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**December 1943**



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WAR DIARY of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/12 Aust. Inf. bn. Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 43 To Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Mores by	1 Dec 43		Unit embussed for DONADABU trg. area at 0730 hrs. Arrived approximately 0930 hrs. Day spent erecting camp Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 1; taken on str., 1; marched out, 1.	Appx A
	2 Dec 43		Unit adm. Syllabus of trg prepared to suit areas allotted to unit by 15 Aust. Inf. Bde HQ Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 1; taken on str., 4.	Appx A
	3 Dec 43		Unit training as per syllabus Coys. independent section training in areas allotted Recce. made by Int. Sec. to find suitable tracks through jungle area for Bn. exercise on 9 Dec 43. Bde. Comd. (Brig. F. O. CHILTON) visited unit HQ Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 3; transferred, 1; taken on str, 4.	Appx D Appx A
	4 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus, in areas allotted Field Return for Officers and ORs. Evacuated to hospital, 3.	Appx D
	5 Dec 43		Unit church parades. C.O. reced jungle training area for Bn. exercise Adm. for unit for remainder of day T/Capt. O. A. CURTIS returned from DUMPU Routine Orders Adm. Instruction for Coy. Battle Practice 6-7 Dec 43, Bn. Exercise 9 Dec 43 Sketched track traverse, Bn. exercise Taken on str., 5.	Appx A Appx C Appx E



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit..... 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. .... Date and Time.—From... 6 Dec 43..... To..... 9 Dec 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	6 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus A and B Coys with attached sections HQ Coy Battle Practice with Bty 2/4 Fd Regtin sp. C Coy in B1 Area; D Coy in B2 area. Battle Practice area GRIMUNUMU square 1836 UBERI Sheet 1:63360 Bde Int. School commenced; duration: 6-30 Dec inclusive, at 967478 PORT MORESBY Sheet, 1:63360 Lieut. P. L. GREEN to DUMPU	Appx D
			Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 3	Appx A
	7 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus A Coy in B1 area; B Coy in B2 area; C and D Coy with att. HQ Secs., battle practice area as for 6 Dec 43	Appx D
			Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 1; taken on str., 3;	Appx A
	8 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus A Coy in C1 area; B Coy in B2 area; C Coy in B1 area; D Coy in C4 area. HQ Coy in lines	Appx D
			Bde Comd. (Brig. F. O. CHILTON) arrived in camp to watch Bn. exercise in jungle, commencing 9 Dec 43 Adm. Instruction No. 8 Taken on str., 1.	Appx C
	9 Dec 43		Unit commenced Bn. exercise on track cut. ST 0830 hrs; D Coy adv. coy.	
			Ref. O.O. No. 1 Evacuated to hospital, 3; QX6026 T/Maj. K. A. J. GATEGOOD) taken on str from NGDD ex hospital	Appx C



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Unit..... 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn...... Date and Time.—From..... 10 Dec 43..... To..... 14 Dec 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	10 Dec 43		Unit on Bn. exercise. B and C trg. areas DONADABU. Biv. overnight on high grass feature and resumed advance 0800 hrs. Ref. O.O. No. 2 issued Unit arrived back in unit biv. area 183394 approximately 1730 hrs.	Appx C
	11 Dec 43		Unit embussed for return to Bn. camp at 950366 BOOTLESS Sheet 1:25000 at 1215 hrs. Arrived in camp approximately 1530 hrs. Adm. Instruction Officers and ORS Field Returns Evacuated to hospital, 2; taken on str., 4;	Appx C Appx B
	12 Dec 43		Unit church services. Criticism of Bn. exercise was made by Bde. Comd. (Brig. F. O. CHILTON) and unit C.O. (Lieut.-Col. C. C. F. BOURNE) Adm for rest of day Routine Orders <del>xxx</del> Taken on str., 12	Appx A
	13 Dec 43		Unit commenced week's tour as Bde Duty Bn. One Coy. each day to continue training as per syllabus submitted by Coy to BnHQ. Do Coy. Bde Duty Coy Evacuated to hospital, 3;	
	14 Dec 43		Bde. Duty Unit. D. Coy Bde. duties; remainder of coys in lines Evacuated to hospital, 2; transferred, 2; taken on str, 2. QX1542 Lieut. M. E. POWNE from NGDD ex hospital, taken on Str	



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Unit.....2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn..... Date and Time.—From...15 Dec 43.....To.....20 Dec 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	15 Dec 43		Bde. Duty Bn. C Coy duty coy; remainder in lines training Lieut. P. L. GREEN from DUMPU Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 1; taken on str., 1.	Appx A
	16 Dec 43		Bde. Duty Bn. HQ Coy duty coy.; remainder of coys in lines Evacuated to hospital, 5; taken on str., 8. QX6135 Lieut. C. R. REID rejoined unit from Marshalling area	Appx D
	17 Dec 43		Bde. Duty Bn. Training continues in coy lines Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 1; taken on str., 1; marched out, 4.	Appx D Appx A
	18 Dec 43		Bde. Duty Bn. A and B Coys Bde duties; other coys in lines Camp construction continues. Officers and ORS Field Return	Appx D App B
	19 Dec 43		Unit church services. Adm for the rest of day. Bde Int. School finished and students returned to units Evacuated to hospital, 2; transferred, 1; taken on str, 8.	
	20 Dec 43		Unit resumed training as per syllabus set out by BnHQ C.O. recce. to square 0035 BOOTLESS Sheet 1:25000 T/Capt. F. K. HAUPT to DUMPU fwd areas Evacuated to hospital, 3; QX12375 Lieut. S. G. GRIFFITHS and TX6048 Lieut. R. C. SKINNER from NGDD ex hospital taken on str.	



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Unit 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 21 Dec 43 To 25 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	21 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus Officers of Indian Army, att. ALHQ for period of experience, arrived in unit. List of personnel att. Evacuated to hospital, 3; transferred, 5; taken on str., 1; marched out, 1. OX2069 Lieut, J. R. CUTLER to hospital.	Appx D
	22 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus Instruction TEWT Applications for discharge Air Movement instruction Evacuated to hospital, 1; taken on str., 5.	Appx D Appx C Appx C Appx C
	23 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus Building within lines still proceeding. Maj. C. A. E. FRASER to DONADABU trg area Routine Orders Evacuated to hospital, 8; taken on str., 2;	Appx D  Appx A
	24 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus TEWT for officers in area BOOTLESS INLET During the week, ACE Christmas Boxes were distributed Evacuated to hospital, 3; transferred, 2; taken on str., 2.	Appx D
	25 Dec 43		Day of worship and rest for Unit. Brig. F. O. CHILTON visited unit messes and extended seasonal greetings and good wishes to the men Officers and ORs Field Returns Evacuated to hospital, 2.	Appx B



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Unit 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 26 Dec 43 To 30 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	26 Dec 43		Unit church services. Adm for the rest of the day. Indian Army officers moved out approximately 0330 hrs. to drome for transport to DUMPU Fwd areas. Capt. F. K. HAUPT returned from DUMPU Taken on str., 5.	
	27 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus C Coy route march - course own choice; to include hill-climbing. Remainder of unit training in lines. Evacuated to hospital, 1;	Appx D
	28 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus Evacuated to hospital, 2; taken on str., 1.	Appx D
	29 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus Unit Choir won Bde and Att. Units Choir Competition Weekly Boxing Tournament at night. G.O.C. ( <del>and</del> Maj.-Gen. VASEY) attended and spoke to assembled troops. C.O. (Lieut.-Col. C. G. F. BOURNE) reced MERIGEDA area for future exercises. Evacuated to hospital, 2; taken on str, 2. Routine Orders	Appx D
	30 Dec 43		Training as per syllabus B Coy route march, including hill-climbing Lieut.-Col. C. G. F. BOURNE accompanied Maj.-Gen. VASEY to lunch. Brig. Conference of C.O's & O's C at Bde.) Exercise Instns. Taken on str., 2.	Appx D  Appx C



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Unit.....2/12 Inf. Bn..... Date and Time.—From.....31 Dec. 43.....To.....31 Dec. 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port MORESBY.	31 DEC43		Trg. as per syllabus. Brig. Comd's Conference 1100 hrs at H.Q. Bde. <del>xxxx</del> C.O's & O's attended. subject; "Pending Air-Move."	AppxD
			Routine Orders. Trg. Instns. No. 4. subject Co-ops. with Tks.	AppxA Appx C
			<u>Cas</u> for 31 Dec incld. in Cas, Returns for 1 JAN. 44.	
			<i>W. Sherwin</i> Capt., Adjt., 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
			<i>L. L. M. ...</i> Lieut.-Col., Comd., 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.	







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ROUTINE ORDERS. PART 1.

BY

LT-COL C.C.F. BOURNE.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
1 Dec 43.

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95. DUTIES. ( Mounting 1800 hrs 1 Dec 43 )

(a) Duty Coy ( As per Syllabus )  
Duty Coy to supply 1 NCO & 6 ORs-Guard.  
1 Runner 0645-1800, report to BnHQ.

96. SWIMMING. Coy Parades.

Recently crocodiles have been caught in the river and precautions must be taken on all swimming parades.

97. FOOT BRIDGE OVER RIVER.

No more than twenty men to be on foot bridge at one time, nor is the interval between men to be less than 4 feet. An RP will be posted on this bridge during day time and during nights when entertainments are held on Sports Ground Area.

*[Signature]*  
Adj. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY.

LT-COL. C.G.F. BOURNE.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
2 Dec 43.

98. DUTIES. ( Counting 1800 hrs 2 Dec 43 )

(a) Duty Coy ( As per Syllabus )

Duty Coy to supply 1 HQ and 6 OR - Guard,  
1 Orderly Sgt.  
1 Runner 6645-1800 BnHQ.

99. REPRODUCTION OF LOCKED ARTICLES.

Under the provisions of regulation 69 AA of the National Security ( General ) Regulations made by G.P. 1943 No 224, any articles sent by any means, by members of the Forces will be subject to the following provisions:-

1. Any Censorship Authority, or Officer of Customs, or in the case of any article found in the baggage of a member of AMF, any officer of the A.M.F., who intercepts any article which he reasonably suspects to fall within the description set out in para 5 will forward that article to a Comd L of C Area. In the case of articles intercepted in NEW GUINEA, they will be forwarded to HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE.

2. Apart from any disciplinary action which may be taken, the Comd L of C Area may forfeit the article for the use of the Commonwealth.

3. The regulation applies to the following articles:-

- (a) Any article dropped from any aircraft or which formed part of any aircraft or the equipment of any aircraft.
- (b) Any property of a member of any enemy forces, or part of the arms, clothing or equipment of such a member.
- (c) Any article used or intended for use by any armed force or upon any vessel defensively armed, or by a member of such force or of the crew of such vessel, and
- (d) Any article stolen from premises which have been damaged by war operations or any article left exposed or unprotected as a result of war operations

See Over



100. REMITTANCES OF UKRAINE PAY AND CASH.

It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending remittances to residents in Australia, as Xmas gifts, and members are therefore requested to remit early.

Remittances forwarded through Paymasters and received by District Accounts Office, NEW GUINEA on or before 12 Dec 43 will be paid by 25 December 1943.

*J. Sherman* Capt.  
1st 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

ENTERTAINMENT. ( 15 BOX PICTURES ).

Pictures:- Abbott and Costello }  
                  in                              } THURS AND FRI.  
                  " HIT THE ICE ".

Football.      Australian Rules.      SAT 1330.  
                  Australian Rules.      SUN 0900.  
                  Australian Rules.      SUN 1330.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

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LT-COL C.C.F. BOURNE.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
5 Dec 43.

101. DUTIES. (Mounting 1800 hrs 5 Dec 43.)

(a) Duty Coy (As per Syllabus)  
Duty Coy to supply 1 NCO and 6 OR - Guard.  
1 Orderly Sgt.  
1 Runner 0645 - 1800 report BnHQ.

102. COURT OF INQUIRY.

Court will assemble on the direction of the President to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the loss of the following stores by "C" Coy 2/12 Aust Inf Bn on or about 2 Dec 43.

One Owen Gun No. 12694 Bayonet  
One set web equipment Scabbard.  
One Tow Rope.

President Capt W.B. MacFarlane.

Members Lieut T.A. Holloway.  
Lieut A.G. Grimsey.

Proceedings to be at BnHQ by 1800 hrs 7 Dec 43.

103. GREEN ENVELOPES. (NCF Order G447 of 22 Nov 43 is repeated.)

1. The practice of enclosing unfranked mail in an outer envelope addressed to the Base Censor (otherwise than in a green envelope will cease forthwith.
2. Even when Green Envelopes are in short supply, no authority exists for personnel to forward mail to the Base Censor in order to avoid unit censorship.
3. All such letters sighted in future will be returned to the unit concerned.



104. PILFERING. ( NGF Order A448 of 22 Nov 43 is repeated.)

Pilfering of army stores has reached such serious proportions that it is interfering with supplies to troops in forward areas. Offences of this nature may even result in the lives of troops becoming endangered unnecessarily.

Officers will take steps to ensure that all precautions are taken by all concerned to eliminate this serious form of offence, and all ranks are to be warned that as from the date of this order, any member of the Forces concerned in such offences will be dealt with by Court Martial and awarded severe penalties.

The attention of all members of Courts Martial will be drawn to AMR & O 558 (3) which reads:-

" When attention has been called in Orders in the command to which the offender belongs to the unusual prevalence of the offence of which he has been found guilty, a Court Martial should also have regard to the fact that such warning has been issued".

105. DRESS. ( NGF Order A 449 of 22 Nov 43 is repeated.)

It has become apparent that proper attention is not being paid to the matter of dress, and the correct way in which uniform should be worn. The main points noted have been as follows:-

- (a) men not wearing shirts although not engaged in strenuous work.
- (b) Shirts being worn outside trousers.
- (c) Shorts being worn with socks or no hose of any sort.
- (d) dirty sandshoes instead of boots.
- (e) Dirty boots. In many cases it is obvious that boot polish has not been applied for long periods.
- (f) hats made to look disreputable, worn at any angle on the head, and in a number of cases made to resemble civilian hats commonly known as a "pork-pie".

These are only some of the irregularities which have been noted, and the GOC-in-C directs that action is to be taken forthwith by all officers, warrant and NCOs and members of the Provost Corps to check all irregularities in dress. Strict disciplinary action will be taken where necessary to ensure that all members are correctly and tidily dressed at all times in accordance with NG Force Order A407/43. Repeated 2/12 Aust Inf Bn RO No.23.

106 SALUTING. (NGF Order A 450 of 22 Nov 43 is repeated.)

There is a noticeable slackness in saluting by troops situated in rear areas, and steps are to be taken by all concerned to effect an improvement in this regard.



107. RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH HOSPITAL LINES.

(NGF Order A 452 is repeated.)

The volume of traffic at 2/1 and 2/5 AGH at present causes very considerable inconvenience to patients and staff.

A member of the AMF will not be present at any cinema show or other entertainment at 2/1 AGH or 2/5 AGH unless he is:-

- (a) A member of the Staff or attached to the hospital concerned.
- (b) A patient in such Hospital; or
- (c) An invited guest of a member of the Staff of that Hospital.

Approval will NOT be given for the use of M.T. to proceed to 2/1 AGH or 2/5 AGH unless such use will not lead to contravention of this order.

*[Signature]*  
Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

NOTICES.

£1,000 FOR WRITERS- A.B.C.'S COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS.

1. The A.B.C. announces a writers competition, with prizes totalling £1,000, for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters. The competition calls for novels, plays, documentary features, short stories, poems and discussions.

2. Nationals of all English-speaking countries are eligible to compete. The following prizes will be awarded :-

<u>NOVEL</u>		<u>DOCUMENTARY FEATURE.</u>		<u>POEM</u>
First prize	£150	First prize	£50.	First prize £25.
Second prize.	£ 75	Second prize	£40	Second prize £10.
<u>PLAY</u>		<u>SHORT STORY</u>		<u>DISCUSSION.</u>
First prize	£100	First prize	£50.	First prize £40.
Second prize	£ 70	Second prize	£30.	Second prize £25.
Third prize	£ 40			

3. Special Bonuses- In addition to the above prizes, the Commission will award special bonuses.

There will be a bonus of £100 for the work ( in any section) that is considered to be the outstanding contribution to broadcasting.



To encourage new writers in radio there will be a bonus for the best work purchased in each section (not a prize-winning entry) by a writer who has had none of his work either published or broadcast. The bonuses are as follows.:-

Novel	£60	Play	£40	Documentary Feature.	£35.
Short Story	£20	Poem	£10	Discussion	£20.

4. Entries for the novel will close on September 30 1944. Entries for the other sections close on June 30 1944. Entry Forms with full conditions of the competition, may be obtained from the A.B.C. Box 487, G.P.O. Sydney.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

LT-COL. G. C. F. BOURNE.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
7 Dec 43.

100. DUTIES. (Mounting 1800 hrs 7 Dec 43.)

- (a) Duty Coy (As per Syllabus).  
Duty Coy to supply 1 MCO and 6 OR -Guard.  
1 Orderly Sgt.  
1 Runner 0645-1800 report BnHQ.

100. COURT OF INQUIRY

Court will assemble on the direction of the President to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the loss of the following stores by "D" Coy 2/12 Aust Inf Bn on 6 Dec 43.

One Bren Gun No. A. 4623      Bayonet  
One set web equipment      Scabbard.  
Rifle No. 70494

President      Capt W. B. MacFarlane.

Members      Lieut T. A. Holloway.  
Lieut A. C. Grimsey.

Proceedings to be at BnHQ by 1800 hrs 8 Dec 43.

*J. Sherman*      Capt.  
Adjt. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

LT-COL G.O.F. BURN.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

12 DEC 1943

110. PROFICIENCY PAY.

The following extracts from GHO 866 of 10 Sep 43 are repeated:-

1. Preliminary.

Approval has been given for the payment of proficiency pay of sixpence per day to every male member of the AMF who holds either the appointment of L/Cpl or L/Dr or the rank of Pte. or its equivalent and who is not in receipt of pay prescribed for a qualified parachutist or a tradesman or specialist, subject to the conditions set out hereunder.

2. Interpretation.

For the purpose of this order, the following interpretation shall apply:-

Six month's service. Only continuous full time war service shall be taken into account when calculating the period of six month's service. Periods of leave with pay will be accepted as service. Periods of leave without pay will not contribute towards the requisite period, but service rendered prior to such leave will not thereby be cancelled but will be accepted as ~~being~~ part of the period of six months.

Good conduct. A soldier's conduct will be considered good unless he commits a breach of good conduct as interpreted hereunder.

"Breach of Good Conduct" will occur:-

(a) When an award has been made by a military authority imposing on the soldier's penalty higher in the scale set out in GHO 414 (b) than confinement to barracks for seven days, providing no fine of less than £1 shall be deemed to be a breach of good conduct;

(b) When a soldier has been convicted by a civil court and fined £5 or more or sentenced to imprisonment, whether or not such sentence is suspended upon the soldier entering into a bond.

Contracting of venereal disease will not be considered a breach of good conduct.



Prescribed Examination. - The examination conducted for the purpose of enabling a soldier to demonstrate his proficiency in the arm or branch to which he belongs.

Entitlement.

3. Proficiency pay will be paid as on and from 1 July 43 to a soldier who-

- (a) at that date had completed at least six months service,
- (b) for six months immediately prior to that date had been of good conduct; and
- (c) on the first occasion subsequent to that date on which he is examined, passes the prescribed examination.

4. A soldier who complies with sub-para (a) and (b) of para 3 of this order but who fails to pass the prescribed examination on the first occasion will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes such examination, provided he has been of good conduct for a period of six months immediately prior to passing that examination.

5. A soldier who completes six months service on a date subsequent to 1 Jul 43 will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day which he passes the prescribed examination, provided he has been of good conduct during the period of six months immediately prior to that date of examination. A soldier who passes the prescribed examination before he has completed six months service will be entitled to proficiency pay on completion of six months service with good conduct.

6. A soldier who is debarred from qualifying for proficiency pay by reason of a breach of good conduct will, providing he has passed the prescribed examination, become entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day following the date upon which he completes six months service with good conduct. If such a soldier has not previously passed the prescribed examination, he will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes the prescribed examination, provided he has been of good conduct for the period of six months immediately prior to passing the examination.

Forfeiture of Proficiency Pay.

A soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay commits a breach of good conduct, he shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction or the award against him.

Promotion and Reversion.

10. A P/Pl or P/Bdr or P/te or equivalent who is in receipt of proficiency pay will cease to be entitled to proficiency pay on his promotion to substantive or acting NCO rank (Cpl or Bdr or higher) as on and from the day of such promotion.

Transfers.

12. When a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay is transferred from one arm or branch of the service to a unit of a different arm or branch of the service, he will, subject to the provisions of para 7 of this order, continue to be entitled to proficiency pay for a period of three months after such transfer, but unless within that period he passes the prescribed examination for the arm or branch to which he has been transferred, he will, on and from the day following the date upon which such period expires, cease to be entitled to proficiency pay.



Casualties.

13. A soldier will not forfeit his proficiency pay by reason only of his-

- (a) admission to hospital.
- (b) becoming a prisoner of war.
- (c) being posted as missing.
- (d) medical reclassification.
- (e) transfer to another unit (except as stated in para 12)

Casualty Return:- see para 14 of GHD F660 of 10 Sep 43.

Paybook Entries:- see para 15 of GHD F660 of 10 Sep 43.

*E. H. ...* Capt.  
Majt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

*M. J. ...*







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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT-COL C. G. F. BOURNE

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

17 DEC 43.

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114. DUTIES. (Mounting 1800 hrs 17 Dec 43)

Duty Coy.                      D. Coy.  
Next For Duty                HQ. Coy.

Duty Coy will supply the following.

Guard.                      1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 10 ORs  
Orderly Sgt  
6 OR to report to Hygiene Sgt at 0800  
2 OR to report to YMCA at 0830.

115. DRESS.

1. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn RO Part 1 No 23 is cancelled.
2. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
3. The following dress will be worn at all times:

(a) Slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone;

(b) Boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT:-

(A) In the MORESBY Base Sub Area (excluding the L of C from TERAPO to SUNSHINE) between the hours of sunrise and sunset,

(i) Personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out, in lieu of slacks; but must wear long socks and anklets web or puttees short.



(ii) Officers may, at their option, wear shoes;

(iii) Sleeves may be worn rolled up;

(iv) Members of organized working parties whilst actually engaged in strenuous work may, when specifically permitted by their OC to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare.

(B) In any other area it may be permitted for members of authorised working parties whilst actually engaged in strenuous work between the hours of sunrise and sunset to work with the upper portion of the body bare or with sleeves rolled up.

(C) No general permission to dispense with articles of uniform will be given by OCs pursuant to either (A) or (B) of this proviso. Definite orders must be given by OCs on each occasion.

4. A member issued with American gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD.

5. (i) Officers and WOs Class 1 may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web.

(ii) WOs Class 11 may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.

(iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.

6. Kats will be worn by all ranks except that at their option:

(a) Officers and warrant officers may wear, in lieu, caps, officer patterns;

(b) drivers MF may wear, in lieu, caps SD.

7. Safari jackets may be worn only by those other ranks who:

(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF; or

(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.

8. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of, and in the centre of, the hat band.

9. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity Discs, all ranks will wear the Identity Discs issued to them.

10. OCs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their Coy are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of breeches of this order.



116. INSECT REPELLENT LOTION AND ANTI-MITE FLUID.

1. The production of insect repellent lotion and anti mite fluid in adequate quantities is a matter of great difficulty as some of the essential constituents are in short world supply.
2. These substances will NOT be used for any other purposes than those for which they are issued.

117. AMBULANCES-EMERGENCY CALLS-MORESBY AREA.

1. In the event of accident or other emergency, motor ambulances may be obtained through any Aust Army telephone exchange in MORESBY area, by requesting the operator to connect the the caller with the nearest ambulance post.
2. This service will be used only in emergency, and not in the case of ordinary sickness.

*F. J. Sherwin* Capt.  
Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES. SUNDAY 19 DEC 43.

R.C. and O.D. Church parades as for last Sunday.

Tuesday 21 Dec 43 at 0700 hrs in St Phillips Chapel,  
Celebration of the Feast of St Thomas.

Saturday 25 Dec 43 ( Christmas Day)

0700 hrs Holy Communion in St Philips Chapel for  
2/10 and 2/12 Bns.

0815 hrs-Holy Communion for 2/9 Bn in Salvation Army  
Hut.

0930 hrs-Holy Communion and Carols in St Philips Chapel.

1915 hrs.-Evensong and Carols in St Philips Chapel.



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INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS.  
ARR. Aust: L.H.Q.  
21 Dec.

CAPT I.D. CROCKETT	12 Foresters	A. Coy.
MAJ. E.A.W. LOCKYER	HQ 255 Indian Armd Bde	Bn HQ.
CAPT. C.H. ANDERSON	17 Baluchistan Regt	B. Coy.
CAPT G. BRADLEY	6 Hyderabad	HQ Coy.
LIEUT C.G. WALLACE	93 Ind Fd Coy	A Coy
LIEUT D.S. MATTLAND	63 Ind Fd Coy	E Coy
CAPT D.A. WRIGHT	9/16 Punjab Regt	C Coy
LIEUT L.R. MARLOW	Green Howards	C Coy
LIEUT W.C. DOWNIE	Green Howards	D Coy
CAPT H.R. BASTON	King George V Bengal S & M.	-D. Coy.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Serial No 34.

No. 118 *720*

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT-COL C. C. F. BOURNE.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
23 Dec 43.

118. DUTIES. (Mounting 1300 hrs 23 Dec 43.)

Duty Coy D. Coy.  
Next For Duty HQ Coy.

Duties as per RC No. 33. 17 Dec 43.

119. DRESS.

1. R.O. No 33 is cancelled.

(a) (a) The following dress will be worn:-  
(i) slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirt or safari jacket will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left open;

(ii) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters S.D. or puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT-

(A) in respect of the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset OCs may in their discretion permit:

(i) members to wear sleeves rolled up.

(ii) members of authorised working parties, whilst actually engaged in strenuous work, to work with the upper portion of the body bare:

(B) it may also be permitted for personnel to work with the upper portion of the body bare when actually working in ships' holds between sunset and sunrise.

(b) Members granted permission to work with the upper portion of the body bare will wear shirts when proceeding to and returning from the actual place of work.

(c) No general permission will be given by OCs pursuant to the above proviso. A specific direction must be given by OC on each occasion.

2. A member issued with American gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters S.D.



- 3 (a) Officers and WOs Class 1 may wear Sam Browne belts or belts web.
- (b) WOs Class 11 may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.
- (c) All other ranks may wear belts web.
4. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that, at their option:
  - (a) officers and warrant officers may wear, in lieu, caps, officer pattern.;
  - (b) drivers MF may wear, in lieu, caps SD.
5. Safari jackets may be worn only by those other ranks who:
  - (a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF; or
  - (b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.

Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of, and in the centre of, the hat band, unless ordered not to wear colour patches for security reasons.

Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs, all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.

OCs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their Coys are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith.

#### 119. MINING AND SALE OF GOLD

1. It is an offence against the laws of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea to:-
  - (a) fossick for gold or otherwise engage in mining, without being in possession of a Miner's Right; or
  - (b) take or remove from the claim of another person (even if possession of a Miner's Right).; or
  - (c) be in possession of Gold without lawful excuse; or
  - (d) export gold from those territories without a licence.
2. Those laws apply to, and will be observed by, all members of the AMF.

#### 120. STERILISING OUTFITS FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES.

1. (a) The sterilising tablets in outfits for use with water bottles are subject to deterioration and loss of strength on prolonged storage.

Provision has been made for replacement of outfits by AASC on the elapse of six months from the date of manufacture or if they are found to be unserviceable.
- (b) Unit medical officers will inspect from each batch on issue to the unit and supervise a test for free chlorine with local water supplies. This test will be repeated if any outfits remain unopened one month after issue. If outfits are found to be unserviceable they will, on the recommendation of the unit medical officer, be returned to AASC for replacement.



(c) Tablets will be protected from deterioration by keeping the bottle tightly corked. One outfit will be used completely before the next opened in order to avoid deterioration by exposure to the air. For the same reason, no bottle of sterilising tablets will be kept for more than seven days after it has first been opened, as the efficiency of its contents cannot be guaranteed for longer than this period after the first opening.

2. It is believed that the problem of crumbling has been overcome in table of recent manufacture. Certain tablets manufactured by Tromax Lts Aug Sept and Oct of 1943 will show signs of crumbling, but not sufficient to warrant return of unused stocks without test.

3. Progress reports as to the suitability of tablets of the latest manufacture are desired. These will be forwarded through the usual channels.

*R. H. ...* Capt:  
Adft 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES.

Sat. Xmas Day.

0700--Holy Communion StPhillips Chapel.  
0945--Holy Communion StPhillips Chapel.  
1915--Evensong and Carols Preacher:-  
Chaplain Hopkins:  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

Sun.

0700--Holy Communion  
0945--Bn Parade.

R.C. CHURCH SERVICES -CHRISTMAS DAY.

Friday.

Midnight Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. 18 Bde.

Saturday.

Mass will be celebrated at:-  
0830 hrs- Chapel of our Lady of Mt Carmel.  
0930 hrs- Y.M.C.A. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

Evening Devotions will be held in the Chapel at 1900 hrs.

Confessions will be heard in the Chapel on Friday from 1600 hrs and continually from 1800 hrs.

Sunday. Same as for last week.

18 AUST INF BDE MUSIC AND DRAMATIC COMPETITION.

Sun 26, Mon 27.

18 Aust Inf Bde Musical and Dramatic Competition will be held on the Bde stage at 1930 hrs on Sun 26 and Mon 27.



*War Diary*  
*(Signature)*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Serial No. 35.  
No. 120-

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT-COL C. G. F. BOURNE.

COMMANDING 2/12 AUST INF BN.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
29 Dec 43.

121- DUTIES. (Mounting 1800 hrs 29 Dec 43)

Duty Coy                      HQ Coy.  
Next For Duty                A. Coy.

Duties as per RO NO 33 17 Dec 43.

122. USE OF CENSORED COVERS.

HQ Field Censorship Instruction No 7 is published for general information:-

1. A censored cover is an envelope, a green envelope or a wrapping showing any censorship markings including all or any of the following-Unit Censor Stamp, "Opened by Censor" Label or "Passes by Censor" Stamp.
2. Censored covers may only be used again for transmission through the post if the previous censorship markings are NOT discernible.
3. If a censored cover is or appears to be used by any member of the AMF in breach of this instruction -
  - (a) the Unit Censor will forward the censored cover to the OC unit for action; or
  - (b) if the censored cover is not intercepted in the unit, any censorship authority sighting it will arrange to forward the censored cover to the appropriate Formation of C Area for action.

123. COMPETITORS MORESBY SPORTS CARNIVAL 1 JAN 44.

Authority has been obtained from HQ MORESBY Base Sub Area for personnel competing in the Sports in the MORESBY Sports Arena on 1 Jan 44 to wear bathing trunks or athletic shorts, singlets and running shoes while so competing.

Shorts KD will on no account be worn.

*(Signature)* Capt.  
Adj. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

The following message from the C-in C SWPA was received by GOC 7 Aust Div. "BEST WISHES FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR TO YOURSELF AND ALL RANKS UNDER YOUR COMMAND."



2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
4 Dec 43.

AFs W 3008.

No officers with active service prior 3/9/39.

*Holloway Lieut*  
*for* Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

/ 37 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 195 2/12 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739<sup>155</sup> + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	1 3	-	1 2 6 19	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1						
4	4	-	28			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	A Class 29.									
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
X6026	T/Maj	GATEGOOD KAJ	2/5 Aust Gen Hosp	30.11.43	Arthritis.
X3635	T/Capt	CRAIG JJ	2/5 Aust Gen Hosp	27.11.43	Dysentery

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt(T/Lt-Col)	QX6008	BOURNE	CCF	Comd	Yes		
Capt(T/Maj)	QX6073	FRASER	CAE	2 i/c	Yes		
Lieut(T/Maj)	NX106996	GAMERON	IB	Coy Comd	Yes		
Capt	QX6040	SUTHERS	AG	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	TX2019	GEASON	UJ	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	TX703	CURTIS	CA	Coy 2 i/c	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	TX885	THOMAS	KB	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	TX882	HAUPT	FK	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	QX17708	MACFARLANE	WB	QM	Yes		
Lieut	QX6135	REID	CR	Coy 2 i/c	No	Detached to 7 Div Marshalling Area 11 Nov 43.	
"	TX6031	HART	CAS	"	No	Detached to 7 Div Marshalling Area 11 Nov 43.	
"	TX704	GREEN	PL	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	QX2134	GIEZENDANNE	H	"	YES		
"	QX2069	CUTLER	JR	"	Yes		
"	QX1561	SCOTT	DM	I O	Yes		
"	TX603	GRIMSEY	AG	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	QX6310	FRANCIS	A	"	Yes		
"	QX2202	McNAUGHT	AC	"	Yes		
"	QX34534	BARR	CW	"	Yes		
"	QX34578	FRAITHWAITE	EC	"	Yes		
"	QX34590	SHEARS	J	"	Yes		
"	NX131510	GOODHEW	GM	"	Yes		
"	QX34581	MANN	MJ	"	Yes		
"	QX5579	BEST	WE	"	Yes		
"	QX34553	HOLLOWAY	TA	"	Yes		
"	QX37666	THOMPSON	JG	"	Yes		
"	QX42402	BOURKE	BJ	"	Yes		
"	QX863	GREENUP	CB	"	Yes		

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	NX76470	McDonald JM	AAMC	24.7.43	RMO
Chaplain	NX139919	WOTTON RAW	AACHD	7.11.42	Chaplain
Vr	B2/309	FERGUSON IJ	YMCA	2.3.43	YMCA.
T/Capt	QX2101	SHERWIN NJC		12.11.43	Attached from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

12.43.  
Date of Despatch

Holloway  
Signature of Commander  
AOD



PART B--NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 hrs Saturday 11.11.43 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

6	PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS NOT WITH UNIT.				5	4	3	2	1
Date of Detachment	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	Posting	Initials	Surname	Rank	Grade	Army Number	Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if held
TX2013	Lieut	(T/Capt)	IVEY	CHV	Awaiting authority posting	PSL.			
QX2047	Lieut		RUSSELL	NH	Awaiting authority	secondment HQ 2 Aust Cor.			
QX1543	Lieut		POWNE	ME	2/5 AGH	2.11.43.			
QX3668	Lieut	(T/Capt)	ROSE	GH	2/9 AGH	19.11.43.			
QX12375	Lieut		GRIFFITHS	SG	2/5 AGH	11.11.43.			
TX6048	Lieut		SKINNER	RC	2/5 AGH	16.11.43.			
QX6026	Capt	(T/Maj)	GATEGOOD	KAJ	2/5 AGH	30.11.43.			
QX3635	Lieut	(T/Capt)	CRAIG	JJ	2/5 AGH	27.11.43.			

PART C--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	153240	McDonnell JM	AANC	24.1.43	From HQ 12
Capt	153241	Wotton RAN	AAGD	7.11.43	From HQ 12
Capt	153242	Ferguson IL	YNGA	2.8.43	From HQ 12
Capt	153243	Sherrin HGC		12.11.43	From HQ 12

Signature of Commander  
RCD

Date of Despatch







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	1
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		2	2*					Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	31	5*	Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4	4*	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								TOTAL TRADESMEN	61	96	35*
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		GEN DUTIES	694	709	15*
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	8					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman		1	1*	Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AMMC	4	5	1*
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood		1	1*	Drivers, H.T.				AMOC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons		1	1*	Driver Mechanics		17	17*	AMEE	3	7	4*
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AMCC	13	27	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AMPC	2	2	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AMPS	1	1	
Plumber		3	3*	Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		1	1*				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6	5*	CARRIED FORWARD	16	28	12*	CARRIED FORWARD	53	90	31*	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	844	55*

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

AOD







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

/ 58 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	1 3	-	1 2 6 19	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1						
4	4	-	28									
		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.	A Class 29.									
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



2/12 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt (T/Lt-Col)	QX6008	BOURNE	CCF	Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	QX6073	FRASER	CAE	2 i/c	Yes		
Lieut (T/Maj)	NX106996	CAMERON	IB	Coy Comd	Yes		
Capt	QX6040	SUTHERS	AG	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	TX2019	GEASON	UJ	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	TX703	CURTIS	OA	Coy 2 i/c	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	TX885	THOMAS	KB	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	TX882	HAUPT	PK	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX17703	MACFARLANE	WB	QM	Yes		
Lieut	QX6135	REID	CR	Coy 2 i/c	No.	Detached to 7 Div	
"	TX6031	HART	CAS	"	No.	Detached to 7 Div	11 Nov 43.
"	TX704	GREEN	PL	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	QX2134	GIEZENDANNER	H.	"	Yes		
"	QX2069	CUTLER	JR	"	Yes		
"	QX1561	SCOTT	DM	IO	No.	Detached 18 Aust Inf Bde	
"	TX603	GRIMSEY	AG	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	QX6310	FRANCIS	A	"	Yes		
"	QX2202	McNAUGHT	AC	"	Yes		
"	QX34534	BARR	GW	"	Yes		
"	QX34578	BRAITHWAITE	EC	"	Yes		
"	QX34590	SEARS	J	"	Yes		
"	NX131510	GOODHEW	GM	"	Yes		
"	QX34581	MANN	MJ	"	Yes		
"	QX5579	BEST	WE	"	Yes		
"	QX34553	HOLLOWAY	TA	"	Yes		
"	QX34666	THOMPSON	JG	"	Yes		
"	QX42402	BOURKE	BJ	"	Yes		
"	QX863	GREENUP	CB	"	Yes		

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	NX76470	McDonald JM	AAMC	24.7.43	RMO.
Chaplain	NX139919	WOTTON RAW	AACHD	7.11.42.	Chaplain.
Mr	B2/309	FERGUSON IJ	YMCA	2. 3.43	YMCA Rep.
T/Capt	QX2101	SHERWIN NJC		12.11.43	Attached from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

11.12.43.

Date of Despatch

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature of Commander



**PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS NOT WITH UNIT.**

At 0800 hrs Saturday 11/12/43 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A)

Serial No.	Rank	Name	Grade	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (Yes or No)	Date of Detachment
TX2018	Lieut	IVEY	(T/Capt)				
QX2047	Lieut	RUSSELL					
QX1543	Lieut	POWNE					
QX3668	Lieut	ROSE	(T/Capt)				
QX12375	Lieut	GRIFFITHS					
TX6048	Lieut	SKINNER					
QX6026	Capt	GATEGOOD	(T/Maj)				
QX3635	Lieut	CRAIG	(T/Capt)				

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

Serial No.	Rank	Name	Grade	Initials	Posting	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment
QX2101	T/Capt	SHERWIN				12.11.43	Attached from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.
BS/309	Mr	FERGUSON				2.2.43	YNGA Bde.
WX13019	Captain	WOTTON				7.11.42	Captain.
MX6470	Capt	EDWARDS				24.7.42	RMO.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

11.12.43







2/12 Aust Inf Bde

Unit

Serial No. 38

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/12/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	3	1
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3	3*	Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	-	2	2*					Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	32	6*	Tailors	1	-	1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	-	4	4*	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	10	1*								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman	-	1	1*								
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood	-	1	1*								
Pattern Maker				Masons	-	1	1*								
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber	-	3	3*	Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6	5*	CARRIED FORWARD	16	29	13*	CARRIED FORWARD	53	92	39*	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	853	64

TOTAL TRADESMEN } 61 98 37\*

GEN DUTIES 644 716 22\*

ATTACHED BY W.E.  
AAMC 4 5 1\*  
AADC 1 1 -  
AEME 3 7 4\*  
AACC 23 23 -  
AAPL 2 2 -  
AAPS 1 1 -

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.

X Duplicates surplus

11 Dec 43  
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

18 12 3 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)  
11 12e 2 32 755 1 34  
W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.		
	1 3	1	1 2 6 20	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1					
3	4	1	29			1					
DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.		A Class 30									
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX6026	T/Maj	GATEGOOD KAJ	NG Details Depot	9.12.43.	
QX1543	Lieut	POWNE ME	NG Details Depot	14.12.43.	

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX6026	T/Maj	GATEGOOD KAJ	NGF Mob Trg Wing	16.12.43.	

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

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



Unit

/ 59 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 12 3 / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
pt (T/Maj)	OX6008	BOURNE	CCF	Comd	Yes		
pt (T/Maj)	OX6073	FRASER	CAF	2 1/c	Yes		
ent (T/Maj)	OX106996	CAMERON	IB	Coy Comd	Yes		
pt	OX6040	SUTHERS	AC	Coy Comd	Yes		
ent (T/Capt)	TX2019	CRASON	UJ	Coy Comd	Yes		
ent (T/Capt)	TX703	CURTIS	DA	Coy 2 1/c	Yes		
ent (T/Capt)	TX895	THOMAS	IB	Coy Comd	Yes		
ent (T/Capt)	OX17703	MACFARLANE	WB	QM	Yes		
ent	OX6135	REID	OR	Coy 2 1/c	Yes		
	OX6031	HART	CAS	"	No	7 Div Marshalling Area	11 Nov
	TX704	GREEN	PL	Pl. Comd	Yes		
	OX1642	POWHE	RE	"	Yes		
	OX2134	GIESENDAWNER	"	"	Yes		
	OX2060	GUTIER	IR	"	Yes		
	OX1561	SCOTT	DM	I.O.	No	Detached 18 Aust Inf Bde	Int Course 4.12.43.
"	OX603	GRIMBY	AG	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	OX6310	FRANCIS	A	"	Yes		
"	OX2202	MONAUGHT	AC	"	Yes		
"	OX34534	BARR	OW	"	Yes		
"	OX34578	BRAITHWAITE	EG	"	Yes		
"	OX34590	STARRS	J	"	Yes		
"	OX34510	GOODREW	GM	"	Yes		
"	OX34581	MANN	HJ	"	Yes		
"	OX5570	DESS	WE	"	Yes		
"	OX34553	HOLLOWAY	TA	"	Yes		
"	OX34666	THOMPSON	JO	"	Yes		
"	OX42402	BOURKE	EJ	"	Yes		
"	OX263	GREENUP	CB	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	TX882	HAUPT	FK	Coy Comd	Yes.		

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	OX70470	McDONALD JH	AANC	24.7.43	RMO.
Chaplain	OX139919	WOPTON RAW	AACbD	7.11.42	Chaplain.
"	OX27509	FERGUSON IJ	YICA	27.3.43	YICA Rep.
T/Capt,	OX2101	SHERWIN NJC		12.11.43	Attached from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

18.12.43.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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(Serial No.)

Unit

PART D—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 18 12 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A)

PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS NOT WITH UNIT.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Date of Detachment	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Whether present with Unit (insert Year)	Posting	Initials	Surname	Army Number	Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held
					IVEY CHV		Awaiting authority posting PSL
					RUSSELL NH		Awaiting authority secondment HQ 2 Aust Corp;
					ROSE GH		2/9 AGH 19.11.43.
					GRIFFITHS SG		2/5 AGH 11.11.43.
					GATEGOOD KAJ		Awaiting authority secondment NGF Mob Trg Wing.
					SKINNER RC		2/5 AGH 13.11.43.
					CRAIG JJ		2/5 AGH 27.11.43.

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

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

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch







Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/12/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	1
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		155						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		25						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	2	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	31	5	Tailors	7	2	1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	1	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		3	5	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	8	1				
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	10	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman		1	1	Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals					4	4	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood		1	1	Drivers, H.T.					1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons		1	1	Driver Mechanics		17	17		3	7	4
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant					13	23	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.					4	4	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1			1	1	
Plumber		3	3	Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		1	1				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6	5	CARRIED FORWARD	16	29	13	CARRIED FORWARD	53	91	35	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

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18 Dec 43  
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Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1944  
 PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Group	Company	Platoon	Section	Position	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Total
GROUP I	COMPANY I	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP II	COMPANY II	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP III	COMPANY III	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP IV	COMPANY IV	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP V	COMPANY V	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP VI	COMPANY VI	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP VII	COMPANY VII	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP VIII	COMPANY VIII	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP IX	COMPANY IX	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10
GROUP X	COMPANY X	PLATOON I	SECTION I	Platoon I	10		10
				Platoon II	10		10
				Platoon III	10		10
				Platoon IV	10		10
				Platoon V	10		10
				Platoon VI	10		10
				Platoon VII	10		10
				Platoon VIII	10		10
				Platoon IX	10		10
				Platoon X	10		10

*Includes 2 bpls.*  
*Includes 4 bpls.*  
*Includes 4 bpls.*

*Sigs*  
*I Duties*  
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When this form is filled in, it should be forwarded to the appropriate authority for their use. It should be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit concerned, or by a subordinate officer or sergeant, if the commanding officer is absent. It should be filled in as soon as possible after the commencement of the operation, and should be kept up to date throughout the operation. It should be forwarded to the appropriate authority as soon as possible after the completion of the operation.

Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Commander: \_\_\_\_\_



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../40 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 1943 2 / 12 Aust. Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 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 V.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.
	2	2	1 3 7 21	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1			
=	2	2	32			1			

	DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	A Class	33								
	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.
QX12375	Lieut	GRIFFITHS SG	NG Details Depot.	20.12.43.	
TX6048	Lieut	SKINNER RC.	NG Details Depot.	20.12.43.	
QX2101	T/Capt	SHERWIN NJC	18 Aust Inf Bde	24.11.43	

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX2069	Lieut	CUTLER JR	2/5 Aust Gen Hosp	21.12.43.	

## 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).



2/12 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

40. (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt (T/Lt-Col)	1QX6008	BOURNE	CCF	Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	QX6073	FRASER	CAE	2 1/c	Yes		
" (T/Maj)	QX6026	GATEGOOD	KAJ		No	Detached NGF Mob Trg Wing 16.12.43.	
Lieut (T/Maj)	NX106996	CAMERON	IB	Coy Comd	Yes		
Capt	QX6040	SUTHERS	AG	" "	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	TX2019	GEASON	UJ	" "	Yes		
" "	TX703	CURTIS	OA	Coy 2 1/c	Yes		
" "	TX885	THOMAS	KB	Coy Comd	Yes		
" "	TX882	HAUPT	KK	Coy Comd	Yes		
" "	QX17703	MACFARLANE	WB	QM	Yes		
Lieut	QX6135	REID	CR	Coy 2 1/c	Yes		
"	QX12375	GRIFFITHS	SG	Pl Comd	No	Detached 18 Aust Inf Bde. 20.12.43.	
"	TX6048	SKINNER	RC	" "	Yes		
"	TX6031	HART	CAS	Coy 2 1/c	No	7 Div Marshalling Area 11 Nov 43.	
"	TX704	GREEN	PL	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	QX1542	POWNE	ME	" "	Yes		
"	QX2134	GIEZENDANNER H.	H.	" "	Yes		
"	QX1561	SCOTT	DM	IO	Yes		
"	TX603	GRIMSEY	AG	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	QX6310	FRANCIS	A	" "	Yes		
"	QX2202	McNAUGHT	AG	" "	Yes		
"	QX34534	BARR	CW	" "	Yes		
"	QX34578	BRAITHWAITE	EG	" "	Yes		
"	QX34590	SEARS	J	" "	Yes		
"	NX131510	GOODHEW	GM	" "	Yes		
"	QX34581	MANN	MJ	" "	Yes		
"	QX5579	BEST	WE	" "	Yes		
"	QX34553	HOLLOWAY	TA	" "	Yes		
"	QX37666	THOMPSON	JG	" "	Yes		
"	QX42402	BOURKE	BJ	" "	Yes		
"	QX863	GREENUP	CB	" "	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX2101	SHERWIN	NJC	Adjt	Yes		

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	NX76470	McDONALD JM	AAMG	24.7.43.	RMO.
Chaplain	NX139919	WOTTON RAW	AACHD	7.11.42	Chaplain.
T/Capt	QX2101	SHERWIN NJC		12.11.43	Attached from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander











**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / 12 / 1943.**

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, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitches		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	3
			Welders			Painters			Rivettors		1
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radlographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers	26	33	Tailors	3	3
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters	1	1
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters	7	1	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks	3	3	Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)							61	98
			Driver-Operator								37
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors				4	4
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1		24	32
			Height Taker			Clerks	4	8		7	7
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply				21	21
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical				30	47
			Intelligence Duties	9	10	Coach Trimmers					17
			Joiners			Concretors					
			Lineman			Cooks					
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals				4	4
			Machinists, Wood	7	1	Drivers, H.T.				1	1
			Masons	1	1	Driver Mechanics	14	17		3	6
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant				3	5
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.				1	2
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1		1	1
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers	1	1			
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6	CARRIED FORWARD	16	24	CARRIED FORWARD	53	12	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	149	148
										*	*

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







Subject:- Training.

REF. 61/2/630 ...  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn.  
3 Dec 43.

1. Training Areas.

(a) Commencing SAT 4 DEC 2/12 Aust Inf Bn will confine training to B and C areas.

(b) These training areas have been sub-divided as notified to Coys by Bn "I" Sec.

(c) Coy training areas are allotted as under.

Coy	Sat 4 Dec.	Mon. 6 Dec.	Tues 7 Dec	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
A.	C1	GRIMU NUMU	B1.	B a t t a l i o n . E x e r c i s e		
B.	B1	GRIMU NUMU	B2.	Do		Do.
C.	C2	B1	GRIMU NUMU	Do		Do.
D.	C4	B2	GRIMU NUMU	Do		Do.
HQ	B2	GRIMU NUMU	GRIMU NUMU	Do		Do.

2. Arty Shoot. SAT 4 DEC.

(a) A.M. Shoot. OC MAJ CAMERON.

Officers selected by Coys to attend shoot will be at BnHQ 0845 hrs and will RV with Arty Officers at Ref UBERI 1", 1 mile. track junction 188376 at 0930 hrs.

(b) P.M. Shoot. OC CAPT SUTHERS.

Officers selected will depart BnHQ 1215 and RV with Arty Officers at 188376 at 1300 hrs..

3. Battle Practice. MON 6 DEC TUES 7 DEC.

(a) '0' party to Coy HQ 0730 hrs day coys are to do practice.

(b) Details of scheme will be made available before day of practice.

*z. J. Sherman* Capt.  
Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

A. Coy            D. Coy            CO  
B. Coy            HQ. Coy.        2 i/c  
C. Coy            I.                Adjt.



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War Diary

5 Dec 43.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

INSTNS FOR COY BATTLE PRACTICE 6 AND 7 DEC.

The Bn will carry out a Battle Practice by Coys on 6 and 7 Dec 43.

OBJECT.

(1) The object of the battle practice is to exercise Sub Unit Comds in the handling of their commands using live amm, and at the same time to accustom all personnel to working in close conjunction with sp arms and weapons.

LESSONS.

- (2) The importance of good fire control and correct Fire orders.
- (3) The correct use of the 2 in Mor by the Pl Comd.
- (4) The importance of gaining the maximum effect from fire support by the choice of lines of approach.

UMPIRES.

- (5) Director Lt-Col CCF Bourne.
- Asst Director Maj CAE Fraser.

(6) Detailed allocation and instns to umpires issued seperately

TIMINGS

(7) Coys will carry out the exercise in accordance with the Bn Trg Syllabus.

A. Coy	depart	Coy Lines	0830	hrs	6 Dec 43.
B. Coy	"	"	1030	hrs	6 Dec 43.
C. Coy	"	"	0830	hrs	7 Dec 43
D. Coy	"	"	1030	hrs	7 Dec 43.

(8) All Coys will RV at 186377 and the exercise will commence from this point.

ALLOTMENT OF TPS.

- (9) One Rifle Coy with under comd.
- One Secs 2 Pl
- Two Secs 3 Pl
- One Sec 5 Pl

(10) Each Coy will have sp fire of one Tp 2/4 Aust Fd Regt at call. O Party will report Coy Lines 0745 hrs 6 and 7 Dec 43.



(11) Dets of sp weapons will report to Coy Areas by 0745 hrs 6 and 7 Dec 43.

AMN ALLOTMENT.

(12) Appendix "A" attached.

Coys will supply amn allotment from present holding.

(13) It is emphasized that economy is necessary in the use of this amn and the allocation shown in Appx "A" is not to be taken as an instn that this amn WILL necessarily be expended.

DRESS.

14. Battle Order.

RATIONS.

15. Cut lunch will be carried by both Coys on each day.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

16. Umpires will act as safety officers, and will be responsible for ensuring that safety precautions are observed.

17. Grenades will NOT be primed until Coys reach the Bn RV 186377.

18. At the conclusion of the exercise coys will render a certificate to BnHQ stating that all live amn has been withdrawn from personnel under their comd.

INTERCOMN.

19. Allocation of 536 sets.

Chief Umpire	5	
Rifle Coy	4	
Spare	2	For use of Chief Umpire

20. Sig Offr will deliver sets to Coy areas by 0745 hrs 6 and 7 Dec 43. Sets will be returned to Bn Sigs Store by the last Coy to complete the exercise on each day.

CONCLUSION.

On completion of the exercise Coys will return immediately to Bn RV at 186377. Sp weapons will pass to the comd of the next Coy to carry out the exercise.

*[Signature]*  
Adj 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.



**APPENDIX "A"**  
**AMN ALLOTMENT.**

	303 in ball	2" Mor. HE	Smok	3" Mor. Smok	HE	Grenades 36 7 Sec	9 MM	Cartridges Green III	Sig. Red	Remarks
2 Pl.	4 belts/Gun Total 2000									All amm from Coy allotment
3 Pl.	--			8	48					
5 Pl.	--									
Rifle Coys	20 rds/man 20 mags/Bren 48 Total 8000 rds		8			20	4000	6	8	6



DISTRIBUTION.

A. COY.

B. COY.

C. COY.

D. COY.

HQ. COY.

BnHQ.

7 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt.

CO.

2 1/c

MAJ CAMERON.

CAPT HAUPT.

ADJT.

QM.

WAR DIARY.

FILE.



*War Diary*

2/12 AUST INF BN - BN EXERCISE

9 DEC - 10 DEC 43

5 Dec 43

Ref Map: 1/63360 DONADABU Sheet  
Attached Track Traverse

Director: Lieut Col CCF BOURNE

OBJECT: 1. To practice all Comds in the handling of tps under Jungle conditions.

LESSONS: 2. Importance of passing back information, particularly of topography.

3. Intercomm to be complete at all times.

4. Time may be saved by battle drill.

5. Adm problems when Bn relying on own resources.

NARRATIVE: 6. 18 Aust Inf Bde is bivouaced in DONADABU area, sq 1739. Enemy is reported by ANGAU moving towards DONADABU from LG at KARAKATANA. This enemy force has split at EILOGO homestead and is moving in two cols, one via EILOGO Rd and one via track OCYNUMU - MT NUMUKINUMU - DONADABU (See track traverse). Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde issues orders for move of two Bns, 2/9 Aust Inf Bn via EILOGO Rd and 2/12 Aust Inf Bn via MT NUMUKINUMU Track. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn remain DONADABU area in reserve. ANGAU guides are to be supplied to 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

TPS TO TAKE PART.

7. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn less dets required for enemy

ENEMY. 8. OC - Capt A G Suthers  
2 i/c WOII Newlands EW  
A Coy 1 Cpl 1 L/Cpl 9 OR  
B Coy " " "  
C Coy " " "  
D Coy " " "  
HQ Coy " " "

UMPIRES: 9. Five Offrs supplied by HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde. One NCO to be supplied by each Coy - names of NCOs to be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs 6 Dec 43.

DRESS: 10. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn less enemy dets - Battle order with felt hats.  
Enemy - Battle order with steel helmets.  
Umpires: White armbands and white bands around hats.

ADM 11. Med 1 Det SBs to move with enemy  
Ann. Allotment of blank - Enemy 700  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn 2300

INTERCOMN 12. Allotment of 536 sets  
Director 2  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn 13

Adjt 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt



DISTRIBUTION.

A. COY.

B. COY.

C. COY.

D. COY.

HQ. COY.

CO.

2 1/2

QM.

ADJT.

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FILE.

WAR DIARY.

3.



2/12 ANZAC INF BR ADJUTANT GEN HQ B.

C

**1. GENERAL.**

The Bn will move to MORSEY CAMP Area by ME on SATURDAY 11 DEC 43.

**2. ORDER OF MARCH, AND FLIGHTS.**

FLIGHT.	COMPOSITION	CG	NO TRUCKS	S.T.	S.P.	V.L.P. (Sketch Att'd)	TIME TRUCKS ARRIVE DONADAEBU.
1.	(a) A. Coy plus En <sup>34</sup> (b) B. Coy	CAPT HAUPT. 3	(a) B plus  (b) S.1 to be left empty TOTAL 17.	1250	TOORUCK BRIDGE	(a) Rd Area D-C  (b) Rd Area D-E	1215.
2.	(a) C. Coy (b) D. Coy	MAJ CAMERON	8  S.1 to be left empty	1250	DO	(a) Rd Area D-C  (b) Rd Area D-E	1235
3.	HQ Coy plus Q	CAPT BOTHERS	15 1 to be left empty	1310	DO	Rd Area D-E	1255.

**3. LOADING OF PERSONNEL.**

Personnel are to be in truck loads along RD Areas shown in para 2 5 minutes before trucks are due to arrive DONADAEBU.

**4. MARSHALLING.**

QM will be responsible for marshalling of all tpt. 2 RPs to be attached for this purpose.

**CAMP STORES AND EQUIPMENT.**

5. Kitchen gear and Coy Stores are to be loaded on first Coy truck.
6. Tent flies will be loaded on second truck.
7. All stores will be ready for collection by QM truck for delivery to VLP as under.

A Coy & En <sup>HQ</sup>	9350	C Coy	1600	HQ Coy	1150
B Coy	1000	D Coy	1100		

Early collection is necessary owing to lack of vehicles. Coys will provide necessary loading and unloading parties.

**OFFICERS MESS.**

8. QM will arrange for transportation En OFFICERS MESS.



LUNCH.

- 9. Coy arrangement. Get lunch plus hot cup of tea.

GUIDES.

- 10. HQ Coy will supply 1 guide for each flight to meet convoy at CAMP STAFF AREA and to guide convoy to VLP via TOERUCK BRIDGE and thence points A,B,C,D, shown on att'd sketch. QM to arrange.

CHECK POINT.

- 11. HQ Coy will be responsible for checking convoys past Check Point which will be on road past CAMP STAFF Buildings.

WEAPONS.

- 12. CO HQ Coy will arrange for towage of 2 pdr guns from Coy allotment.

OFF LOADING POINTS MORESEY CAMP.

- 13. Flight 1 A Coy Parade Ground.  
Flight 2 EnHQ Road.  
Flight 3 HQ Coy parade ground.

CLEANLINESS OF LINES.

- 14. Coys will make central rubbish dumps for burning.
- 15. All latrine and open rubbish holes will be filled in.
- 16. A certificate that the area has been left in a clean and tidy condition will be rendered by Coys to EnHQ by 1200 hrs 11 DEC.

DUTIES.

Bn duties cease as from 1100 hrs 11 Dec 45 with the exception of Bn Quarter Qd which will revert to Coy control for move and will be responsible for safe custody of prisoners, if any.

- 18. Duties as detailed in Bn R.Os will mount at MORESEY CAMP 1800 hrs 11 DEC 45.

INFER COMM.

- 19. Bn HQ closes present position 1215 hrs 11 DEC 45 and will re-open MORESEY CAMP Area 15 minutes after arrival at approx 1500 hrs 11 DEC 45.
- 20. Coys will report in to EnHQ on arrival MORESEY CAMP.

*Z. Sherman* Capt.  
Lt. 2/12 Aust Inf Bde  
COPY NO.

DISTRIBUTION.

COPY NO

A. Coy	1
B. Coy	2
C. Coy	3
D. Coy	4
HQ. Coy	5
7 Aust Div Gen Tpt Pool 6.	

CO	7
2 1/2	8
QM	9
War Diary	10
File	11



# 2/12 BN. EXERCISE AREA

DONADABU

8-10 Dec. 43

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220 440 600 yds.

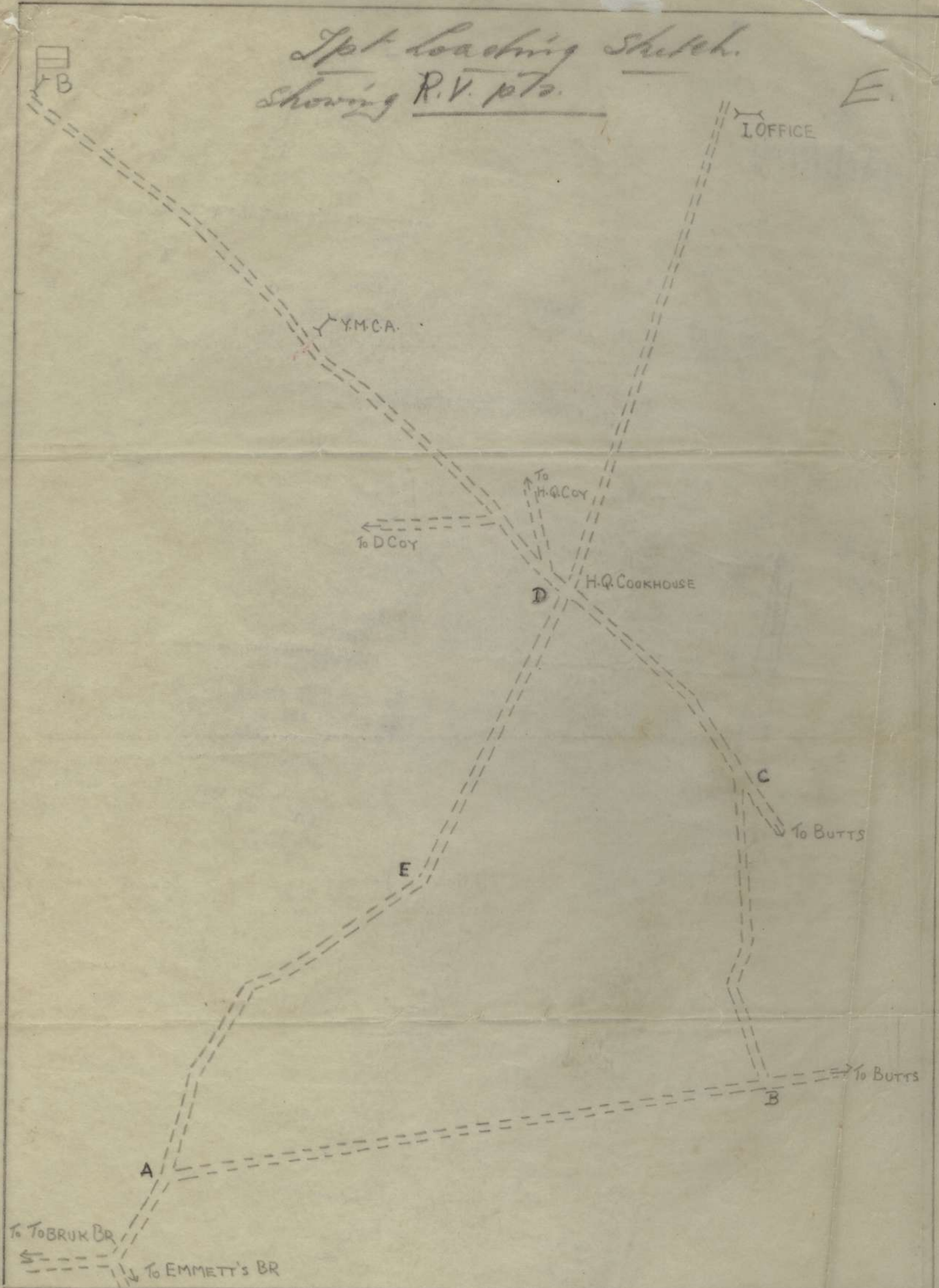
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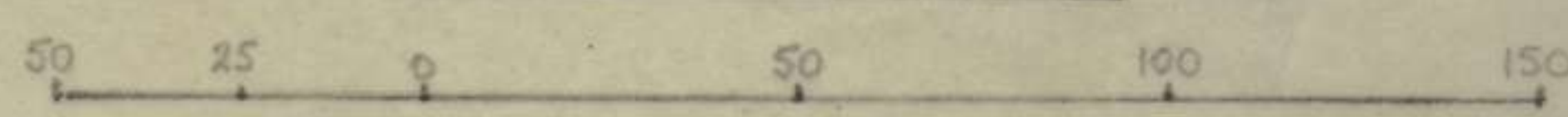


2/12 BN. BIVOAC AREA

*Spt loading sketch.  
Showing R.V. pts.*



SCALE 1 INCH = 50 YDS



DRAWN BY OX 29188  
F.H.D. MARSHALL PTE  
1 SEC 2/12 BN.  
5 DEC 43



Wally 13

SECRET

Copy No .....  
Date ..... 9 Dec .....

2/12 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 1

Ref Maps : UBERI 1" - 1 m  
Special Trace

INFORMATION. 1. Enemy

An enemy force whose strength is NOT yet known is moving on DONADABU from the LG at KARAKATANA via two routes

- (i) Via EILOGO Rd.
- (ii) Via MT NUMUKINUMU to DONADABU.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn is moving via EILOGO Rd to intercept the enemy.
- (b) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn is remaining in DONADABU area as Reserve Bn and is to take over the responsibility of 2/12 Aust Inf Bn B Echelon.
- (c) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will also supply protection for the right flank of 2/12 Aust Inf Bn's adv along the route NAHNUMU - GRIMUNUMU - DONADABU.

INTENTION

- 3. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn with under command one tp 7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt will advance via the track DONADABU - MT NUMUKINUMU - OCYNUMU with a view to locating and destroying the enemy.

METHOD

4. Order of March

- (a) Adv Gd (i) Comd Capt K B Thomas  
(ii) Tps - D Coy 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Main Body

- (i) { A Coy  
Bn R and 0 Gps
- (ii) { C Coy  
Fwd Bn HQ  
3 Pl less 5 - 3" mortars  
2 Pl less 2 MMG  
4 Pl less 4 Tk/A Gunds
- (iii) { HQ Coy less dets  
Rear Bn HQ  
RAP
- (iv) B Coy

- (c) (i) A Coy will be responsible for the protection of Bn R and 0 Gp.
- (ii) HQ Coy will be responsible for the protection of Rear Bn HQ and RAP
- (iii) B Coy will be responsible for the protection of the rear of the column



5. S T 0830 hrs 9 Dec 43
6. S P Bridge over creek 500 yds NORTH EAST Bn HQ present location.
7. Guides ANGAU guides will report to D Coy 0800 hrs 9 Dec 43.

ADM.

8. QM will issue separate instructions.
9. Weapons NOT carried will remain in B Echelon area.
10. Dress Battle order with felt hats plus half American type tent.
11. Medical. (a) Casualties will be awarded by umpires through the medium of slips.  
(b) Casualties will be evacuated through normal route.  
(c) On arrival at RAP casualty slips will be signed by RMO.  
Casualty slips will be handed in to Chief Umpire at conclusion of exercise.
12. Amm. (a) 2" Mortar Smk will be used to represent 3" Mortar HE. Coys will be allotted 3 rds 2" mortar smk. One rd smk represents 3 rds HE.  
(b) Blank amm will be allotted as under.
 

Rifle Coys	500 rds
HQ Coy	200 rds
Bn HQ	100 rds

INTERCOMM

13. (a) Allocation of 536B sets
 

D Coy 4 sets for inter-coy communication  
Each Coy HQ 1 set)  
Bn HQ 1 set ) For inter Bn communication
- (b) Sig Offr to allocate code names.
- (c) One 536 B set will be on continuous listening watch at Bn HQ.
14. A main line will be laid from B Echelon along route.
15. One DV telephone will be carried by each Coy.
16. Wireless silence until ZERO.
17. Bn HQ closes present location 0830 hrs 9 Dec 43. Subsequent location as on order of march.

SYNCHRONIZATION - 0600 hrs 9 Dec 43.

ACK.

*[Signature]*  
Adj't 2/12 Aust Inf Bn <sup>Capt</sup>

Signed at 2350 hrs

Issued by runner



DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

A Coy  
B Coy  
C Coy  
D Coy  
HQ Coy  
7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt  
C O  
S i/o  
Adjt  
QM  
Sig offr  
I O  
War Diary  
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12 Dec

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1. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn. is duty bn. for the week commencing 13 Dec. 45.
2. Coys will submit trg. syllabi for the day with location statement at 0730 hrs.
3. Coys will be notified as to which coy. syllabus they are to adhere to and will commence 21 day's syllabus on the first day of trg., irrespective of the day of the week.
4. Coy works programmes will be done outside trg. hours.
5. **General:**
  - (a) Local protection must be practised at all times;
  - (b) There should be automatic action when striking an ambush;
  - (c) During an advance, routes should be picketed. This will be inculcated in trg.
  - (d) Attention will be given to map reading. This can be inculcated in TWTB.
6. **Section Trgs** Coys will give attention to the following points:
  - (a) Passing back of information;
  - (b) Bold action on striking ambush;
  - (c) Infiltration; spirit to move fwd. at all times;
  - (d) Positions of section leader and S i/c in section;
  - (e) Formations;
  - (f) Supporting fire within section. i.e.: Use of sec. weapons during assault, advance, etc.;
  - (g) Field works - digging foxholes and development up to well developed section positions both for jungle and open country;
  - (h) "Drill" by section and sub-unit comds: When held up, section or sub-unit comds will make it an automatic procedure to pass back full information:
    - (a) enemy - (i) information of his strength and distance from fwd. trg. (ii) Topographical; a short description of the ground from right to left.
7. **Pl. trgs**
  - (a) Pl. comds to be well fwd in a position where they can observe and pass back information; should be in a position so as to make a quick decision as to whether he will use normal battle drill or not.
  - (b) Selection of routes of advance;
  - (c) Bounds;
  - (d) Application of fire plan within pl.
8. **Bn Coy Trgs:**
  - (a) Sigs. - (i) ensure that mortar phones are in working order; (ii) training in laying line quickly through difficult country;
  - (b) MGs. - (i) Trg in recess, and taking up a fire position; (ii) Discipline of gun crews when moving from and to gun position.
  - (c) Mortars. - (i) trg in recess, and taking up a fire posn. (ii) Discipline of mortar crews in moving to and from mortar positions. (iii) Spare crew men must be well away from mortar and can be used to give local protection. (iv) An alternate OP must be chosen always.
  - (d) T/A Pl. - (i) normal trg. (ii) Trg in use of compass.
  - (e) Pns. - (i) rapid br. construction. (ii) development of path from jungle track. (iii) Demolitions and booby traps.
  - (f) Adm. Pl. - TWTB on supply and adm.
  - (g) Bn Coy MGs are to be included in rifle coy. TWTB.
  - (h) MGs and Mop. Pl. comds. will have to hand at all times a set showing pers., amm., etc. for any number of guns carried.
9. **Schools:**
  - (a) Pl. cadre commencing 0830 hrs Monday 18 Dec 45, B Coy Pl. to attend;
  - (b) Some instructional cadre is being conducted within the unit.



9. (e) 2 ms per rifle coy will train with Sigs., Mortar, HQ and T/A Pls as from 0800 hrs Monday, 13 Dec 43.
10. All NCOs must have a knowledge of semaphore.
11. A report by coy. comd will be submitted by 1600 hrs each Friday of the week's trg. This will include weaknesses found and suggestions for the forthcoming week's trg.

*Z. Sherman* Capt.,  
 Adj. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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2/12 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

T.E.W.T. 24 DEC 43.

22 DEC 1943

Ref Map: Bootless Inlet 1:25000

1. Directing Staff (a) Lt-Col G.C.F. Bourne.  
(b) Maj C.A.E. Fraser.

2. Object.

To practice Coy etc Comd in the handling of a Coy in the attack.

3. Lessons.

Lessons to be taught are:-

- (a) Planning of Recce
- (b) Selection of Routes of Adv.
- (c) Use of supporting fire and making of fire plan.

Officers will need the following:-

1:25000 Bootless Inlet, Compass, Binoculars and Protractor.

4. Tps to be exercised.

- (a) All officers except duty officer.
- (b) Officers will work in syndicates as under:-

No. 1.

Capt J Geason.  
Lieut C.R. Reid.  
Lieut R.C. Skinner.  
Lieut B.J. Bourke  
Padre Wotton.

No. 2.

Capt K.B. Thomas  
Lieut Braithwaite  
Lieut P.L. Green  
Lieut T.A. Holloway  
Capt McDonald.

No. 3.

Maj Cameron  
Lieut Thompson  
Lieut Goodhew  
Lieut C.B. Greenup  
Capt N.J. Sherwin  
Lieut Scott.

No. 4.

Capt O.A. Curtis.  
Lieut Mann  
Lieut A. McNaught  
Lieut W.E. Best.

No. 5.

Capt A.G. Suthers  
Lieut M.E. Powne  
Lieut H. Giezendanner.  
Capt W.B. MacFarlane.

No. 6.

~~Lieut A. Francis:~~  
Lieut A. Francis.  
Lieut J. Secars  
Lieut A. Grimsey  
Lieut W. Barr.

5. Tpt.

2 jeeps and 1x5 ton truck: TO will arrange for tpt to report at RV at 1330 hrs.

6. RV.

Officers will RV at BnHQ.

*1330 hrs 24 Dec 43*

7.

Narrative and requirements will be issued on ground.

*T. J. Sherwin Capt.*  
Adj 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

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BnHQ DETAILS.  
WAR DIARY. (2) ✓

1. A direction has been received that irrespective of present strengths, only full WE less LOB would move. Any surplus personnel would become a pool of Reinf's with LOB Gp for immediate replacements of casualties.
2. In the event of any move in the near future personnel nominated as replacements at 18 AITB will be left with but NOT as part of the LOB Gp. They may however form part of any surplus in para 1.
3. All members of present Bde Band will be LOB included in Coy LOB Gp figure.
4. Coys will revise their LOB lists and submit a nominal roll to this HQ by 1800 hrs 23 Dec .

*R. Shearer* Capt.  
Adj't 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.



Appax C

EXERCISE BOERA

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref Map : PT MORESBY 1 " 1 mile.

30 DEC. 1943

1. OBJECT. To exercise the Unit in ops in timbered country.

2. TPS TO TAKE PART.

(a) 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to be composed of :-

Comd- Lt- Col C J CUMMINGS  
Tps - HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt  
Det 2/4 Aust Fd Coy  
2/9 Aust Inf Bn (on paper only as 2/9 Bn in fact acts as enemy).  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
8 Pl 2/2 Aust Sup Dep Coy less det  
A pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy less det.  
2/5 Aust FD Amb.  
Det 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

(b) Enemy. Is to be comprised of 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and are to be known as BLUEFORCE.

(c) 4 AC Sqn RAAF are to co-operate if a/c are available.

3. DURATION. The exercise will commence on MONDAY 3 JAN 44 and conclude NOT later than SUNDAY 9 JAN 44.

4. ASSEMBLY.

(a) Exercise will commence with the unit in present camp lines. The movement out to the manouvre area will be carried out by MT and is to be incl in the first phase of the exercise in accordance with orders to be issued.

5. D.S. is to be as follows:-

(a) Director & Chief Umpire Brig Chilton.  
Assistant Chief Umpire Maj Swan.  
(b) Senior Umpire BLUEFORCE Maj Meithke 2/10 Bn  
Senior Umpire 2/12 Aust Inf Bn. Maj Loxton 2/9 Bn.  
Senior Umpire 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. Maj Fraser 2/12 Bn.  
(c) In addition to the above there is to be a pool of umpires.

6. EQUIPMENT AND TPT.

(a) The unit will operate on tropical WET's  
(b) Excluding extra tpt to be used for assembling tps in the manouvre area and neutral vehicles tpt may be allotted as under:-

Water vehicles 1.

In addition there is to be a Bde pool for allotment to Units.

7. CASUALTIES.

(a) Op medical arrangements are to provide for normal evacuation of real casualties.  
(b) Casualties will be accompanied by personal weapons and eqpt as far as ADS. Weapons and eqpt of real casualties are to be held at MDS and returned to Units on conclusion of exercise.  
(c) Exercise casualties are to be returned to their units after "treatment" at MDS.



8. DRESS.

- (a) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn - Battle Order with felt hats  
BLUEFORCE are to wear steel helmets.  
D S and neutral - are to wear white arm bands on both  
arms and hat.  
Neutral vehicles are to fly a white sig flag.

9. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE AND WEAPONS.

- (a) Enemy MG fire is to be represented by IAB and MLC's firing  
into safety pits.  
(b) BLUEFORCE 2 Mk IV/A guns are to represent 75 mm Regt Guns.

10. AMM.

- (a) No live amm of any nature will be carried on the exercise.  
(b) .303 blank will be issued.

11. REAR PARTY.

- (a) OC TO BE NOTIFIED  
Q party 1 NCO & 3 OR's  
HQ Coy 1 NCO and 9 OR's  
BnHQ. 1 Ord Room 1 SB.  
Rifle Coys each 1 NCO and 3 OR's

QM will arrange for one cook and working gear to remain.  
All spare weapons, stores etc will be dumped centrally in  
sub unit areas.

Rear Party will be responsible for security of lines, stores  
etc.

OC will establish rear party HQ in present BnHQ area.

Sig Offr will leave one phone for communication with rear  
Bde HQ which is to remain in present location.

- (b) Wireless comm is to be maintained between Adv Bde HQ and Bde  
HQ camp lines

12. ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

The manouvre area is known to be malarious but free of  
typhus. Full anti malaria precautions will be taken  
particularly with ref to bivouacs close to creeks and  
pools.

*Approved by Capt.*  
*2/12 - Aust Inf Bn.*

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2/12 AUST INF BN TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 4.

CO-OPERATION WITH TANKS.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
31 Dec 43  
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1. Trg will be carried out in the area sqs 9636 9736 9735  
ref PT MORESBY 1/63360 as under:-

	<u>A COY</u>	<u>B COY</u>	<u>C COY</u>	<u>D COY</u>
Day 1.		Sec Trg		
Day 2.		P1 Trg		
Day 3.			Sec Trg	
Day 4.			P1 Trg	

Coys will be advised later dates of trg.

2. Adjut will make arrangements re allocation of tks and sub-division of area.

3. Tks used will be considered to be GENERAL GRANT type and will be used accordingly.

4. SEC TRG.

It is considered that under normal close country (e.g. coconut plantations) conditions the sec will have in sp one tk. This results in the Sec Comd having at his disposal a mobile reserve of fire power, which must be used to the best advantage.

The limitations of this mobile collection of guns must be fully considered if full use is to be made of its fire sp. The main considerations which must be borne in mind by the Sec Comd are set out hereunder:-

(a) PROTECTION.

This tk is a mobile collection of guns with personnel to work them enclosed in armour which is proof against small arms fire. To use it, the Sec Comd must keep it mobile and keep the personnel alive. To do this it must be protected from hostile action by keeping the enemy away from it. Therefore he must never allow it to get too far away, that he cannot supply ground protection against tk hunters. As far as Tk/A guns are concerned he cannot do much more in the initial stages than keep his eye out for them and warn the tk of their existence and location.

(b) VISIBILITY.

The Sec Comd can see much better than anyone in the tk therefore he must have some means of target identification whereby he can bring sp fire to bear on the target and so enable him to manouvre his force under its protection.



Another point to consider is that the tanks movement is limited by the conditions of the ground. Ground can do two things

- (i) Immobilise the tank by bogging it etc.
- (ii) Assist the tk by supplying def'lade and allowing it to fire from a "hull down" position.

The system for target indication is to use a "clock ray". The front of the tk is considered as 12 o'clock and an order incorporating range given from that.

SEE APPX "A".

(c) COMMS.

To ensure that the tk does what the Sec Comd wants it to he must ensure that he is fully conversant with all the means he has at his disposal for talking to the man behind the gun-the tk comd. He must also see that he can make himself understood as quickly as possible therefore his orders must be clear concise and simple. Aids to comm with the tk comd are as under:-

Infantry to Tank.

(i) Tk Comd keeps the rear pistol port open as long as possible so that the Sec Comd can talk with him direct.

(ii) By means of the i/c telephone attached to the back of the tk. All members of the sec must know how to use this set but it must not ~~be~~ *be* constantly ~~moved~~ *manued*. A member of the sec will be told off for the duty and he will move where he can see the sec comd and is in close proximity to the tk.

(iii) By means of sound signals on the tank-series of taps etc.

Tank to Infantry.

(i) Blasts on t'c tk siren.

(ii) Waving of a flag out of the rear pistol port.

(d) CO-OPERATION.

To ensure the success of the operations full co-operation between the tk and Sec Comd is essential. Each comd must have at his fingertips the problems of the other comd and must exercise himself in trying to assist in solving these problems thus ensuring the most efficient use of both arms.



(e) RECCE.

Many of the problems can be solved before they arise by making use of all facilities for recce. Tk and Inf Comds must wherever possible make a full initial recce together. By so doing solutions to the initial problems of route etc may be found and so much time saved thereby.

(f) A general sequence of events for an op would be as under:-

- (i) Initial recce by both comds
- (ii) Decisions made as to distance of tk from Inf, Inf formations, Routes etc.
- (iii) Intercomn signals made known to all personnel.

During the Op.

- (i) Location of enemy centre of resistance by Inf.
- (ii) Indication of target to tk.
- (iii) Formation of plan by Sec Leader
- (iv) Tk comd instructed in fire plan and inf movements.
- (v) Neutralisation of centre of resistance by tk fire while sec manouvres.
- (vi) Mopping up of resistance before proceeding further.
- (vii) Signal for onward movement and decision of Sec Comd of formation of sec and tk.

Never take it for granted that the tk fire has completely destroyed the enemy--mopping up, of surrounding fox holes comn trenches etc must ALWAYS be given as a definite task to at least portion of the sec.

Tks must be prepared to engage enemy centres of resistance further in rear during the mopping up process.

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5. PL TRG.

The same principles apply for Pl trg as in sec trg with some few additions.

(a) RECCE.

Recce must be full and thorough accompanied by the tk cmd. It must be remembered that once the battle commences the pl cmd will be full occupied in co-ordinating the three sec battles under his cmd to ensure that the individual Sec Cmd is not persuaded by means of enemy disposition into becoming detached from the pl. By thorough recce this eventuality may be foreseen and steps taken to prevent it.

(b) COMD AND CONTROL.

The pl cmd has under his control the use of his reserve and may be called upon to use it to reinforce or relieve pressure on one of his fwd secs. The task of the reserve must be fully considered and a decision made as to what task is to be allotted eg mopping up, exploitation etc.

(c) COMNSZ

The Pl Cmd will normally have with him an R/T Set, 536 B or 108 which can be netted in to the tk sets. By means of this he can keep well in the picture and besides controlling his secs through the tk sets, must keep the infm up to his superior comds. This will ensure that the Coy and Bn Comds are kept fully in the picture and will enable them to keep the operation under control.

(d) PROTECTION.

Applies as in sec trg. It must be ensured that tks move no further fwd than is required to effectively neutralise the opposition. All infm re tk destroying devices must be fwded immediately to all concerned.

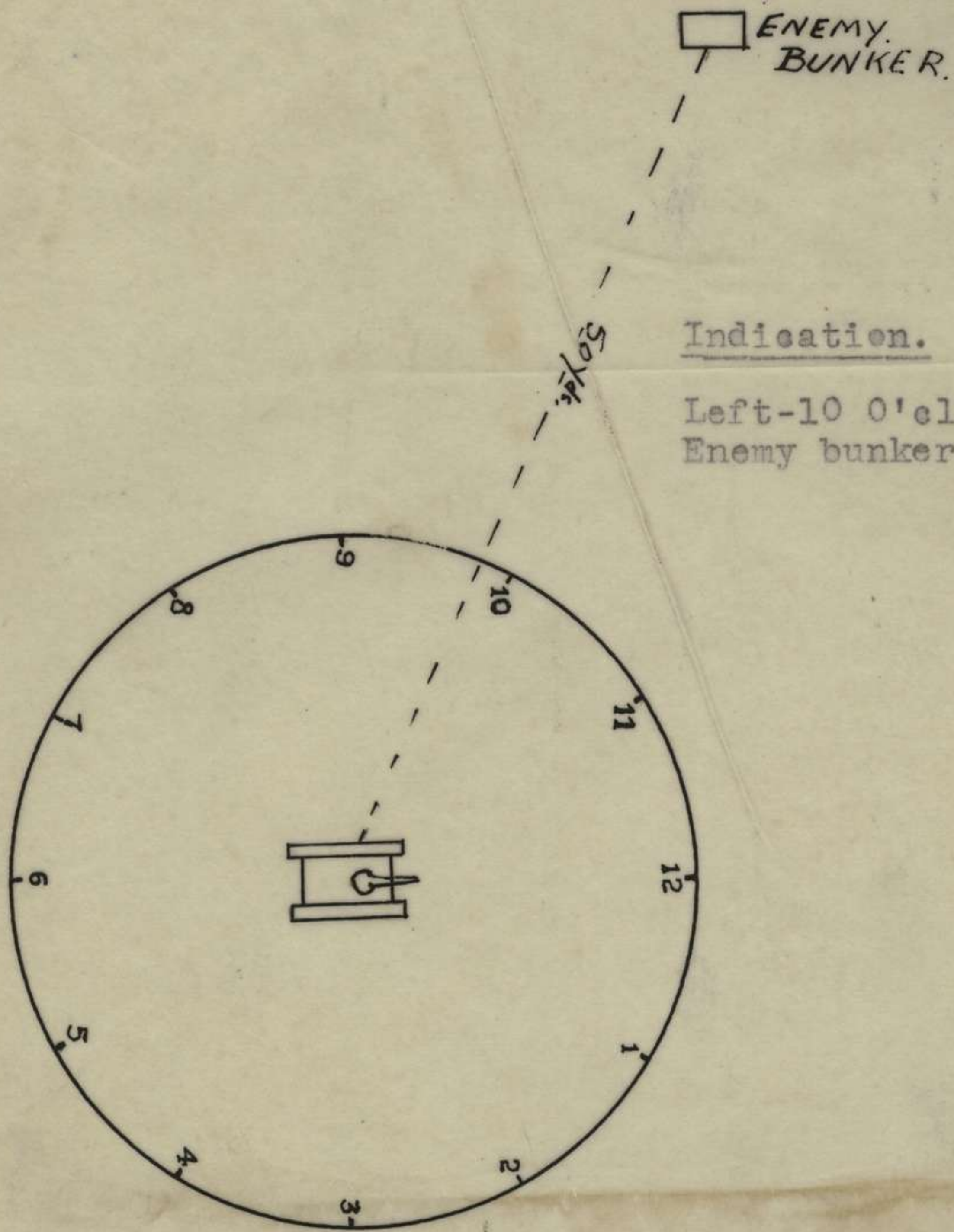
6. The main consideration to be emphasized is CO-OPERATION between Inf and Tk Comds and a full realisation of each others difficulties and limitations.

*[Signature]*  
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Additional aids to target indication may be by tracer 2" Mortar ~~Gun~~ or Verey Light fixed at the target. Remember that smoke may do more harm than good, by hiding the target.



2/12 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK ENDING 31 DEC 1945.

Coy.	PERIODS, LOCATION.	27 DEC	28 DEC	29 DEC	30 DEC	31 DEC.
A.	A.M. Location P.M. Location.	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Range Practice (proficiency pay) Bn Rifle Range As above  Night Trg.	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Coy Comd syllabus  Coy Selection AES lecture TsOET gas (Prof pay)	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Route March  Coy Selection  As above	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Pl Defence Fd Works. Coy Selection  As above	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Pl Trg  Coy Selection. Semaphore. TsOET Bren.
B.	A.M. Location P.M.  Location	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr AES Lecture TsOET Bren Bn Coy Lines Coy Comd Syllabus  Coy Selection	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Range Practice (Prof Pay) Bn Rifle Range As above  Night Trg	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Pl Defence-Fd Works.  Coy Selection As above	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Route March  Coy Selection As above	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Pl Trg.  Coy Selection. Semaphore TsOET gas (Prof pay) Coy Lines.
C.	A.M. Location P.M.  Location.	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Route March  Coy Selection As above  Night Trg.	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Coy Comd Syllabus  Coy Selection AES Lecture (with A. Coy) TsOET Bren  Coy Lines	Range Practice (Prof Pay)  Bn Rifle Range  As above	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr Pl Trg  Coy Selection  TsOET-gas (prof pay) Semaphore	COD $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Pl Defence- Fd Works. Coy Selection.  As above.

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COY	PERIOD . LOCATION.	27 DEC	28 DEC	29 DEC	30 DEC	31 DEC.
D.	A.M.	COD ½ hr TsOET gas (prof pay) Location Semaphore: Coy Lines.	COD ½ hr  Coy Selection	COD ½ hr  Pl Trg Coy Selection	COD ½ hr x  Range Practice Bn Rifle Range	COD ½ hr.  Pl Defence Fd Works. Coy Selection.
	P.M.	Coy Comd Syllabus Night Trg. Location Coy Selection	As above	TsOET Bren AES Lecture	As above	As above.
HQ.	A.M.	Route March Location Coy Selection	COD ½ hr Specialist Trg Coy Lines	COD ½ hr TsOET Gas (prof pay) Coy Lines	COD ½ hr  Specialist Trg Coy Selection.	Rifle Range ( Prof Pay.) Bn Rifle Range.
	P.M.	As above Location  Night Trg.	Spec Trg Coy Selection	Spec Trg Coy Selection	AES Lecture Spec Trg Coy Selection	As above.

NOTES:-

1. Abbrev. COD, Close Order Drill.
2. Coy Route March will include hill climbing.
3. Coy Comd selection ½ day syllabus will be shown on Coy detailed syllabus.
4. Pl Trg will include, selection of routes of adv. Formations of point pl in (a) open country (b) jungle, with special reference to tactical gaps and picqueting of high ground.
5. Night Trg will be Coy choice. Details to be at Bn HQ 1700 hrs day trg to take place.
6. AES lecture :Pre war diplomacy and the Battle of the Frontiers.
7. TsOET bren will be tests 1,2, and 3. Results to reach BnHQ 1200 hrs day following tests.
8. Coys will contact Sig Ofcr re Semaphore Trg.
9. Targets for range practice will be supplied by HQ Coy. 10. Ofc's Lecture 1900 hrs WED 29 DEC Tanks and their limitations. 11. Ofc's T.E.W.T. P.M. FRIDAY 31 DEC. 12. Detailed syllabus will reach BnHQ 1800 hrs Sunday 26 DEC.

*[Signature]*  
Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/12 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK ENDING 24 DEC 1943.

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COY	PERIODS AND LOCATION	20 DEC	21 DEC	22 DEC	23 DEC	24 DEC
A	A.M.	COD 1/2 Hr TOET 36 Grenade 1 Hr AES lecture 1 Hr Messages & Reports 1 Hr Coy lines.	COD 1/2 hr Rifle Range Bn Range	Route March	COD 1/2 Hr Pl in defence 3 Fd Works 3 Hrs	COD 1/2 Hr Practice Pack
	Location			Route att'd	Area selected by Coys	Bn Area
	P.M.	Indiv Stalk 1 1/2 Hrs Semaphore Trg 1 Hr			CAB lecture & Discussion 3 3/4 Hrs Sec patrols 1 1/2 Hrs	Coy Drill 1 Hr Sec formations 1 Hr
	Location	Coy & Bn Area Night Trg	As above	As above	Bn Area Night Trg	Bn Area
B	A.M.	COD 1/2 Hr Rifle Range	COD 1/2 Hr Toet 36 Grenade 1 Hr AES lecture 1 Hr	Coy Drill 1 Hr Prac Map Reading 1 Hr Sec formations 1 Hr	Route March	COD 1/2 Hr Practice Pack
	Location	Bn Range	Message & Reports 1 Hr Coy lines	Bn Area	Route att'd	Bn Area
	P.M.	As above	Indiv Stalk 1 1/2 Hr Semaphore Trg 1 Hr	Pl Defence Fd Works	As above	CAB lecture & Discussion 3/4 Hr
	Location		Bn Area Night Trg	Area Selected by Coy		Sec patrol 1 Hr Night Trg
C.	A.M.	Route March	COD 1/2 Hr TOET 36 Grenade 1 Hr CAB Discussion & Lecture 3/4 Hr	COD 1/2 Hr Rifle Range	COD 1/2 Hr Pl Defence 3 Fd Works 3 Hrs	COD 1/2 Hr Practice pack

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2/12 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK ENDING 24 DEC '43

COY	PERIOD LOCATION	20 DEC	21 DEC	22 DEC	23 DEC	24 DEC
A	A.M. (Cont) Location	Route att'd	Message and Reports 1 Hr	Bn Range	Coy to Select Area	Bn Area
	P.M.	As above	Bn Area Indiv Stalk 1½ Hrs	As above	AES lecture 1 Hr	Coy Drill 1 Hr
	Location		Semaphore Trg 1 Hr Night Trg		See patrols 1½ Hrs Bn Area Night Trg	See formations 1 Hr Bn Area
D	A.M.	OOD ½ Hr TCOF 36 Grenade 1 Hr		OOD ½ Hr Pl Defence } 3 Hrs Fd Works }	OOD ½ Hr Rifle Range	Practice pack
	Location	CAB Lecture and Route March Discussion 3/4 Hrs	Route att'd	Coy to select Area	Bn Range	Bn Area
	P.M.	Message and Reports 1 Hr Bn Area Indiv Stalk 1½ Hr Semaphore Trg 1 Hr	As Above	AES Lecture 1 Hr	As Above	Coy Drill 1 Hr See formations 1 Hr Bn Area
	Location	Bn Area Night Trg		See patrols 1½ Hrs Bn Area Night Trg		
HQ	A.M.	Route March	OOD ½ Hr Spec Trg	OOD ½ Hr CAB Lecture and Discussion	Coy Drill 1 Hr Spec Trg	Practice pack Coy lines
	Location	Route att'd	Coy lines	Spec Trg	Coy lines	
	P.M.	As above	Spec Trg	Spec Trg	Spec Trg	Rifle Range
	Location		Coy lines Night Trg		Night Trg	



2/12 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRG WEEK ENDING 24 DEC 43.

NOTES:-

1. CADCo. Close Order Drill
2. CAB lecture and Discussion: Vol 4 No 5
3. Coys will contact adjt 24 Hrs prior to time of AEB lecture so that arrangements as to subject can be made.
4. Coys will supply own targets for Rifle Range.
5. Rifle Range practice will be classification Tables Part II Conditions of qualifications as specified in SAT Vol 1 para 14
6. Results of Ts.O.E.F. Grenade will reach BnHQ 1800 hrs day of tests
7. Coys will contact Sig Ofcr direct about Semaphore Trg.
8. Sec formations (a) In jungle  
(b) Open country  
(c) Change from (a) to (b)  
(d) An "Immediate Drill" will be developed for (i) first contact  
(ii) Ambush
9. There will be a TEWT for all Ofc's p.m. 24 Dec.
10. Duty Coys:      Date      Coy  
                         20      A  
                         21      B  
                         22      C  
                         23      D  
                         24      HQ
11. Practice Pack for whole Bn a.m. FRIDAY 24 DEC 43.
12. Night Trg-Exercise submitted by Coys.

*L. J. Sherwin*  
Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.



2/12 AUST TRG SYLLABUS OF TRG WERE ENDING 19 DEC 43.

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COY	PERIODS AND LOCATION.	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY
Coy No 1.	A.M.	COD 1 hr Lecture No 1 Weapon Trg Coy lines.	Practice pack  Coy lines	Rifle Range  Bn Area	TE T  See notes	Indiv & Sec Trg	COD 1 hr Kit Inspection  Coy lines
	P.M.	Semaphore Trg Discussion-Adv action on contact attack. Night Ex	Lecture No 2 Musketry- Range Discipline	Map Reading COD 1 hr	COD 1 hr Weapon Trg	COD 1 hr Weapon Trg	Tabloid Sports.
	Location.	Coy lines No.1.	Coy Lines	Night Ex No 2			
Coy No 2	A.M.	Individ & Sec Trg	COD 1hr Lecture No 1 Weapon Trg Coy Lines	Practice Pack  Coy Lines	Range  Bn Area	TEWT  See notes	COD 1 hr Kit Inspection  Coy lines
	P.M.	Lecture No 2 COD Coy Lines	Semaphore Trg Map Reading	COD Musketry-Range Discipline	COD Discussion Adv, action on contact, attack	COD Weapon Trg	Tabloid Sports.
	Location.	Night Ex No 2		Night Ex No 1.			



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2. FC and BD Field Craft and Battle Drill.
3. COD to include Coy Drill, Guards and sentries.
4. Lecture No 1. Interecom within Bn- Sig Offr.
5. Lecture No 2. By I.O.
6. TSWTS - Submitted by Coys.
7. Practice Pack- Taken Section at time, i.e. 1. Q Staff duties, 2. Secs duties, 3. Individual duties etc and then practised as whole.
8. Indiv & Sec Trg F.C. & B.D. Secs 7 Section 25
9. Night Ex No 1- available to Coys from I.O. 16 00 hrs day of exercise, one course per platoon.
10. Night Ex No 2 - available to Coys from I.O. 1200 hrs day of exercise, one course per platoon.

*L. Sherrin Capt*  
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Lt-Col.



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8. Indiv & Sec Trg F.C.& B.D. Secs 7 Section 25.
9. Night Ex No 1.- available to Coys from I.O. 1600 hrs day of exercise. one course per platoon.
10. Night Ex No 2 -available to Coys from I.O. 1200 hrs day of exercise. one course per platoon.

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Lt-Col.  
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NOTE:-

(a) One half of Coy Officers to attend AM and PM shoots respectively. Officers not attending shoot will supervise Sec and Pl Trg. Change over at 1300 hrs at CP area.

(b) Location of Coys and Trg Areas will be advised later.

(c) Indiv & Sec Trg will include .

- (i) Patrolling
- (ii) Maintenance of Direction
- (iii) Action on first contact
- (iv) Passing on information.

(d) Pl and Coy Trg will include

- (i) Inter Com and issue of orders.
- (ii) Control
- (iii) Action on first contact.
- (iv) The attack and consolidation.
- (v) Maintaining contact.
- (vi) The adv factor.

(e) Coys will devote two nights during the period of this syllabus to night trg.

~~(f) Coys will devote two weekends to sport and recreation.~~

(g) Detailed Coy Syllabi will be forwarded to HQ BN by 1300 hrs on 20 Nov 44.

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Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

*Max Neasey*

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COY	PERIOD.	THURSDAY 2 DEC	FRIDAY 3 DEC	SATURDAY 4 DEC	SUNDAY 5 DEC	MONDAY 6 DEC	TUESDAY 7 DEC	WEDNESDAY 8 DEC	THURSDAY 9 DEC	FRIDAY 10 DEC	SATURDAY. 11 Dec.
A.	A.M.	Individ Trg B2	Individ & Sec Trg D4	Arty Shoot Note (a) C.3.	Church Parade Inter com Adm. Make & Mend.	P1 & Coy Trg Battle Practice Lunch Out Griminumu	P1 & Coy Trg Lunch Out B.1.	<del>BN</del> C.1	<sup>BN</sup> EXERCISE.		Duty Coy.
	P.M.	DO	DO	Indiv & Sec Trg.							R E F U R N
B.	A.M.	Individ Trg D.3	Indiv & Sec Trg Duty Coy D.5.	Duty Coy as for A B.1.	Do	P1 & Coy Trg Practice Lunch Out Griminumu	P1 & Coy Trg Lunch Out B2.	B.2 <del>BN</del>	<sup>BN</sup> EXERCISE		F U R N
	P.M.	DO	DO								F O
C.	A.M.	Individ Trg D 6	Indiv & Sec Trg B.1.	As for A C.2	Do Duty Coy	P1 & Coy Trg Lunch Out Duty Coy B.1	P1 & Coy Trg Battle Practice Lunch Out GRIMIN UMU	B.1. <del>BN</del>	<sup>BN</sup> EXERCISE		C A M P
	P.M.	Do	Do								
D.	A.M.	Indiv Trg B.1	Indiv & Sec Trg D.6.	As for A C 4	Do	P1 & Coy Trg Lunch Out B2	P1 & Coy Battle Practice Duty Coy GRIMINUMU lunch out. Duty Coy	C.4. <del>BN</del>	<sup>BN</sup> EXERCISE.		
HQ.	A.M.	Indiv Trg D5.	Indiv & Sec Trg D3	As for A B2.	Do	P1 Trg Battle Practice Lunch out Griminumu	PL Trg Battle Lunch out Griminumu	<del>BN</del>	<sup>BN</sup> EXERCISE Duty Coy	Duty Coy.	
	P.M.	Do.	Do	A and D Coys	to arrange	mutually.					