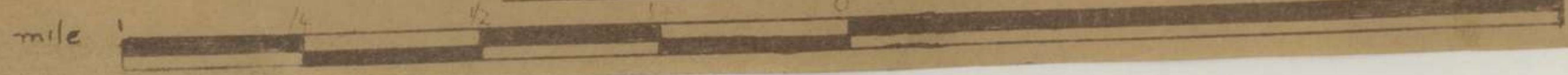
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D-1) shown in BLUE).

TANK EXERCISE AREA

ENLARGED FROM HERBERTON 165,360



Scale:- 4 inches to 1 mile



5 Apr 44

BATTALION EXERCISE No 1

Ref Map: HERBERTON 1" to 1 mile

1. SUBJECTS

- (a) To exercise units in attack with tanks in close country, where minefields are unlikely to be encountered and TKA protection is thin.
- (b) In particular, to practise the methods of using tanks in this type of operation, as described in 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Trg Instr No 12, para 5(a) and 5(b).

2. LESSONS

- (a) The detailed preparation essential for this type of operation
Early liaison and co-operation necessary between battalion and squadron commanders and their sub-ordinate commanders. Final check of plans is made during "marrying up" process at FUP.
- (b) Methods of intercommunication and indication of targets to tanks by the infantry
Methods are set out in above Trg Instr, Appx "B".
- (c) Position of infantry in relation to tanks after "marrying up"
 - (i) Infantry should move sufficiently far in rear or to the flanks of tanks, so that when tanks halt to fire the infantry commander can either continue to advance or choose a suitable position in which to halt his men.
 - (ii) At this stage tanks are under command of the forward infantry and will only open fire when ordered to do so by the infantry commanders.

3. ENEMY

- (a) OC - Major A C BENNETT, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, with necessary personnel (including detachment Signals) for establishing small HQ.
- (b) TROOPS- One company, section TKA guns, two detachments Mortar 3", 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn.
Platoon 2, 1 Aust Gd Regt
- (c) Dress- Enemy troops will wear steel helmets.

4. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

- (a) Rifle and LMG - .303 blank
- (b) MMG - Trench rattles
- (c) Mortars - Explosives. Responsibility of engineer detachments under direction of umpires.
- (d) Grenades - Aldershot grenades
- (e) TKA guns - 2 pdr blank
- (f) Tanks - 75 mm - Noise effect from .303 blank fired down barrel.
.30 Browning .303 blank from turret.

5. DIRECTOR - Brig M J MOTEN, DSO ED

6. UMPIRES -

Capt N E DUELL (Chief Umpire)	-	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	} Will wear white hat bands
Capt K L BROUGHAM	-	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	
Lieut H J COUGHLAN	-	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	
Lieut T W ASHTON	-	"	
Lieut E REEVE MC	-	"	
Lieut W J PROPOSCH	-	"	
Lieut L C JOHNSON	-	"	
Lieut A ROBERTS	-	"	

7. AREA OF EXERCISE - As shown on attached sketch.

8. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

- (a) Enemy - 5 Apr - Recce of area by Major BENNETT and enemy subunit commanders.
- 6 Apr - Preparation of enemy position commences.
- (b) Umpires - 6 Apr - Conference of all umpires at Bde HQ at 0630 hrs, followed by recce of area.

9. CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

(a) PLAN OF ATTACK

In order to bring out desired lessons enemy positions will be prepared in depth on two defined features, which will be treated as separate objectives. Attack will be planned in two phases. In the first phase tanks will support the attack by moving forward "married" to the forward platoons. In the second phase tanks will move ahead by bounds, neutralizing enemy positions by fire, thereby enabling the infantry to advance.

(b) RECCE AND ORDERS

These will be completed (down to section commanders) by D-1. When making recce unit and sub-ordinate commanders will not move EAST of point 326103.

Units will arrange direct with OC B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt re recces and conferences at which tank commanders are required.

(c) UNIT HEAVY WEAPONS

Will be carried to assembly area on unit transport, and from there will, where necessary, be manhandled. Full WE of weapons etc will be taken on exercise.

(d) ASSEMBLY AREAS

- (i) Tanks - Area square 3009. Tanks will be well dispersed and off road.
- (ii) Infantry - Square 3110.

(e) TIMINGS FOR D DAY

- (i) Units will march to assembly area, arriving by 0945 hrs. R and O Groups will move ahead by MT to finalise arrangements on the ground.
- (ii) Attack will commence NOT before 1100 hrs.
- (iii) On completion of exercise units will march to camp area by track leading through MOUNTAIN VIEW FARM.
- (iv) Brigade Commander will discuss the exercise with officers and NCO platoon commanders at the conclusion of the exercise at road junction 358097.

10. OPENING NARRATIVE To be issued separately.

11. The exercise should terminate at approximately 1500 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn (2) (One copy for
194 for A C BENNETT)
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
- 2/1 Aust Par Bn
- 3 Aust Div (for information)
- 5042
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)

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A/BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

6 Apr 44

BATTALION EXERCISE No 1

FORECAST OF EVENTS

DAY	TIME	EVENT	ACTION BY ENEMY	ACTION BY UMPIRES	POINTS TO NOTE
D-1	PM	Recce and orders by unit and sub-unit comds		Senior Umpire will be present when CO gives orders to coy comds. Umpires with fwd coys will attend when coy comds give orders to pl comds. Umpires make notes of the orders for infm of the Director.	Check details of co-op with tks - "marrying up", formations etc. Is it clear whose comd tks come under after FUP? Fire plan.
D-1	2030	Conference all umpires and Maj BENNETT at Bde HQ to co-ordinate tasks for D Day in accordance with Bn Comds plan			
D Day	0800		Arrive on posn and commence improvement. OC enemy to make arrangements for this move through the BM		
"	0830	R and O Gps arrive in exercise area		Senior Umpire with CO	
"	0945	All tps arrive in assembly areas		Report to respective sub-units	Check dispersion and routine at assembly areas.
"	1030 (approx)	Fwd coys and tks move to FUP			Check "marrying up" and liaison between inf and tk comds. Are fwd secs quite clear which tk or tks are to sp them
"	1100	Attack commences	Fire only at definite targets. Engrs to create "noise effect" in enemy posn to indicate attacking bn's fire sp.		Sec formations and control by sub-unit comds.

DAY	TIME	EVENT	ACTION BY ENEMY	ACTION BY UMPIRES	POINTS TO NOTE
D Day	1100-1130	Phase 1	Fire only at definite targets. Engrs to create "noise effect" in enemy posn to indicate attacking bn's fire sp.	<p>i. Paint picture of leading tps coming under fire from different enemy posns - to give inf opportunity to indicate targets to tks.</p> <p>ii. About 150 yds from objective fwd coys will be held up by SA, MMG and Mortar fire until tks neutralize same.</p> <p>iii. About 75 yds from objective <u>one</u> Tka gun will open and <u>one</u> tk will be knocked out.</p>	<p>Methods of indicating targets, and speed of engaging same.</p> <p>Use of three in Mortar, esp against MMG posn.</p> <p>Action taken by inf to neutralize Tka gun.</p>
"	1130 (approx)	Capture of first objective.	Rear elements only withdraw to second posn. Remainder lie down, excl proportion detailed to surrender.	Inform tps they are under intermittent mortar fire from second enemy posn.	Reorganization - quick siting of sec and pl posns. Preparations for Phase 2. Method of dealing with POW.
"	1200-1230 (approx)	Phase 2	Open fire on tks, but withdraw or move out before tks overrun posn. Small parties to be left behind.	Paint picture of inf under mortar and SA fire until tks reach objective, then sniping only.	Formations and control. Action taken to "mop up" posn.
"	1230-1330 (approx)	Reorganization and exploitation to rd junc 358097.	Small delaying party on high ground 356099, otherwise keep out of area.		As for end of Phase 1. Also note patrols etc sent to secure rd junc.
"	1400 (approx)	Exercise ends	Return to ck crossing 323105, thence to camp by MT.	Conference with Bde Comd at rd junc 358097.	
"	1430	Bde Comd's conference with all unit offrs and NCO pl comds.		attend conference.	

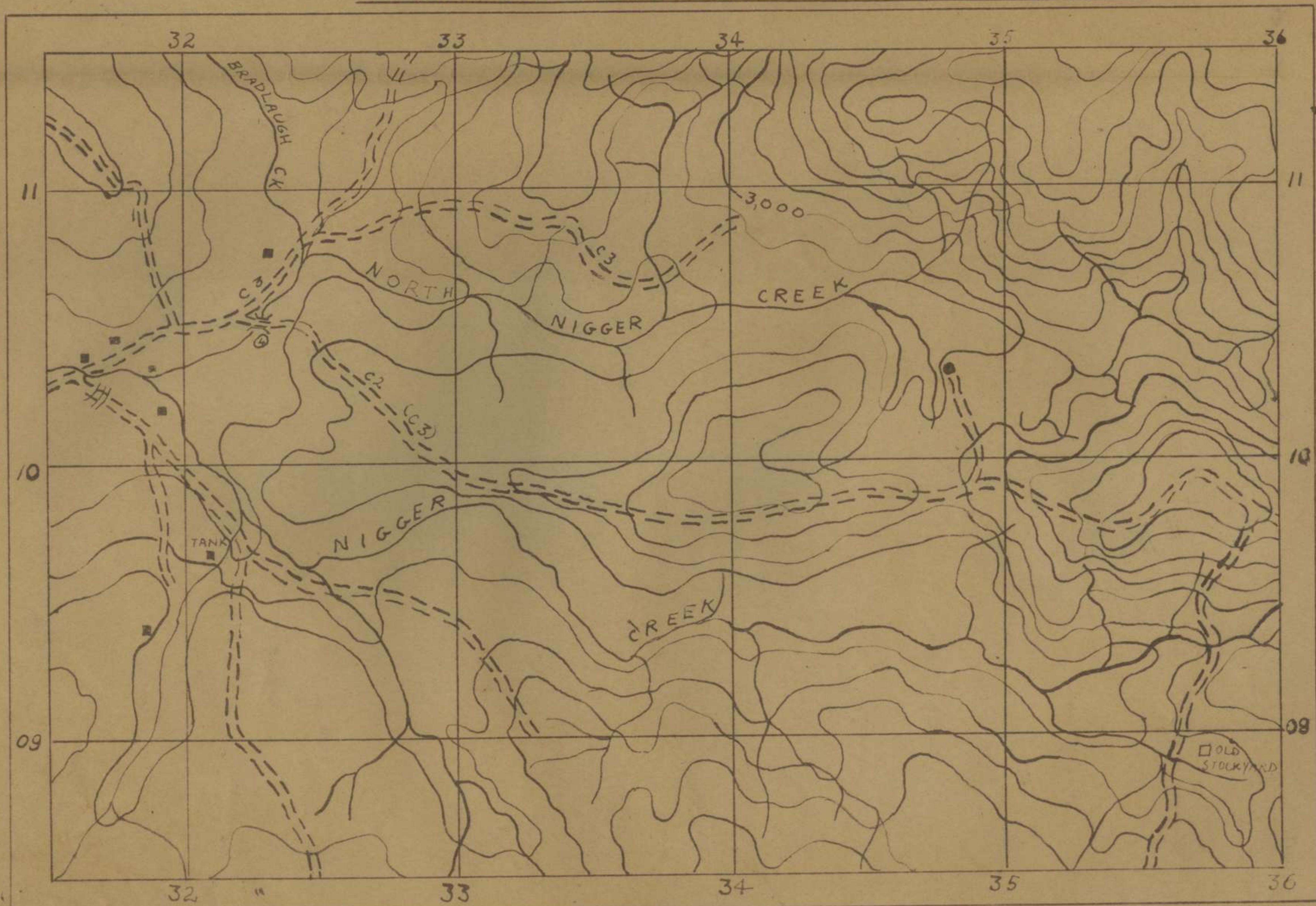
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 Maj BENNETT (3) Spare (3)
 UMPIRES (7) File (2)

W. F. Bolger for Capt
 (D O Hay)
 A/BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

TANK EXERCISE AREA

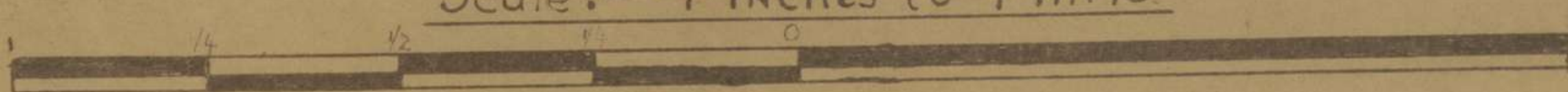
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ENLARGED FROM HERBERTON 1:63,360



Scale:- 4 inches to 1 mile

mile



mile

CONTOUR INTERVAL
50 feet

Bde bond.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
4 Apr 44

WD 1

*By Skielto
for W.D.*

EASTER ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING.

- to be held at 1400 hours Sat 8 Apr 44 -
- on Bde Area Sports Oval -

PROGRAM

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>
1	220 yds inter unit race	1 per unit
2	440 yds inter unit race	1 per unit
3	880 yds inter unit race	1 per unit
4	100 yds inter unit race	1 per unit
5	Hop, step and jump (2 tries)	1 per unit
6	Running long jump (2 tries)	1 per unit
7	100 yds relay race (teams of four)	1 per unit
8	Kicking the football (Aust Rules) Place (2 kicks)	1 per unit
9	Kicking the football (Aust Rules) Drop kick (2 kicks)	1 per unit
10	Throwing the cricket ball (distance) (2throws)	1 per unit
11	Novelty Event	1 per unit
12	Medley 440, 220, 220, 100 yds (teams of four)	1 per unit
13	Tug of war - best of three pulls each 1 minute - (teams of 8)	1 per unit

Spikes or boots with stops will NOT be worn

Points will be awarded for each event and totalled at the end of the meeting - the highest aggregate will decide the best unit for the day.

METHOD OF SCORING:

First	3 points
Second	2 points
Third	1 point
Tie	Divide points

OFFICIALS

as stated hereunder are required:-

- STARTER - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Events 1,2,3,4,7,11,12.
- CHIEF MARSHAL - Bde Amenities Officer
- JUDGES 3 Running events 1,2,3,4,7,11,12.
1 from each 2/5 Bn, 2/6 Bn, 2/8 Fd Coy
- JUDGES 3 Events 5,6,8,9,10,13
1 from each 2/2 Fd Amb, 2/1 Pnr Bn, 2/7 Bn.
- STEWARDS 3 Events 1,2,3,4,7,11,12.
1 from each 2/5 Bn, 2/6 Bn, 2/8 Fd Coy
- STEWARDS 3 Events 5,6,8,9,10,13.
1 from each 2/2 Fd Amb, 2/1 Pnr Bn, 2/7 Bn.

Names of officials to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs Friday 7 Apr
- Officials will report at Marshalling Area (Boxing Ring) at
1330 hrs Saturday 8 Apr 44.

ALL ENTRANTS report at Marshalling area at Boxing Ring at
least two events before competition.

Goal Posts South End
Goal Posts South End

WORKING PARTY

two from each unit to report to Bde Amenities Officer at
0900 hrs Thursday 6 Apr at Bde Boxing Ring for purpose of
marking out arena.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
11 Apr 44.

RESULTS of SPORTING ACTIVITIES WEEK 3 - 9 APR 44

(a) BOXING:- 17 AUST INF BDE TOURNAMENT CONTESTS SAT NIGHT 8 APR 44

FEATHERWEIGHT

Pte WENDS	2/5 Bn	8.13	defeated	Pte HARVEY	2/7 Bn	8.8
" JACKSON	2/1 Pnr Bn	8.2	"	"	2/6 Bn	8.13
" McLEOD	2/6 Bn	8.6	"	"	2/1 Pnr Bn	8.4

LIGHTWEIGHT

Pte THORNE	2/6 Bn	9.7	"	" GRAY	2/1 Pnr Bn	9.7
" NEVIN	2/7 Bn	9.3	"	" GILROY	2/6 Bn	9.6

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Pte JONES A	2/7 Bn	W.O.	from	" KERRICKS	2/5 Bn	(ill)
Spr FERRY	2/8 Fd Coy	10.4	defeated	" MEAKIN	2/5 Bn	10.5

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Pte PARKES	2/5 Bn	11.0	"	" BRASLEY	2/6 Bn	10.12
" GEORGE	2/1 Pnr Bn	11.0	"	" EDWARDS	2/7 Bn	11.7
" CASTILLAN	2/7 Bn	11.3	"	" REYNOLDS	2/5 Bn	10.12

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Cpl MORGAN	2/5 Bn	11.12	"	Spr BELLAMY	2/8 Fd Coy	12.7
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(b) ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING SAT AFTERNOON 8 APR 44

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
220 yds	Pte ROBINSON 2/6 Bn Time 25 1/5 sec	Pte GROSE 2/7 Bn	Pte BADCOCK 2/5 Bn
440 yds	Pte DEVLIN 2/6 Bn Time 1 min 2/5 sec	Pte WILSON 2/5 Bn	Pte MITCHELL 2/7 Bn
880 yds	Pte BAKER 2/2 Fd Amb	Pte MARTIN 2/7 Bn	Pte SMITH 2/6 Bn
100 yds	Pte ROBINSON 2/6 Bn	Pte WILSON 2/5 Bn	Pte MURROE 2/2 Fd Amb
RELAY	2/6 Bn	2/2 Fd Amb	2/7 Bn
PLACE KICK	Pte HEDLAND 2/7 Bn	Cpl McLEOD 2/2 Amb	Cpl SMITH 2/5 Bn
DROP KICK	Pte HEDLAND 2/7 Bn Distance 67 yds	Pte GRACE 2/6 Bn	Cpl SMITH 2/5 Bn
THROWING CRICKET BALL	Pte HEDLAND 2/7 Bn Distance 94yds 11 ins	Pte GRACE 2/6 Bn	Cpl SMITH 2/5 Bn
TUG OF WAR	2/6 Bn	2/7 Bn	2/2 Fd Amb
NOVELTY	Pte GRACE 2/6 Bn	Pte ZOCK 2/7 Bn	-
MEDLEY	2/6 Bn	2/2 Fd Amb	2/7 Bn

POINTS SCORED

2/6 Bn	26
2/7 Bn	20
2/2 Fd Amb	11
2/5 Bn	8

(c) GROUP COMPETITIONS

<u>AUST RULES:-</u>	2/1 Pnr Bn	defeated	2/6 Bn
	2/7 Bn 14.8	"	2/5 Bn 5.7.
	2/3 Fd Regt 23.15	"	Bde HQ 3.3
	2/8 Fd Coy	"	2/2 Fd Regt
<u>RUGBY LEAGUE:</u>	2/1 Pnr Bn 30	"	2/6 Bn 8
	2/5 Bn 3 (1trie)	"	2/7 Bn 2 (1 goal)
	2/8 Fd Coy 12	"	2/3 Fd Regt 8
	2/2 Fd Amb		bye
<u>SOCCER:</u>	2/1 Pnr Bn 3	"	2/6 Bn Nil
	2/7 Bn 2	"	2/5 Bn 1
	2/3 Fd Regt		Bye
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	2/6 Bn	"	2/1 Pnr Bn
	2/5 Bn Won on forfeit	"	2/7 Bn
	2/1 Fd Amb		bye
<u>VOLLEYBALL:</u>	2/6 Bn	"	2/1 Pnr Bn
	2/7 Bn won on forfeit		2/5 Bn
	2/2 Fd Amb		bye

(c) GROUP COMPETITIONS (CONT'D)

<u>TENNIS</u>	2/6 Bn	match off	2/1 Pnr Bn
	2/5 Bn	" "	2/7 Bn
	2/3 Fd Regt	" "	Bde HQ,
	2/2 Fd Amb	" "	2/8 Fd Coy

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	2/2 Aust Fd Amb
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	Bde Comd
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Bde HQ
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	Amon Offr
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	

W.P. Bolger Capt
 (W.P. BOLGER)
 SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: 17 AUST INF BDE JUNIOR LEADERS SCHOOL -
ADM ARRANGEMENTS

17 Aust Inf Bde
Ref No: Q/54
12 Apr 44.

2/5 AUST INF BN
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COMD
B.M.
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T.O.
BASCO
SENIOR L.O.

1. STAFF (a) Administrative staff for 17 Aust Inf Bde Junior Leaders School will be provided by units as under:-

SERIAL	APPOINTMENT	No	Reqd	Rank	To be provided by
1.	School Q M S	1		S/Sjt (or suitable Sjt)	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
2.	Cooks	3		1 Cpl - 2 Ptes (AACC personnel)	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
3.	Hygiene Duty Man	1		Pte	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
4.	General Duty Man	2		Ptes	1 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 1 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
5.	Storeman	1		Pte	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
6.	Batmen	One per Offr		Pte	
		appointed to			
		School Staff			
7.	Clerk	1			2/6 Aust Inf Bn
8.	RAP Orderly	1		Pte	2/5 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Units will advise names of personnel selected to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde by 0900 hours 13 Apr 44.

(c) Staff as above will report to C1 17 Aust Inf Bde Junior Leaders School (situated rear of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde camp area) at 0900 hours 14 Apr. Personal gear, arms, equipment and blankets will be taken.

2. STORES (a) C1 17 Aust Inf Bde Junior Leaders School will be responsible for all stores issued to school and for proper accounting of same.

(b) Accommodation and training stores will be supplied under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

3. RATIONS All staff and students will be rationed by school.

4. CANTEEN Units will continue to draw canteen supplies (both wet and dry goods) for personnel detached to school either as students or staff and will arrange that such goods are distributed to personnel concerned. No canteen will be conducted by the school.

5. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT Units will continue to maintain personnel detached to school, with personal clothing and equipment.

6. POSTAL (a) Outgoing mail will be censored by officers attached to school and delivered to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde daily by 1000 hours for franking.

(b) In coming mail will be delivered by units concerned direct to school.

7. TRANSPORT Demands for transport will be submitted by C1 to Bde TO who will arrange for necessary vehicles to be supplied as required.

8. PAY Pay will be drawn by C1 through HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

9. MEDICAL (a) RAP will be established at school for treatment of all minor ailments.

(b) RMO 2/5 Aust Inf Bn is appointed School Medical Officer and will arrange for medical treatment of staff and students.

10. CAMP Camp site will be prepared under arrangement HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

11. COMMUNICATIONS 17 Aust Inf Bde Sec Sigs will arrange

- (a) L/T between HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde and school as from 0900 hours 14 Apr.
- (b) Inclusion of school on Bde DRIS.

W.P. Bolger Capt
 (W.P. BOLGER)
 SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

(c) GROUP COMPETITIONS (CONT'D)

<u>TENNIS</u>	2/6 Bn	match off	2/1 Pnr Bn
	2/5 Bn	" "	2/7 Bn
	2/3 Fd Regt	" "	Bde HQ
	2/2 Fd Amb	" "	2/8 Fd Coy

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	2/2 Aust Fd Amb
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	Bde Comd
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Bde HQ
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	Amon Offr
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	

W.P. Bolger Capt
 (W.P. BOLGER)
 SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
 12 Apr 44.

NOTICE

A meeting of personnel, who are interested in performing the duties of boundary or field umpires at Aust Rules Football matches, will be held at this HQ Amenities Office at 1630 hrs Thurs 13 Apr 44.

AGENDA

1. To discuss the formation of an umpires class for training umpires.
2. Formation of an umpires board for allocating umpires to matches.
3. Appointment of a tribunal for raising the standard where necessary and for the co-ordination of rulings.

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DISTRIBUTION

- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/8 Aust Fd Coy
- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
- 2/2 Aust Fd Amb
- Bde HQ
- Bde Comd
- File

Subject: STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS
17 AUST INF BDE JUNIOR LEADERS SCHOOL
COURSE No 4

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

617/182/3

13 Apr 44

- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/1 Aust Par Bn

1. The following have been selected as staff and instructors for Course No 4 of the above School:

CI	Maj A C BENNETT	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Adjnt	Lieut J M JOHNSONE	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Offr Instrs	Lieut H A BELL	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
	Lieut C D PAYNE	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
	Lieut E C SEERS	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
	Lieut W G NICHOLLS	2/1 Aust Par Bn
CSM	WO(11) A R BEACH	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

2. The above will report and be equipped to live at the School at 1000 hrs 14 Apr 44.

3. In addition, addressees will each select 4 NCOs who will report to the CI at the School (behind Bde HQ) at 1000 hrs 14 Apr 44. 10 of these will be selected as instructors. The best material available will be nominated.

4. Instructors will be changed at the end of each Course.

S L M Eshell Maj

(S L M Eshell)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

COPY TO: War Diary (2)

Subject: 17 AUST INF BDE JUNIOR
LEADERS SCHOOL Course No 4

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
G17/182/1

13 Apr 44

DURATION

1. The above Course will be held at Bde School area from 17 Apr 44 to 13 May 44.
2. CHIEF INSTRUCTOR - Maj A C BENNETT 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
3. OBJECT - To train cpls and potential NCOs as section leaders.
4. SCOPE
First two weeks
Instruction in - Learning to instruct in weapon training
Handling compass
Map reading
Message writing
Elementary field sketching
Patrol reports
Method of giving orders
Company organization
Second two weeks
Tactical in open country -
Section and platoon formations
Advance, attack, defence, withdrawal, patrolling
both by day and night
5. Unsatisfactory students will be returned to units.
6. ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES -

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	-	20
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	-	20
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	-	20
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	-	14
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	-	6
7. NOMINAL ROLLS will incl number, rank, name, unit, name and address of next-of-kin, and will be submitted in duplicate to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 14 Apr 44.
8. EQUIPMENT The following will be brought by students:
Rifle and bayonet
Full web equipment
Ground sheet
4 blankets
Change of clothing
Messing and toilet gear
9. BOOKS Students will bring the following text books:
(a) SAT Vol I Pam 1 Weapon training
2 Application of fire
3 Rifle
4 Bren
8 2" Mortar
12 Bayonet
13 Grenades
15 SMG
(b) MTP 33 Trg in Fieldcraft and Elementary Tactics
(c) Infantry Minor Tactics
Infantry Training
Infantry Section Leading
Fieldcraft and Battle Drill
6 Aust Div Trg Instr No 11
Jungle Warfare
(d) Writing materials
10. MOVEMENT AND REPORTING Students will report to the School under unit arrangement at 0930 hrs 16 Apr 44.

S. L. M. Eskell Maj
(S L M Eskell)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	CI - Maj A C BENNETT
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	6 Aust Div
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Comd
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	SC
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	War Diary (2)
	File (2)

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

by
BRIG M.J.MOTEN DSO ED

COMMANDING 17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Serial No 12

23 Apr 44

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S.L.M. Eskeell Maj
(S.L.M. ESKELL)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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48. N.S.W. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Attention is directed to GRO A132/44 for action.

49. BAYONETS AND SCABBARDS - PRESERVATION

Attention is directed to GRO Q133/44.

Units will ensure by frequent inspection that maintenance by unit personnel is effectively performed.

50. REGIMENTAL FUNDS - HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Statement of Receipt and Expenditure for month ended 31 Mar 44 and certificate of Auditors is published herewith.

51. RECORDING OF LEAVE

Attention is directed to GRO A127/44 for action.

W.P. Bolger Capt
(W.P. BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

17 AUST INF BDE - REGIMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Month Ended 31 Mar 44

Balance 1 Mar 44 82.11. 3

PLUS RECEIPTS

Donation 2/1 Aust Guard Regt	25. 0. 0	
Profits OR Unit Canteen WONDECIA DEC JAN FEB	45. 7. 7	
Profits OR Unit Canteen TRINITY BEACH	6.16. 0	
ADCS monthly distributions Dec & Jan	17. 0. 8	
Distribution of ADCS Profits 2 Sqn Sigs	19. 0. 0	
Refund of part of Officers' Mess advance	15. 0. 0	
Refund of advance to 6 Aust Div GYMKHANA	75. 0. 0	
		<u>203. 4. 3</u>
		285.15. 6

LESS DISBURSEMENTS

Purchases Sports Materials	21.19. 0	
Purchases Sundry:		
Beer tap	1. 8. 6	
Pressure Lamps etc	6. 6. 6	
Flower seeds	1.11. 6	
Messing Utensils	7.11.11	
Supplementary rations	27. 8. 3	
Advances - purchase of milk	23. 6. 8	
Advances - 6 Aust Div GYMKHANA	75. 0. 0	
Barber Services (4 months)	6. 0. 0	
		<u>170.12. 4</u>
Balance 31 Mar 44	£	115. 3. 2

MONEY OWING TO REGTL FUNDS AT 31 MAR 44

OR Canteen Profits Mar 44		
Advance OR's Unit Canteen	100. 0. 0	
Postal Orderlys Imprest	5. 0. 0	
Advance to Officers Mess	10. 0. 0	
	<u>£115. 0. 0</u>	

MONEY OWING BY REGTL FUNDS AT 31 MAR 44

Sporting Materials obtained on 31 Mar 44	£ 16.15. 9
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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

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COMMANDING 17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Serial No. 13

27 APR 44.

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Major.
S.L.M. ESKER
BM 17 AUST INF SDE

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52. AMENITIES - CONTRIBUTIONS BY ACF

1. It is desired that attention be drawn to the many amenities provided by the Australian Comforts Fund ^{to the troops} more particularly in operational areas.
2. The Australian Comforts Fund itself does not maintain a large number of personnel but its staff act principally in a directional and supervisory capacity.
3. A great deal of the actual work of handling and distributing the material which it provides is undertaken by representatives of the YMCA and Salvation Army. By internal arrangement between the Australian Comforts Fund, the YMCA and the Salvation Army, the finance of these considerable undertakings is provided by the Australian Comforts Fund and the stores which are used by the latter bodies are almost entirely obtained by it and furnished to the representatives of the YMCA and Salvation Army for distribution.
4. The Australian Comforts Fund, is dependent upon public subscription for the very large funds which are necessary to enable it to carry out its organisation and these funds are entirely received from the Australian Public, and their volume is dependent upon its good will.
5. It is, therefore, desirable that steps should be taken to ensure that members realise that a large amount of valuable goods are supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund, and that they understand the system in vogue in the field whereunder it supplies goods, furnishes the Recreation Huts, provides many of the Mobile Canteens and other facilities, whilst the YMCA and the Salvation Army provide those who give personal service in the distribution of the goods and management of the huts and canteens. It is necessary that those who use the material for games, pens, notepaper and furniture, the foodstuffs, smokes and other effects which are so distributed realise that these everyday needs have, in fact, been supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund.
6. All units will therefore ensure that steps are taken periodically to bring these facts to the notice of the troops by appropriate circulars and notices. Every month a copy of the Amenities report showing the Amenities received from the Australian Comforts fund is to be brought to the notice of the troops by display on the notice board of all units.

53. CANTEEN - CIGARETTES

Owing to washaways on the main railway lines, the supply of canteen goods has become acute.

This will be especially noticeable in regard to cigarettes, which will be in particularly short supply for the next two/three weeks.

54. EMBLEM FOR MENTION IN DESPACHES.

1. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of an emblem being worn by all personnel who have been "mentioned" one or more times in military despatches during the present war by a commander in the field.
2. The emblem is of a new pattern in the form of a single oak leaf in bronze.
3. During the present war, this emblem will not be worn on any medal ribbon, but will be worn in a position in which a ribbon would be placed immediately after those already worn. When no medal ribbon is worn, the emblem will be worn immediately above the centre of the left breast pocket.
4. The emblem will be worn with the stalk of the oak leaf farthest from the left shoulder.

Emblems will be issued when stocks come to hand.

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

30 APRIL '44.

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

0815 hrs	C of E Holy Communion Service	Recreation Hut	(Padre Richardson)
0915 hrs	Parade Service	Recreation Hut	(Padre Wallace)
0945 hrs	Holy Communion Service	Recreation Hut	(Padre Wallace)

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

0700 hrs	C of E Holy Communion Service	Recreation Hut	(Padre Richardson)
0915 hrs	Parade Service	17 Aust Inf Bde Cinema	(Padre Richardson)
1000 hrs	C of E Holy Communion Service	Recreation Hut	(Padre Richardson)

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

0800 hrs	Parade Service		(Padre Wallace)
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ROMAN CATHOLIC

0645 hrs	Mass	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	Recreation Hut
0800 hrs	Mass	"	(Padre O'Keefe)
	<u>Confessions</u>	Saturday 29 April -	Padre O'Keefe's tent 2/7 Aust Inf Bn lines.

DCM - WK 13284 Pte SNELLING R.L. 17 AUST INF BDE.

" The abovenamed soldier was tried by DCM held in the Field on 11 Apr 44 by order of Comd 6 Aust Div dated 9 Apr 44.

Charge: Absenting himself without leave from 1600hrs 19 NOV 43 until 0800hrs 7 JAN 44 (AA Sec 15 (1))

Plea. GUILTY with the exception that the absence commenced at 1600hrs 20 NOV 43 and terminated at 1600 hrs on 8 DEC 43, a period of 18 days.

Finding GUILTY in the terms of the special plea.

Sentence To suffer field punishment for a period of TWENTY EIGHT days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of TWENTY EIGHT days.

Date of Sentence: 21 April 44.

On 26 APR 44 Comd 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence. The accused was not in close arrest awaiting trial. Promulgated to the accused on 28 APR 44."

W P Bolger / Capt
 (W P BOLGER)
 SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

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17 AUST INF BDE FIELD FIRING EXERCISE

25, 28 Apr and 3 May 44

in WALSH RIVER area

DISTRIBUTION LIST

1. General Instructions
2. Opening Narrative
3. Umpires Instructions
4. Battalion Operation Order

Recipient	1	2	3	4
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	1	1
Chief Umpire	2	2	2	2
Umpires	3-19	3-19	3-19	3-19
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	20	20	"	20
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	21	21	"	21
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	22	22	-	22
2/3 Aust MG Bn	23	23	-	23
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	24	24	-	24
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	25	25	-	25
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	26	26	-	26
5 AC Sqn RAAF	27	27	20	27
ALO	28	28	21	28
Det 6 Aust Div Pro	29	-	-	"
6 Aust Div	30	29	22	29
37	31	30	23	30
Reg D.	32	31	24	31
War Diary	33-34	32-33	25-26	32-33
File	35-36	34-35	27-28	34-35

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17 AUST INF BDE FIELD FIRING EXERCISEGENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Ref map HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile, enlargement 8 in to 1 mile.

1. 17 Aust Inf Bde will carry out field firing exercises in the WALSH RIVER arty range area on the 25 and 28 Apr and 3 May 44.

2. Troops participating on above dates will be:

25 Apr 44 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
52 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
15 Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
5 AC Sqn RAAF
A Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb

28 Apr 44 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
14 Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
5 AC Sqn RAAF
B Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb

3 May 44 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
15 Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
5 AC Sqn RAAF
HQ Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb

OBJECT OF EXERCISE

To accustom troops to the noise and confusion of battle and the employment supporting arms.

SCOPE OF EXERCISE

The exercise will cover both attack and defence and will be carried out in the area bounded by map refs 215167 255187 224148 270170.

(a) ATTACK

The attack will be in two phases supported by tanks, arty and air. Air support will only be given on first phase and will consist of bombing and strafing.

(b) DEFENCE

Defensive perimeter will be for safety reasons, taped by umpires. Bn to take up defence within taped area.

5. MOVEMENT TO FIELD FIRING AREA

Units participating will move to area on the day prior to the exercise and return on the day following exercise. Separate adm order and movement table to be issued later for movement and bivouac areas.

6. When the defensive position has been occupied and CDFs brought down, the unit will spend the night occupying the position, a hot meal being brought forward from bivouac area.

7. CDF

When umpires have checked fire plan and siting of weapons etc, CDF for defensive area will be fired. NO fire will fall in defensive area or in arc from 252176 bearing 274° mag and 253171 bearing 214° mag. CDF for bn area GREEN RED - 2 mins rapid, 2 mins normal.

3. DRESS

Jungle greens with equipment. All personnel whether participating or observers will wear steel helmets.

9. AIR ACTION

During move to the field firing area, units will be subject to dive bombing with flour bags as bombs. Units will take adequate action to evade casualties.

10. TOOLS

SC will arrange for 50 extra shovels to be drawn by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and passed on to other bns.

11. DIGGING

When the defensive perimeter is occupied, units will carry out complete digging.

12. UMPIRES AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Umpires and signallers for umpires' intercomm will be distinguished by white bands on either arm.
- (b) All orders issued by umpires during the course of the exercise must be obeyed immediately irrespective of rank.
- (c) At conclusion of exercise umpires will instruct commanders to unload weapons and withdraw ammunition under supervision. Umpires will check.
- (d) Umpires will control all firing both in attack and defence and will hold up units if necessary for safety reasons. In defence umpires will check siting of weapons and personnel and if ordered by umpires, weapons and sections will be resited.
- (e) The defensive area will be taped prior to exercise and all personnel must be inside and all fall of shot outside the taped area.
- (f) Safety angles of both Vickers and Brens must not be less than 5°. Mortar bombs must fall not less than 200 yds from defensive area. 25 pr shells must fall not less than 300 yds from defensive area. Tanks and TKA guns must be sited on forward edges of perimeter and not firing between or over troops. Tanks will not engage targets unless 50 yds forward of infantry.
- (g) Defensive fire will be called for only when directed by umpires.
- (h) Start lines will be taped by umpires prior to exercise.
- (i) TKA guns will not fire during attack.
- (j) Grenades will not be carried with the exception of 7 sec 36M for EY rifles.
- (k) Any unexploded bombs or shells found will not be touched, but will be reported to the nearest officer, who will notify chief umpire who will arrange demolition of same.
- (l) Umpires will go to ground if troops do so, unless required by own task to do otherwise.
- (m) Objects and targets painted the colours set out hereunder will represent enemy as indicated:
 - Buff - Section
 - Red - Pillboxes or MMGs
 - White - Tanks or TKA guns.
- (n) Umpires will pay particular attention to siting of mortars in relation to clearance of trees etc and mortar personnel must move or clear field of fire on their instruction.
- (o) EMERGENCY CALLS AND SIGNALS
MATCHBOX sent via chief umpire's RAAF set, meaning "Cease fire and/or bombing and return to airfield."
CIGARETTE meaning "Cease fire and/or bombing, you are hitting our own troops". In addition a series of White verey lights fired by land troops indicates the same.

12. (p) On first objective, following signals will be used:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>GREEN Verrey light</u>
H-35	End of RAAF bombing	Aircraft
H-10	End of mortar bombing	FOO Mortar
H Hr	End of RAAF strafing	R/T only to chief umpire

13. Both 2/5 and 2/6 Aust Inf Bns will on conclusion of exercise fill in all digging.

14. PROVISION OF UMPIRES Following are umpires for exercise:

Chief Umpire	Maj	G G DARLING	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Bn HQ	Capt	K L BROUGHAM	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy	Lt	T W ASHTON	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
7 Pl	Lt	E R REEVE	"
8 Pl	Lt	W E PROPOSCH	"
9 Pl	Lt	A ROBERTS	"
B Coy	Capt	A N ROOKE	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
10 Pl	Lt	B L ROBINSON	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
11 Pl	Lt	J C WATSON	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
12 Pl	Capt	L C JOHNSON	"
Arty - Guns	Capt	A S BROOKING	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
FOO	Capt	H A LOVEGROVE	"
Tanks	Capt	R MORTON	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
	Lt G L Mc	BAIN	"
Mortars	Capt	J C COUGHLAN	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
MMG	Capt	J S HEWITT	2/3 Aust MG Bn

15. CONDUCTING OFFICER

Capt W F LEE HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will be conducting officer for observers who will RV at 233167 by 1000 hrs 25 and 28 Apr and 3 May 44.

16. UMPIRES COMMUNICATIONS

Requirements for umpires' communications will be supplied as below, to report to BM(L) at Bde HQ at 1000 hrs on the days shown:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>To Supply</u>	<u>On</u>
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	8-108 sets	23, 24 and 27 Apr and 2 May
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	3-108 sets 1 NCO and 14-108 operators	27 Apr and 2 May 2 May
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	14-108 operators 3-108 sets 1 NCO and 14-108 operators	27 Apr 23 and 24 Apr, 2 May 23 and 24 Apr
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	14-108 operators 3-108 sets 1 NCO and 14-108 operators	2 May 23, 24 and 27 Apr 27 Apr
	14-108 operators	23 and 24 Apr

NOTES: The NCOs above are required to supervise the netting of 13 umpires' 108 sets on 3.5 MCs and one spare set. The operators are required to operate them.

Bns will ensure that all these NCOs and operators report with the necessary armbands, pencils and message forms.

Cut lunch will be required on 23 Apr 44. Personnel reporting on 24 and 27 Apr and 2 May must be equipped to spend one night on field firing range.

17. CASUALTIES will be made by umpires and evacuated to ADS.

2/2 Aust Fd Amb will establish post at track 233167 and move to final objective on success signal and establish at 254174, to attend real casualties.

18. TRANSPORT

No transport will be allowed past assembly area until conclusion of all firing except prime movers with TKA guns, two ammunition vehicles and ambulance.

19. PROVOST AND SENTRY POSITIONS ARTILLERY RANGE

17 Aust Inf Bde Pro Sec will establish sentry posts at 0900 hrs on 25 and 28 Apr and 3 May as follows:-

- SYLVIA SPRINGS - 340266
- Track junction - 326178
- Track junction - 217159
- Track junction - 192137
- Track junction - 203140

To be dismounted at 1730 hrs on 25 and 28 Apr and 3 May.

No one will be permitted to pass these points except at 217159 and 192137 and they must be troops participating or observers with conducting officer.

20. WORKING PARTIES

- (a) Will be provided by bns to repair and replace targets - strength 1 NCO and 15 men.
- (b) To be supplied as follows and report to Lt ASHTON at 0800 hrs at the Bn HQ in bivouac area:

2/5 Aust Inf Bn 0800 hrs 26 Apr
 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 0800 hrs 29 Apr

S L M Eskell Maj
 (S L M Eskell)
 BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

EXERCISE SECRET

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

22 Apr 44

17 AUST INF BDE FIELD FIRING EXERCISE

Ref Map: HERBERTON 1:63360

OPENING NARRATIVE

On 8 Apr 44, a Jap force estimated two regiments, made a landing NORTH of CAIRNS, simultaneous with the landing of an airborne regiment at MAREEBA.

6 Aust Div were given the task of destroying the enemy force that captured MAREEBA. 16 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes were allotted for this purpose and were preparing for their attack in the HERBERTON area. Jap force had moved to high ground in the MOOMIN area.

Patrols located a Jap force approx one infantry battalion moving SOUTH and WEST of HERBERTON. THIS force was met by a sqn of 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt at track junction 217160. A slight clash resulted and the enemy broke contact and withdrew to positions at ROCKY RIDGE 247168 and J.P. KNOLL 255174. Sqn 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt are disposed on general line high ground 243153 to 242163.

17 Aust InfBde in reserve at RAVENSHOE was ordered to attack and destroy this enemy detached force, which was threatening our L of C.

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On 27 Apr 44 Comd sent for CO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and explained the

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situation. He then said, "I want you to take your battalion and destroy this Jap outflanking force. The attack will take place AM 25 Apr 44. I will give you a squadron of tanks, a battery of 25

28 Apr 44

3 May 44

pounders to help, also a platoon of MMGs from 2/3 Aust MG Bn to assist in consolidating on your final objective, which I suggest be in the vicinity of J.P. KNOLL at 255174. I think you should form a battalion perimeter in that area and be prepared to stay there for not less than 3 days. We are going to arrange an air strike for you on ROCKY RIDGE 247168 prior to your attack. Let the B M and S C know early today what you want for this show."

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Copy No:

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28 Apr 44

3 May 44

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2/6 AUST INF BN OO No 1
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Ref map HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile, enlargement 8 in to 1 mile Appx A.

INFORMATION1. ENEMY

A Jap force approx one inf bn is occupying ROCKY RIDGE 245171 to 248168 and JAP RIDGE 254175 to 254172 with approx two coys on each. He has dug in but NO wiring is evident. MMG and Tka fire has been drawn from several points particularly at CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169 and CHURCH KNOLL 247169.

2. OWN TPS

Sqn Cav (Commando) Regt are held up on general line high ground 243153 to 242163 and will be withdrawn from this area at 1200 hrs on D Day.

INTENTION

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3. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps will capture JAP RIDGE 254171 to 254176.
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METHOD

4. The attack will be carried out in two phases.

(a) PHASE I - Tps - A and B Coys
Objective - ROCKY RIDGE

(b) PHASE II - Tps - C and D Coys
Objective - JAP RIDGE

PHASE I

5. FORWARD TPS - RIGHT - A Coy with Tp Tks in support
LEFT - B Coy with Tp Tks in support

6. OBJECTIVES - RIGHT - Incl CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169 to incl CHURCH KNOLL 247169
LEFT - Excl CHURCH KNOLL 247169 to incl track 245171.

7. RESERVE - RIGHT - C Coy } To move 300 yds in rear of
LEFT - D Coy } forward coys.

8. ASSEMBLY AREA - SURVEYORS CREEK square 2416.

9. STARTING LINE - General line of BITOI CK 244164 to 241168 to be taped by IC by 1000 hrs.

10. AXIS OF ADVANCE - 31° mag.

11. RATE OF ADVANCE - 100 yds in 2 mins.

12. ACTION ON CAPTURE OF OBJECTIVE

A and B Coys consolidate, exploit to general line NEILS CK.

13. TANKS

(a) Tps in support of A and B Coys will move 50 yds in rear of forward tps and be prepared to move forward of the infantry and engage targets on direction of coy comd.

(b) Reserve tp will remain under control of bn.

(c) Sqn HQ to move with Bn HQ.

14. ARTY

Serial	Unit	Time		Task	Amn
		From	To		
1	Tp	H-35	H-20	CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169	18 rpg HE
2	Tp	H-35	H-20	CHURCH KNOLL 247169	

FOO on OP at OBSERVATION HILL 242163.

15. MMI
 (a) General gun areas (i) OBSERVATION HILL 242163 - No 2 Pl
 (ii) OBSERVATION HILL 292164 - Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn
 (b) Programme and role - Targets
 (i) CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169 } Supporting
 (ii) CHURCH KNOLL 247169 } fire
 (c) Amn expenditure - 3 belts per gun.
 (d) Timings - H to H*3
 (e) Move forward on success signal to ROCKY RIDGE for consolidation.

16. MORTARS

Mortar positions Western slopes of OBSERVATION HILL approx 237165.

Serial	Unit	From	to	Task	Amn
1	2 dets	H-41 (approx)		CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169 CHURCH KNOLL 247169	6 rnds smoke
To be fired after A/C have made first passing run over target.					
2	4 dets	H-20	H-10	CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169	20 bpm
3	4 dets	H-20	H-10	CHURCH KNOLL 247169	
4	4 dets	H Hr	H*2	CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169	4 bpm
5	4 dets	H Hr	H*2	CHURCH KNOLL 247169	

Mortar pl will move forward on success signal to ROCKY RIDGE for consolidation.

17. AIR SUPPORT

5 AC Sqn will carry out air support.

Serial	Unit	From	To	Task	Amn
1	2 Bs	H*40	H-35	ROCKY RIDGE	250 pr bombs
2	8 Fs	H-10	H Hr	ROCKY RIDGE	,303 and cannon

Target to be indicated by 3 mortar smoke bombs on either flank fired after first passing run.

2" mortar parachute flares to indicate forward tps.

BOMBLINE - Not WEST of BITOI CK.

18. SUCCESS SIGNALS - A Coy - RED RED
 B Coy - WHITE WHITE

19. H HR - 1100 hrs

PHASE II

20. TPS - RIGHT - C Coy with in support Tp Tanks
 LEFT - D Coy with in support Tp Tanks
21. OBJECTIVES - RIGHT - Incl PIMPLE 254171 to excl GREEN HILL 255175.
 LEFT - Incl GREEN HILL 255175 to incl track junction 254176.
22. RESERVE - A and B Coys remain on first objective until called forward for consolidation on JAP RIDGE.
23. STARTING LINE FOR PHASE II - General line of NEILS CK 251171 to 250175 to be taped by IO by H*30.
24. AXIS OF ADVANCE - 76° mag.
25. RATE OF ADVANCE - 100 yds in 2 mins.
26. ACTION ON CAPTURE OF OBJECTIVE
 Reserve coys called forward and bn defensive perimeter established on JAP RIDGE.
27. TANKS
 (a) Tanks in support of C and D Coys will move 50 yds forward of infantry and engage targets under direction of coy comds.
 (b) Reserve will remain under control of bn.
 (c) Sqn HQ to move with Bn HQ.

28. ARTY

Serial	Unit	Time		Task	Amn
		From	To		
3	Tp	H*45	H*60	PIMPLE 254171) 18 rpg
4	Tp	H*45	H*60	GREEN HILL 255175	

FOG on OP at CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169.

29. MMG

- (a) General gun areas: (i) CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248168 - No 2 Pl
- (ii) CATHEDRAL KNOLL 248169 - Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn
- (b) Programme and role: (i) Targets - PIMPLE 254171 } Supporting
- (ii) Targets - GREEN HILL 255175 } fire
- (c) Timings - H*56 to H*60
- (d) Amn expenditure - 2 belts per gun
- (e) Move forward on success signal for consolidation at JAP RIDGE.

30. MORTARS

Serial	Unit	Time		Task	Amn
		From	To		
6	4 dets	H*60	H*62	PIMPLE 254171	} 10 bpm
7	4 dets	H*60	H*62	GREEN HILL 255175	

31. SUCCESS SIGNALS - C Coy - RED RED
D Coy - WHITE WHITE

32. CROSS START LINE - Tanks cross start line at H*60.

POINTS COMMON TO BOTH PHASES

- 33. PNRS - Prepare crossings for Tka guns and tanks as required.
- 34. TK A - One sec Tk A pl on each flank for protection.
Move forward on success signals to ROCKY RIDGE and JAP RIDGE.
- 35. GUIDES
Two guides per coy to guide tanks to assembly area and start line will report to Adjt at 0900 hrs at Bn HQ.
- 36. MOVEMENT TO ASSEMBLY AREA IN FOLLOWING ORDER
A Coy, Tp Tanks, B Coy, Tp Tanks, MMG Pl, Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn, Mortar Pl, Bn HQ, C Coy, D Coy, Tp Tanks.
- 37. TIMINGS - Arrive assembly area H-90
Leave assembly area H-15
Arrive Start Line H-3

ADM

38. AMN

- (a) Bn SAA reserve remains in assembly area.
- (b) On capture of final objective will move to 254174.
- (c) 100 rnds to be carried on the man. 6 Bren mags with section.

39. STORES

- (a) Stores for consolidation: Each rifle coy will provide carrying party of 1 NCO and 6 men for additional shovels to report to RQMS at dump at 0930 hrs.
- (b) RQMS to send forward carrying parties on success signal from final objective.

40. TPM

NO tpt pass assembly area except prime movers for Tka guns, two vehicles for amn and ambulance.

41. MEDICAL

- (a) RAP will be established 235168
- (b) On capture final objective will move to 254175
- (c) Four SBs will be allotted to each coy.
- (d) ADS established 218160
- (e) CPs will be established at 234168 for first phase and evacuation after Phase II to ADS from RAP.

42. PW - To Bn HQ ..and then to Bde Cage at 233168.

INTERCOMN

43. HQ - PHASE I

- (a) Bn HQ will close at H-90 and re-open at assembly area at the same time.
- (b) During attack Bn HQ will move in rear of B Coy.
- (c) On capture of first objective will be established at CHURCH KNOLL 247169.

HQ - PHASE II

- (a) Bn HQ will move in rear of D Coy.
- (b) On capture of final objective will be established at 254175.

44. SIGNAL PLAN - See Signal Diagram Appx B.

- (a) Handy-Talkies at coy and pl HQ with the tanks on the same frequency. Tank personnel will man the Handy-Talkies at pl HQ.
- (b) 108 sets at bn and coy HQ on the bn frequency.
- (c) Lines between bn HQ and coy HQ, RAA bty and mortars on final objective.
- (d) All sets will be netted on D-1.

45. AIR SUPPORT

- (a) Mortars will put down six 3" mortar smoke bombs to indicate flanks of targets (see para 15), to A/C at H-41 approx after A/C make first passing run.
- (b) 2" mortar parachute flares will be fired to indicate FDLs after Boomerang A/C have made first passing run.

46. CODE NAMES

	<u>2/5 Bn</u>	<u>2/6 Bn</u>	<u>2/7 Bn</u>
Bn HQ	SEDU	HULA	ROBU
HQ Coy	HOPA	LOBO	GONU
A Coy	LURA	MEBA	SEBA
B Coy	KURI	FOPO	GOMO
C Coy	FUMA	KUDI	NOPA
D Coy	LOLO	LOPO	BABI
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt		LEBO	
53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt		MACO	

47. PYROTECHNICS - SUCCESS SIGNALS

- A Coy - RED RED
- B Coy - WHITE WHITE
- C Coy - RED RED
- D Coy - WHITE WHITE

48. TIME SIGNALS

Time as given by ABC time signals will be used. Watches will be synchronised at 0930 hrs daily using the W/S set. Time signals are obtainable on No 19 (tank) set 0800 and 1900 hrs from the ABC on 7.27 MCs, also CW time signals given by WTO BRISBANE on 5.00 MCs every hr may be used for checks.

49. Tasks finished will be signalled as follows:-

- H-35 End of A/C bombing
- H-10 End of mortar bombing
- H Hr End of A/C strafing

GREEN Verrey light from
 A/C
 FOO mortar
 R/T only

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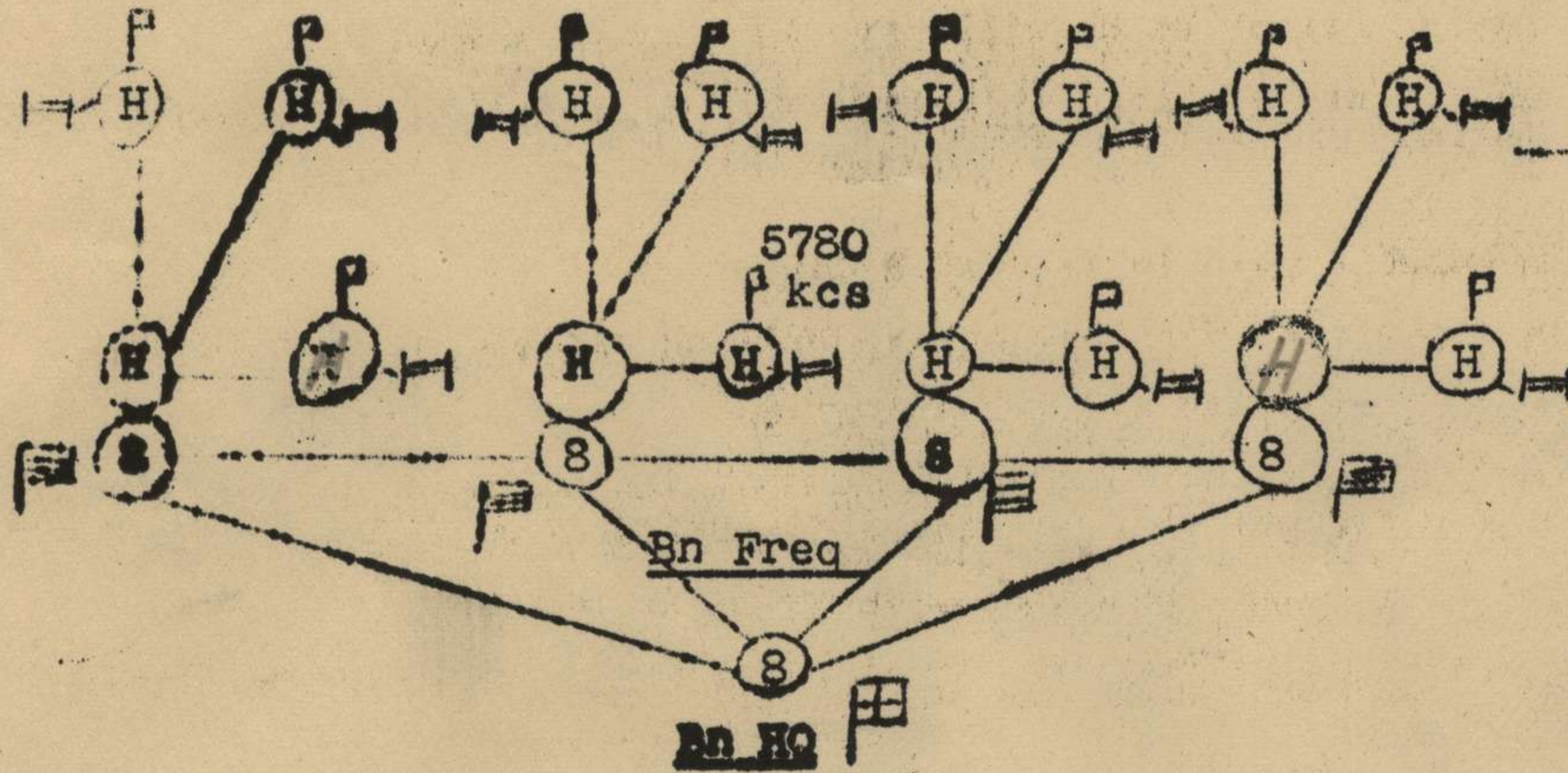
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^{2/6} Aust Inf Bn
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APPENDIX "B"

SIGNAL DIAGRAMS - WIRELESS ONLY

for 25, 28 Apr and 3 May



- (H)** Handy Talky 5780 kcs
- (8)** 108 set 2.5 - 3.5 Mcs
- |—** Tk with 19 set 2-8 Mcs

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17 AUST INF BDE FIELD FIRING EXERCISEUMPIRES INSTRUCTIONS

Ref map HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile, enlargement 8 in to 1 mile.

UMPIRES

1. Chief Umpire	Maj	G C DARLING	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Ba HQ	Capt	K L BROUGHAM	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy	Lt	T W ASHTON	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
7 Pl	Lt	E R REEVE	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
8 Pl	Lt	W E PROPOSCH	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
9 Pl	Lt	A ROBERTS	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
B Coy	Capt	A N ROOKE	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
10 Pl	Lt	B L ROBINSON	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
11 Pl	Lt	J C WATSON	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
12 Pl	Capt	L C JOHNSON	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Mortars	Capt	J C COUGHLAN	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
MMG	Capt	J S HEWITT	2/3 Aust MG Bn
Arty - Guns	Capt	A S BROOKING	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
FOO	Capt	H A LOVEGROVE	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
Tanks - A Coy tanks	Capt	R MORTON	2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt
B Coy Tanks	Lt	G L Mc BAIN	2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt
Conducting Officer	Capt	W F LEE	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

2. INTRODUCTION

- (a) Umpires will be under command of Chief Umpire and in W/T communication with him throughout the exercises.
- (b) Umpires will wear a distinguishing white armband on either arm. Steel helmets will be worn.
- (c) All personnel participating in the exercise irrespective of rank will immediately carry out any order given by an umpire.
- (d) Umpires will go to ground when troops do unless task requires that they do otherwise.

3. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Mortars - Umpires will inspect base plate positions and ensure that overhead clearance is satisfactory. Defensive tasks for mortars will be not less than 200 yds forward of forward troops.
- Rifles - Safety catches will remain on until fire orders are given.
- SAA - Immediately upon conclusion of exercise, umpires will order that all troops will unload and supervise withdrawal of SAA by "Q" personnel.
- Grenades - 4 sec Grenades 36 will NOT be carried. 7 sec Grenades 36 will be used by EX riflemen only.
- LMG MMG - In defensive positions will maintain a safety angle of NOT less than three (3) degrees.
- TkA guns - Will fire in defence only. If tank guns are fired from defensive positions, tanks must be forward of troops.
- Tanks
- Arty - Defensive fire will fall NOT closer than 300 yds from forward troops.
- Safety Angles - Umpires will check fire angles of two rear coys on Perimeter. Fire must not fall in Bn area.
Bearing of fire RIGHT coy from 252176 - 274⁰ mag.
Bearing of fire LEFT coy from 255171 - 214⁰ mag.
NO fire to fall between these two bearings.
- Perimeter - Will be marked - all personnel must be within perimeter, all shots must fall outside.

4. TARGET

Following colours will indicate specific charges:-

- Buff - Section positions
- White - Tanks
- Red - Bunkers, pillboxes etc.

5. BLINDS

Personnel must not handle blinds. Troops will indicate or mark location and notify nearest officer who will communicate with chief umpire. RAE demolition squad and RAAF armourer will be present. Location 217160.

6. GENERAL

- (a) Casualties will be awarded. Umpires will be provided with casualty slips.
- (b) Weapon pits will be filled in at the conclusion of each exercise, with the exception of last exercise.
- (c) Umpires will ensure that assaulting pls and coys use compasses for direction of attack.

7. PHASE I and II

Umpires will control units as given in para 1 during Phase I. On completion of Phase I they will take over duties for Phase II as follows:-

C Coy	Lt	T W ASHTON
13 Pl	Lt	E R REEVE
14 Pl	Lt	W E PROPOSCH
15 Pl	Lt	A ROBERTS
D Coy	Capt	A N ROOKE
16 Pl	Lt	B L ROBINSON
17 Pl	Lt	J C WATSON
18 Pl	Capt	I C JOHNSON
Tanks Coy tks	Capt	R MORTON
Decoy tks	Lt	G L Mc BAIN

8. CONDUCTING OFFICER will meet observers at 233167 at 1000 hrs each day and conduct same through exercise.

9. COMMUNICATIONS (Signal plan attached)

(a) 13-108 sets (and one spare) are with each umpire all on 3.5 Mcs. No umpire's set except the chief umpire's will be switched to SEND unless so directed by the chief umpire or in an emergency.

Messages between umpires other than the chief umpire will need the latter's permission and will be broadcast as though to the chief umpire, with the intended recipient listening and taking note.

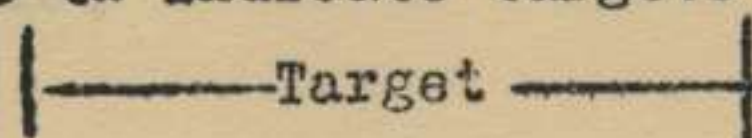
(b) RAAF sets will be with the chief umpire, the A/C and the airfield. Code names and frequencies used by the RAAF will be:-

25 Apr	-	POPULAR	4885 Kcs
28 Apr	-	LEATHER	4710 Kcs
3 May	-	To be advised	4885 Kcs

(c) CDF - GREEN RED.

10. AIR SUPPORT

(a) "T" panels will be put out by the umpires to indicate targets for bombing and strafing thus:



and boulders on target area whitewashed.

(b) Infantry will put down 6 3" mortar smoke bombs to indicate targets to A/C.

(c) 2" Mortar parachute flares will be fired to indicate FDLs to A/C.

10. (d) Emergency codewords (to be sent over chief umpire's RAAF set) are:
- (i) MATCHBOX meaning "Cease fire and/or bombing and return to the airfield".
 - (ii) CIGARETTE meaning "Cease fire and/or bombing - you are hitting our own troops". A series of white very lights, in this case will be fired from the ground by the troops concerned.
- (e) RAAF set to report HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 0930 hrs 23 Apr and be provided with cut lunch, return approx 1530 hrs.
- (f) ALO to attend conference umpires HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 0930 hrs 23 Apr.
- (g) RAAF set to report to chief umpire at HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 0930 hrs on 24 and 27 Apr and 2 May - be prepared to send one night on range each shoot.

11. CODE NAMES

- (a) The umpire with a pl will use the number of that pl.
- (b) The umpire with coy will use the phonetic for A, B, C, or D as applicable.
- (c) Umpires and sets changing from pl and coy at conclusion of Phase I will change their code names accordingly:

Chief umpire	UNCLE
Umpire Bn HQ	HARRY
Umpire Bty RAA	ROGER
Umpire FOO RAA	FOX
Umpire FOO Mortars	MIKE

On no account will the words Pl, Coy, etc or any other additions to the above be used.

12. CONFERENCE OF UMPIRES AND TESTING OF COMMUNICATIONS

All umpires and signal operators as given in General Instructions will be required on 23 Apr 44 RV HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde at 0930 hrs. Proceed to range area and run through exercise and test communications. Cut lunches will be required.

13. MOVEMENT FOR EXERCISE, -UMPIRES and SIGNALLERS

Umpires and signallers will RV at HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde at 0930 hrs and proceed to range area, returning to units as follows:-

<u>Leave Bde HQ</u>	<u>Return to units</u>
1000 hrs 24 Apr	1830 hrs 25 Apr
1000 hrs 27 Apr	1830 hrs 28 Apr
1000 hrs 2 May	1830 hrs 3 May

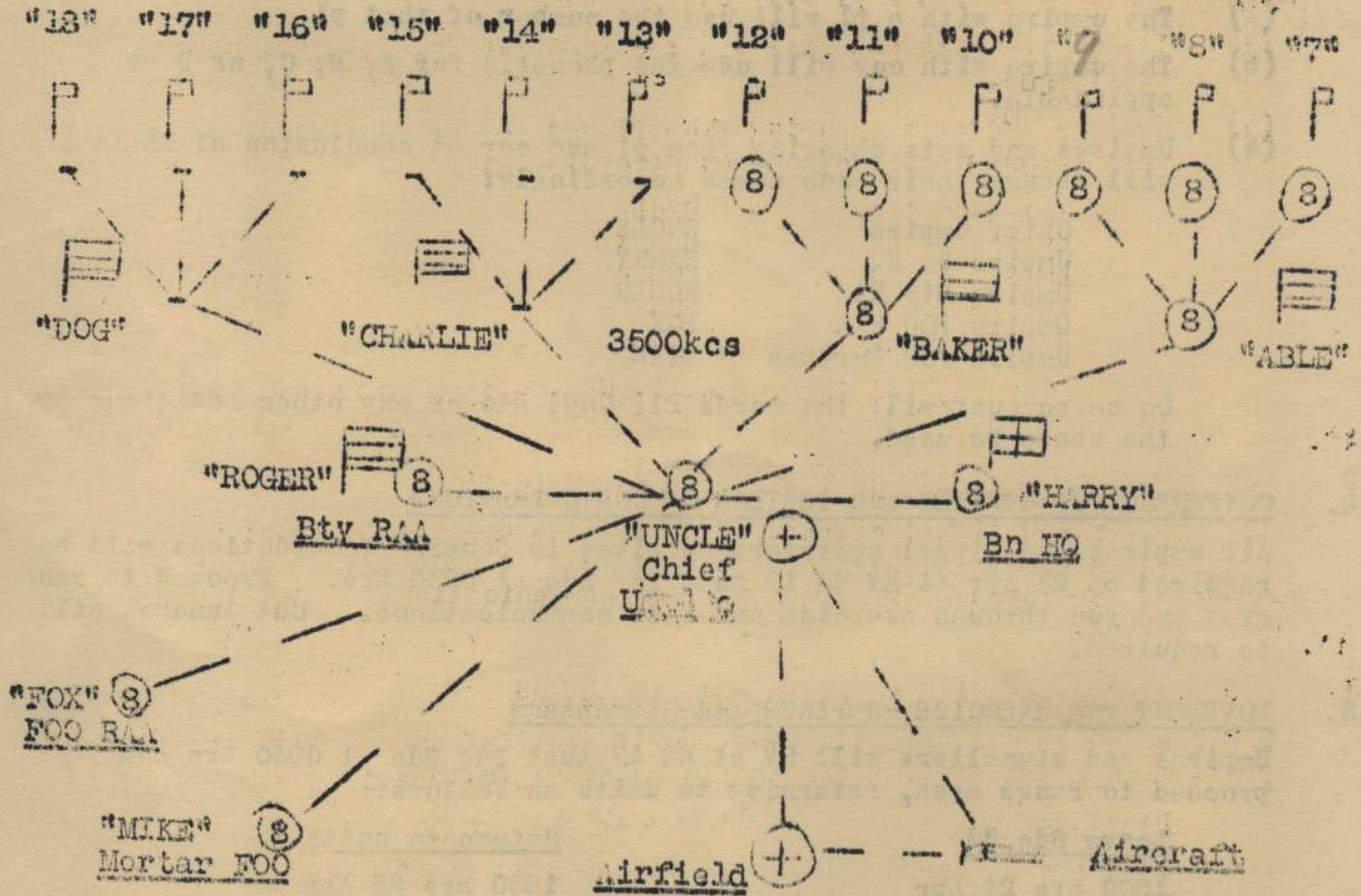
One night will be spent on range area. Party will be rationed by base.

S L M Eskell Maj
 (S L M Eskell)
 BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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UMPIRES' COMMUNICATIONS

Code names as shown in inverted commas.
Two Coys only will have umpires at any one time.



KEY

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Ⓢ | 108 set, 2.5-3.5 Mcs | Ⓢ | Tank with 19 set, 2.8 Mcs |
| Ⓢ | Bn Designation | P | Pl Designation |
| + | R.M.F. set | ☐ | (Coy Designation
(Bty Designation) |

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22 Apr 44

17 AUST INF BDE FIELD FIRING EXERCISESEQUENCE OF EVENTS

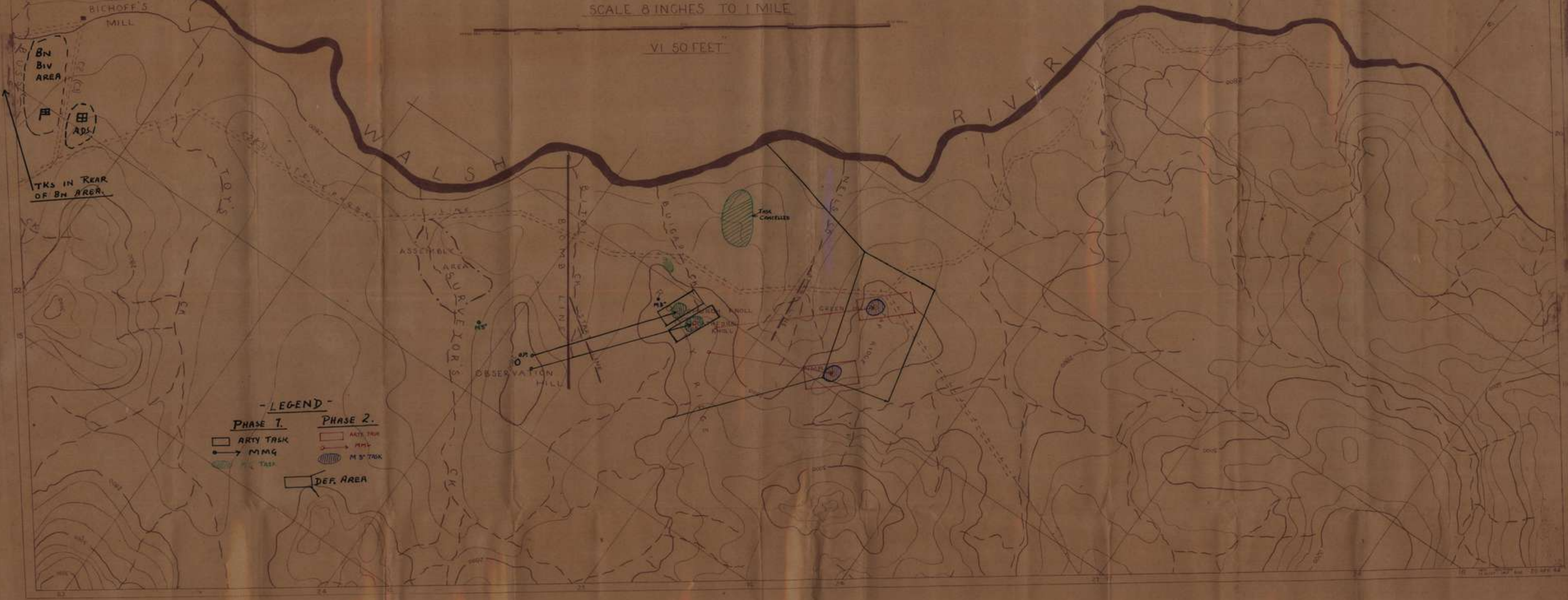
Time	Situation	Place	Remarks
0930 H-90	Move into assembly area and marry up.	SURVEYORS CK square 2316	
1019 H-41	3" mortars fire 3 smoke bombs onto each flank of target after first passing run of A/C.	ref 248169 244171	Mortars rear of OBSERVATION HILL
1020-1025 H-40 - H-35	2 Wirraways bomb target CATHEDRAL and CHURCH KNOLLS.	ref 248169 247169	Green veroy from A/C on completion.
1025-1040 H-35 - H-20	<u>Arty</u> One troop CATHEDRAL KNOLL One troop CHURCH KNOLL	ref 248169	Guns square 1915 FOO OBSERVATION HILL 242163
1040-1050 H-20 - H-10	<u>Mortars</u> 4 dets CATHEDRAL KNOLL 4 dets CHURCH KNOLL	ref 248169 247169	Green veroy on completion by FOO on OBSERVATION HILL 242163. Mortars at rear.
1045 H-15	Troops leave assembly area	square 2316	
1050-1100 H-10 - H	<u>Air</u> 8 Boomerangs strafing target <u>Inf</u> indicate FDLs by 2" mortar flares on first passing run	ref 248169 247169	R/T to chief umpire on completion
1057 H-3	Troops arrive on start line	BITOI CK square 2416	
1100-1102 H - H*2	<u>Mortar</u> 4 dets CATHEDRAL KNOLL 4 dets CHURCH KNOLL	ref 248169 247169	Mortars rear of OBSERVATION HILL
1100-1105 H to H*3	<u>MMG</u> One pl CATHEDRAL KNOLL One pl CHURCH KNOLL		Gun positions OBSERVATION HILL
1100-1104	Forward troops cross start line Rate of advance 100 yds in 2 mins	BITOI CK	
1100-1108 H - H*8	Advance on objectives using fire infantry tanks. 100 yds in 2 mins		
1108-1145 H*8 - H*45	Consolidation and exploitation to NEILLS CK		
1145-1200 H*45 - H*60	<u>Arty</u> One troop PIMPLE One troop GREEN HILL	ref 254171 255175	FOO on CATHEDRAL KNOLL. Guns square 1915
1156-1200 H*56 - H*60	<u>MMG</u> One pl PIMPLE One pl GREEN HILL	ref 254171 255175	Gun positions CATHEDRAL KNOLL
1200-1202 H*60 - H*62	<u>Mortars</u> 4 dets PIMPLE 4 dets GREEN HILL	ref 254171 255175	Mortar positions rear of CHURCH KNOLL
1200 H*60	Tanks cross start line NEILLS CK 100 yds in 2 mins		
1200-1208 H*60 - H*68	Advance on objectives firing at targets. 100 yds in 2 mins		
1208-1430 H*63 - H*210	Establishment of bn perimeter on JAP RIDGE, and digging in and fire plan.		Checking of safety angles and mortar and arty fire plan.
1500 H*240	CDF for bn area - GREEN RED - 2 mins rapid, 2 mins normal.		No fire to be in area taped or in area to WEST bounded by bearings from 274° mag - 253171 - 214° mag.

R.F. 7920

APPENDIX A ^{2/5}/_{2/6} ^{2/7} AUST. INF. BN. OP. ORDER No. 1

SCALE 8 INCHES TO 1 MILE

VI 50 FEET



- LEGEND -

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| PHASE 1. | PHASE 2. |
| □ ARTY TASK | □ ARTY TASK |
| → MMG | → MMG |
| ■ TASK | ■ M 3" TASK |
| □ DEF. AREA | |

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Copy No. 5.....

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 21

HQ 6 Aust Div

25 Mar 44

Ref No: G7839

Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 21 as at 2359 hours 23 Mar 44.

2. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement, and that changes in location be notified immediately they take place.

3. Copies of Location Statement No 20 will be destroyed by fire.

4. ACK.

J.P. Bishop
Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No</u>
16 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 4
17 Aust Inf Bde	5 - 8
19 Aust Inf Bde	9 - 12
RAA 6 Aust Div	13 - 17
RAE 6 Aust Div	18
Sigs 6 Aust Div	19 - 22
6 Aust Div Carr Coy	23
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	24
"B" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	25
2/3 Aust MG Bn	26
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	27
"A" Aust FS Sec	28
1 Aust Corps	29 - 30
G	31
I	32
A	33
Q	34 - 35
Camp	36
AASC 6 Aust Div	37
Medical	38 - 44
78 Aust Dental Unit	45 46 ← 45 - 2/8 AUST DENTAL UNIT.
Ord	47 46 - 51 52
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6 Aust Div Pro Coy	58 59
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Camp SO WONDECLA	60 61
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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 21 AS AT

2359 HOURS 23 MAR 44

Formation Sign : Kangaroo on Boomerang

Ref Maps: C - CAIRNS one inch to one mile
 H - HERBERTON one inch to one mile
 G - GORDONVALE one inch to one mile
 MG - MOUNT GARNET one inch to one mile

(1) Ser No	(2) War Office Ser No	(3) Veh No	(4) Unit	(5) Location	(6) Map Ref	(7) Remarks
<u>HQ UNITS</u> Adv HQ 6 Aust Div TRINITY BEACH						
1	61026	84	HQ 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H366046	
2	45134	669	Sec 5 Mobile Met Flight	WONDECLA	H344065	LHQ Tps
<u>CAV</u>						
3	61029	943	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	WONDECLA	H312083	LHQ Unit, Corps Tps
4	49425	943	2/9 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083	LHQ Unit
5	49426	943	2/10 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083	LHQ Unit
6	61422	102 961	2/7 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083	w/c Serial 3 for trg and local adm
<u>ARMD CORPS</u>						
7	61459	53	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H327073	LHQ Tps
<u>RAA</u> 45983						
8	61031	69	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div (AIF)	WONDECLA	H344065	
9	61034	134	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	WONDECLA	H345064	Corps Tps
10	29416	74	2/3 Aust Fd Regt (less 5, 6 and 53 Aust Fd Btys)	WONDECLA	H337068	Btys allotted Bdes
11	49137	48	2/1 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	WONDECLA	H332072	
12	61038	145	12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	WONDECLA	H332072	Corps Tps
13	48430	174	2 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H344065	LHQ Tps
14	48430	174	3 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H344065	LHQ Tps
15	45990	177	3 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) TR	WONDECLA	H344065	Corps Tps
<u>RAE</u>						
16	61040	81	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H325076	
17	61044	67	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
18	29849	1	P1 2/3 Aust Ry Constn Coy (Mech Eqpt)	WONDECLA	H325076	LHQ Tps
19	61281	73	26 Aust Cam Unit	WONDECLA	H325076	LHQ Unit
<u>SIGS</u>						
20	61046	66	Sigs 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H358052	
21	47825	943	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sig Tp	WONDECLA	H312083	
22	48654	134	2/2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H345064	
23	48658	74	2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H337068	
24	49104	81	1 Aust Engr Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H325076	
25	46136	66	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	WONDECLA	H358052	
<u>INF</u>						
26	61330	182	2/3 Aust MG Bn (less B Coy)	WONDECLA TRINITY BEACH 6638845	H320067 H320067	Corps Tps, B Coy Flight Aust Army Tps
27	61010	140	2/1 Aust pnr Bn	WONDECLA	H333069	Corps Tps
28	48423	39	6 Aust Div Carr Coy	WONDECLA	H343063	
29	61005	225	C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt (less 10,11,12 Pls)	WONDECLA	H366046	Army Tps
<u>INT</u>						
30	61003	84	"A" Aust FS Sec	WONDECLA	H366046	LHQ Unit

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<u>AASC</u>						
31	61066	59	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H327076	
32	48427	97	2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less A, B & C Pls)	WONDECLA	H327076	
33	48425	64	2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy (less 2/20, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 2/25 Aust Sup Depot Pls)	WONDECLA	H327076	
<u>AAMC</u>						
34	45839	143	104 Aust CCS (AIF)	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
35	55737	772	2/3 Aust Mob BACT LAB	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
36	61237	79	2/117 Aust Mob Bath Unit	WONDECLA	H322072	Corps Tps
37	48393	161	19 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type B)	WONDECLA	H325073	LHQ Unit
<u>AAD Corps</u>						
43	38	47298	156	78 Aust Dental Unit	WONDECLA	H325076
44	39		191	HQ Sec (1)	WONDECLA	H366046
45	40			HQ Sec (2)	WONDECLA	H318073
46	41			A Sec	WONDECLA	H340067
47	42			B Sec	WONDECLA	H317079
48	43			E Sec	WONDECLA	H337068
<u>AEME</u>						
49	44	61035	134	2/40 Aust LAD (Type D)	WONDECLA	H345064
50	45	61121	74	2/41 Aust LAD (Type D)	WONDECLA	H337068
51	46	61047	84	2/42 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H358052
52	47	61231	74	2/66 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H320067
53	48	61045	67	2/80 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H325076
54	49	48586	94	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp det.	WONDECLA	H327073
<u>AAPG</u>						
55	50	61020	80	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	WONDECLA	H366046
<u>AAPS</u>						
56	51	61070	55	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	WONDECLA	H366046
<u>AA PRO C</u>						
57	52	61071	95	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	WONDECLA	H362046
<u>MISC</u>						
58	53	61073	78	6 Aust Div Sal Unit	WONDECLA	H322072
59	54	61168	71	6 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	WONDECLA	H295103
60	55			CI 303 Messing Store	WONDECLA	H297091
	56			1 Aust Military Landing Gp	TRINITY	6653853
					BEACH	
<u>16 AUST INF BDE GP</u>						
<u>HQ UNITS</u>						
61	57	61048	88	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H319074
<u>RAA</u>						
62	58	29416	74	5 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068
<u>RAE</u>						
63	59	61041	60	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	KAIRI	6468555
<u>SIGS</u>						
64	60	48659	88	16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H325076

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<u>16 AUST INF BDE GP (Contd)</u>						
	<u>INF</u>					
6561	61049	50	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H318073	
6662	61050	99	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H315067	
6763	61051	56	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H324073	
6864	61005	225	10 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H319074	Army Tps
	<u>AASC</u>					
6965	48427	97	A Pl 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	WONDECLA	H327076	
7066	48851	64	2/24 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H297098	H 327076
7167	48852	64	2/25 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H297098	H 297098
	<u>AAMG</u>					
7268	55405	57	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H325073	
	<u>AAOC</u>					
7369						
	<u>AEME</u>					
7470						
7571	61053	88	2/45 Aust LAD (Type J)	WONDECLA	H319074	
	<u>AAPS</u>					
7672	61070	55	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H319074	
<u>17 AUST INF BDE GP</u>						
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>					
7773	61054	96	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H341067	
	<u>RAA</u>					
7874	29416	74	6 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
	<u>RAE</u>					
7975	61043	86	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
	<u>SIGS</u>					
8076	49119	96	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H341067	
	<u>INF</u>					
8177	61055	63	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H343066	
8278	61056	61	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H341068	
8379	61057	93	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H339069	
8480	61005	225	11 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H341067	Army Tps
	<u>AASC</u>					
8581	48427	97	B Pl 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	WONDECLA	H327076	
8682	48849	64	2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
8783	48850	64	2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	<u>AAMG</u>					
8884	55406	52	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H325073	
	<u>AAOC</u>					
8985	45450	83	2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	WONDECLA	H333067	
	<u>AEME</u>					
9086	45451	76	2/119 Aust Bde Wksp	WONDECLA	H333067	
9187	61059	96	2/46 Aust LAD (Type J)	WONDECLA	H341067	
	<u>AAPS</u>					
9288	61070	55	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H341067	

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19 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ UNITS

93 89 61060 65 HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde WONDECLA H318080

RAA

94 90 29416 74 53 Aust Fd Bty WONDECLA H337068 2/3 Aust Fd Regt

RAE

95 91 61042 89 2/2 Aust Fd Coy ~~WONDECLA H325076~~
RAVENSHOL MG347808

SIGS

96 92 48360 65 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec WONDECLA H318080

INF

97 93 61061 82 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. WONDECLA H317079

98 94 61062 91 2/8 Aust Inf Bn WONDECLA H318079

99 95 61063 77 2/11 Aust Inf Bn WONDECLA H317080

100 96 61005 225 12 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt WONDECLA H318080 Army Tps

AASC

101 97 48427 97 C Pl 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy WONDECLA H327076

102 98 48847 64 2/20 Aust Sup Depot Pl WONDECLA H327076

103 99 48848 64 2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl WONDECLA H327076

AAMC

104 100 55411 70 2/7 Aust Fd Amb WONDECLA H327074

AAOC

105 101 49051 98 135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) WONDECLA H330073

AEME

106 102 49069 90 135 Aust Bde Wksp WONDECLA H330073

107 103 61065 65 2/79 Aust LAD (Type J) WONDECLA H318080

AAPS

108 104 61070 55 Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit WONDECLA H318080

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FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. ²³/₄ / 1944

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17 AUST INF BDE

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWL		HOSPITAL	TOTAL IN LINES	
	"C" Offrs	O/Rs	"B" Offrs	O/Rs	"E" & "F" Offrs	O/Rs	"AY" Offrs	O/Rs	"G1" Offrs	O/Rs	"G2" Offrs	O/Rs	"G3 & G4" Offrs	O/Rs	"G5" Offrs	O/Rs	"G7" Offrs	O/Rs	
HQ 17 BDE	14	66				44		1		1	1	1	3	2			1	14	110
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	40				3				1				1				2	43
11 Pl 2/1 Gd		46				1													47
2/46 IAD		11																	11
2/5 AUST INF BN	29	758	4	1	35	1	4		29		44	3	26		1			30	793
2/6 AUST INF BN	34	816	1	2	38		5		23		64	1	17		1		13	36	854
2/7 AUST INF BN	31	783	4	2	51		3	1	20	2	50	2	49		2		3	33	834
TOTALS	110	2520	9	5	172	1	13	1	74	3	159	9	95	4	17		115	2692	
JUNIOR LEADERS SCHOOL																			
6	106																		

FIGHTING STATE

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APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs...../...../44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWO		HOSPITAL	TOTAL IN LINES	
	"C" Offrs	"C" O/Rs	"B" Offrs	"B" O/Rs	"E" & "F" Offrs	"E" & "F" O/Rs	"AY" Offrs	"AY" O/Rs	"G1" Offrs	"G1" O/Rs	"G2" Offrs	"G2" O/Rs	"G3 & G4" Offrs	"G3 & G4" O/Rs	"G5" Offrs	"G5" O/Rs			"G6" Offrs
HQ 17 BDE	13	71		4		43		1		1	1	1	3	2				13	114
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	39				3				1		1		1				2	42
11 PL 271 GA		46																	46
2/46 IAD		12																	12
2/5 AUST INF BN	29	756	1		2	41	8		27		34	3	23		1			31	797
2/6 AUST INF BN	34	797			2	36	7		30		57	1	17		1	1	13	36	833
2/7 AUST INF BN	30	797	1	3	3	50	7	1	27	1	33	1	35		3		2	33	847
TOTALS	108	2518	2	7	7	173	23	1	86	2	126	8	78		5	1	15	115	2691

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. 15 APR //44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWD		HOSPITAL	TOTAL IN LINES		
	"C" Offrs	O/Rs	"B" Offrs	O/Rs	"E" & "F" Offrs	O/Rs	"AY" Offrs	O/Rs	"G1" Offrs	O/Rs	"G2" Offrs	O/Rs	"G3 & G4" Offrs	O/Rs	"G5" Offrs	O/Rs		"G7" Offrs	O/Rs	
HQ 17 BDE	13	69	1		1	43			3				3	2				14	112	
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	411				3			1					2				2	44	
11 Pl 2/1 Gd		47																	47	
2/46 IAD		12																	12	
2/5 AUST INF BN	30	793		1	2	41	12		14		18		2	18		1		32	834	
2/6 AUST INF BN	35	841			2	36			9		43		3	20		1	1	6	37	877
2/7 AUST INF BN	28	816		5	3	50	1	20	1	10	1	30	1	32		3	3	31	866	
TOTALS	108	2619		6	8	173	1	32	1	37	1	91	9	74		5	1	9	116	2792

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. ¹¹ / ^{Apr} / 44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED "E" & "F"		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED "AY"		SCHOOL "G1"		LEAVE "G2"		DETACHED "G3 & G4"		AWOL "G5"		HOSPITAL "G7"		TOTAL IN LINES	
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs
17 AUST BDE	10	71	2		3	43													13	114
17 BDN SIG SEC	2	41				3				2			3	2					2	44
17 BDN SIG Co		46																		46
17 BDN SIG Co		12																		12
17 AUST INF BN	29	826	18		2	38	2			9		22		12		2			31	864
17 AUST INF BN	36	798	3		2	32	1	11	1	9		43	3	55		3		8	38	830
17 AUST INF BN	29	768	2		3	52	1	2	1	10	1	30	2	89		1		3	32	820
TOTALS	106	2562	41		10	168	2	15	2	32	1	95	8	159	6		11	116	27	30

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. 10.../...APR...../44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWG		HOSPITAL	TOTAL IN LINES		
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	"E" & "F"		"AY"		"G1"		"G2"		"G3 & G4"		"G5"				"G"	
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs
HQ 17 BDE	10	69	1		3	43				2			3	2					13	112
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	43				3				2				1					2	46
11 PL 2/1 GA		46					1													46
2/45 LAD		12																		12
2/5 AUST INF BN	29	814		1	2	29	1	9		9		23		12		2			31	843
2/5 AUST INF BN	36	804			2	30		6		10		43		55		3	1	10	38	824
2/5 AUST INF BN	29	752			3	51		10		10	1	32		84		1		2	32	803
TOTALS	106	2540	1	1	10	156	2	25		33	1	98	8	154	6	1	12	116	2696	

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs 6 APR / 44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

TYPE	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWL		HOSPITAL		TOTAL IN LINES	
	"C" Offrs	"C" O/Rs	"B" Offrs	"B" O/Rs	"E" & "F" Offrs	"E" & "F" O/Rs	"AY" Offrs	"AY" O/Rs	"G1" Offrs	"G1" O/Rs	"G2" Offrs	"G2" O/Rs	"G3 & G4" Offrs	"G3 & G4" O/Rs	"G5" Offrs	"G5" O/Rs	"G" Offrs	"G" O/Rs		
HQ 17 BDE	9	71			3	43			2		1		2	1					12	114
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	42		1		3			1					2					2	45
11 Pl 2/2 Ga	1	46									1								1	46
2/46 IAD		11																		11
2/5 AUST INF BN	29	812	1	14	2	28	2	1	6		29	1	12		3				31	840
2/6 AUST INF BN	35	775			2	31	8	1	9		44	4	81		2		4		37	806
2/7 AUST INF BN	228	755		16	2	51	7		12	1	35	2	81		1		4		30	806
TOTALS	104	2552	1	31	9	156	17	2	30	1	110	9	177	6	8	11	4	11	4	2668

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. 5 APR. /44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED "E" & "F"		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED "AY"		SCHOOL "G1"		LEAVE "G2"		DETACHED "G3 & G4"		AWL "G5"		HOSPITAL "G7"		TOTAL IN LINES	
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs
HQ 17 BDE	9	71			3	46			2			1	2	1					12	117
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	41				3			2				1						2	44
11 Pl 2/2 Gd	1	46										1							1	46
2/46 IAD		11																		11
2/5 AUST INF BN	28	805	3	2	2	28	4	1	6		28	1	12			1			30	833
2/6 AUST INF BN	35	772			2	31	5	1	10		43	4	81			2	5		37	803
2/7 AUST INF BN	28	742	2	2	2	51	11		12	1	35	2	82			2		30	793	
TOTALS	103	2488	5	9	9	159	20	2	32	1	108	7	177		5	5		112	26477	

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. ³ / Apr / 44

SECRET

17 AUST INF BDE

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWG		HOSPITAL	TOTAL IN LINES		
	"C" Offrs	O/Rs	"B" Offrs	O/Rs	"E" & "F" Offrs	O/Rs	"AY" Offrs	O/Rs	"G1" Offrs	O/Rs	"G2" Offrs	O/Rs	"G3 & G4" Offrs	O/Rs	"G5" Offrs	O/Rs			"G" Offrs	O/Rs
HQ 17 BDE	9	70			3	46						1	2	1				12	116	
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	40				3				2				1				2	43	
11 PL 2/1 GA	1	46										1						1	46	
2/46 LAD		10																	10	
2/5 AUST INF BN	29	798			2	28	1	10	1	6		29	1	14		1		31	826	
2/6 AUST INF BN	32	765			2	31			1	8		43	4	83		1	16	34	796	
2/7 AUST INF BN	28	731			2	51		9		9	1	38	2	92		2	1	30	782	
TOTALS	101	2460			9	159	1	19	1	25	1	112	9	191		4	1	17	110	2619

FIGHTING STATE

APPROXIMATE FIGHTING STRENGTH as at 0600 hrs. ² / ⁴ / 44

17 AUST INF BDE

SECRET

UNIT	Approximate TOTAL Strength (Less ATTACHED)		Reinforcements since last State		ATTACHED		PERSONNEL "X" LISTED		SCHOOL		LEAVE		DETACHED		AWL		HOSPITAL	TOTAL IN LINES	
	"C" Offrs	O/Rs	"B" Offrs	O/Rs	"E" & "F" Offrs	O/Rs	"AY" Offrs	O/Rs	"G1" Offrs	O/Rs	"G2" Offrs	O/Rs	"G3 & G4" Offrs	O/Rs	"G5" Offrs	O/Rs			"G" Offrs
HQ 17 BDE	9	70	2		3	46					1		2	1				12	116
17 BDE SIG SEC	2	41				3			1									1	44
11 Pl 2/2 Gd	1	46									1							2	46
2/46 LAD		9																	9
2/5 AUST INF BN	30	809	4		2	28	3	1	6		20	12	13		1			32	837
2/6 AUST INF BN	32	780			2	31	1	1	7		42	4	83		1	11		34	811
2/7 AUST INF BN	29	730	6		2	52	3		9	1	38	2	93		1	9		31	782
	103	2485		12	9	160	7	2	23	1	102	8	190		3	20		113	2645

BDE H.Q. SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE.

ORGANISATION :-
1 member Officers' Mess Lieut. Reeve
1 " Sgts' " Sgt. Shields
1 " Cpl/Ors' " ~~Ree.~~ ~~Sic.~~ Fields

OBJECTS:-
The organisation, co-ordination and furtherance of sporting, recreational and welfare activities for Bde H.Q. and attached personnel.

SUGGESTIONS:-
SPORTING:- a. Formation of a football club.
b. Formation of a cricket club.
c. Other clubs as thought fit.
d. Provision of sporting facilities.
e. Inter Bde H.Q. sub-unit competitions

RECREATIONAL:-
Organisation of entertainments.
i. Y/M.C.A. tent activities.
ii. Unit concerts.
iii. Unit dance.

WELFARE:-
In addition to the foregoing personnel activities for general welfare of H.Q. and attached.

NOTICE

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
9 Mar 44

A meeting of Unit Amenities Representatives will be held at Amenities Office at HQ 17 AUST INF BDE at 1630 hrs Fri 10 Mar 44.

AGENDA

1. SPORTING

- (a) Commencement of Bde Gp Sporting Competitions - types of sport, organisation, and dates of commencement.
- (b) Bde Gp Boxing tournament-tentative date, time, contests and organisation.
- (c) Materials required for all sports.
- (d) Suggestions as to furtherance of sporting activities.

2. RECREATIONAL

- (a) Unit activities-discussion of problems.
- (b) Bde activities-discussion and suggestions
- (c) Materials required.

3. GENERAL

- (a) Divisional Race Meeting 25 Mar 44.
- (b) Divisional Easter entertainment Concert party.

J. R. Hill
Capt.
SC/17 Aust Inf Bde

No. 3, A.A. Canteens Service,
OFFICERS' CLUB, ATHERTON.

1 Feb 44.

Dear Lt E R REEVE,

By virtue of being a member of the Australian Military Forces located on the Atherton Tablelands, you are able to exercise the privileges of membership of the Atherton Officers' Club.

The Club is conducted by A.A. Canteens Service for your benefit, and provides residential accommodation, recreational facilities, dining-room and other facilities of a high order. The President and Committee of Management of the Club welcome you and invite you to make use of the facilities provided, and they will use every endeavour to ensure that your recreation and comfort are provided for.

In return, they ask only for your co-operation in maintaining the standard of the Club at the level which is demanded of a Club of this kind. In particular they ask your co-operation in the close observance of the rules as to dress, in moderation in the consumption of alcohol, and in the observance of strict decorum in all respects and at all times. They ask you to co-operate with the Duty Officer in any action which may be required and for the help of senior and Commanding Officers in respect of those junior to them or under their command.

It is the Corps Commander's desire that all officers obtain the maximum benefit from the Club, and also that the highest standard of decorum and discipline, including dress, be maintained.

Appended to this letter is a copy of the Rules of the Club and directions of the Committee. It is requested that these be closely studied, and your help is requested in their enforcement.

By Direction of the President and Committee,

FRANK COX, Major,
Hon. Secretary.

No. 3 A.A. CANTEENS SERVICE OFFICERS' CLUB
Atherton

Rules of Club and Directions of Committee

1. The club is known as the AUSTRALIAN Officers' Club ATHERTON.
2. OBJECTS:—
 - (a) To provide social amenities for all AUSTRALIAN Officers and Officers of the Allied Forces.
 - (b) To provide accommodation for Australian Officers in transit.
3. HOURS:—
 - (a) Dinner is served at the following hours—
 - 1800 to 2000 hrs.—except Wednesdays and Saturdays.
 - 1800 to 2030 hrs.—on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
 - (b) Bar hours are:—
 - 1200 to 1400 hrs.—Week days.
 - 1700 to 1830 hrs.—Week days.
 - (c) Drinks are served in the Lounge—
 - 1200 to 1400 hrs.—Sundays.
 - 1700 to 2200 hrs.—Sundays.
 - 1830 to 2200 hrs.—Week days.
 - 1830 to 2230 hrs.—Wednesdays and Saturdays.
4. DRESS:—Officers must wear—
 - (a) KD (Officers' Pattern).
 - Or
 - (b) Shirts with long sleeves, slacks without gaiters.
 - Or
 - (c) Safari shirts with long sleeves and slacks.

5. DISCIPLINE:—

- (a) A Duty Officer is in attendance daily and is responsible for the discipline of the club.
- (b) Card games in the lounge are forbidden. A small card-room is located on the first floor.
- (c) Domestic Staff—
Fraternising with the Staff of the Club is strictly forbidden.
Staff quarters and the kitchen are out of bounds to all ranks.
- (d) Damage to Club Property—
Any action or conduct likely to cause damage to the Club property is expressly forbidden.
- (e) Powers of the Club Committee—
The Committee has the right to remove any Officer or other person whose conduct it considers unbecoming and may refuse admission to any such person as it thinks fit.
- (f) The piano and radio set in the lounge will not be used after 2230 hrs. except on Dance Nights, on which occasions all music will cease at 2300 hrs.

6. CIVILIANS:—

- (a) Civilians will not be admitted to the Club unless special authority for their admittance is obtained from HQ 1 Aust Corps, except on the first Wednesday in each month, which will be a Civilian Guest Night.
- (b) Officers desirous of inviting Civilian Guests for Civilian Guest Night are requested to submit the names and addresses of such guests to the Committee, who, subject to limitations of accommodation and necessary discretion in the matter, will forward a formal invitation. It is requested that this information reach the Committee 10 days prior to the first Wednesday in each month. Attention is drawn to the fact that the number who can be invited must be severely limited owing to the limited accommodation.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

FR...../..17 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 No. 17 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 13 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE
VX 9890	Capt	HAY D:O:	2/6 Bn	27/3/44	A/BM vice Maj ESKELL (Hospital)
EX6054	Lt	JOHNSON L:O:	2/6 Bn	27/3/44	A/TO vice Capt ROSS Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE
DX 853	Maj	MINN ESKELL S:L:O:	Hospital	25/3/44	
VX 3805	Capt	ROSS A:R:	" "	29/3/44	

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 17 AUST INF BDE Unit

FR 17 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	SX 2889	NOTEN	H:J:	Comd	Yes		
T/Supt	VX 5460	BOLGER	W:P:	SC	YES		
Lt	VX 117103	HIRST	J:R:	SC(L)	YES		
Lt	VX 76395	BLACKSTONE	J:W:	BASCO	YES		
Lt	VX 27008	COUGHLAN	H:J:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 1017	REEVE	E:R:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 35892	SHTON	T:W:	L:O:	YES		
1Lt	VX 44865	PROPOSCH	W:E:	EducO	YES		
Lt	VX 219	ROBERTS	A:	AmenO	YES		
Chaplain	SX26143	WALLACE	W:H:D:		No	det 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX19124	RICHARDSON	D:J:T:		No	" 2/6 " " "	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX9890	HAY D:O:	2/6 Bn	27/3/44	A/EM
Lt	TX 6054	JOHNSON L:C:	" "	27/3/44	A/TO.
		HULL	Salv A	14/3/44	Salvation Army Rep

1 Apr 44
Date of Despatch

W P Bdy
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	2	Staff Sergeants					
	2		3	Sergeants					
		3	11	Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
	2		50	Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	5	5	68	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.
	"A"	"B"	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	66	2						█	█		68
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	2/5 Aust Inf Bn			1	2/5 Aust Inf Bn		
10	2/6 " " "						
6	2/7 " " "						
16	6 Aust Div Pro Coy						
5	6 " " Postal Unit						
3	AFSSW 6 Aust Div						
1	YMCA						
1	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / Apr / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.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				Eivettors			
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 Int	2	1		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				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.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	6					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	1		CARRIED FORWARD	6	5		CARRIED FORWARD	12	11		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	68	*

NON SPECIALIST

Batman 13 13

Dvr MT 14 14 22

Tpt Sjt 1 1

Sig Orderly 6 6

Gen Duties 3 5

Hyg " 1 1

Water " 1 1

DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN

CSM 1

COMS 1 1 L/sjt

SERVICES :-

AASC-Clerk 1 1

M/C Orderly 1 1

Batman Dvr 1

Dvr MT 1

AAMC-RAP 1 1

ATTACHED BY W.E.

AAC-BOWO 1

Batmn Dvr 1 1

Amn Examn 1 1

AME-Armourer 1 1

FITTER 1 1

MECH 1 1

AACC-Cooks 3 4

AACHD-BatmnDvr 3 3

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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 Capt.

DETAILS OF NCOs

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

POSTED AT 0800 Hours Saturday 1 / OCT / 44

INTELLIGENCE		1st Lt				2nd Lt				3rd Lt				Cpl				Sgt				Plt			
Number of Positions	Details of Positions	GROUP I (cont.)				GROUP II (cont.)				GROUP III (cont.)				GROUP IV (cont.)				GROUP V (cont.)							
		1st Lt	2nd Lt	3rd Lt	Cpl	1st Lt	2nd Lt	3rd Lt	Cpl	1st Lt	2nd Lt	3rd Lt	Cpl	1st Lt	2nd Lt	3rd Lt	Cpl	1st Lt	2nd Lt	3rd Lt	Cpl				
1	Draughtsmen																								
1	Duties																								
2	Clerks																								
1	Transport																								
1	Dvrs MT																								
3	General Duties																								
1	CSM																								
1	C.M.S.																								
8	TOTALS																								
1	AASC Clerk																								
1	AAC-Orderly																								
1	AAC-BOTD																								
1	AAME-Examiner																								
1	AAME-Aemourer																								
1	AAC-Cooks																								
11	Ref 1 Aust Corps RO part 1 Serial Number 12/44 Nos 111-117 para 11.																								
1	1 Cpl Cook 1 Cook Trade Gp 11.																								
2	2 Cpls Gen Duties																								
10	10/0rs considered unfit for overseas service.																								
1	AASC-Clerk																								
1	M/C Orderly																								
1	Batman xxx																								
1	Dvr MT																								
1	AAMC-RAP																								
1	xxxxxxx																								
1	AAC-BOND																								
1	Batman Dvr																								
1	ANN EXAMIN																								
1	AAME-AIMONTER																								
1	FITTER																								
1	MECH																								
3	AAC-Goose																								
3	AACHD-BatmanDvr																								
10	TOTALS																								
68	CARRIED FORWARD																								

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details of rank.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.E. and/or A.A.M.W.E. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required".
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Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

FR.../20... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 4 / 1944 HQ 17 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 21 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 71 + 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.				
			<u>1</u>	BRIGADIERS •									
			<u>3</u>	CHAPLAINS •									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
			<u>2</u>	Majors									
	<u>1</u>		<u>5</u>	Captains									
			<u>6</u>	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	<u>1</u>		<u>17</u>										
		DETAIL.	<u>"A"</u>	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.	<u>17</u>										<u>17</u>
		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.
<u>QX18513</u>	<u>Capt</u>	<u>LEE W.P.</u>	<u>HQ RAA Trg Centre</u> <u>GRETA</u>	<u>19/4/44</u>	<u>Legal Officer</u>

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 17 Aust Inf Bde

Unit

FR 20 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/4/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	SX 2889	MOTEN	M.J.	COMD	YES		
Maj	DX 853	ESKELL	S.L.M.	BM	YES		
Maj	NX101315	DARLING	G.C.	BM(L)	YES		
Capt	VX 5460	KECKEL BOIGER	H.P.	SC	YES		
Lt	VX117103	HIRST	J.R.	SC(L)	YES		
T/Capt	TX 6054	JOHNSON	L.C.	T.O.	YES		
Capt	NX 78395	BLACKSTONE	J.W.	BASCO	YES		
T/Capt	VX 27008	COUGHLAN	H.J.	L.O.	YES		
Lt	VX 1017	REEVE	E.R.	L.O.	YES		
Lt	VX 35692	ASHTON	T.W.	L.O.	YES		
Lt	VX 219	ROBERTS	A.	Amen 0	YES		
Lt	VX 44865	PROPOSCH	W.E.	Educ 0	YES		
Lt	NX 134861	BRANDER	I.R.	Hyg 0	YES		
Capt	QX 18513	LEE	W.F.	Legal 0	YES		
Chaplain	SX 26145	WALLACE	W.H.D.		No	det 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX 19124	RICHARDSON	D.J.T.		No	" 2/6 " " "	
Chaplain	VX 90116	O'KEEFE	P		No	" 2/7 " " "	

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.

22 April 44

Date of Despatch

W.P. Edge

Signature of Commander

Hq 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 4 / 1944 HQ 17 Aust. Inf. Bde

W.E. 21 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s 71 + OFFRS. O.R.'s ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.		6-10 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.
				W.Os. Class I.		AASC	2		2	
	1		1	W.Os. Class II.		AJMC	1			
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.		AEME	2		1	
			1	Staff Sergeants		AALC	1		1	
			2	Sergeants		AAOC	3	1		
			5	Corporals		AACC	4	1		
		4	45	Troopers, Privates, etc.		AACHD	3			
				Civilians counting as O.R.		AABS			1	
*	1	4	54	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		AAS	1			
							17	2	5	*

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	70	1								71
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
				1	HQ 1 Aust Corps		
				1	2/5 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 22/ 4 /1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevadores		
						Biggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
	Int 2	1	Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			<u>NON SPECIALIST</u>		
			Cooks			Woodturners			Batman	13	10
			Dental Mechanics						Dvr MT	14	20
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						Tpt Sjt	1	1
			Driver-Operator						Sig Orderly	6	5
			Drainers						Gen Duties	3	4
			Electricians						Hyg Duties	1	1
			Electricians (M.V.)						Water "	1	1
			Electricians (Signals)						DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN		
			Fitters			GROUP III.			CSM	1	1
			Fitters (Cycle)			Battery Surveyors			COMS	1	1
			Fitters (Electrical)			Butchers				53	55
			Fitters (Gun)			Clerks	6	6	<u>SERVICES</u>		
			Fitters (Instrument)			Clerks, Supply			AASC-Clerk	1	1
			Fitters (M.V.)			Clerks, Technical			M/C Orderly	1	1
			Fitters, Railway Signal			Coach Trimmers			Batman	1	1
			Fitters, Signals			Concretors			Dvr MT	1	1
			Grinder, Precision			Cooks			AAMC-RAP	1	1
			Mechanics, Instrument			Dental Clerk Orderlies			AAMC-BOWO		
			Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Despatch Riders			Ann Exmn	1	1
			Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Draughtsmen, Signals			Batman Dvr	1	1
			Mechanics, Radio			Drivers, H.T.			ARMC-Armourer	1	1
			Mechanics, Typewriter			Driver Mechanics			Fitter	1	1
			Mechanics, Wireless			Driver Tptn. Plant			Mech	1	1
			Millwrights			Engine Hands, I.C.			AACC-Cooks	3	4
			Operators, Excavator			Equipment Repairers			AAC-Clerk	1	1
			Pattern Maker			Farriers			Batman	1	1
			Pharmacist			Fitters' Mates				3	3
			Photographer, Wet Plate			Gun Layers			AACC-Batman		
			Photowriter							71	71
			Plumber						marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		
			Saw Doctors								
			Surveyors								
	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	6	4	CARRIED FORWARD	12	10			

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.
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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.

22 April 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
S.C. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.

DETAILS OF NCOs BY TRADE

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

Part HTGHTRENGTH POSTED W.3009 at 0600 Hours 22/4/1944

WOL WOII S/Sjt Sjt Cpl WOL WOII S/Sjt Sjt Cpl

Trade	WOL	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	WOL	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl
INTELLIGENCE										
Draughtsmen Intelligence Duties										
CLERKS										
TRANSPORT										
Tpt Sjt										
Dvr MF										
General Duties										
CSM										
COMS										
SERVICES										
AASC- Clerk										
AAMC-RAP										
AAOC-BOWO										
Ann Examiner										
Armourer										
Cooks										
CLAA-Clerk										
TOTAL										
Reinft recvd since last state 4 Posting Order QW1102 Serial 4										
Ref I AUST CORPS RO Par 1 Serial Number E2/44 numbers 111-117 para 112										
1 Cpl Cook										
1 Cook Trade Gp 11										
1 Cpl AAMC RAP Orderly										
1 Cpl General Duties.										
4 O/RS										
Considered unfit for overseas service.										
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 notes provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.E. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of M.R. in col. "Reinft. Required."
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Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Serial No. **21**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **29** / **4** / 194 **4** **HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde** (Unit)

W.E. **11** / **2** / **3** OFFRS. **19** O.R's **71** + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
			1	BRIGADIERS										
			3	CHAPLAINS*										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
			3	Majors										
			5	Captains										
			6	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
			17											
				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.										17
				E. (1)										
				E. (2)										

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.E. 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 17 AUST INF BDA Unit

...../...../..... (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/4/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	AK 2889	MOTAN	H:J:	COMD	YES		
Major	DX 853	HEKELL	S:L:M:	BN	YES		
T/Capt	AK 101315	DARLING	G:C:	BN(L)	YES		
T/Capt	VX 5460	BOLGER	W:P:	SC	YES		
Lt	VX 117103	HIRST	J:R:	SC(L)	YES		
T/Capt	AK 78395	BLACKSTONE	J:W:	BASCOMB			
T/Capt	TX 6054	JOHNSON	L:C:	T:O:	YES		
T/Capt	VX 97008	COUGHLAN	H:J:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 1017	HEEVE	S:R:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 35699	ASHTON	T:W:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 919	ROBERTS	A	Amey	YES		
Lt	VX 44565	PROPOSCH	W:R:	Amey	YES		
Lt	VX 134861	BRANDER	I:R:	Hyg	YES		
Capt	X 18513	LEE	W:F:	Legal	YES		
Chaplain	AK 96143	WALLACE	WHD		No	det 2/6 Bn	
Chaplain	AK 19194	RICHARDSON	DJT		No	det 2/6 Bn	
Chaplain	VX 90116	O'KEEFE	P		No	det 2/7 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.

29 April 44
Date of Despatch

W P Bolger
Signature of Commander
Capt.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

FR 21 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 4 / 1944 HQ 17 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 71 + 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.						
	1		1	W.Os. Class II.						
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
			1	Staff Sergeants						
	1		4	Sergeants						
			9	Corporals						
		2	55	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
*	2	3	72	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"	B.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	71	1						■	■		72
B(1)											
B(2)								■			

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29 / 4 / 1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				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 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				Bangetakers			
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 "Int" 2		1	1	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				NOT SPECIALIST			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	13	10	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								1st Sgt	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dvr MT	14	22	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Sig Orderly	6	6	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Gen Duties	3	5	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Duties	1		
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Water "	1		
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				CSM	1	1	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				CUMS	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	6			53	56	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				SERVICES			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AASC-Clerk	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				M/C Orderly	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Batman	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				DVR	1		NR
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AASC-RAP	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACC-BOWO		1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Ann Exmn	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				BatmanDvr	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AACC-Cooks	3	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AALC-Clerk	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AEME-Armoured			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				FitterMT	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Mech MT	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AACHD-			
CARRIED FORWARD	2	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	6	4	1	CARRIED FORWARD	12	10	1	Totals of columns marked to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	18	16	*

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.

29 April 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS NCOs

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

DETAIL		STRENGTH DETAIL									
Component number	Description	GROUP II (cont.)					GROUP I (cont.)				
		WO1	WO2	S/jt	S/jt	Cpl	WO1	WO2	S/jt	S/jt	Cpl
INTELLIGENCE											
	Draughtsmen "I" Duties			1							1
CLERKS											
		1			2					2	2
TRANSPORT											
	Driver MT					1					1
GENERAL DUTIES											
	CSM	1								1	
	COMS			1						1	
SERVICES											
	AASC-Clerk					1					1
	AAMC-RAP Orderly					1					1
	AAOC-BOMO Ann Examiner									1	
	AEME-Armourer					1					
	AACC-Cook					1					1
	AALC-Clerk					1					1
TOTAL		2	2	5	9	1	1	2	4	9	

Ref 1 Aust Corps RC Part 1 Serial Number 12/44 Numbers 111-117 para 112:-

1 Cpl Cook
1 Cpl AAMC- RAP Orderly
5 O/Rs General Duties considered unfit for overseas service.

NOTE-(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required".
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Signature of Commandant

Date of Despatch

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
22 Apr 44

NOMINAL ROLL ATTACHED PERSONNEL
as at 0600 hrs 15 Apr 44

Army No	Rank	Name	Med Class	Trade	Date Att	Reason for Att	Parent Unt	Authority for attachment
VX 4286	Cpl	ROADLEY A:E:	Al	Gen Duties	14/12/42	17 Bde Protection Pl	2/5 Bn	
VX 4315	Pte	IVEY A:	Al	" "	" " "	" " "	" "	
VX 13551	Pte	WALLIN A:	Al	Tpt Dvr	5/1/44	17 Bde Tpt Pool	2/5 Bn	
VX 7565	Cpl	BOWERS E:	Al	Gen Duties	22/7/43			our A8/11 of 18 Feb refers
TX 2673	Pte	TAYLOR A;J:	Al	Tpt Dvr	30/11/43	17 Bde Tpt Pool	2/6 Bn	
VX 50879	Pte	FOOTE C:G:	Al	" "	30/11/43	" " " "	" "	
VX 27711	Pte	SCHNIEDER O.	Al	" "	15/12/43	" " " "	" "	
WX 1509	Pte	STRANG A:M:	Al	" "	22/12/43	" " " "	" "	
WX 1503	Pte	MOFFET A;P	Al	" "	22/12/43	" " " "	" "	
NX 83866	Pte	MORRIS W:	Al	" "	15/12/43	" " " "	" "	
VX 16656	Pte	MORRISON A:	Al	" "	2/12/43	" " " "	" "	
NX 114454	Pte	SMITH C:H:	Al	Gen Duties	14/12/42	17 Bde Protection Pl	2/7 Bn	
QX 35975	Pte	HENDERSON N:F:	Al	" "	" " "	" " "	" "	
QX 36040	Pte	GIBSON E.	Al	" "	" " "	" " "	" "	
QX 26837	Pte	GURR K:	Al	" "	" " "	" " "	" "	
VX 50622	Pte	COLLINS E:J:	Al	Tpt Dvr	18/12/43	17 Bde Tpt Pool	"	
VX 11367	Pte	NEWTON G:	Al	Tpt Dvr	18/12/43	17 Bde Tpt Pool	"	
NX 114454	Sjt	SANLAVILLE A:K:Al		Field Service	13/1/44			
VX 34998	L/Cpl	WARREN M:A: Al		Security Sjt	" " "			
NX 15439	Cpl	DEZARNAULDS N:Al		Cpl Fd Service	" " "			
				" " "	14/2/44			
VX 25200	Sjt	STENT L:W: Al		FPO Sjt	13/1/44	Sjt i/c FPO22	6 AUST DIV POSTAL	
VX 4005	Cpl	URQUHART R:	Al	FPO Cpl	Jan 42	Cpl FPO22	" " " "	
VX 4005	Cpl	URQUHART R:	Al	FPO Cpl	Jan 42	Cpl FPO22	" " " "	
VX 15831	L/Cpl	HUTCHINSON F: B.		" Clerk	Oct 42		" " " "	

W.P.B. dg

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Ref. No.

PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING - TEMPORARY ATTACHMENTS.

1. It is noted from AAF W3009 (Field Return of Other Ranks) submitted by your Unit for week ended MAR 25 1944 the following particulars are shown under Part B:-

6 ORs	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
11 "	2/6 " " "
9 "	2/7 " " "
3 "	AFSSW
5 "	6 Aust Div Postal

2. It is requested that a Nominal Roll (in duplicate) be forwarded to this Office as at 0600 hrs APR 15 1944, showing details set out hereunder, in respect of personnel concerned:-

Army No.
Rank
Name
Med Class
Parent Unit

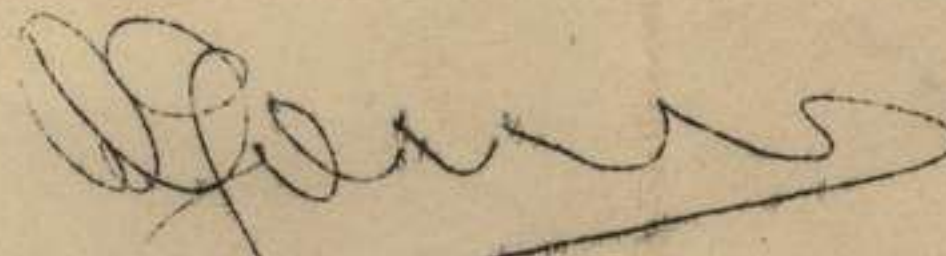
Army Trade or Classification
Date of Attachment
Reason for Attachment
Authority for Attachment

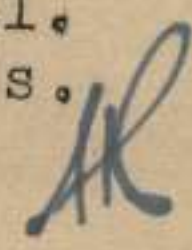
3. All future returns submitted by your Unit are required to show the name of the Parent Unit to which such personnel belong and NOT merely AACC, AAMC, Amenities, etc.

4. (a) In connection with this matter, it is advised that only those personnel attached or detached, as the case may be, for duty and discipline, should be shown under Parts "B" and "C" of AAF's W3009.

(b) Personnel who are merely attached for rations, quartering and pay only, should NOT be shown, nor should Casualty Returns (AAF W3012) be submitted in respect of such personnel.

(c) Personnel attached by WE should NOT be shown under Part "B" but should be shown in Columns 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of Part "A", as applicable.


Lt-Col.
Officer-in-Charge, Records.



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

FR 19 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 4 / 194 44 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 71 + 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.						
	3		16	1 BRIGADIERS* 3 CHAPLAINS* Lieut.-Colonels 2 Majors 4 Captains 6 Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.											
				DETAIL	"A"	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	16										16
				E.(1)											
				E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 101315	Maj	DARLING G:C:	ATC School MILNE BAY	12/4/44	
NX 134861	Lt	BRANDER I:G:	AAMC	14/4/44	Posted Bde Hygiene Offr Authority LHQ(MS)36860 of 18 Mar 44 refers Posted T:O:17 Bde. 14/4/44 Mar 44
TX 6054	T/Capt	JOHNSON L:C:	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	14/4/44	

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 17 AUST INF BDE Unit

FR 19 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 4 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	3X 2889	MOTEN	M:J:	COMD	YES		
Maj	DX 853	ESKELL	S:L:M	PM	YES		
Maj	NX 101315	DARLING	G:C:	HM(L)	YES		
T/Capt	VX 5460	BOLGER	W:P:	SC	YES		
Lt	VX 117103	HIRST	J:R:	SC(L)	YES		
T/Capt	NX 78395	BLACKSTONE	J:W:	BASCO	YES		
T/Capt	VX 27008	COUGHLAN	H:J:	L:O:	YES		
T/Capt	TX 6054	JOHNSON	L:C:	T:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 35692	ASHTON	T:W:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 1017	REEVE	E:R:	L:O:	YES		
Lt	VX 219	ROBERTS	A:	AmenO	Yes		
Lt	VX 44965	PROPOSCH	W:E:	educO	YES		
Lt	NX 134861	BRANDER	I:R:	Hyg O	Yes		
CHAPLAIN.	VX 90116	O'KEEFE	F.		NO	DET. 2/7 BN.	
CHAPLAIN.	SX 26143	WALLACE	W.H.D.		"	" 2/5 BN.	
CHAPLAIN.	FX 19124	RICHARDSON	D.S.T.		"	" 2/C 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.
Mr		HULL	Salv Army	14/3/44	Salvation Army Rep

15 April 44
Date of Despatch

W P Bolger
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

FR 19 (Serial No.)

11/2nd At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 4 / 1944 HQ 17 AUST INR (Unit)

W.E. ~~18~~ / / OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 71 + 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	W.Os. Class II.					
	1			Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
	2		3	Sergeants					
		1	10	Corporals					
		4	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	3		74	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	C.M.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.							
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A	82	2							74
	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	2/5 Bn			3	School		
7	2/6 Bn			1	HQ 1 Aust Corps		
6	2/7 "			1	2/5 Bn		
16	6 Div Pro Coy						
5	" " Postal Unit						
3	AAFSW						
1	2/8 FD COY RAE						
1	YMCA						

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).

ART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/4/1944.

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required, and numerical counts for various tradesmen categories.

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.

15 April 44 Date of Despatch

W.P.B. Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF NCO

POSTED STRENGTH

INTELLIGENCE

WOL WOIF S/Sjt Sjt Cpl WOL WOIF S/Sjt Sjt Cpl

Category	WOL	WOIF	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	WOL	WOIF	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl
Draughtsmen					1					1
"I" Duties			1		1			1		1
CLERKS		1		2	1		1		2	2
TRANSPORT										
Sjt				1					1	
Driver MT					1					1
General Duties					1					2
CSM		1					1			
COMS			1							1
TOTALS		2	2	3	5		2	1	3	7
SERVICES										
AASC-Clerk					1					1
AAMC-RAP Orderly					1					1
AAOC-BOWO						1				
Ann Examiner				1					1	
ABME-Armourer				1						
AACC-Cook					1	1				1
TOTAL		2	2	5	8	1	2	1	3	10
AALC-Clerks					1					
TOTAL		2	2	5	9	1	2	1	3	10

Ref 1 AUST CORPS RO Part 1 Serial Number 12/44 Numbers 111-117 para 112.

- 1 Cpl Cook
- 1 Cook Trade Gp 11.
- 1 Cpl AAMC -RAP Orderly
- 1 Cpl General Duties

5 ORs General Duties, considered unfit for overseas service

CARRIED FORWARD

NOTES - (a) If rank other than private is involved, the details of rank should be included in the column provided.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.V.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on reverse by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required".
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Signature of Commander

Date of Report

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

FR.../...18 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 4 / 1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED:				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
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.				
			3	BRIG-DEUTS CHAPLAINS									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
				Majors									
1 hosp 1 school	6		--	Captains									
			8	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	8	2	12										
		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.	12										12
		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.E. 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.
VA 90118	Chaplain	O'KEEFE P	Hospital	5/4/44	from hosp and det 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

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 17 Aust Inf Bde Unit

FR 18 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Colt/Bryg	VX 9889	NOTEN M:	M:J:	COMD	YES		
T/Capt	VX 5460	BOLGER	B:P:	SC	YES		
Lt	VX 117103	HIRST	J:R:	SC(L)	YES		
T/Capt	VX 78398	BLACKSTONE	J:W:	BASEC	YES		
Lt	VX 27008	COUGHLAN	H:J:	L:O:	YES		
"	VX 1017	REEVE	E:R:	L:O:	YES		
"	VX 30632	ASHTON	T:W:	L:O:	Yes		
"	VX 219	ROBERTS	A:	Ameno	Yes		
"	VX 44865	PROPOSCH	S:S:	educ C	YES		
Chaplain	VX 90116	O'KEEFE	"		No	det 2/7 Bn	
Chaplain	VX 26143	WALLACE	H:H:D:		"	2/5 Bn	
Chaplain	VX 18124	RICHARDSON	D:J:T:		"	2/6 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 9830	HAY D:O:	2/6 Bn	27/3/44	
Lt	VX 6054	JOHNSON L:C:	2/5	27/3/44	
		HULL	Salv Army	14/3/44	Salvation Army rep

8 Apr 44
Date of Despatch

W.P. Bolger
Signature of Commander
S.C. Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 4 / 194 AHQ 17 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 18 / 2 3 / OFFRS. 18 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns: 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, 2-4 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, 5 DETAIL, 6-10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, etc., and a Totals row.

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

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

Summary table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., 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. Values: 73, 2, 75.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Table with columns: 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. Entries include 2/5 Bn, 2/6 Bn, 2/7 Bn, 6 Div Pro Coy, 6 Div Postal, YMCA, 2/8 Fd Coy RAE, AFSSW, School, 1 Aust Corps HQ, 2/5 Bn.

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

Table with 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 8/4/1944.

Table with columns: Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc., with handwritten entries and totals.

- 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.

8 Apr 44 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Capt

S.C. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.

