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29 Infantry Brigade

March 1944

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 29 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 44 To 31 Mar 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Field	1 Mar	1500	Lt-Col SPENCER HARPER, ADOS 2 Aust Corps, conferred with the SC.	
		1800	Capt E.D. MELKSHAM, Bde Sig Offr, returned from the third Bde party tour of the former operational areas near FINSCHHAFEN.	
		1830	An enlarged Officers' mess was completed and guests at dinner were: Col E.J. BARNETTE, Comd Base E USASOS; Lt-Col O.A. KESSELS DSO, ED, AAQMG Lae Base, Lt Col SPENCER HARPER, ADOS 2 Aust Corps; Maj R.N. MORSE, OC 11 Aust Fd Coy; Capt J. FAIRWEATHER, OC 104 Aust Bde Wkshop; Capt J. ENRIGHT, Air Tpt Control Offr, LAE; Capt R. ORMSBY, OC ANGAU, LAE. The party continued the evening at the Bde cinema.	
	2 Mar	0700	Lieut R.S. BAKER marched out, seconded to Staff of LHQ AASC School, GEELONG, Aust.	
		1100	The CO 42 Aust Inf Bn, Lt-Col C.W. DAVIDSON, called on the Bde Comd to discuss the work on the Bde Sports Ground, under construction.	
			Under instructions from LAE Base Sub Area B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn and B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn are to be withdrawn from MUSOM and NADZAB respectively by 1800 hrs 6 Mar 44	Appx A: LAE Base Operation Instruction No.2 governing the defence of LAE
		1530	The Bde Comd inspected Bde HQ on Coy parade	Appx B: 2 Aust Corps Op Instruction No.10 of 1 Mar 44 ref areas of responsibility of formations under command.
	3 Mar	0900	The Bde Comd inspected works in progress on Bde Sports and Parade area	
		1640	Further instructions were received from LAE Base Sub Area for the retention of B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn at NADZAB, pending further orders.	Appx C: LAE Base Operation Instruction No.3 of 2 Mar 44
	4 Mar	1100	Lieut J.D. MULCAHY, SC(L) and Lieut JJ.St ELLEN, LO, moved to 2/7 AGH for treatment.	

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Field	5 Mar	1000	The Bde Comd inspected Bde HQ, 11 Aust Fd Coy, Bde AASC, 7 Aust Fd Amb, 104 Aust Bde Wkshop on a rehearsal parade for the inspection by the Comd 2 Aust Corps Maj Gen F.H. BERRYMAN, OBE, DSO,	
	6 Mar	1100	The Bde Comd was advised by Brig J.R. BROADBENT, DA&QMG NGF, that Maj Gen F.H. BERRYMAN OBE DSO, GOC 2 Aust Corps, would inspect the Bde Group at 1400 hrs 8 Mar 44.	
		1200	The Bde Comd received a visit from Maj Gen E.J. MILFORD DSO, MGGS NGF, accompanied by Brig I.G. FULLARTON MC, Comd LAE Base and Brig J.W. MAIN, CE NGF.	
		1230	Lt-Col W. ROUTLEY OBE, CRE Works LAE Base, called on the Bde Comd	
		1500	Lt-Col A.J. EASTMAN, AAG 2 Aust Corps, called on the SC to discuss administration matters.	
		1620	The Bde Comd inspected 42 Aust Inf Bn on parade on the Bde ground. B Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn at MUSOM and B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn less det at NADZAB, returned to units.	
	7 Mar	1400	A parade of the Bde Group was held in preparation for the inspection by GOC 2 Aust Corps.	
	8 Mar		The Bde parade ground was completed after several days intensive work.	
		1400	Maj Gen F.H. BERRYMAN OBE, DSO, GOC 2 Aust Corps, inspected the Bde on parade. At the conclusion of the inspection the Bde Gp marched past.	Appx D: Adm Instns for the visit of GOC 2 Aust Corps
			The parade was an impressive spectacle and the weather excellent. The Special Service Band of Base E, USASOS, was kindly loaned by the Comd Base E, Col E.J. BARNETTE, for the parade. Photographs were taken by Military History Section, NGF, for Army and Bde records.	Appx E: Address to the Bde by GOC 2 Aust Corps
			Accompanying Maj Gen BERRYMAN were Brig J.R. BROADBENT, DA & QMG NGF and Brig KINGSLEY NORRIS, DDMS 2 Aust Corps. Other guests were : Brig I.G. FULLARTON MC, Capt J. SWEENEY DAAG, Capt J. HYATT DAQMG LAE Base; Col J.G. HEYDEN OBE and Matron JOHNS RRC	

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Field	8 Mar	1400	and nurses of the staff of 2/7 AGH; Group Captain C.D. CANDY and Squadron Leader H.M.I. McIVOR of No 10(Operational) Group RAAF; Lt Col CROXTON and Lt Col NEWMAN of HQ 5 USAF.	
			The Corps Comd had afternoon tea at Bde HQ Officers Mess and later proceeded to NADZAB by road.	
	9 Mar		Lt-Col CROXTON and Lt Col NEWMAN, returning to NADZAB after dark, were killed when their aircraft crashed on attempting to land.	
			Brig KINGSLEY NORRIS, DDMS 2 Aust Corps, inspected 47 Aust Inf Bn lines and expressed his extreme satisfaction to the Bde Comd on the completion of his inspection.	
		1800	The Bde Comd and BM visited the 15 Aust Inf Bn mess.	
	10 Mar	0800	Lieut D. WARMAN, 2 i/c Bde Sig Sec and 3 ORs of Bde HQ returned from home leave.	
			Lieut J.J. St ELLEN returned from 2/7 AGH.	
		1930	Maj J.H.D. EDWARDS, DAD Hyg, 2 Aust Corps, inspected unit areas with Lieut J.D. MABBETT, Bde Hyg Offr.	
			The newly completed Bde cinema block was opened and the area dedicated to those comrades who fell during the SALAMATA campaign.	
			An impressive tableau, composed of soldiers and nurses of the Aust and US Armies and two native boys, MINORA and TALUS, who served on Bde HQ throughout operations, opened the ceremony.	
			Bde R.F. MONAGHAN, Bde Comd, gave the dedication speech. The ceremony was completed by the playing of The Last Post and The Rouse.	
			The dedication ceremony was followed by a concert, items being given by members of the Bde and by USASOS Special Service Band, with a sketch by two US nurses.	
	11 Mar		NX104279 Capt N.S. SIMONS, from 15 Aust Inf Bn, was attached Bde HQ at A/TO. Lieut L. McLAUGHLIN acting Bde TO, returned to 42 Aust Inf Bn.	

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Field	11 Mar		Lieut J.D. MABBETT Bde Hyg Offr, went to 2/7 AGH for medical treatment.	
			Lt Col E.S. EYERS, GI SD NGF, called on the Bde Comd whilst passing through LAE.	
		1800	Africa Star ribbons were received and distributed.	
			The BM visited 7 Aust Fd Amb mess.	
	12 Mar	1800	Capt T.J.D. CAVENAGH, LO, returned from FINSCHHAFEN with the sixth and last Bde party to make the tour of that operational area.	
	13 Mar	1000	Capt T.J.D. CAVENAGH relinquished duties as LO 1 and returned to 15 Aust Inf Bn	Appx F: Bde Adm Instn 1/44 Amendment No.2 ref movt troops to Mainland
		1200	Lt Col J.L. AMIES OBE called to see the Bde Comd	
		1400	The Bde Chaplains, Chap F.T. EYERS, 42 Aust Inf Bn, Chap S. DODDS 47 Aust Inf Bn, and Chap W.J. HENRY 15 Aust Inf Bn discussed the service of dedication planned for the unveiling of the Memorial Plinth which is being erected at the entrance to the Cricket Pavilion.	
			LAE Base Operation Instruction No.4 of 12 Mar 44 was received recalling det 42 Aust Inf Bn from NADZAB	Appx G: LAE Base Operation Instruction No.4
	14 Mar		The Bde Comd visited HQ 7 Aust Div at DUMPU.	
			1200	Lieut J.D. MULCAHY was evacuated from 2/7 AGH to the mainland for further treatment for arthritis. Maj R. STONE, DAPM LAE Base, called to discuss 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy which has been placed under Comd. QX34023 Capt R.B. COLE reported to Bde HQ as A/SC(L)
	15 Mar		Lieut PELUSO, leader of the USASOS Special Service Band and nurses of 2/7 AGH were guests at dinner. The Bde Comd presented Lieut PELUSO with a memento of his generous services with his band at Bde ceremonials and entertainments.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Field	16 Mar		Lt-Col J.C.W. O'CONNOR, CO 22 Aust Inf Bn, arrived at Bde HQ to judge the inter-unit champion coy drill competition	
	17 Mar	0900	The champion Coy drill competition was held on the parade ground. The result was as follows :-First - 47 Aust Inf Bn; Second - 15 Aust Inf Bn; Third - 42 Aust Inf Bn; Fourth - Bde HQ. The drill was of a high standard and few marks separated all four contestants. The preliminary heats of the Bde inter-unit sports supervised by Lt Col C.W. DADIDSON, CO 42 Aust Inf Bn, were held during the day and exhibition and judging in some arts and crafts competitions were conducted.	Appx H: Conditions of competitions for Champion Coy.
		1300	Visitors at lunch were Lt Col SPENCER HARPER, ADOS 2 Aust Corps Lt Col C. SMITH, of the British Military Mission and Capt A.V. BADGER ARME 2 Aust Corps.	Appx I: Orders for Sports Meeting of 17/18 Mar 44
		1800	The Bde Comd visited Base E Mess as suest of the Comd Lt Col E.J. BARNETTE. The BM and Lt Col O'CONNOR visited 47 Aust Inf Bn mess.	
	18 Mar	1400	The Memorial Plinth erected at the central entrance to the Recreation Ground Pavilion was unveiled in the presence of the Brigade, by Brig I.G. FULLARTON MC, Comd LAE Base and by Chaplain F.T. EYERS 42 Aust Inf Bn. The Guard was provided by the winner of the Champion Coy Competitions (A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn). The Last Post and the Rouse were sounded. The ceremony was followed by the finals of the inter-unit sports meeting, 15 Aust Inf Bn being clear winners in a contest of high standard. Exhibits in a number of arts and crafts, representing the training and hobbies of troops, were also inspected with interest by the large assembly of 29 Bde personnel and visitors.	Appx J: Dedication of Memorial Plinth and Draughtsman's Impression
		1930	The Bde Comd, BM and BM(L) and Lieut J.A.S. CHAPMAN LO visited the mess of 2/7 AGH	

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Field	19 Mar		A ten day course of training under Comd Lt Col J.L. AMIES OBE, CO 15 Aust Inf Bn, with officers from the Bns as instructors, for training personnel of 6 and 7 Squadrons of 62 Works Wing RAAF in weapons and ground defence, commenced at NADZAB.	
		0930	The Bde Comd held a conference of all unit Comds. Lt Col K.H. MONTGOMERY, CO 47 Aust Inf Bn, was given charge of arrangements for an afternoon of inter-unit military competitions to be held on 25 Mar.	
			A weapon training course for personnel of 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy and a course for Bde Regimental Police began under Capt W. WALKER, OC 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy and Capt P.C. MUSTON CO 47 Aust Inf Bn. Both courses are to last for 10 days.	
		1200	Col J.C. BELISARIO, CO 2/5 AGH called on the Bde Comd. Capt T. INGLIS MOORE, DAD Education, 2 Aust Corps, was present at lunch, during an inspection visit in the area.	
		1400	Two US Army teams (one of coloured personnel) drawn from LAE and NADZAB played a demonstration game of baseball on the Bde ground. The Bde Comd was present with Col E.J. BARNETTE, Comd Base E and Col J.C. BELISARIO. A moderate crowd witnessed the game with some interest.	
	21 Mar	1730	47 Aust Inf Bn held a concert in the unit area. The BM(L) attended.	
	24 Mar	1600	Lt-Col O.A. KESSELS AA & QMG LAE Base with the COs of the Bns of 16 Aust Inf Bde, Lt Col P. CULLEN DSO, CO 2/1 Aust Inf Bn, Lt Col CAMERON DSO CO 2/2 Aust Inf Bn and Lt Col I. HUTCHISON MC CO 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, visited the Bde Comd.	
		1830	Guests at mess were Wing Commander KING RAAF and Flight Lieutenant J.H. VAGGOTT RAAF.	
		1930	A Bde Boxing Contest was held in the recreation area. As usual, the bouts were keen and the attendance was large. Visitors included: Lt Col O.A. KESSELS DSO, ED, AAQMG LAE Base, Lt Col P. CULLEN DSO, CO 2/1 Aust Inf Bn, Lt Col CAMERON DSO, CO 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, Lt Col I. HUTCHISON MC, CO 2/3 Aust Inf Bn,	

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Field	24 Mar	1930	Lt Col H.M. HOARE, CO 1 Aust ARD, Maj G.C. KING, OC 2/6 Commando Squadron and nurses of the staff of 2/7 AGH and members of the staff of the Fifth US Field Hospital.	
	25 Mar		Extensive competitions in Arts and Crafts were conducted and judged and the entries displayed at the Bde Recreation Ground during 24/25 Mar. The standard of Bde work was shown to be increasingly high. In the afternoon inter-unit competitions were held in many branches of military skill based on general and special training. The displays interested a large crowd of Brigade personnel and visitors. 42 Aust Inf Bn led in the point-score competition. Brig L.E.S. BARKER CBE, DSO, MC, BRA NGF accepted the Bde Comd's invitation to visit Bde during the following week and judge a competition to decide the champion Bn of the Bde. The competition is to include an inspection of unit areas and Bn ceremonial drill.	Appx K: Arts and Crafts Display 24/25 Mar 44.
	26 Mar	0915	At 0200L, time reverted from summer time to EST. The Bde Comd called a conference of all unit comds. He congratulated them on the excellent work units had carried out during the past month and indicated the lessons to be learnt by individual units. The following training programme is to be carried out during the next three weeks— <u>First week:</u> Intensive training in ceremonial drill and improvement of unit areas in preparation for the Champion Bn Competition. <u>Second and Third Week:</u> Elementary weapon training and map reading The following courses will be held: (a) MT Course for Dvrs of the Bde Gp under the Bde TO. (b) Int Course <del>and</del> with special emphasis on Photo Interpretation and Field Sketching, under the Bde IO. (c) Sig Course for 29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec. In addition the Bde TO with the assistance of 104 Wkshop is to G4 all vehicles in the Bde Gp.	



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Field	26 Mar	1930	The Bde Comd and BM(L) were guests of Col E.J. BARNETTE at Base E. Guard duties at 2/7 AGH carried out by the Bns were taken over by the Pl of 2/1 Aust GA Regt.	Appx L: Bde ROs Part I.
	27 Mar		Maj Gen B.M. MORRIS, DSO, GOC ANGAU, called on the Bde Comd	
	28 Mar		WO II J. SIMPSON marched out to attend No.3 Course, LHQ School of Military Law, DARLEY, Aust.	
			The 3 Aust Armd Div Concert Party, Officer in charge Lieut R.S. DAVE arrived at Bde HQ. Their show, "Shells A-Poppin" will tour LAE area during the next fortnight.	
	29 Mar		An extra three days training, consisting of TEWTs for officers of 62 Works Wing RAAF NADZAB, began, on the completion of the ten day training course which ended 28 Mar.	
		1800	A Bde Cricket eleven defeated a team representing RAAF NADZAB by an innings and 70 runs on the Bde ground. The following guests were invited to dinner at the officers mess: Maj A.D. PETRIE, 2 i/c 15 Aust Inf Bn, Maj J.D. CARSTAIRS 2 i/c 42 Aust Inf Bn, Maj R.C. GREGORY 2 i/c 47 Aust Inf Bn, Capt E.W. HODGES, Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn, Capt H.D. HIBBARD, Adjt 47 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut H.V.B. McBEAN Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn. The party attended the Bde Cinema during the evening.	
	30 Mar		Brig L.E.S. BARKER, CBE, DSO, MC BRA NGF arrived to stay with the Bde Comd. In the morning accompanied by the BM he inspected 47 Aust Inf Bn lines and reviewed the Bn on parade in the afternoon.	
			Lt Col K.C.O. LAHEY AA & QMG 7 Aust Div arrived at Bde HQ to visit the Bde Comd.	
	31 Mar		Brig L.E.S. BARKER, CBE, DSO, MC BRA NGF inspected 15 Aust Inf Bn lines and ceremonial drill.	



29 AUST INF BDE

WAR DIARY

1 - 31 MAR 44

- Appx A - LAE Base Op Instn No.2.
- Appx B - 2 Aust Corps Op Instn No.10
- Appx C - LAE Base Op Instn No.3.
- Appx D - Adm Instns for visit of GOC 2 Aust Corps
- Appx E - Address to the Bde by GOC 2 Aust Corps
- Appx F - 29 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn 1/44 Amendment No.2
- Appx G - LAE Base Op Instn No.4
- Appx H - Champion Coy Competition
- Appx I - Orders for Bde Sports Meeting
- Appx J - Dedication of Memorial Plinth
- Appx K - Arts and Crafts Display
- Appx L - 29 Aust Inf Bde ROs Part I

Attached -

29 Aust Inf Bde Location Statements 14 Mar 44,  
31 Mar 44

29 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summaries Nos 31-52  
for March 44

29 Aust Inf Bde Returns by Army Forms W3008, W3009.

LAE BASE SUB AREA  
OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.2DEFENCE OF LAE

Ref Maps	LAE and MARKHAM Sheets 4 miles - 1 inch
	LAE 1/25000
	LAE 1/63360
	MUNIM 1/25000
	NADZAB 1/63360
	WAGO 1/63360

INFM

1. It is considered that any attack on LAE will be limited to air attack with the possibility of attack by small sea or airborne parties.
2. The responsibility for the land, coast and anti-aircraft defence of LAE from incl the line of MONGI RIVER to incl ERAP RIVER has been delegated to Comd LAE Base Sub Area.
3. 29 Aust Inf Bde came under operational command LAE Base Sub Area for the Defence of LAE on 29 Jan 44.

INTENTION

4. To provide for the defence of LAE against attack from sea or air.
5. The defence of LAE will be effected by all units holding the enemy in their respective areas and the employment of an Inf Bde in a counter offensive role.
6. Each unit will therefore be responsible for causing the maximum possible delay to the enemy in its own area.
7. 21 Aust Tk/A Bty, RAE and "N" Hy Bty, RAA will be responsible for coast defences, with the role of delaying and breaking-up any enemy forces approaching from seawards.
8. Weapons will be sited as per Appx "A" attached (not to all addressees).
9. AADC will be responsible for the preparation and co-ordination of AA Defence plans, incl co-operation with navak and merchant shipping in port.
10. The dispositions of components of AA units as shown in Appendices B and C attached (not to all addressees) has been approved as affording adequate AA protection for installations at present located in LAE.
11. The officers nominated in Appendix D attached will co-ordinate and command defences in the following areas, respectively
 

ref maps	LAE 1/25000
	MUNIM 1/25000

(a) AREA NO 1

North	Gridline 50
East	Gridline 72
South	Gridline 45
West	Gridline 66

(b) AREA NO.2

North	Gridline 45
East	Gridline 74 to incl West bank BUSU RIVER
South	COASTLINE
West	Gridline 70 to incl eastbank BUTIBUM RIVER to coastline

(c) AREA NO 3

North	Gridline 45
East	Gridline 70 to incl east bank
South/west	BUTIBUM RIVER to Gridline 45

(d) AREA NO 4

North	Gridline 45
East	excl east bank BUTIBUM RIVER
South	excl east bank BUTIBUM RIVER coastline to incl east bank MARKHAM RIVER.
West	incl east bank MARKHAM RIVER to gridline 65

12. All units will be responsible for the local protection of unit areas. They will plan defences but NOT prepare them until warned to do so.

13. Units in NADZAB area will be included in and will conform to plans for local protection made by 2 ATC.

14. OC 37 Aust Emp Coy with under comd  
one Pl 22 Aust Emp Coy  
one Pl 37 Aust Emp Coy  
One pl 38 Aust Emp Coy  
will be responsible for the protection of HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

15. 29 Aust Inf Bde will form a mobile reserve with the role of counter-attacking enemy forces in the area.

16. DEMOLITIONS All units which have static installations in their areas will prepare plans for demolitions.

17. In the event of enemy attack, demolitions will be effected by  
(a) Officers who receive specific instructions in writing from area commander.  
(b) Unit personnel, in the danger of equipment falling into enemy hands is imminent.

18. RATIONS (a) All units will arrange forthwith to change old type dehydrated emergency rations for new type A 3 emergency rations.  
(b) Two days reserve rations will be held by all units.

19. TRANSPORT In the event of a land attack, all MT will immediately return to unit lines.

20. AGT Coy's transport will be at call from HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

21. MEDICAL. Medical Aid Posts will be established at, ref Map LAE 1/25000.

- (a) 708405 (RAP HQ LAE Base Sub Area)
- (b) 713422 (BUSU Medical Post)

INTERCOMN

22. HQ LAE Base Sub Area will be at ref Map LAE 1/25000, 708405.

23. Intercomn will be by normal means but all units will be prepared to use runners if necessary.

24. ACKNOWLEDGE

Sgd ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Major  
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Issued by SAFE HAND

Signed at 1430 hrs

Appx D to  
LAE Base Sub Area  
Op Instn No.2

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The following officers are appointed to  
command areas as per para 11 of LAE Base  
Sub Area Ops Instn No.2

Area No.1	Lt Col H.M. HOARE
No.2	Lt Col H.H. WOODFORD
No.3	Maj A.H. MARTIN
No.4	Commander to be nominated by Commander Base E USASOS.

2 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.10

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Ref Maps: NEW GUINEA Series 1 in Prov Series

Mar 44

INFORMATION

1. 2 Aust Corps is responsible for the defence of the HUON PENINSULA from excl YAUT RIVER (713678), and MARKHAM RIVER Valley to incl ERAP RIVER (3452). The defence of FINSCHHAFEN and LAE will be the main responsibility of 2 Aust Corps.
2. US Forces, occupying the area incl BUSOM RIVER (634648) to excl MONGI RIVER (3642) are responsible for the local defence of that area.
3. LAE Base Sub Area is responsible for the defence of the area incl MONGI RIVER to incl ERAP RIVER.

The responsibility for the AA defence of installations in the FINSCHHAFEN area is to pass from 2/1 Aust Hy AA(Comp) Regt to 166 AA Bn US.

5. In accordance with GRQ SWPA Standing Operating Procedure Instruction No.11, formation commanders are responsible for providing adequate defence of Radar Stations located in their area.

CONCENTRATION AND REORGANISATION

6. 5 Aust Div will move to an area north of SONG RIVER (620678)
7. In the movement of units 5 Aust Div will make fullest use of transport facilities made available by 532 ESB.
8. On arrival at the new location HQ 5 Aust Div will assume command of formations and units as shown in Appendix "A" attached.
9. Every opportunity will be taken to locate units in healthy areas with a view to preserving their fighting efficiency.

ROLE

10. 5 Aust Div will be responsible for the defence of the area excl YAUT RIVER to excl MONGI RIVER and will maintain necessary patrols for the mopping up of enemy stragglers in the area.

Acknowledge

Signed at.....hrs

Sgd  Lt Col  
for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps



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LAE BASE SUB AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3

Headquarters  
LAE Base Sub Area  
2 Mar 44

29 Aust Inf Bde

INFM

1. It is considered that the scale of attack that the enemy can bring against HUON PENINSULA is limited to air attacks. There is also a remote possibility of attack by small sea or airborne raiding parties.

2. In view of the driving back of the enemy in the SIO-SAIDOR area, any threat against LAE from the NORTH has been removed and information of any enemy in that area will be obtained from ANGAU sources.

INTENTION

3. To recall all detachments of 29 Aust Inf Bde excl that at NADZAB

METHOD

4. 29 Aust Inf Bde will recall all detachments excl that at NADZAB

5. Acknowledge

DISTRIBUTION

6. Safe hand

Sgd H.D. FERGUSON Major  
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Signed at 0945 hrs

WAR DIARY

29 AUST INF BDE  
ADM INSTNS FOR VISIT OF COMD 2 AUST CORPS

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6 Mar 44

INFM

1. Maj Gen F.H. BERRYMAN, CBE, DSO, Comd 2 Aust Corps will inspect units of 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp as shown hereunder:-

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde  
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
312 Aust LAD  
15 Aust Inf Bn  
42 Aust Inf Bn  
47 Aust Inf Bn  
11 Aust Fd Coy  
18 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
19 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
B Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy  
7 Aust Fd Amb  
104 Aust Inf Bde Wkshop  
104 Aust Inf Bde Ord Fd Pk

at 1400 hrs 8 Mar 44 on the Brigade Recreational Ground.

2. Assembly

Assembly will be in accordance with the attached table marked Appx "A".

3. Traffic Control

1 Offr 20 ORs of 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy (with the concurrence of Rear 2 Aust Corps) will be made available for duties in accordance with instructions issued separately - Appx "B" attached.

4. Transport

Arrangements have been made for LAE Base Sub Area to provide vehicle to lift 15 Aust Inf Bn in accordance with instructions issued separately - Appx "C" attached.

5. Dress

Hats fur felt  
Hatbands (pugarees will NOT be worn)  
Chin strap on back of hat  
Colour patch (to be worn only when entire unit is equipped)  
Shirt - Sleeves rolled  
Boots ankle brown marching  
Anklets web

6. Equipment

ORs (a) Belts waist web  
Straps supporting right and left  
Pouches basic right and left (except 7 Aust Fd Amb)  
Rifle and bayonet or SFG (except 7 Aust Fd Amb)

Offrs

(b) Officers of the rank of Coy Comd and equivalent and below will wear the same dress and equipment as their men, except that revolvers will be worn.

7. Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be held as follows:

1400 hrs 7 Mar  
1030 hrs 8 Mar

All units of para 1 above will be prepared on 8 Mar to supply the midday meal for their tps in Unit Assembly areas.

8. Working Parties

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Bn water carts will remain in Bn Assembly areas.

14. Parade Comd

The parade will be commanded by Brig R.F. MONAGHAN, Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Prior to the arrival of the parade commander on parade, Lt-Col K.H. MONTGOMERY will exercise comd

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29 AUST INF BDE  
ADM INSTNS FOR VISIT OF COMD 2 AUST CORPS

Copy No. 20  
6 Mar 44

INFM  
1. Maj Gen F.H. BERRYMAN, CBE, DSO, Comd 2 Aust Corps will inspect units of 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp as shown hereunder:-

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde  
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
312 Aust LAD  
15 Aust Inf Bn  
42 Aust Inf Bn  
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at 1400 hrs 8 Mar 44 on the Brigade Recreational Ground.

2. Assembly

Assembly will be in accordance with the attached table marked Appx "A".

3. Traffic Control

1 Offr 20 ORs of 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy (with the concurrence of Rear 2 Aust Corps) will be made available for duties in accordance with instructions issued separately - Appx "B" attached.

4. Transport

Arrangements have been made for LAE Base Sub Area to provide vehicle to lift 15 Aust Inf Bn in accordance with instructions issued separately - Appx "C" attached.

5. Dress

Hats fur felt  
Hatbands (pugarees will NOT be worn)  
Chin strap on back of hat  
Colour patch (to be worn only when entire unit is equipped)  
Shirt - Sleeves rolled  
Boots ankle brown marching  
Anklets web

6. Equipment

ORs (a) Belts waist web  
Straps supporting right and left  
Pouches basic right and left (except 7 Aust Fd Amb)  
Rifle and Bayonet or SMC (except 7 Aust Fd Amb)

Offrs

(b) Officers of the rank of Coy Comd and equivalent and below will wear the same dress and equipment as their men, except that revolvers will be worn.

7. Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be held as follows:

1400 hrs 7 Mar

1030 hrs 8 Mar

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- (c) One Pro Junc of BUTIBUM and Bde HQ Rd.
- (d) One Pro Bde Tpt Area.
- (e) One Pro Visitors Car Park.

2. PAVILION

4 Pro to be posted at pavilion around official enclosure.

3. TPT ASSEMBLY AREA

- (a) One Pro to receive and marshal transport in Bde HQ Tpt Assembly area.

4. BDE HQ

- (a) One Pro at Bde Sig Office to direct official guests after ceremony.
- (b) Two Pro at Offrs Mess 29 Aust Inf Bde Parking area.

5. OUTRIDERS

4 Pro as outriders for Comd 2 Aust Corps.

6. TIME OF REPORTING

All Pro will be in position by 1300 hrs.

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ADM INSTNS FOR VISIT OF COMD 2 AUST CORPS

6 Mar 44

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ADDRESS GIVEN BY COMD 2 AUST CORPS TO 29 AUST INF BDE  
AT LAE ON 8 MAR 44

Brig MONAGHAN, Offrs, WOs , NCOs and Men

1. I congratulate you on your smart and fine physical appearance and on your excellent man management as after 14 months in NEW GUINEA and a hard campaign your strength is very little less than when you first came to NEW GUINEA. This is a fine tribute to your standard of discipline and training and to each one of you individually. It is a record that is well worthy of your achievements in battle.
2. You have also played a most important part in pioneering the development of this base as well as the further development of MILNE BAY GOODENOUGH IS and BUNA. Your contribution amounts to 2,000,000 man hours of work.
3. After the BISMARCK Sea Air and Naval action you dealt with the survivors and captured the first Jap Army List - a matter of great importance and assistance to our Allies throughout the world. It was the biggest forward move in regard to our knowledge of the Japanese Army to that date.
4. In your final jungle training at MOUNT SPTS you trained hard and gave a glimpse of that toughness and initiative which brought about such good results at TAMBU BAY. In six weeks fighting you drew the best of the enemy troops out of LAE, you fought for 6 weeks over most difficult country, you all swam the flooded FRANCISCO RIVER, captured SALAMAUA thence continued to LAE. Not only did you defeat the enemy in front of you, but you provided the screen which enabled the 9 Div to effect a big surprise landing ending in the complete defeat of the enemy in LAE and the MARKHAM VALLEY thus providing us with strategic airfields enabling the Air Corps to continue its successful offensive. For this campaign 14 awards were made for specific acts of gallantry. These awards are a tribute to the individuals but more so to each one of you who fought with them and enabled them to perform such acts.
5. Let us remember our American Comrades who fought with us, the mighty power of their Air Force and Navy and let us see that the bonds forged on the field of battle continue in the years to come to safeguard the peace of the Pacific.
6. On a parade like this it is fitting we should remember our fallen comrades, be enriched by their example and be determined to complete the task for which they laid down their lives.
7. For your record I congratulate you and for your service I thank you and wish each one of you good luck

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29 AUST INF BDE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 1/44

AMENDMENT NO. 2

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS TO THE MAINLAND

Para 7. LISTS OF DEFICIENCIES

(b) Clothing: add Jackets SD, Trousers SD, Greatcoats.

Add:

Para (c) Submit lists of quadruplicate of final deficiencies in controlled stores.

Para 9 MARKING OF STORES

Delete and insert:

Unit stores and equipment for embarkation will be marked with War Office Serial Number and colour bars vide SO for Movt within Australia, Sec 15.

Para 11 AMMUNITION

Delete and add:

First line Ball Amh for Small Arms only will be carried in bulk and will be readily available for use on board ship. On no account will individual issues of ammunition or explosives be made.

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Signed 1309304 hrs

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LAE BASE SUB AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.4

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA  
12 Mar 44

29 Aust Inf Bde

INFM

1. It is considered that sufficient warning of the approach of enemy airborne troops attempting a landing at NADZAB, would be obtained to enable an effective force to be transported to NADZAB in sufficient time to counter any enemy attack.
2. 2 Aust Corps has approved of the withdrawal of the detachment of 29 Aust Inf Bde now at NADZAB

INTENTION

3. To recall detachment of 29 Aust Inf Bde from NADZAB

METHOD

4. 29 Aust Inf Bde will recall the detachment from NADZAB
5. Acknowledge
6. Issued by SAFE HAND

Signed at 1620 hrs

Sgd H.D. FERFUSON Major  
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Subject: COY DRILL COMPETITION

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)  
9 Mar 44

1. A competition to decide the best coy in the Brigade will be held on the Bde Recreation Area, commencing at 0900 hrs on 17 Mar 44.
2. The conditions of this competition will be as follows:
  - (a) Only one coy nomination will be submitted by each Bn.
  - (b) The coy will be composed of pls of 11 files each and will be complete with full complement of officers and serrefiles. At least 60% of the tps on parade will be drawn from one Coy.
  - (c) All incidental music will be drawn from within each Bn's own resources.
  - (d) The Judge will be an officer NOT below the rank of Lt-Col, and will NOT be a member of 29 Aust Inf Bde.
  - (e) Dress will be as for the inspection of the Bde by the Corps Commander.
  - (f) Coys will parade in the following order:

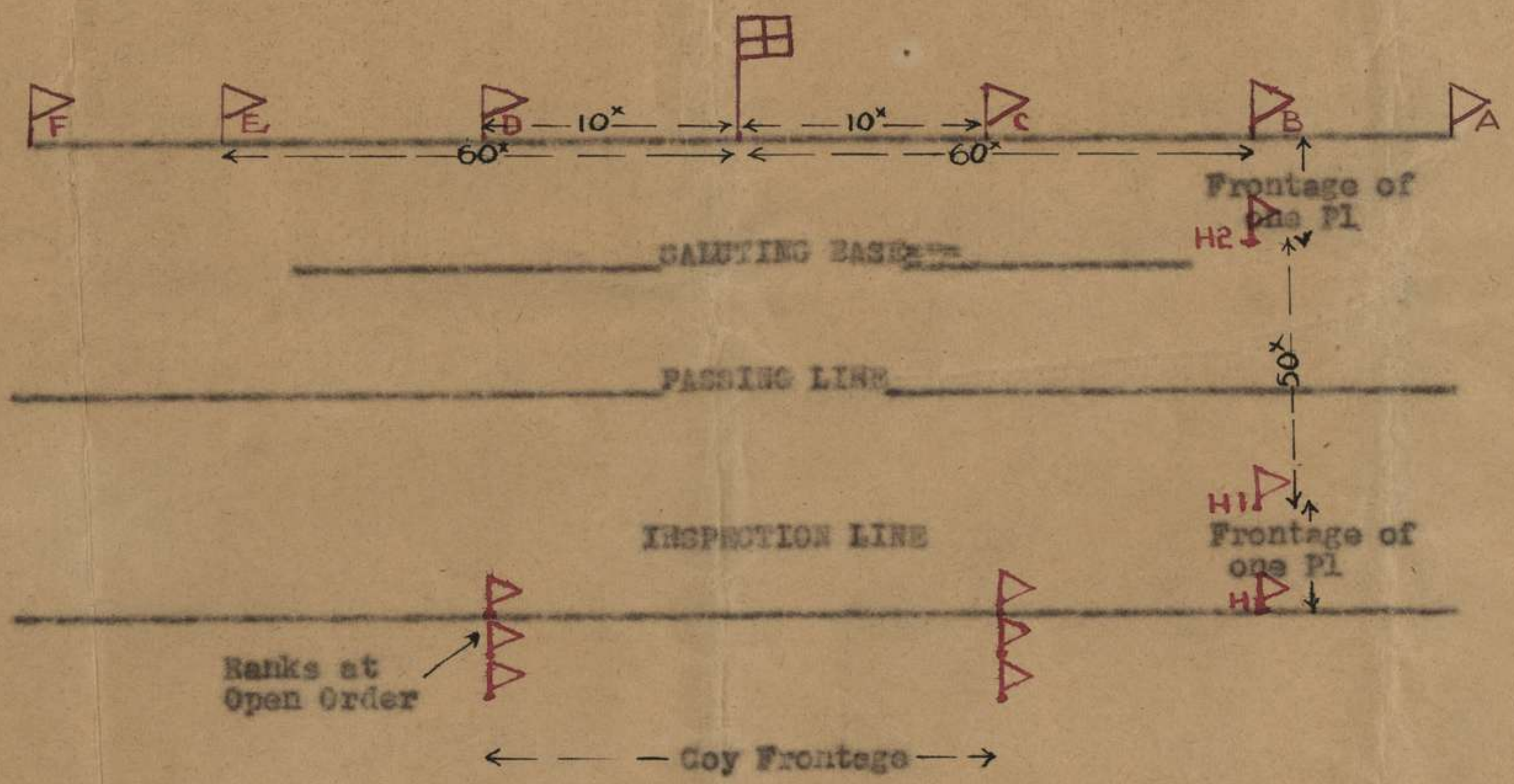
Bde HQ	March on to parade ground at 0900 hrs
15 Bn)	March on in succession
42 Bn)	as previous coy leaves
47 Bn)	Bde Recreation Ground.
  - (g) The procedure for the parade will be as detailed in Appx A and B
  - (h) The man management aspect of the coy will be investigated by the inspecting officer.
  - (i) The coy selected as the best coy in the Brigade will give a demonstration on the Bde Recreation Ground at 1500 hrs 18 Mar.
  - (j) Two days complete stand down will be awarded to the winning coy.

Maj  
BN 29 Aust Inf Bde

PROCEDURE

1. Prior to arrival on parade the coy will be sized and told off by Pls.  
 "Tallest on the flanks, shortest in the centre. In three ranks, size"  
 After sizing the coy will be numbered from right to left and told off into pls, which will be numbered within the unit. The coy will be told off into pls by calling out the numbers of the left hand men. These men will then PROVE by raising the left hand forward, the fingers outstretched, until the forearm is horizontal.
2. The coy will then march on to the Inspection Line. Judging will commence from the moment the coy comes on to the Brigade Recreation Ground.
3. Ranks will be opened and dressed.
4. Arms will be sloped, the Inspecting Officer (Judge) will come on parade; arms will be presented, sloped and ordered.
5. The Inspecting Officer will then inspect the coy.
6. On the conclusion of the inspection the coy will march past.
7. "Close Order - March"  
 "Slope arms"  
 "Platoons at the halt- Right Form"  
 "Quick March" (Officers and guides will move to their posns i.e.  
     Coy Comd - 6 paces in front of centre of leading Pl  
     Coy 2 i/c - 4 paces in rear of rear pl  
     Pl Comds - 3 paces in front of centre of pls.  
     Guides - 1 Pl CSM  
             2 Pl Senior Sgt  
             3 Pl COMS  
 "Left Dress"
8. "The Company will March Past in quick time"  
 "By the left - quick - March"  
 "At point "H1"  
 "Change Direction - Left"  
 Each Pl comd will give "No - Platoon, Left Wheel" as the left of the Pl reaches point "H1"  
 The Coy will change direction left on the passing line at point "H2"  
 During the wheel guides will change over to the right of platoon.
9. "No - Platoon, Eyes Right" will be given by each Pl comd in sufficient time to ensure the salute being completed on reaching point "C", all, except the right guides of pls will turn their heads and eyes to the right. Coy comd will salute independently, Coy 2 i/c will salute with the rear platoon.  
 "No - Platoon, Eyes - Front"
10. "Coy - Halt" - when rear rank of rear pl reaches point "B"  
 "About turn"  
 Serrefiles will change their posns  
 "The Company will march past in slow time"  
 "By the left, Slow - March"  
 The same procedure as for the march past in quick time will be adopted.
- 10(a) At point "B"  
 "Halt - Coy Comd"  
 "By the right - Quick-March"
11. "Change Direction - Right"  
 Each Pl Comd will give "No - Platoon, Right Wheel" as the right of the pl reaches the point "H2". Guides will change over to the right of Pls.

12. "Change Direction Right"  
The same procedure will be repeated on the leading Pl reaching point "H"
13. "Coy - Halt" will be given as the right guide of the rear Pl reaches the former right flank of the Coy in line.
14. "Platoons - At the halt - Right Form"  
"Quick - March"  
Officers and guides return to their positions for a Coy in Line.
15. "Open Order - March"  
"Advance in Review Order"  
"By the Centre"  
"Quick March"  
The Coy will advance by the centre for 15 paces, automatically halting.
16. "Present Arms"  
"Slope Arms"  
"Order Arms"  
"Stand at - Ease"
17. Coy comd will then report to the Inspecting Officer.





29 AUST INF BDE

SPORTS - FRIDAY and SATURDAY 17/18 MAR 44

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10 Mar 44

INFORMATION

1. A Bde Sports Meeting will be held on the 29 Aust Inf Bde Recreation Ground on Friday and Saturday 17 and 18 Mar 44.

CONTROL

2. The meeting will be organised and controlled by the following committees :

(a) Executive Committee - Lt-Col C.W. Davidson - 42 Aust Inf Bn  
Major R. Gregory - 47 Aust Inf Bn  
Major A.E. Petrie - 15 Aust Inf Bn

Tasks :

To control and co-ordinate sub-committee tasks as decided by general committee.

(b) General Committee - Lt-Col C.W. Davidson -  
Major Petrie - 15 Aust Inf Bn  
Lieut Courtney - 42 Aust Inf Bn  
Lieut Shee - 47 Aust Inf Bn  
Lieut Birch - 29 Aust Inf Bde  
Lieut Tregear - 104 Aust Bde Wkshop  
Lieut Nicholls - 11 Aust Fd Coy  
Sgt Roynahan - 18 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
Cpl Taylor - 19 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
Cpl Owens - B Pl 154 Aust Gen  
Tpt Coy  
Cpl Siggs - 7 Aust Fd Amb  
Cpl Rasey - 104 Aust Bde Ord  
Fd Pk.

Tasks :

To prepare general plan of sports and allot tasks to sub committees

(c) Sub Committees : To consist of 1 Offr 1 NCO 1 OR.

Pedestrian events	11 Aust Fd Coy
Tug O War	7 Aust Fd Amb
Novelty events	ASC
Wood chop and shot putt	104 Aust Bde Wkshop
Ball games and relay events	42 Aust Inf Bn
Basket ball and jumps	15 Aust Inf Bn
Entertainment	47 Aust Inf Bn
Arts and Crafts	one representative each unit.

Tasks :

- (i) Thoroughly to advertise sports in their own unit.
- (ii) To collect unit nominations for presentation to general committee.
- (iii) To appoint judges, starters, stewards for their own events and to supervise the carrying out of those events.
- (iv) To obtain the necessary material and prepare courses for their events.
- (v) To draw up rules for running of their events.
- (vi) To allot contestants to heats.

Sub committees will draw on own units for necessary labour.

(d) Control on ground during events will be exercised by public address system, linked to vantage points by L/T.

PROGRAMME

3. Friday 17 Mar

Morning           Heats of sports  
                      Judging best coy in Bde.

Afternoon         Rep Cricket Match  
                      RAAF and 29 Aust Inf Bde  
                      Arts and Crafts exhibition

Saturday 18 Mar

Morning           Semi finals Sports

Afternoon         Finals Sports  
                      Exhibition by Bde champion Coy  
                      Unveiling of Memorial Plinth  
                      Presentation of Bde competition Shield  
                      Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Timed programme will be issued after receipt of nominations.

EVENTS

4. Bde Competition : A competition to determine champion sports unit of Bde will be held. Points will be allotted to placings in each event.  
A Bde Competition Shield will be presented to winning unit and will be held for further competition  
Running total of points will be displayed on score board.  
Units will be grouped and will supply teams as follows :

15 Aust Inf Bn		2 teams
42 Aust Inf Bn		2 teams
47 Aust Inf Bn		2 teams
29 Aust Inf Bde		1 team
7 Aust Fd Amb		1 team
11 Aust Fd Coy		1 team
104 Aust Bde Wkshop	) Grouped	1 team
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	) as Wkshops	
18 Aust Sup Depot Pl	) Grouped	
19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	) as	1 team
B Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	) ASC	

Arts and Crafts Exhibition - will be staged in shed at rear of pavilion.

Prizes will be awarded best entries.  
Machine made entries will NOT be eligible for competition but may be exhibited as "non-competitive".

Pedestrian Events

100 yards championship  
220 yards championship  
440 yards championship  
880 yards championship  
440 yards walk  
Ladies events if desired.

Jumps :

Broad jump running  
Long jump running  
High jump running  
Hop Step and Jump running.

Relay events

100 yds - 4 men per team  
220 yds - 4 men per team

Tug O War

8 men per team, best of 3 pulls, limited to  
1 minute duration.

Shot putt

16 lb shot.

Novelty events

Alarm race  
Sack race - 35 yards  
3 legged race - 75 yards

Wood Chop

Standing - 12 in logs  
Underhand - 12 in logs  
Axes to be supplied by contestants.

Basket Ball

Sub committee will determine periods of play and rules.

Ball games

Tunnel Ball - Teams of 10 - Rules to be determined  
Overhead Ball by sub committee.  
Captain Ball

NOMINATIONS

5. Nominations will be confined to members of 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp Unit representatives on general committee are responsible for collection of all own unit nominations and for delivery of these nominations to Lt-Col C.W. Davidson at HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn by 1800 hrs Tuesday 14 Mar 44.  
Nominations for each type of event i.e. Pedestrian, Relay events, Ball games, etc. will be on separate sheets of paper.

PRIZES

6. Prizes will be on the basis :

Heats	1st	value of	£1
	2nd	value of	10/-
Finals	1st	value of	£1
	2nd	value of	10/-
	3rd	value of	5/-

Prizes will be in the form of canteen goods.

DRESS

- 7. White shorts and singlets, unit colours on left breast.  
Spikes are barred.  
Sandshoes, or if unavailable, socks may be worn with tops rolled down to ankles.  
Unit Comds are requested to ensure that all contestants are turned out as above.

REFRESHMENTS

- 8. Light refreshments will be available on the ground.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

- 9. Vehicle park will be laid out. All traffic will be controlled by Provost Corps.  
NO ONE except officials and contestants will be allowed inside Sports arena bounded by white fence.  
Pavillion will be reserved for official guests.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 10. General committee and all sub committees will meet at STADIUM at 0900 hrs Wednesday 15 Mar 44.  
Sub committees will have prepared all materials necessary for laying out of areas.  
Heats and timings will be determined and areas allotted and prepared during Wednesday and Thursday.

(Sgd) C.W.DAVIDSON  
Lt-Col

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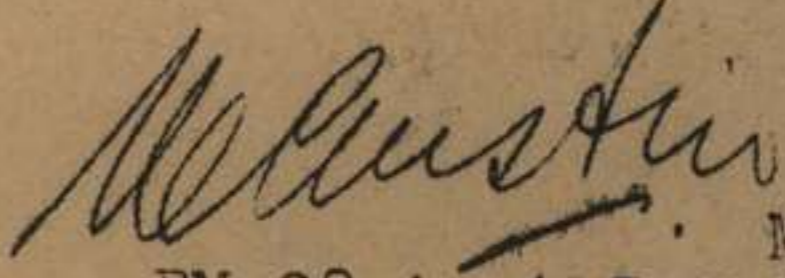
Subject: DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL PLINTH

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)  
13 Mar 44

1. The dedication of the MEMORIAL PLINTH to the fallen of 29 Aust Inf Bde will take place on the Bde RECREATION AREA at 1400 hrs 18 Mar.
2. The Memorial Plinth will be unveiled by Brig I.G. FULLARTON, MC, Comd LAE Base Sub Area.
3. In addition to the foregoing the afternoon will see the completion of the finals of the two day Sports Meeting being held on 17-18 Mar 44.
4. (a) A full attendance of units is requested at this ceremony and personnel travelling by MT will debuss at the junction of BUTIBUM - BDE Access Rd and will move to the Basket Ball Court Area.  
(b) Accomodation for visitors is available in the PAVILION. Reservations can be made by communicating with the Staff Captain 29 Aust Inf Bde up to NOON Saturday.  
(c) It is requested that all visitors be in position by 1345 hrs.
5. Guard of Honour will be provided by Company judged the champion Coy of the Bde.
6. Appended is procedure which will be followed at the Ceremony:
  - 1345 hrs - All visitors in position
  - 1350 hrs - Guard of Honour on parade as shown on attached sketch.
  - 1355 hrs - Brig I.G. FULLARTON arrives on parade.  
Guard pays compliment to Brig FULLARTON
  - 1400 hrs - Speech by Brig FULLARTON
  - 1406 hrs - Plinth unveiled.
  - 1406 hrs - Dedication by Padre EYERS, 42 Aust Inf Bn
  - 1409 hrs - Present Arms by Guard of Honour  
Bugler sounds Last Post  
Two Minutes Silence  
Bugler sounds Reveille
  - 1415 hrs - Slope Arms
  - 1416 hrs - Brig FULLARTON leaves  
Present Arms by Guard
  - 1417 hrs - Coy moves off to give demonstration
7. 42 Aust Inf Bn will provide the Bugler for the Ceremony.
8. Rehearsal of Guard of Honour will be at 1400 hrs Friday 17 Mar.

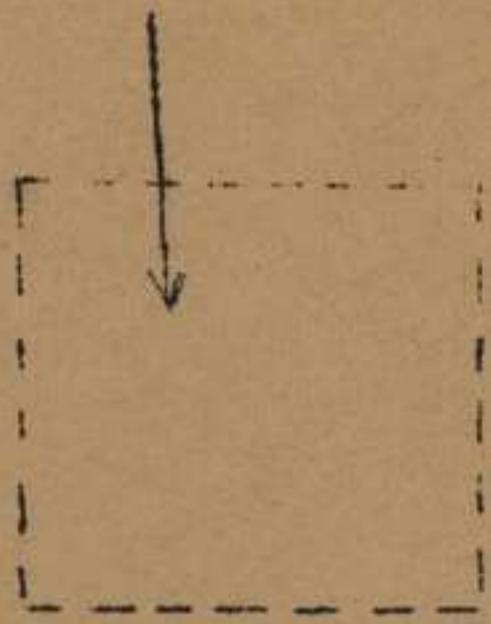
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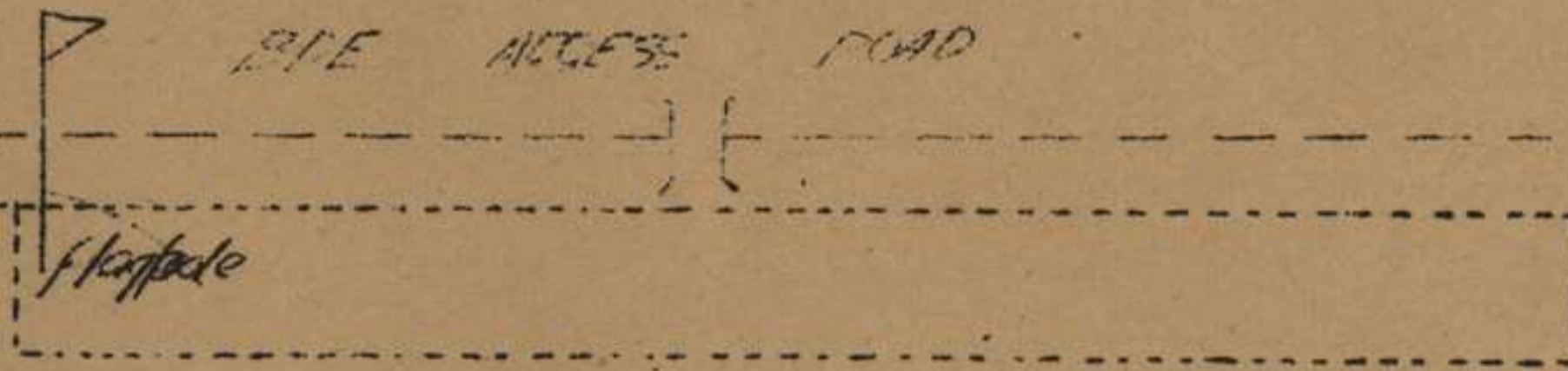
  
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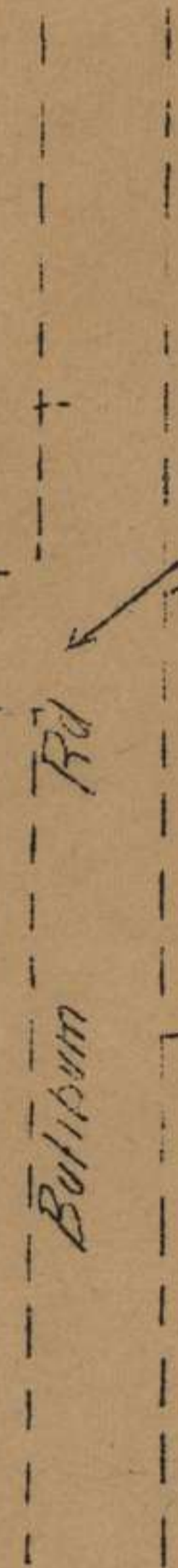


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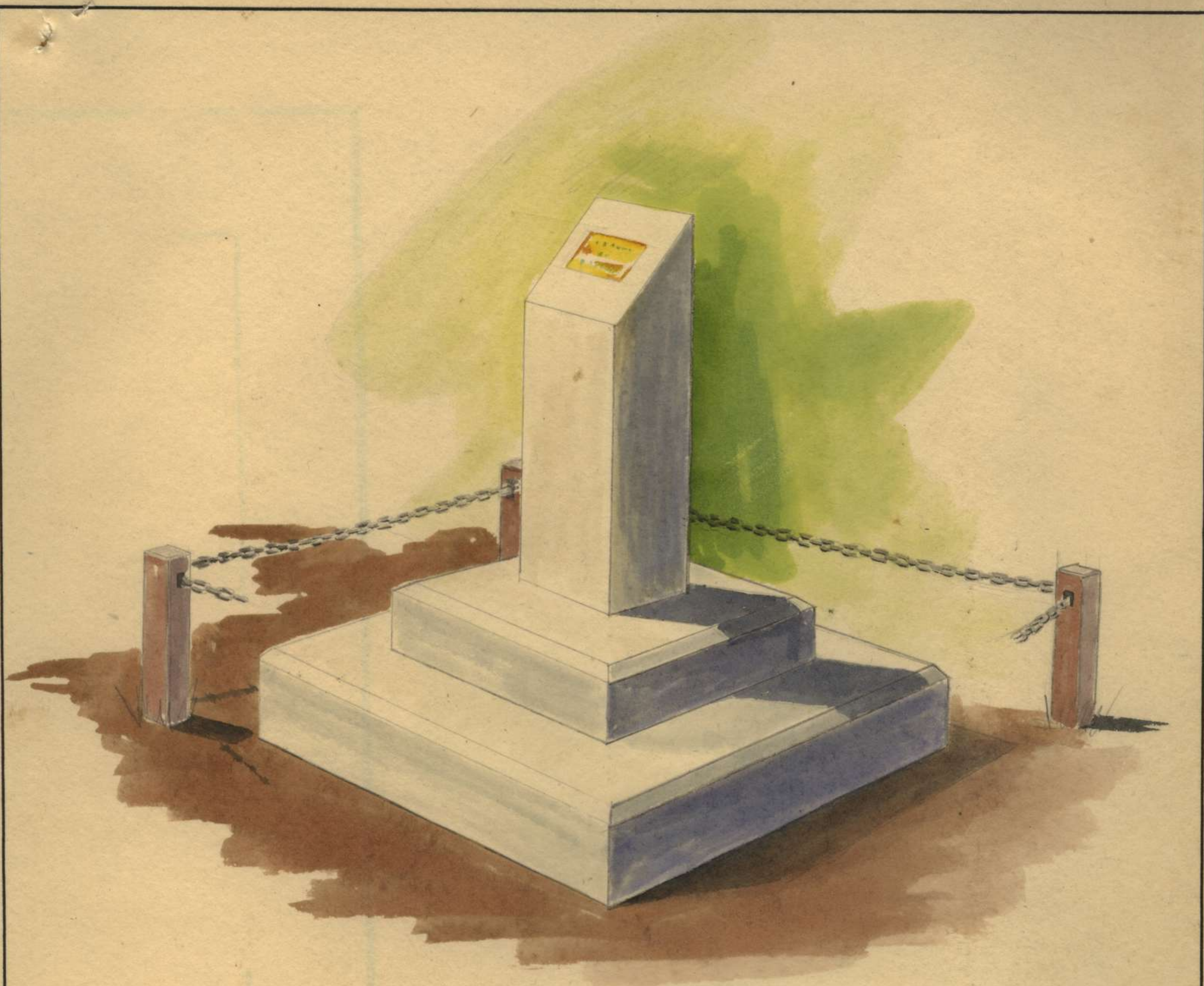
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GUARD OF HONOUR



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— **29 AUST. INF. BDE.** —

— **“THIS AREA WAS DEDICATED TO OUR LOST COMRADES.”** —

— **10 MAR. 44.** —

ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAY SAT MAR 25

1. Entries are invited in the following sections:-

Section A

- Item 1. Enlargement of map (for details see Appx "A")
2. Best recce report and sketch done under field conditions (for details see Appx "A")
3. Free hand drawing
  - (a) Best black and white sketch
  - (b) Best Military Propaganda Poster (Black & white or colour)
  - (c) Best colour sketch
4. Best heading for "Jungle News" (dimensions of heading  $8\frac{3}{4}$  by  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and suitable for transfer to wax sheet)
5. Best hand-writing (passage to be used - "Jungle News" 20 Mar all of para headed News Shorts)
6. Best typewritten letter. Subject - Application for seasonal leave from QX12345 Pte Smith J, 50 Aust Inf Bn. Letter to be submitted on quarto sheet.)

Section B

7. Metal work
  - (a) Best ash trays with or without plane attached)
  - (b) Best jewelry exhibit
  - (c) Miscellaneous
8. Best perspex exhibit

Section C

9. Best woodwork exhibit

Section D

10. Miscellaneous exhibit

Section E

11. Best hand made pugaree

Section F

12. (a) Best sponge cake
- (b) Best plate of six scones

2. Entries for all sections (excl Section F) close 1000 hrs Friday 24 Mar at Sports Pavilion. Entries for Sec F close 0900 hrs on Mar 25.
3. Unit representatives will collect and list (in duplicate) a record of all entries arranged under section headings.
4. If an exhibitor desires to sell his exhibit, he should attach a "For Sale" notice to the exhibit.
5. No, Rank, Name or unit of exhibitor must NOT be shown on any entry. These details should be shown on an attached card.

*J. J. ...* Lieut  
Arts & Crafts Sub-Committee





R E S T R I C T E D

29 AUST INF BDE ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Brig R.F. MONAGHAN, Commanding 29 Aust Inf Bde.

No. 10.

28 Mar 44

46. 1943 ARMY XMAS BOOK (Ref GRO G.78)

1. As the demand for the 1943 Army Xmas Book ("Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced, further orders will not be placed by members.
2. Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer
3. After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-charge Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been despatched.

(To be published in unit routine orders)

47. REVISED SYSTEM OF DRIVERS' ROUTINE MAINTENANCE FOR CARRIERS (ALL TYPES) AND "B" VEHICLES (Ref GRO F.79)

1. The system of Drivers' Routine Maintenance of carriers of all types and of "B" vehicles, prescribed by GRO G.70/1943 and by Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No.1 - "Drivers Routine Maintenance - 1942" has been revised but will remain in operation until 31 March 1944.
2. The revised system is set out in detail in DME Technical Instruction No.C19/22 of 25 Jan 44. The system will be adopted and put into operation on 31st March 44, in all respects except the use of new vehicle log books AAB 20A, AAB 20B and AAB 20 C, which will be put into use later.
3. The present vehicle log book AAB 20 will continue until replaced by new log books.
4. On and after 31 Mar 44 and until new log books come into use, weekly maintenance and all group maintenance will be recorded and certified as completed on a temporary "Record of Drivers Routine Maintenance" to be issued loose and used in conjunction with AAB 20 as under :

For carriers (all types)	Insertion "A" to AAB 20
For "B" vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Insertion "B" to AAB 20
For motor cycles	Insertion "C" to AAB 20

The temporary forms are identical with pages being provided in the new log books for the same purpose.
5. All completed weekly and group maintenance will be recorded on the appropriate "Record of Drivers Routine Maintenance" as set out in the instruction, Appendices "B" and "C".
6. Units will forthwith obtain through normal channels the appropriate temporary forms on a scale of five per vehicle.
7. Before use, the heading of Insertion "B" to AAB 20 will be amended by deleting "incl" and inserting "excl".

8. As soon as possible, units will commence the training of all personnel concerned with the operation or maintenance of carriers or "B" vehicles (including all spare drivers) in the operation of the revised system and the correct use of the appropriate form. For this purpose, two temporary forms of the appropriate type per vehicle may be used - one by drivers and one by the NCO immediately in charge of or responsible for the vehicle.

9. On or shortly before 31 Mar 44 units will issue from their holding fresh forms of the appropriate type as under :

To drivers - one per vehicle

To NCOs immediately responsible - one for each vehicle, under their charge according to type.

10. One form of the appropriate type per vehicle will be retained as a reserve against wastage and urgent replacement requirements.

11. Drivers will keep the appropriate "Record of Drivers Routine Maintenance" of the appropriate type for every such vehicle and will make therein all entries prescribed by the instruction.

12. NCOs immediately in charge of or responsible for vehicles will keep safely one "Record of Drivers Routine Maintenance" of the appropriate type for every such vehicle and will make therein all entries prescribed by the instruction and carry out all prescribed inspections

48. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS (Ref GRO Q.83)

1. Where the driver of an army vehicle is concerned in an accident he will forthwith report particulars of the accident to his unit by the most expeditious means available. This report will be made in all cases, irrespective of the amount of damage either to the army vehicle or to the other vehicle, persons or property concerned in the accident.

2. The accident, if it involves damage however slight to any civilian vehicle, person or property, will be reported to a member of the police force or if no member of the police force is at the scene of the accident, to the nearest police station.

3. The report of the accident to the civil police will be in accordance with the following pro forma :

1. Army No, rank, name and unit of driver concerned.

2. Number of army vehicle concerned.

3. Date of accident

4. Time of accident -

5. Place of accident, stating street or other suitable landmark.

6. Nature of accident e.g. collision running down pedestrian etc.

7. Name and addresses if known of any other person and the registered numbers of any other vehicles involved in the accident.

8. Names of any witnesses of the accident (including military personnel)

4. The driver or other members of the forces concerned in or witnesses to the accident will not give any information other than as particularised above to the police or any other persons or sign any statement unless the law of the state in which the accident occurred requires it. Drivers will make themselves familiar with and comply with the law of the state in which they are stationed, insofar as it relates to the notification of accidents and the giving of information concerning them.

49. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - USE OF GEARS AS BRAKES (GRO O.89)

1. The practice of approaching at high speeds and then changing down to a lower gear, while still at a comparatively high speed, in order to obtain the necessary deceleration when slowing down for any purpose, e.g. stopping, entering gateways, negotiating corners etc is still prevalent.

This practice, which is forbidden, produces excessive engine speeds, causes unnecessary strain on the vehicle transmission system, and is a contributing factor to rapid tyre wear.

(To be published in unit Routine Orders.)

50. ADVANCES OR OVERDRAWALS OF PAY (Ref GRO F.101)

1. A unit paying officer or pay representative will not make any payment that will cause the overdrawing of a members paybook except as set out hereunder :

- (a) A member whose paybook is overdrawn may be paid within the limit of the restricted drawing rate which has been endorsed in the pay book by a member of the AAPC.
- (b) A formation paymaster or a depot paymaster may overpay a member to the extent of 75% of any estimated claim for travelling allowance on the written authority of the members CO, and such overpayment will be adjusted by the member on payment of his claim for travelling allowance.
- (c) A member proceeding on leave of more than 72 hours may be paid in advance against his credit earnings calculated to the date of expiration of such leave.
- (d) A member may be paid in advance in special circumstances (for example prior to embarkation or upon disembarkation) where such payment is authorised by instructions issued by LHQ. In exceptional circumstances an advance against the security of deferred pay may be made where the necessary approval has been obtained in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief Finance Officer.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.)

51. INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITED IN KIT STORES (NGFO.Q.47)

1. A serious fire occurred recently at an Aust Kit Store resulting in the total destruction of many thousands of kit bags and the partial loss of the contents of many others.

2. During the fire, violent explosions occurred which indicated that ammunition had been deposited in kits. These explosions interfered with firefighting and added to the spread of the conflagration.

3. Attention is directed to para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42 which reads :

"No inflamables, explosives or loot of any description will be deposited in any kit store. and

The destruction which has been caused/possibly originated by disregard of the GRO will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or OR who contravenes para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders.)

52. APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING IN THE ARMY (Ref GRO F.102)

1. Reports from the Director of Rationing indicates that his Deputy Directors in the various States are still receiving applications for clothing coupons direct from individual members of the AMF. Such applications are contrary to GRO F.422/43 and will cease. Personnel placed in circumstances of extreme necessity will follow the procedure laid down in that order.

(To be repeated in unit Routine Orders.)

53. TAKING OF ATEBRIN BY TROOPS ON MAINLAND EX NEW GUINEA (Ref Corps RO 51)

1. Several deaths from malaria have occurred in SOUTH AUSTRALIA and VICTORIA amongst troops from NEW GUINEA due to the failure to continue the taking of suppressive atebtrin as required by GRO A.404/43 para 7(c)(1).

2. Commanding Officers will again take steps to ensure that the provisions and purpose of this GRO and dangers of non-compliance with it are fully understood by troops under their command.

3. Troops proceeding on leave from NEW GUINEA will be issued, prior to embarkation and under unit arrangements, with 24 tablets of atabrin and will take one tablet daily during their absence from the island.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.)

54. JAPANESE BANGALORE TORPEDO (Ref 2 Aust Corps RO 50.)

1. A Japanese Bangalore Torpedo is an item of enemy equipment used for demolition purposes and may be recognised from the following description:

" Approximately 1½" diameter metal pipes, four feet in length with metal screw in one end and metal screw cap on the other."

2. Bangalore Torpedoes and demolition charges of other natures are frequently discovered in captured dumps.

3. Instances have recently occurred of serious accidents resulting as a result of unqualified personnel tampering with this equipment.

4. All ranks will be informed of the danger of the removal of articles of Japanese equipment from captured dumps by other than authorised personnel.

5. Disciplinary action will be taken against unauthorised personnel removing equipment from these dumps.

55. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE ( Ref 2 Aust Corps RO 44)

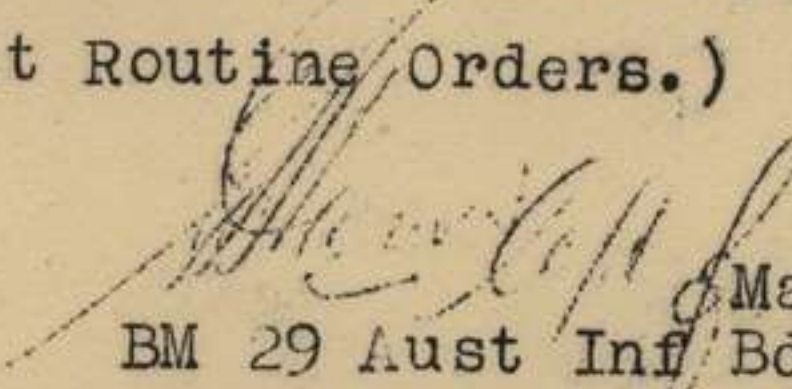
1. Instances have occurred of units continuing to dispose of kitchen refuse and waste matter, both wet and dry by burying or disposal into covered pits.

2. This practice, particularly in a congested Base Area, is dangerous to health, and will cease forthwith.

3. All kitchen refuse will be incinerated and tins buried in accordance with NCF Adm Instn No. 144 of 10 Jan 44.

4. Directions for the construction of suitable incinerators may be obtained from Medical Services, Hygiene Officers or Unit Hygiene NCOs.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.)

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BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy  
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
312 Aust LAD  
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29 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT  
2359 hrs 14 MAR 44

Ref Maps : All maps ref LAE 1/25000 except :  
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## PART I

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4		42 Aust Inf Bn	687425	
5		47 Aust Inf Bn	676431	
6		15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	680433	
<u>PART II UNITS UNDER COMMAND 29 AUST INF BDE</u>				
7	RAE	11 Aust Fd Coy	707410	
8	AASC	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl	685424	
9		19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	703403	
10		B Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	721415	
11	Medical	7 Aust Fd Amb	686423	
11(a)		MSP 7 Aust Fd Amb	702406	
11(b)		Air Evac Post	-	
		7 Aust Fd Amb	687389	
12	AEME	104 Aust Bde Wkshop	713424	
13		312 Aust LAD	681432	
14	Ord	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	714424	
15	Pro	3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy less dets and rear party	682442	det N 424547 det 1 Aust Beach Gr AUST rear party PORT MORESBY
16	Misc	3 Aust Div Salvage Unit	701403	

29 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT  
as at 2359 hrs 31 Mar 44

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16(a)		Det 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	N424547	
16(b)		Det 3 " " " "	L642380	Att WAU Construction
16(c)		Det 3 " " " "	698407	Att 3 Aust Div Pro Coy
16(d)		Rear Party 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	MORESBY	

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 31  
(From information received to 1000 hrs 1 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV  
8 AUST INF BDE

On 29 Feb the fwd bn less two pls B Coy returned to KELANOA, and the two pls B Coy were located at WEBER POINT.

A Coy PIB moved to GALI 2 less one sec en route from WANDILUK to GALI 2.

On 28 Feb a PIB patrol to NOKOPO killed 3 en route and 10 in the village.

7 AUST DIV  
27 Feb

Patrolling was continued on both Bde fronts. One tp Cav (Commando) Sqn less one section moved from FAITA (approx 25 miles WNW of KESAWAI) to ISARIBA.

CAPE GLOUCESTER  
26 Feb

Forward elements of the Marines moving East along the coast reached IBOKI PLANTATION without contact with the enemy.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 140)

ARAWA  
26 Feb

Allied tps have launched an attack to clear the enemy from the LUPIN strip area to SIGUL R. Another force, moving East along the MIELELEK - DIDMOP track encountered a small enemy position near MIELELEK. They destroyed an MG post and killed 3 enemy.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 140)

2. SEA - OWN  
Night 26/27 Feb

Our PTboats on patrol from CAPE IRIS to MADANG destroyed one Type A barge, painted green, on the beach at YALAU (5 miles West of MINDIRI). Other patrols did not contact the enemy. No shore fire was encountered.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 140)

3. AIR - OWN  
27 Feb  
ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Thirty-one Mitchells accurately bombed and strafed LORENGAU (MANUS IS) and targets on LOS NEGROS ISLAND. Many buildings and a jetty at SALAMAI were destroyed and fires started in both target areas.

NEW GUINEA

BORAM - Fifteen Liberators bombed dump areas at BORAM. Bombing was reported as accurate, causing explosions and fires: smoke from one very large fuel fire rose to 2000 ft. Forty-five tons of bombs were dropped on the target area. AA encountered was heavy and accurate, five of our aircraft being holed.

One Liberator of this force bombed MADANG with unobserved results.

Two Airocobras on recce from HERWARTH PT to DOVE POINT strafed and hit one uncamouflaged barge on beach at SURUMARANG. Two further barges at CAPE JUNO were strafed and left burning.

NEW BRITAIN

Two Airocobras on recce strafed three shacks and one yellow tent at MONTAGU Harbour.

A further two Airocobras on recce RUDIGER PT to CAPE HOSKINS strafed and hit one enemy aircraft on HOSKINS strip. A 60 ft schooner was strafed and damaged offshore at MATAVULU PLANTATION and was observed listing heavily when our planes left the area. In a further attack a large two-cabin launch was left burning about one mile NE of DECEPTION POINT.

Two Thunderbolts on a fighter sweep to CAPE HOSKINS intercepted and destroyed one enemy aircraft without loss.

DELAYED REPORTS

25 Feb - Two Beaufighters on barge sweep UBILI - CAPE HOLLMAN destroyed two barges in TAUWALI BAY.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 140)

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BM 29 Aust Inf Bde



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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 32

(From information received to 1000 hrs 3 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

8 Aust Inf Bde is now complete in the KELANOA area. A Coy PIB less two secs are located at WEBER POINT and two secs are on a coastal patrol from WEBER POINT to ROINJE EAST.

7 AUST DIV

On 28 Feb a patrol contacted enemy in strength at SAIPA.2. No further details have been received.

One tp of another Cav (Commando) Sqdn moved to DUMPU from the BENA BENA plateau and came under comd 18 Bde.

SAIDOR (Ref maps SAIDOR and POMMERN BAY one inch)

28 Feb

Activity has been limited to patrolling. A patrol in the MAIBANG (361777) area killed three Japs on tracks to the South and another Jap near DAMOIN (360803). A patrol to the vicinity of an unnamed village at 511734 killed two Japs and found evidence indicating that 4/8 Japs had bivouaced there on the previous night.

Natives report that the last group of enemy tps moved from ASANG (315783) to SINGOR on 23 Feb. From the same source it is reported that there are 28 enemy dead on the track between MAIBANG and SIRIENG (337788).

One coy moved to the vicinity of YAMAI 9443839 and another coy to SINGOR without contacting the enemy.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.142)

CAPE GLOUCESTER

A force of US Marines established a perimeter around IBOKI PLANTATION 27 Feb. Activity has been limited to patrolling of tracks in the vicinity.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.142)

ARAWA

27 Feb

The force advancing along the coast reached SIGUL RIVER without meeting any opposition. The second force moving from MIELELEK towards DIDMOP encountered approx 50 Japs in prepared positions three miles East of MIELELEK. Five enemy were killed and three wounded.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.141)

29 Feb

Patrols South of PULIE R mouth and three miles West of MIO reported no movement seen. It is reported that 100 Japs withdrew from a point 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles NW of MIO towards DIDMOP.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.142)

2. SEA - OWN

Night 28/29 Feb

There were no contacts during the night. A very powerful searchlight was observed on ENALI POINT (East of BOGADJIM)

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.142)

3. AIR - OWN

28 Feb

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Six Mitchells bombed and strafed installations on LOS NEGROS Island, causing two small fires and damaging houses.

Six Liberators bombed the village, dumps, and jetty at MOMOTE. Twelve tons of bombs were dropped, causing a large fuel fire.

ATTACK ON SHIPPING

One Liberator on recce sighted three unidentified MV off HOLLANDIA. Two tons of bombs were dropped without apparent damage being caused.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.141)

29 Feb

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

In support of ground troops six Liberators and three Mitchells bombed the airstrip at MOMOTE dropping 20 tons of bombs and causing one large fuel fire. A further 18 Mitchells bombed neighbouring villages.

NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA - Fifteen Liberators bombed the airstrips at HOLLANDIA but only bomb bursts and burning incendiaries were observed.

HANSA BAY - Nine Liberators bombed the strip and AA posns at AWAR. Bombs were seen to fall across the target causing one fire. A further three Liberators dropped bombs on AWAR PLANTATION.

NUBIA - Bombs were dropped amongst the dispersal bays by six Liberators with unobserved results.

ALEXISHAFEN - Nine Bostons reported excellent bombing and straffing of targets in the vicinity of the strip and smoke was seen rising from the target area.

MADANG - Thirty-five Vultee Vengeances dive-bombed targets in the MADANG area. Twelve attacked a bivouac area near the township, eleven bombed targets at the mouth of the WAGOL RIVER and the remaining twelve aircraft attacked targets at the head waters of the WAGOL RIVER.

ERIMA - Twelve Bostons bombed and straffed the jetty and installations. Bombing was reported as excellent; vehicles were destroyed and a number of fires started.

SIGHTINGS

One Liberator on armed recce sighted a convoy of 4/5 vessels at position 02.35 South 141.25 East. Two direct hits were obtained on one merchant vessel, followed by five large explosions. The vessel is claimed sunk.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.142)

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 33  
(From information received to 1000 hrs 4 Mar 44)

1. OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

A Coy PIB moved from WEBER POINT to KELANOA less one pl which is en route ROINJE 2 to WASU.

A PIB patrol from NOKOPO to KWEMBOG (ref map SINGORKAI one inch) not previously reported since 27 Feb, killed 12 Japs and found 100 dead.

On 29 Feb natives brought in 6 PW to a signal line party at WASU.

SAIDOR (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile, SAIDOR, POMMERN BAY, NANKINA)

Enemy movement through TARIKNGAN has practically ceased. Eight parties varying from 5 to 25 passed through in the last 5 days of Feb, and 6/7 Japs are reported to be living in the village. Natives state that small enemy parties have been using trails further inland, and state that Jap tps and natives at GWARAWON (520654) have been fighting. Three natives who moved between GWARAWON and ALEXISHAFEN estimate that there are 200/300 enemy at MINDIRI, 50 at MARAKUM and 5 at BIBI, and small enemy parties at YALAU Pln and East of GOWAR R. mouth. The enemy at MINDIRI are stated to be in good condition. Sick and wounded are moving west from MINDIRI. The natives were taken by barge from GOWAR R mouth (which appeared to be a barge staging point) to MADANG.

Further native reports indicate that the enemy evacuated DAMOIN, SIRIENG MAPULIN (13 miles west of SAIDOR), MAISBANG. Reite and ASANG prior to the morning of 27 Feb. South of SINGOR a patrol reports that there are 50 enemy in the villages of SEREMORE, SANGUPIN and KORAMORE.

On 28 Feb one Jap (from 51 Engr Regt) was killed near AIYUA (400740) and another was killed near GABUMI (374777) on 29 Feb. On the same day a patrol to YAGANON R found 13 dead between SINGOR (335853) and DEIN (217899). Five Japs were killed near DEIN and one near BANG (271873). There are also many enemy dead near bivouac huts along the coastal track in this vicinity.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.143)

ARAWA (Ref map 4 miles to 1 inch WESTERN NEW BRITAIN)

On 28 Feb allied tps made a landing 3 miles east of PULIE R mouth and commenced to move west towards PULIE R. They met no opposition, and enemy positions appeared to have been evacuated 2 to 4 hrs earlier.

On 29 Feb another patrol moving along the coast east across the PULIE R reported the area for 800 yds east clear of enemy. Captured documents show that there were approx 300 enemy in this area On 24 Feb.

A Patrol is moving inland to REIN BAY and its advanced elements reached SUBDIDI.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report "0143)

ADMIRALTIES

1 Mar

At 0400 hrs the enemy launched a counter attack against our forces near MOMOTE airstrip. The attack was repulsed and 66 enemy were killed: our casualties were light. Two 20mm and one 40mm guns were destroyed and much eqpt and foodstuffs found. The enemy is believed to be withdrawing to the west and north. Two enemy units with a total strength of 297 have been identified.

Interpretation of photographs taken on 27 Feb reveal one and possibly two type tanks near LORENGAU township.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.143)

2. AIR - OWN

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Seventeen Liberators and twenty-four Mitchells accurately bombed and strafed targets at LORENGAU and in the immediate vicinity. Eighty tons of bombs were dropped but results generally were unobserved. The township shows recent use by vehicles.

NEW GUINEA

Two Airocabras on recce between KABENAU R and MADANG strafed and hit a 50 ft barge. One of our aircraft was shot down by intense AA encountered in vicinity of NAGADA. A further two Airocabras strafed three barges south of ULULAN MISSION plantation (north of ALEXISHAFEN); hits were observed and all barges were rendered unserviceable.

NEW BRITAIN- Two Airocabras strafed and left smoking three barges in vicinity of CAPE HOSKINS.

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(From information received to 1000 hrs 8 Mar)

OPERATIONSLAND - OWN and ENEMYSAIDOR (Ref Map SAIDOR 1")

1 Mar. At 1900 hrs 1 Mar an enemy party attempted to enter SIRIENG Mission (337788) but were repulsed by one of our patrols; rifles, grenades and documents were captured. Our patrols reached ASANG(315783) on 1 Mar.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 145)

ARAWA (Ref Map 4 miles to 1 inch WESTERN NEW BRITAIN)

2-3 Mar. Patrols to DIDMOP and TIKAN (XN4837) report no movement seen. Active patrolling continues in the ITNI - ADI R. sector.

Reliable information indicates all Japs East of AMGORING (24 mls East LUPIN) have been ordered to GASMATA and all Japs West of AMGORING have been ordered to the North coast going NE to reach TALASEA then RABAUL.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 145&amp;146)

CAPE GLOUCESTER

3 Mar. A patrol moved to ILOLI R (2 mls SE of IBOKI) and thence 3 mls upstream. At that point they found a native who stated that, in 20 months he had not seen any Japs in the vicinity of the headwaters of the t river.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No 146)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

On night 2/3 Mar the enemy attacked our perimeter around MOMOTE airstrip but failed to penetrate through our lines. It was considered that the enemy in the area had been reinforced.

There was no enemy naval or air activity reported up to 1500L 3 Mar. The enemy strength in the MOKERANG area North of the MOMOTE strip is reported as one battalion. On 3 Mar our naval vessels bombarded 5 emplacements of 3-inch guns, located close to the shore line from the East tip HAUWEI Is westward for 600 yds, but none was destroyed. During the bombardment 2 ammunition dumps were hit and exploded. Enemy gun posns have also been located in MOKERANG Plantation at the NE end of LOS NEGROS Is, the Eastern tip of KORUNIAT Is, SE and NE tips of NDRILO Island and at BOWAT Mission (9 mls NNW LORENGAU airfield). On 1 Mar at noon, B24s observed 12 barges near a jetty at JENKAU (SW tip RAMBUTYO Is, SE of MOMOTE), and at KALOPA Is (34 mls SW MOMOTE) large circular buildings in good repair near shore with concentrations of tents in the trees nearby. The Japs attacked heavily all night 3/4 Mar but perimeter held.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 145 &amp; 146)

SEA - OWNNight 3/4 Mar

The PT boat patrol to HANSA BAY destroyed one type A and one special type large MLC on the beach at GARUM (just South of DOVE point). The barges were heading South empty. Later the same patrol entered OTTILIEN Passage (ALEXISHAFEN) and strafed the South headland of the Passage. They encountered only small arms fire from this point).

Another patrol was fired on heavily from BILI BILI. An unidentified aircraft with navigation lights on, searched without success for our boats off BOGADJIM for 50 minutes.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.146)

AIR - OWN3 Mar

ALEXISHAFEN. 17 Liberators, unable to reach primary target due to weather bombed ALEXISHAFEN, dropping 43 tons in the target area. Columns of white smoke were observed rising to 2000 ft.

Airacobras on recon strafed a vehicle and several dumps in ERIMA Plant.

4 Mar NEW GUINEA - WEWAK - 16 Liberators bombed BUT airfield causing some fires and explosions. RAMU VALLEY - Boomerangs led in a dive-bombing sqn of

A iracobras on to targets in the AIMAU area. Bombs covered the target areas. SAIDOR AREA - 34 Vultee Vengeances and two sqns of Bostons bombed and strafed enemy staging and personnel areas at MINDIRI and YALAU villages from minimum altitude.

ADMIRALTY IS. 6 Fortresses dropped supplies to the ground forces at MOMOTE.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 145&amp;146)

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 36  
(From information received to 1000 hrs 10 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN and ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

HQ 5 Aust Div moved from KELANOA to KILIGIA on 5 Mar.

SAIDOR

(Ref maps SAIDOR and POMMERN BAY one inch)

At 0735 hrs 5 Mar Allied infantry supported by air and light naval forces landed at YALAU Plantation (4 mls WNW of MINDIRI). A beachhead was secured by 1000 hrs and patrols were pushed out to the South and East towards DUMUN and MINDIRI. The patrol towards MINDIRI reached GANGLAU and killed 3 unarmed Japs en route.

The OP at MAMBIT estimated that more than 200 enemy remain along the inland trail GWARAWON - TARIKNGAN - YOGAYOGA - LANGANI. 75 Japs armed with 12 rifles passed through TARIKNGAN on 3 and 4 Mar.

On 6 Mar a patrol West from YALAU Plantation beachhead reached KUMISANGER on the West and another patrol reached YAGANON R on the East. A large amount of medical supplies was found in MINDIRI village. A patrol killed 5 Japs 8 miles SE HERWATH F int.

Another patrol, from SINGOR reached BIDUA (257786) and BASOR (237791) on 5 Mar. They found 2 Japs and killed 1: the other killed himself. The 2 Japs had several grenades and a bayonet each, but no rifles. Another patrol killed 1 Jap at SENG R Crossing near REITE.

At midnight 5/6 Mar a red flare was sighted near SANGUPIN (364748) and shortly afterwards an unidentified plane flew over that area. Camp fires were seen in the vicinity in early morning 6 Mar.

The MAMBIT OP reports that 143 Japs passed through TARIKNGAN between 1 - 6 Mar. They moved in a number of groups varying in size from 4 to 59. The group of 59 moved through the village on 6 Mar.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports 147 & 148)

7 AUST DIV

(Ref maps 1/25000 AMUSON, AMUBA, BOKU RIVER)

A patrol to KOKA encountered 2 Japs who fled towards MATALOI 2. A further patrol reports that the enemy is patrolling the saddle near area 5274.

5 Mar The leading elements of a patrol from 15 Bde moving towards the coast reached DDEBI (689733) near AMUSON, by 1745 hrs.

6 Mar Our arty fired 220 rounds on WARDS village (563712) and 560715.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

At 1000 hrs 6 Mar a force from the Marines incl medium tanks and amphibious tractors made a successful landing in the vicinity of VOLUPAI Plantation (central West coast WILLAMUZ Peninsula. Only slight opposition was encountered.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.148)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

During night 3/4 Mar the enemy launched a strong counter attack against our posns. The attack, which continued until 1100 hrs 4 Mar, is estimated to have been made by three Bns, several MG Coys and light arty and AA units. Reports have also been received that the enemy employed labor tps armed with picks. The attack was repulsed and 700 enemy killed. By 1300 hrs our forces had extended the perimeter to include the entire dispersal area.

On 4 Mar, our aircraft reported the enemy in strength near SALAMI Plantation. Destroyers shelled this area with unobserved results during the day.

At 1300 hrs 5 Mar the enemy was reported to be launching a co-ordinated attack from the South and SE of the strip, but our forces had the situation under control.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS (Cont'd)

Shortly before midday on 5 Mar the enemy attacked out perimeter at MOMOTE from the South and SW. The attack was held. In the afternoon our forces attacked North towards the native SKIDWAY and discovered a minefield South of the SKIDWAY. They also encountered Mortar, MG and rifle fire, but drove the enemy 500 yards North of the SKIDWAY. Enemy tankettes and light or medium tanks have been observed though not reported in action. On 4 Mar numerous coloured parachutes were observed in SALAMI plantation.

On 6 Mar our advance northwards continued, and at 1400 hrs our tps captured a landing beach in SEADLER Harbour on the West coast of SALAMI Plantation.

On the same day a force pushed NW from the MOMOTE Perimeter and occupied PORLAKA.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos.147 & 148)

2. SEA - OWN

Between 1600 and 1715 hrs 5 Mar naval forces bombarded SEADLER Harbour (ADMIRALTIES). Eight 8 inch, three hundred 6 inch and one hundred 5 inch shells were expended.

On night 4/5 Mar PT boats supported the landing at YALAU Plantation by strafing the shore. Some 75mm fire was encountered from the shore.

On night 5/6 Mar PT boats supported the landing on WILLAUMEZ Peninsula

3. AIR - OWN

5 Mar

NEW GUINEA

SAIDOR AREA - Vultee Vengeances and Bostons supported the landing at YALAU by bombing and strafing beachhead areas.

RAMU VALLEY - Boomerangs led in one squadron of dive bombing Airacobras against targets in the MABELUBU area. Three huts were destroyed and small fires started.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - Eighteen Liberators bombed and strafed enemy posns North of MOMOTE airstrip causing fires amongst personnel areas and dispersed MT.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA - Twenty-one Liberators bombed the three airstrips at HOLLANDIA with unobserved results.

NEW GUINEA - Twenty three Liberators accurately bombed dispersal areas at BUT airstrip causing large fires and destroying ten grounded enemy aircraft.

6 Mar

NEW GUINEA

SAIDOR AREA - Twenty four Vultee Vengeances dive bombed suspected enemy concentrations at MINDIRI village.

RAMU VALLEY - Eleven Airacobras successfully dive bombed enemy dumps at AIYAU causing some fires. Eight bombs fell in the target area.

ALEXISHAFEN - Eleven Liberators attacked ALEXISHAFEN township and runways using phosphorous bombs which started fires but prevented accurate observations.

NUBIA - Ten Liberators bombed an AA Battery at CONDOR PT. Direct hits were scored on searchlight posns: some AA posns were silenced and two large fires started.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - Seventeen Mitchells and nine Bostons in direct support of ground tps at MOMOTE bombed and strafed enemy posns in the SALAMI Plantation area from a minimum altitude. Bombing was reported as extremely accurate by ground personnel. The area was thoroughly strafed.

NEW BRITAIN - Seventeen Beauforts supporting the Allied landing on the WILLAUMEZ Peninsula attacked targets at TALASEA and Cape HOSKINS.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos. 147 & 148)

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7 AUST DIV

OPERATIONS

15 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 AMUSON)

On 7 Mar the patrol towards the coast, after experiencing creek and track difficulties, reached the 4500 feature in square 6881. A patrol from 694804 along the banks of the BABENAU RIVER to 699813 found a 12 foot track in fair condition but after a short distance it faded out.

18 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 AMUBA)

A Cav (Commando) tp is at 529670 with one sec at 537658.

SAIDOR (Ref map POMERN BAY one inch)

A patrol from YALAU Plantation killed 1 Jap at KULILA (130919) and 5 more at GANGLAU (150902), 3 of whom were in very bad condition.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.149)

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Ref map WESTERN NEW BRITAIN strat)

A patrol en route from IBOKI to ARAWE captured 1 Jap at TALIWAGA (XN5676) and the patrol from ARAWE reached IBOKI at 1430 hrs 6 Mar.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.149)

TALASEA (ref map WESTERN NEW BRITAIN strat)

Further details of the landing at VOLUPAI Plantation are now available. Only light opposition was encountered during the landing but later the enemy resistance stiffened and at 2210 hrs 6 Mar it was reported that the Allied forces were being held up by strong enemy resistance. On 7 Mar the Allied advance, however, continued and the Eastern shore of the Peninsula was reached at a point just SW of BITOKARA (XJ4416) by 1200 hrs. During the operations 1 Allied medium tank and 1 amphibious tractor were put out of action by magnetic mines.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.149)

ADMIRALTIES

During night 5/6 Mar light counter attacks were made by the enemy against Allied tps in HAYNE Harbour area but were repulsed. Heavy enemy mortar fire was encountered all night. Next morning the advance Northwards continued and a landing beach on the West coast of SALAMI Plantation was seized and secured by 1400 hrs 6 Mar. At 1915 hrs 6 Mar the enemy attempted a landing on SALAMI beach from barges but was repulsed, 1 barge being sunk by Allied arty fire and 5 Japs killed. During the day other Allied forces advancing West from MOMOTE strip, seized PORLAKA and consolidated there by occupying enemy prepared bunkers. On 7 Mar Allied tps made a successful landing at PAPITALAI Mission (approx 2 miles WSW of MOMOTE airstrip) and occupied PAPITALAI Point at 1130 hrs and PAPITALAI Mission at 1330 hrs.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.149)

SEA - OWN

On night 5/6 Mar Allied PT boats destroyed 2 luggers, 1 of 100 ft and 1 of 80 ft in ANGILA Bay (North of BOGIA). Both luggers were loaded with crates and some personnel and the personnel were seen abandoning the ships. Gunfire from the PT boats started a large fire on the Western shore of ANGILA Bay.

On 6 Mar Allied destroyers approaching the North entrance to SEEADLER Hbr drew fire at 850 yds from 2 probable 4 inch guns at the East end of HAUWEI Island. Both guns were well camouflaged but were destroyed by fire from the destroyers.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.149)

AIR - OWN - 7 Mar

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Eight Liberators bombed gun posns on HAUWEI Island causing some fires.

NEW GUINEA

SAIDOR - Eleven Bostons supported ground tps in the YALA U area, silencing an LMG posn and strafing target area. Further strikes were cancelled due to bad weather conditions.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.149)

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 38  
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OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

A PIB patrol from WEBER POINT to WASU returned KILIGIA on 11 Mar. The following enemy casualties are reported:- 2 Mar, found 2 dead at RUANGE. 6 Mar, captured 2 PW at WASU. 8 Mar, killed 3 at KIARI, 10 Mar, killed 6, found 1 dead KIARI area. All Japs armed with grenades, but in poor condition. Total enemy casualties 9 killed 2 PW 3 found dead.

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde was established at 596788 with one Bn at 583812 (Ref map FORTIFICATION POINT 1:25000).

SAIDOR (Ref Maps 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR and POMTERN BAY

Two enemy were killed in the vicinity of SINDAM and a patrol from YALAU Task Force killed 2 more who were armed with an LMG at Cape RIGNEY. Patrols to the SAMA SAGA - KUKUK area reported no contact with the enemy.

Extensive defensive posns capable of accommodating one Bn were found. These posns were apparently designed to close the track from the East: at the same time they covered the entire shore of POMTERN Bay. Patrols reported that there was no contact with or evidence of enemy evacuated on in the ASANG area.

8 Mar - A patrol inland through KUBUK (179861), DUMUN (106889) and SAGABAGA (988897) made no contact with the enemy. Another patrol occupied LABANI (429697). One straggler was killed between MAIBANG (361778) and ASANG (315783).

Patrols from the Allied force at YALAU advancing through BAU Plantation (9696) encountered slight opposition, but on mortar fire being brought down on the enemy they withdrew.

9-10 Mar - An Allied patrol has reported that SERIENG Mission (338288) is clear of enemy. One Jap was killed by the patrol. Other patrols reported that the MINDIRE-YAGANON R area is free of enemy. No opposition was encountered on 10 Mar in the BAU Plantation area, and it appears that the enemy withdrew during the previous night.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 150, 151, 152)

7 AUST DIV (ref maps 1:25000 AMUDA and AMUSON)

7 Mar - HQ of an Aust Mtn Bty was established at 532608 and one bty engaged an MG posn at 561712 and Kunai area at 560712 firing 504 rounds.

15 Aust Inf Bde

8 Mar - The standing patrol at CAMS SADDLE was withdrawn. The forward Bn was disposed as follows:- A Coy less two pls 594702. B Coy less 12 Pl plus sec LMG 634663; 12 Pl CANNINGS SADDLE, and D Coy at track junc 600684. No track was found by a patrol from the second Bn to the creek junc 648706 and the junc was not reached owing to the nature of the country.

9 Mar - Active patrolling continued during the day in the areas 720840, 670840, 670800.

18 Aust Inf Bde

8 Mar - The standing patrol at NIGGERS KNOLL was relieved by the forward Bn of 15 Bde. A patrol reports having found a recently abandoned enemy posn at 556714. Enemy were observed in prepared posns at MATALOI I by a patrol at OP at 469780. Another patrol reported MATALOI I to be occupied by approx one pl of the enemy, with small sentry pos on tracks to the NW and to the NE. A patrol from the Commando Sq reported an enemy posn estimated strength 2 pls, at 499766.

10 Mar - Active patrolling continued throughout the day in both bde sectors. A dropping ground has been prepared at 546681.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports 150, 151, 152)



### ARAWA

Natives reported the presence of 6 Japs at ARUNG Plantation. Subsequently the coastal track was reported clear. The natives further reported that these Japs had said that they would return to MOEWE Hbr. 8 Mar - An Allied patrol by boat along the coast to a point 20 miles East of MOEWE Hbr reported no sign of the enemy. A det is now being sent to MOEWE Hbr to establish a base there for patrolling Eastward. (2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 150, 151)

### TALASEA

8 Mar - An Allied Bn occupied BITOKARA and another Bn occupied LIAPO (XJ3918). Allied forces then attacked and captured WARU (XJ4314) at 1400 hrs, and later Allied patrols occupied the TALASEA aerodrome. One Allied Coy is now moving to TALASEA village.

9-10 Mar - On the morning of 9 Mar TALASEA was occupied by Allied tps and mopping up was proceeding in the WARU - TALASEA area. The enemy is now retreating towards NUMUNDO (15 mls SSE of TALASEA) along the coastal track. An Allied patrol to GARUA Is (2 mls East of TALASEA) saw no enemy. (2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 151 & 152)

### ADMIRALTIES

The known enemy dead on LOS NEGROS Is up to 7 Mar totalled 1231. It is also reported that many additional Japs were killed but have not been counted. Two PUNJABI soldiers deserted the Japs at PAPITALAI on 8 Mar.

At 1500 hrs an Allied force supported by naval gunfire, landed on LOMBRUM Point (WNW PAPITALAI Mission) in the face of small arms fire, and occupied LOMBRUM Plantation by 2000 hrs. A patrol along the South shore of MOKERANG Plantation (NW of SALAMI Plantation) saw no enemy.

7-9 Mar - Two officers and 69 OR of 51 Sikh (Indian) Regt have been captured and are being held as prisoners. These PW were suffering from starvation, malaria and dysentery. No information is available yet as to whether the Indians were fighting for the Japs or were being used as a labour gang. Presumably they were captured by the enemy in one of the earlier campaigns in SE ASIA.

MOKERANG Plantation has been reported as free of Japs and the road along the South shore of the Plantation is in good condition. The road from the Native SKIDWAY to SALAMI is now open to weapons carriers. Gasoline and aerial bomb dumps were found in LOMBRUM Plantation and two AA guns were captured in the vicinity of SALAMI Plantation. Up to 2100 hrs 8 Mar 1222 Japs had been buried and others killed during the afternoon of 8 Mar remained unburied.

Large Allied reinforcements were landed at SALAMI Plantation at 1000 hrs on 9 Mar. (2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 150, 151, 152.)

## 2. SEA - OWN

Our small surface craft drew 3in gun fire from the vicinity of BILIBILI on the RAI coast

7/8 Mar - Allied PT boats sank by gunfire a small merchant vessel (approx 175 ft in length) 1 mile NE of the East entrance to LINDENHAFFEN Hbr. The vessel was on a SE course and did not return the fire of the Allied boats but HMG fire was encountered from the shore. The PT boats fired 4 torpedoes which either missed the target or failed to explode.

Allied PT boats operating along the NEW GUINEA coast were fired on by heavy calibre guns from Cape JUNO and Cape CROISILLES.

### NEW BRITAIN

On night 8/9 Mar Allied PT boats sank three Type A barges loaded with personnel and severely damaged a fourth 3 mls off Cape HOLLMAN. Only rifle fire was returned by the barges. An Allied LCM carrying a light tank contacted an enemy barge carrying 75 Japs concealed near Cape HOLLMAN, and the barge was destroyed by 37 mm fire from the tank. The enemy tps were machine gunned but quickly abandoned the barge and escaped on shore.

### NEW GUINEA

On night 8/9 Mar Allied PT boats fired 75 mm shells into the MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN area, but no results were visible. The enemy did not return the fire. (2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 150, 151, 152)

3. AIR - OWN

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - 8 Mar

18 Liberators bombed and strafed enemy gun positions and barrack areas at NDRILLO, HAUWEI and PITYILU Islands. Many buildings were destroyed and a large explosion reported from NDRILO.

NEW GUINEA - 8 Mar

NUBIA - NUBIA airstrip and dispersal areas were attacked by 19 Liberators starting fires and causing some explosions. A direct hit was registered on the jetty. Escorting fighters were intercepted in the WEWAK area by an unstated number of enemy fighters. Ten of the enemy were destroyed, four possibly destroyed and a further five damaged.

ATEMBLE - 12 Bostons bombed and strafed the ATEMBLE Mission area scoring four direct hits on Mission butts and completely covering the target area with fragmentation bombs.

REMPI - 36 Vultee Vengeances and 12 Kittyhawks dive-bombed and strafed REMPI R mouth area scoring direct hits on buildings and dumps. The target area was covered in bomb smoke and dust, and further results were unobserved.

10 Mar

NEW BRITAIN - Five Liberators bombed enemy defensive areas at RING RING Plantation (GASMATA) causing numerous small fires. Bombing was reported as excellent and completely covered the target area.

DELAYED REPORTS

9 Mar

CAPE MOSKINS AREA - 8 Beauforts accurately pattern bombed the airstrip and dump areas. Many bombs were observed to fall on the runway and fires were started in the dump area.

GASMATA - 12 Beauforts with escorting Kittyhawks bombed the dump area on the North side of the road between AVAHAIN Is and ANWEK R mouth. Large explosions and resultant columns of black smoke from fires were visible from 30 miles. (2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 150,151,152)

4. AIR - ENEMY

On the morning of 7 Mar enemy aircraft dropped 8 bombs on Allied tps on LOS NEGROS Island killing 2 and wounding 6.

SAIDOR

On night 8/9 Mar between 2300 hrs and 0100 hrs 3 Jap planes dropped approx fifteen 200-lb bombs causing some damage and casualties. AA guns engaged the enemy and it is probable that 1 plane was destroyed. (2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 150,152)

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 39  
(From information received to 1000 hrs 14 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

SAIDOR  
10 Mar

Allied patrols reached the LAMBARA RIVER.

ADMIRALTIES

On 10 Mar amphibious patrols to PITYILU ISLAND saw no enemy barge activity. On 11 Mar the enemy repulsed a patrol to HAUWEI ISLAND with heavy gunfire; one of our LCVs was sunk, 11 troops wounded and three are missing. Another patrol occupied BUTJULOC ISLAND (three miles East of LORENGAU without opposition. A patrol to BEAR PT (East of MANUS ISLAND) saw no movement.

A land patrol to the Eastern tip of LEMONDROL CREEK was forced to withdraw under heavy enemy fire. Two enemy barges were sunk in the inlet to LEMONDROL CREEK.

On 10 Mar our troops reported strong enemy resistance on the high ground to the SW of PAPITALI PLANTATION, but on 11 Mar the feature was occupied by our troops.

Total enemy reported killed up to 2000 hrs 8 Mar is 1579.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Report No 153)

CAPE GLOUCESTER - TALASEA

11 Mar

Our troops patrolled South to GARILEI and East to KUMERAKI.

One Bn of the Marines landed at LINGALINGA PLANTATION (South of ELEONORA BAY). They killed 12 Japs and captured two PW.

Another patrol moving South from REIN BAY towards ARAWA reached TALIWAGA.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No 153)

2. SEA - OWN

Night 9/10 Mar

Our PT boats forced an enemy armoured craft, 75/100 feet in length, on to the reef at LAMA (SE tip of GAROVE ISLAND). The craft was severely damaged by gunfire and left hard aground. It is believed to have been put out of action permanently.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.153)

3. AIR - OWN

10 Mar

NEW GUINEA

Ten Bostons bombed and strafed ATEMBLE Mission from a minimum altitude, scoring hits on the Mission buildings and surrounding huts.

NEW BRITAIN

Six Beaufighters and two Bostons continued the daily barge sweep on the North and South coasts of NEW BRITAIN. Two small boats with approximately 16 Japs in each were attacked and destroyed off TALASEA. Several bridges along the L of C, TALASEA to UBILI were destroyed and a further two possibly damaged.

GAVUVU

Dump areas were attacked again by nine Beauforts; the target and plantation were well covered by accurate bombing.

GASMATA

Seventeen Beauforts with Kittyhawks as escort accurately bombed several dumps in the BERTHA CHANNEL area starting small fires.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Thirteen Liberators and twelve Mitchells accurately bombed INRIM and BOWAT villages (West of LORENGAU). INRIM Mission.

3. AIR - OWN (Cont)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

building was destroyed by direct hits.

11 Mar

NEW GUINEA

BORAM Thirty Liberators, thirty five Bostons and nineteen Mitchell carried out a full scale attack on the airstrip, fuel and stores area at BORAM. 187 tons of bombs were dropped. Many large black fuel fires covered the target and made observation difficult. The Bostons strafed and silenced AA posns to the West of the airstrip.

HANSA BAY - Eleven Liberators accurately bombed AA positions and installations at HANSA BAY. Most of the bombs are reported to have fallen in the target area. AA was medium and accurate, and one of our Liberators was destroyed by a direct hit.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Twenty Mitchells carried out a low level attack on the airstrip and surrounding installations with good results.

LOS NEGROS Twelve Liberators and fourteen Bostons supported ground troops in their advance on LOS NEGROS IS.

INTERCEPTIONS

Eighteen Thunderbolts on an offensive fighter sweep to WEWAK were intercepted by a mixed force of 35 Zekes, Oscars and Tonys at 25000 feet. Our force definitely destroyed 12 of the enemy and probably destroyed a further four without loss. Three of our aircraft were damaged but returned to base. Our pilots report that the enemy pilots were eager and experienced.

Escorts for the strike on BORAM were intercepted by an unstated number of enemy fighters and preliminary reports indicate a further 13/15 enemy fighters were destroyed in combat.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.153.)

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 40

(From information received to 1000 hrs 15 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

7 A UST DIV

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12 Mar - The patrol from 15 Bde towards the coast reached a point approx 1500 yds WNW of NANGAPO (5 mls South of KIER R mouth). A native guide states that there are no Japs at BARUM (2½ mls NNE of NANGAPO). NANGAPO natives report that the area East of KIER R is clear of enemy incl BARUM, NANGAPO and ALIBU (5500 yds West of NANGAPO). Natives also report that the enemy had one AA gun and one naval gun in the vicinity of MALE (West of KIER R mouth). They state that there are large depots in ERIMA Plantation around ERIMA village. PT boats proceeding along the shore on night 9/10 Mar were fired upon by MGs and trenchmortars located at GORI R mouth and several points at ERIMA.

(2 A ust Corps Int Report No. 154)

18 A ust Inf Bde (Ref Maps 1:25000 AMUBA and BOKU R)

Following a direct support air mission on WARDS village (563712) a fighting patrol from the forward Bn discovered the village abandoned.

Another patrol reports that an enemy posn of approx coy strength at 528737 has been recently evacuated.

A patrol from a Commando Sqn reports that the enemy has a standing patrol at a point 1500 yds NNW of MATELOI I.

A nother patrol from this unit reports that the enemy posn at 499766 has been recently evacuated (2 A ust Corps Int Report No 154)

2. SEA - OWN

11 Mar. PT boats supported a scout landing in SEEDLER Hbr. They also destroyed two camouflaged barges in the Barbour.

On night 11/12 Mar enemy snipers were active against out boats operating in the Barbour.

3. AIR - OWN 12 Mar.

NEW GUINEA

For the second day in succession a large strike was made against the aerodrome, installations and dump areas at BORAM. 27 Mitchells, 36 Bostons and 16 Liberators with Lightnings and Thunderbolts as escort carried out the raid. The target area was completely covered with bombs. large concentrated fires were observed as our aircraft left the area. Interception of our force was again made by approx 35/40 enemy fighters of which 18 were definitely destroyed in combat and a further four probably destroyed. Our losses were negligible.

RAMU VALLEY - In direct support of ground tps 15 Bostons and 15 A iracobras attacked suspected enemy posns at WARDS village. Ground tps report that bombs covered the target area which was occupied shortly after the strike.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Allied tps on LOS NEGROS Island called for direct support of their operations to the SW of the airstrip, and twelve Mitchells bombed enemy concentrations. No reports have yet been received from ground tps. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 154)

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 41  
(From information received to 1000 hrs 16 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

7 Aust Div

13 Mar

15 Aust Inf Bde : A patrol from the forward Bn found the villages of SAIPA 1 and 2 evacuated by the enemy. Booby traps were encountered on the track to SAIPA 1.

The patrol towards the coast advanced to a point four miles south of KABENAU R mouth.

18 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from the Commando Sqn reported MATELOI 2 clear of enemy, but found an enemy outpost 2 miles east of the village.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.155)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

On 11 Mar aircraft bombing LUGOS MISSION (one mile West of LORENGAU) encountered machine-gun fire from a clearing on the East side of the mission and from shacks SW of LORENGAU Jetty. Many dug outs and caves were observed NE of TINGO village (1½ miles South of LUGOS MISSION) and entrenched positions were sighted along the North shore of the LORENGAU RIVER to one mile inland from LORENGAU village.

During night 11/12 Mar enemy aircraft dropped supplies in coloured parachutes to their troops at LORENGAU.

On morning 12 Mar Allied tps, with naval and air support, made a successful landing on HAUWEI ISLAND, and during the day occupied the Western half of the island. When our bombers commenced strafing the area prior to the landing, the enemy sent up a white star cluster which is the American signal that bombs are falling on our own troops. As the force had not landed, the cluster was disregarded. The enemy on HAUWEI Is is well entrenched and reported to be well armed with small arms, MGs and mortars. Large calibre guns on the island have been demolished by intensive naval bombardment, bombing and 105 mm Howitzer fire.

On 12 Mar three PW were captured in MOKERANG PLANTATION. A patrol two miles SW of MOMOTE AIRSTRIP reported that the enemy was occupying that area. A patrol 200 yds south of PAPITALAI killed three Japs and estimated that two platoons of the enemy were occupying a position 1400 yds SW of PAPITALAI MISSION.

TALASEA

12 Mar

A total of 23 enemy have been killed by the Allied tps which landed at LINGALINGA PLANTATION. Serviceable rubber boats were found at the mouth of the KAPULUK RIVER.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.155)

2. SEA - OWN

On night 11/12 Mar our PT boats sank one unidentified barge two miles East of LONIU (SW of LOS NEGROS)

In daylight hours of 13 Mar two PT boats made a reconnaissance from SEE-ADLER HARBOUR to PAK ISLAND and two further boats covered the North coast of MANUS ISLAND.

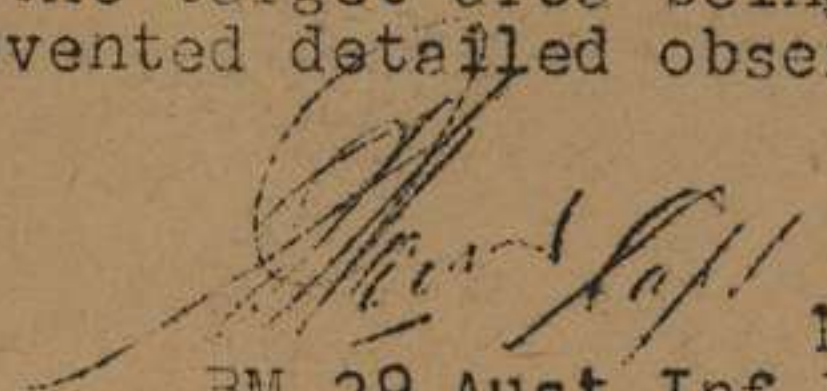
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3. AIR - OWN

Delayed Reports

11 Mar

NEW BRITAIN - Twenty-seven Beauforts carried out a medium level pattern bombing attack on stores and personnel areas at KAMALGAMAN POINT-JACQUINOT BAY. The bombing is reported as excellent, the target area being well covered with fragmentation bombs, but low cloud prevented detailed observation.

  
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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 42

(From information received to 1000 hrs 17 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

7 AUST DIV

On 14 Mar the patrol to the coast reached YANGALUM (3 mls south of KABENAU R mouth).

A patrol from the fwd Bn contacted enemy on the BOGADJIM-YOKOPI road at a point 800 yds NW of DAUMOINA.

A Commando Sqn patrol was fired on by enemy from MATELOI I.

SAIDOR

13 Mar. - The area between BAU PLANTATION and KAMBARA RIVER is reported clear of enemy. Following an air strike a patrol occupied SA ASAGA (5 mls South of CAPE RIGN). Another patrol reported BASOR (8 mls SSE of MINDIRI) clear of enemy.

Natives report that there are 50/100 enemy evacuees on the track between LANGANI and MASIBANG (9 mls S of BILIAU) moving North. 17 more enemy dead were found near MASIBANG. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 156)

ADMIRALTIES

On 12 Mar our tps were in contact with a pl of enemy  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile WSW of PAPITALAI. Small enemy parties were active from one mile SSW to 3 mls SW of PAPITALAI. On 13 Mar a reconnaissance patrol one mile West of PAPITALAI contacted a party of enemy and killed six. Later this patrol contacted a larger party of enemy three-quarters of a mile NW of PAPITALAI.

On 13 Mar the occupation of HAUWEI ISLAND was completed by 1430 hrs; total enemy dead were 42. The BUTJOLUO Group was occupied without any contact being made with the enemy.

Two serviceable enemy barges were found at the Western entrance to LONIU PASSAGE, and one sunken barge in LONIU PASSAGE. At a point one mile South of LOMBRUM POINT a bunker was discovered and two enemy fled to the South. No other contact was reported East of LONIU PASSAGE or North of the inlet  $1\frac{3}{4}$  mls SSW of LOMBRUM POINT. 112 natives were brought in from BARR POINT during the day.

Total enemy casualties to 1800 hrs 13 Mar 1473 known dead and 418 additional estimated killed. The American force estimates that there is a maximum of 2831 effective enemy in the SHEADLER HARBOUR area.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 156)

TALASPA

13 Mar. 25 enemy were killed and 16 captured in the LINGA-LINGA PLANTATION, bringing the total enemy casualties in this sector to 60 killed and 21 captured. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 156)

2. SEA - OWN

Night 12/13 Mar. During a strafing attack on an empty enemy barge which was beached near BIENG village (MANAM ISLAND) our PT boats observed a powerful searchlight at AWAR POINT.

A PT boat on patrol around GAROVE ISLAND encountered intense and accurate fire from a 3 or 5 inch gun and 1 47 mm gun at PETE HARBOUR.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 156)

3. AIR - OWN

13 Mar

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK - A large force of Liberators attacked the airstrip AA posns, dump areas and dispersed enemy aircraft resulting in the destruction of three grounded enemy aircraft and possibly of a further four. Large fires, heavy smoke and some explosions were reported in the target area.

BORAM Area - A further heavy low-level bombing and strafing attack was carried out by 45 Bostons and 40 Mitchells against the fuel dumps, warehouse and personnel areas at BRANDI PLANTATION. The bombing was reported as excellent. One large warehouse and two buildings were completely demolished and large fires were started in the fuel dump area covering the target with a heavy pall of black smoke which limited observation.

Interception - Escorting fighters for the strikes at WEWAK and BRANDI definitely destroyed nine aircraft and probably destroyed a further four of an intercepting enemy force of approx 20/30 aircraft.

SAIDOR Area - 16 Vengeances dive-bombed the village of SAGASAGA and strafed several huts with unobserved results.

BOGADJIM RD Area - 12 Bostons accurately bombed and strafed a village along the road, destroying several huts and starting small fires amongst possible dump areas.

4. AIR - ENEMY

SAIDOR

At 0400 hrs 13 Mar two enemy aircraft dropped three bombs in the sea near SAIDOR but caused no damage. At 0430 hrs two more enemy aircraft dropped four bombs in the sea and one incendiary inland, near YALAU PLANTATION. No damage was reported.

ADMIRALTIES.

During night 12/13 Mar an enemy aircraft dropped two bombs on the MOMOTE perimeter causing no damage.

GASMATA

On night 12/13 Mar one of our PT boats was attacked by an enemy aircraft South of GASMATA. The PT boats scored some hits on the aircraft.

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELIGENCE SUMMARY NO.43  
(From information received to 1000 hrs 18 Mar 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

7 AUST DIV (ref maps 1:25000 series and 1 inch to 1 mile MT.KUBARI)

15 Mar. From YANGALUM the patrol to the coast has divided into two separate patrols, one moving to the East and the other to the West. The Eastern patrol has reached SEKWANTUM (870899) and the Western patrol has reached BARUM (706905) (both ref map 1 inch 1 ml MT. KUBARI).

In the BOGADJIM RD-MATALOI area contact with the enemy has been maintained. At 53784 (NW of DAUMOINA) the patrol from the forward Bn is still in contact, whilst, to the NW, a patrol from an Aust Commando Sqn attacked an enemy position at 494837, killing eight Japs without suffering casualties.

SAIDOR

14/15 Mar. An Allied patrol returning from SAGA SAGA to BAU PLANTATION on 14 Mar killed two Japs along the track and on 15 Mar a patrol to SAGA SAGA killed one Jap in that vicinity. On 14 Mar one Jap body was found in the mouth of the KAMBARA RIVER. At 0730 hrs 15 Mar, Allied tps made an attempt to cross the river but came under enemy LMG and MG fire which was returned and hits scored with mortar fire. The Japs replied with three rounds of arty fire which, however, caused no damage to our troops.

The MAMBIT OP has reported that the enemy continues to pass through TARIKNGAN but now in small numbers. Between 11 and 13 Mar a total of 31 Japs passed through the village. These tps were in good condition but approximately one-half only were armed. The OP considers that there are still many Japs in TARIKNGAN and YOGAYOGA.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.157)

TALAS A

14 Mar A patrol South along the East coast of WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA made contact with the enemy at PATANGA (XJ4903). One PW was captured North of VOLUPAI PLANTATION.

An Allied patrol West from LINGA LINGA PLANTATION (X00986) killed 14 Japs in the vicinity of KALALOA RIVER. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No.157)

ARAWA

An Allied patrol is moving from ARAWE towards GASMATA.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

14/15 Mar. On 14 Mar a patrol from the MOMOTE PLANTATION along the South coast of LOS NEGROS ISLAND encountered an enemy MMG post approx 4000 yds West of SOUTHEAST POINT. The Allied patrol withdrew.

On 15 Mar an Allied patrol destroyed an enemy MG post approx 600 yds NW of this posn, four Japs being killed.

On 15 Mar an Allied patrol captured an enemy position one mile South of PAPITALAI MISSION.

On 15 Mar a large Allied force with air and naval support and supporting arty fire from HAUWEI and BUTJOLUO Islands successfully landed at two beaches on MANUS ISLAND in the vicinity of POLUJU (approx 6500 yds WNW LORENGAU airdrome). Little opposition was encountered during the landing but there were some MG posts on one beach, and land mines and booby traps on the other beach. An Allied force then moved West towards LORENGAU AIRDROME and after being delayed temporarily by mortar and machine-gun fire at a point approx 2400 yds West of LORENGAU AIRDROME, reached the West end of the strip by 1555 hrs. During the advance 55 Japs were killed and Allied casualties were very light.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.157)

2. AIR-OWN

13 Mar.

NEW BRITAIN - 25 Beauforts again successfully attacked KAMALGAMAN ANCHORAGE (JACQUINOT BAY). Targets included dump, personnel and staging areas. Heavy black smoke was reported from one area near the village.

14 Mar  
NEW GUINEA

TADJI - 22 Liberators accurately bombed the runway and dispersal area. The bombing was reported as excellent and the runway was considered to have been left unserviceable. One twin-engined grounded enemy aircraft was destroyed.

WEWAK - A fighter sweep was carried out over the general WEWAK area. Our force was intercepted by a similar number of enemy aircraft of which seven were destroyed and two probably destroyed without loss.

BORAM - 22 Liberators attacked AA posns near the airstrip for the fourth successive day. Some fires were started but generally the results were unobserved due to smoke and dust covering the target area.

BRANDI - 35 Mitchells and 37 Bostons carried out another low-level bombing and strafing attack against installations, the warehouse area and dumps along the seashore. Bombing was reported as excellent and the target area was thoroughly strafed. Twelve huts and a warehouse were destroyed and several buildings damaged beyond repair. A large column of black smoke, believed to be the result of a direct hit on a fuel dump, was visible for 30 miles as our aircraft were leaving the target area.

ALEXISHAFEN - Ten Bostons attacked No 1 airstrip and AA posns. The airstrip was rendered unserviceable and dump areas to the West of the strip were strafed.

15 Mar.

BOGADJIM ROAD AREA - 12 Bostons led in by Tac R Boomerangs bombed and strafed enemy camp and stores area at NANZANREI.

INTERCEPTION - 15 Lightnings on a fighter sweep to WEWAK destroyed five intercepting enemy aircraft. Our losses were nil.

WEWAK - 44 Liberators bombed the airstrip and dispersal area resulting in large fires being caused but detailed observations were made impossible owing to dust and smoke over the target area.

KAIRIRU ISLAND - 59 Bostons and 10 Mitchells attacked AA posns, dump, staging and personnel areas from minimum altitude causing large fires in the target areas, which were completely covered with bombs and systematically strafed. One enemy fighter was shot down in combat by escorting fighter cover.

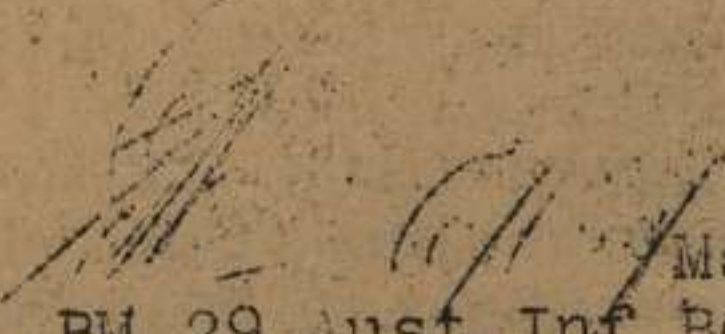
#### ADMIRALTIES

MANUS ISLAND - Supporting the landing made by Allied tps approx four miles to the West of LORENGAU, 26 Mitchells bombed and strafed the beachhead area and East along the coast. No further details are as yet available.

### 3. AIR - ENEMY

DUMPU - At 0415 hrs on 15 Mar two aircraft bombed DUMPU airstrip. One aircraft was destroyed by AA fire.

SAIDOR - Between 0400 hrs and 0530 hrs on 15 Mar one enemy aircraft approached SAIDOR from the SW and dive bombed and strafed the area causing some damage.

  
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PART I - OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN and ENEMY

7 AUST DIV

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On 16 Mar contact with the enemy was maintained in the area 5478 approx one mile downstream from DAUMOINA.

On 17 Mar a Commando Sqn patrol towards JAPPA (483939) reached 464858. No enemy were encountered.

SAIDOR

15/16 Mar. A patrol from 32 US Div is having difficulty in contacting the Australian patrol which is in the SERWANAM area West of the GUABE R. This is due to radio jamming by a suspected Jap station.

Our position on the East Bank of the MAMBARA R received fire from a Jap heavy mortar West of the river, causing three casualties. The patrol South of BAU PLANTATION reports a small bivouac area with a perimeter of fox holes and still smoking fires at 943930. One Jap was killed at 942933. The patrol reports slit trenches and creeper fences across the track in the vicinity of ISANGAN. It is estimated that 30/40 Japs have been in this area sometime since 7 Mar. Two Jap prowlers were reported by the outpost at KALININ.

16/17 Mar. Our tps immediately to the East of the KAMBARA RIVER were still under fire from Japanese LMGs and rifle grenades. The US patrol attempting to join Australian tps in the vicinity of ARAWUM encountered a large number of well equipped enemy tps near 948896. Five Japs were killed in this area.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 158 and 159)

TALASSA

16 Mar. The patrol to the South has now reached a point between PATANGA and KILU, approx two miles North of WALINDI PLANTATION. Contact is being maintained with the enemy, who are armed with a heavy mortar and automatic weapons.

In the LINGA LINGA area, Japs were observed East of MT PENCK. Two patrols are converging on this area. Seven Japanese were killed along the track to the West of LINGA LINGA. The total enemy casualties for this area are now 81 killed and 21 PW. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 158)

REIN BAY

16 Mar. The patrol to the South from IBOKI PLANTATION contacted the ARAWU patrol just South of RABOS. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 158)

ARAWU

Numerous patrols covering the coastline from ITN R to LUSCHAN Harbour (21 miles West of GASMATA) report no contact with the enemy.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 158)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

HAUWEI ISLAND

The total enemy casualties were 75 killed. Two unserviceable 126 mm naval guns were found on the island. Patrols report that there are no Japs on LOU and BALUAN Is and that there are small isolated parties on PAK and TONG Is. (LOU I is 24 miles South of MOMOTE; BALUAN I is 35 miles South of MOMOTE; PAK and TONG Is are 14 and 24 miles East of MOMOTE respectively). (2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 158)

MANUS ISLAND

By last light 16 Mar the LORENGAU strip had been completely occupied by the Allied force moving along the coast. At least a further 25 Japs were killed. Opposition was encountered at 359766. To counter this, a cavalry squadron was to have attacked along NUMBER ONE TRACK on the morning of 17 Mar, approaching the strip from the SW. During the advance on LORENGAU STRIP, tanks and bazookas were used against Jap pillboxes.

On 16 Mar our tps who had occupied LORENGAU airstrip continued to the East, encountering a strongline of Japanese pillboxes and mortar fire

Immediately South of the East end of the strip. Mortars and tanks brought fire to bear on the pillboxes, and by late afternoon on 16 Mar our tps had advanced to LORENGAU township. Other forces were in contact on NUMBER ONE ROAD at a point one mile SW of LORENGAU strip. The bridge over the LORENGAU RIVER was destroyed.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 158&159)

#### LOS NEGROS IS

Our tps attacked and captured a Jap position one mile South of PAPITALAI MISSION. A further patrol destroyed a Jap MG post South of the Western end of LEMONDROI CREEK, killing four Japs. Approx 240 enemy tps in a strong position in the area 1000 yds of PAPITALAI MISSION resisted our advance West. The objective 2300 yds West of PAPITALAI was reached despite strong resistance. No details of the action are available.

One of our recon aircraft received AA fire of unstated calibre at a point two miles SW of LOMERUM PLANTATION. Natives reported 200 Chinese on the East bank of LOUJU PASSAGE. An ANGAU patrol is investigating.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos 158&159)

#### 2. SEA - OWN

During the night 13/14 Mar, PT boats shelled a pillbox West of BIU BAY, on the South side of KAR KAR I, and received return fire from a mortar or 3 in gun. On the same night torpedo boats destroyed one type "B" camouflaged barge and captured one of the same type intact at MATAAN, six miles WSW of MOMOTE

During daylight on 16 Mar our PT boats removed all natives from PAK IS. They report that after 7 Japs were killed by our patrol and four others captured while attempting to escape in a canoe, only 16 enemy remain on the island. The patrol to KARKAR ISLAND was straddled by 3 inch shells while four miles out to sea off BIU BAY.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 158&159)

#### 3. AIR - OWN - 16 Mar

HANSA BAY. 30 Mitchells accurately bombed the NUBIA airstrip and revetment areas. Two large fires were started and some buildings in the plantation area were destroyed.

WEWAK. 35 Liberators and 10 Mitchells carried out a most successful attack against the airstrip, dumps and installations at WEWAK. A heavy AA position was silenced, many fires were started and heavy black smoke from recurring explosions in the target area covered the area.

LORENGAU. 8 Mitchells carried out a direct support request against targets to the SE of the airstrip. No reports are as yet to hand.

#### NEW BRITAIN

16 Mar - 25 Beauforts bombed MAL MAL MISSION (JACQUINOT BAY) and strafed SAULI VILLAGE - UBILI. Bombs were reported as straddling the target area and ground strafing was carried out from 300 ft. NIL other results observed due to dense timber. Two Beaufighters attacked nine barges close inshore 6 miles SW of UBILI, destroying six and heavily damaging two others.

#### NEW GUINEA

17 Mar. 36 Liberators again attacked AA posns and installations at BORAM. The target areas were well covered by bombs and AA ceased firing as the last squadron made their run over the target. Tremendous explosions and fires made observations impossible.

41 Bostons, 14 Mitchells bombed and strafed buildings, dumps, and personnel areas at MOEM PENINSULA (East of WEWAK). The attack was carried out from minimum altitude. Many buildings received direct hits from bombs and the whole peninsula was thoroughly strafed. A direct hit was scored on the fuel dump on the seashore.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 158 & 159)

PART II

4. ENEMY STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS

The natives from BEAR POINT mentioned in Report 157 made the following statement:-

- a. They believe that the Japs are evacuating LORENGAU towards KAWALIAP (16 miles SW of LORENGAU) and that they have seen few Jap army tps in LORENGAU.
- b. Parties of about 200 Japs are at each of the following points: between LONIU (3½ miles SW of LOMBRUM) and LOMBRUM PLANTATION at ROSSUM (1 mile South of LORENGAU) and WAREMBU (2½ miles South of LORENGAU) and KAWALIAP.

JACQUINOT BAY - Reliable reports on 17 Mar from native sources state that the Japanese have abandoned PALMALMAL PLANTATION but some still at KAMALGAMAN.

Comment. A considerable number of enemy tps were recently reported to have arrived at PALMALMAL, possibly evacuated from GASMATA. It is possible that these tps have now moved to RABAUL.

RABAUL - Photographs taken on 15 Mar show that of the five airfields, the runway of VUNAKANAU only is serviceable. There was a total of only 19 aircraft in the area, including four floatplanes. Two cargo ships (1000 tons) and 179 barges were in SIMPSON HARBOUR.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - The current Task Force estimate of effective enemy strength is 1800 of which 300 are on Western LOS NEGROS. The remainder are on MANUS and the outlying islands.

(2 Aust Corps Int Reports Nos 158 & 159)

5. IDENTIFICATIONS

The PUNJABIS and SIKHS who deserted from the Japanese on LOS NEGROS ISLAND are stated to have been captured by the enemy at SINGAPORE. They have been working under compulsion as labourers.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 158)

  
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PART I - OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

7 AUST DIV (ref maps 1/25000 series BOGADJIM and MT KUBARI)

15 Bde patrols report as follows :

- (a) One patrol reached the coast at KALIKO (756939) late on 16 Mar, saw four Japs on the beach, and returned to BARUM (748900) 17 Mar.
- (b) A small US patrol landed from rubber boats in the vicinity of MELAMU PLANTATION, moved to KALIKO and inland to BARUM, where patrols met.
- (c) At 171400L, our patrol left to recce FOGADJIM PLANTATION.
- (d) At 181200L, approx 30 Japs attacked our BARUM patrol, which withdrew to the 3000 feature (7885). Two Japs were killed and we lost no casualties.
- (e) A small patrol saw no Japs at MARAKUM but defensive positions there appeared to have been occupied up to 14 Mar. The patrol has returned to YANGALUM.
- (f) A further patrol from YANGALUM reached ARAWUM at 161730L where it remained until 181230L without contacting US patrol. It returned to YANGALUM.

The enemy inflicted two casualties on our patrol moving to 552789 to observe our mortar fire on a Jap position at 542789. A further patrol heard Japanese and saw about 40 newly constructed foxholes at the 3800 feature (561791). We lost an officer killed and one OR is missing.

On 18 Mar our tps maintained contact with the enemy 1000 yds NW of DAUMOINA.

18 Bde

The Aust Commando Sqn patrolled towards JAPPA and reached WIYAI (439887) without contacting the enemy.

SAIDOR

There are NO reports of ground activity.

ADMIRALTY IS

PAPITALAI AREA

On 17 Mar, our tps captured a hill one mile SW of PAPITALAI MISSION. Five pillboxes were knocked out by bazookas, and 50 Japs were killed. One hundred enemy tps counter-attacked our positions 2300 yds West of PAPITALAI VILLAGE, and a further 75 counter-attacked in a coconut grove due south of LOMBRUM POINT. Over 67 of the enemy were killed as a result of these actions. An enemy force fleeing West was ambushed by our forces at a point approx  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles SSW of LOMBRUM POINT, and eight Japs were killed. A mine dump was located at PAPITALAI.

On 18 Mar, heavy Jap opposition was encountered at the edge of the plantation South of the PAPITALAI MISSION, and MG posts and snipers met 3000 yds SW of the mission.

LORENGAU AREA

Many land mines were encountered on the NUMBER ONE ROAD leading South from LORENGAU as well as many MGs in elaborate bunkers, caves, and hidden trench systems within LORENGAU township during the attack, which was exploited to the jetty West of the LORENGAU RIVER.

On 17 Mar four Jap anti-invasion mines were exploded off LORENGAU. Lorengau village was completely occupied by 181800L. Total enemy casualties for the LORENGAU operation were 350 killed; our Allies' were very much lighter. During the action, 65 bunkers were destroyed from North of strip to LORENGAU village and 10 bunkers on NUMBER ONE ROAD.

A patrol to BOWAT MISSION reported no sign of the enemy; natives report that they fled owing to the bombing of the Mission, during which three Japs were killed. There were no signs of a naval gun which had been reported previously.

NEW BRITAIN

GASMATA

On 16 Mar a patrol landed on GASMATA ISLAND from PT boats and found no Japanese. The boats laid off GASMATA, and observed destroyed naval guns. Natives from the mainland reported that the enemy evacuated the area completely on 14 Mar.

Further reports from this patrol indicated that at least the area West of AWRIN had been abandoned. Empty MG emplacements and four pill-boxes were found on the NORTH and NW shore of AWRIN. Landmines were encountered on the Southern shore of GASMATA ISLAND, but there were apparently no booby traps. The enemy had abandoned 90 mm guns in a mutilated condition, and about 30 destroyed aeroplanes, stripped of armament and instruments, in the dispersal area of the strip. About twenty land mines were found on the strip, but these were easily detected by dead grass and the projecting horns of the mines. A retractable 75 mm gun was observed on the Western tip of GASMATA ISLAND and two 75mm guns were found on the NW tip of GASMATA ISLAND. The serviceability of the guns was not stated. Very little material was left behind by the enemy.

ARAWA

On 18 Mar a patrol to LAMOGAI killed three Japs north of VAKAN.

GLOUCESTER

Patrol in LINGA LINGA area killed seven Japs and captured one.

2. SEA - OWN

On 16 Mar PT boats sank one 36 foot landing craft 5 miles East of BARONGA ISLAND, and two more 1 1/2 miles East of BARONGA ISLAND.

A camouflaged large special MLC 60 yards up the ANWEK RIVER was destroyed, and another 100 feet long was set on fire, and destroyed at the mouth of the ANWEK RIVER.

3. AIR - OWN

18 Mar

NEW GUINEA

WEWAK

The attacks on airdromes, dump areas and installations at WEWAK was continued. Twentynine Liberators dropped 84 tons of bombs in the target area causing direct hits on fuel dumps and huts which were left burning. Many fires were also reported, with flame and smoke to fifteen hundred feet.

BRANDI

Fortyfive Bostons and fortytwo Mitchells again attacked BRANDI PLANTATION area from minimum altitude. Bombs were accurately dropped on fuel dumps and personnel areas. Many small fires were started and some hatted buildings were destroyed.

PART II

4. ENEMY DEFENCES - MADANG - HANSA

Aircraft report the following :

- (a) Camouflaged mountain gun two miles inland from the MALAS RIVER mouth.
- (b) Gun positions in CAPE CROISILLES area at SARANG, DYLUP, WALOG, and HARENAP PLANTATIONS.

5. ENEMY STRENGTH - ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

The total enemy killed in this operation is now 1701, and remaining effectives are estimated to be 1839.

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OPERATIONS (PART I)

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

7 AUST DIV

19 Mar - The Aust Commando Sqn Patrol reached JAPPA and reported that it had not been occupied by the Japanese.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

MANUS ISLAND

18 Mar - All the enemy in the LORENGAU area are now South and West of a line 4/10ths of a mile East, 1/2 mile South and 4/10ths of a mile West of LORENGAU bridge, and then running just South of the western end of the strip.

During action at LORENGAU, the following eqpt was captured; 3 heavy MGs, 1 6.5 mm light MG, tents, gun oil, foodstuffs, 6 new type anti-tank mines resembling bangalore torpedoes, 2 radios, a pair of 20 power binoculars and 1 x 6 volt dynameter.

NEW BRITAIN

GASMATA - The evacuation of the area is confirmed. A patrol to LINDENHAFEN killed three Japs.

ARAWA

18 Mar - Unconfirmed reports from native sources state that a large number of the enemy are at AUGITNI, 8 miles North of VAKAN.

LINGA LINGA

18 Mar - Our troops in this area killed a further fourteen Japs and captured one.

TALASEA

18 Mar - Our patrol to NUMUNDO PLANTATION, on the East coast of WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA report no contact with the enemy.

2. AIR - OWN

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 161)

17 Mar

NEW BRITAIN - Twenty four Beauforts carried out an excellent medium level bombing attack against KARLAI PLANTATION (WIDE BAY). All bombs fell in the target area, the largest concentration falling in the camp area and starting small fires.

NEW GUINEA

BOGADJIM RD AREA - Sixteen Airacobras dive-bombed and strafed enemy posns just North of DAUMOINA along the BOGADJIM RD.

WEWAK - Six Liberators, forty Mitchells and twenty-eight Bostons carried out the daily attack on WEWAK. Eighty-eight tons of bombs were dropped on AA posns and dumps. Some fires were started.

Sixteen Thunderbolts on a fighter sweep to WEWAK destroyed one enemy fighter without loss.

A recon Liberator reported a convoy at position (20 miles north of AITAPE) on the afternoon of 19 Mar. A large force comprising forty Liberators, twenty-three Mitchells and thirty Bostons was sent to intercept it. Preliminary reports indicate that two 5500/7000 ton freighters and three gunboats were sunk.

3. AIR - ENEMY

On the night 17/18 Mar two medium bombers dropped ten bombs, wounding two men and causing minor damage in the SAIDOR area.

PART II

4. ENEMY STRENGTHS

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - Total enemy casualties in this area are now 2002 known dead, and a further estimated 500 are thought to have been killed. The remaining enemy effectives are estimated at 1518.

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.37  
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OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

7 AUST DIV (Ref map 1:25,000 series)

15 Aust Inf Bde - 20 Mar

Active patrolling was continued in the MINTJIM RIVER area. A patrol from the forward Bn encountered heavy mortar, MMG and rifle fire at 542785 and sustained five casualties. One pl of the fwd Bn dug in at BARUM after returning to that village from NANGAPO.

The Commando Sqn patrol made contact 800 yds NW of JAPPA at 450922. We lost one killed. The patrol then moved a further 600 yds NE along the track without further contact.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

MANUS ISLAND - 19 Mar

There was hard fighting South and East of LORENGAU and progress was slow. In the LORENGAU area there has been no enemy action other than the defence of bunkers, some of which were built of steel and concrete. A total of 295 bunkers have been reduced to date. A beachhead in this area now includes the peninsula 1 mile East of LORENGAU strip. Allied patrols are now located at WARENBU, and to the West of LORENGAU, where the LISI RIVER is crossed by the NUMBER ONE ROAD.

The following Jap ordnance items and other material have been captured at LORENGAU : four serviceable 25mm dual purpose guns; large quantity of ammunition; one 22mm Tk A Rifle; one 37mm infantry close support gun; two 75mm dual purpose naval AA guns; three knee mortars; six light machine guns; one truck loaded with land mines; 300 cases canned fish and beef and 100 sacks rice; two 12cm naval rifles, one of which was serviceable, captured on the ridge south of the LORENGAU RIVER.

LOS NEGROS ISLAND - 19 Mar

Hard fighting continues in West Central LOSNEGROS. Destroyers successfully bombarded reported Jap hideouts at PAPITALAI HILL, 1000 yds SW of PAPITALAI VILLAGE and HILL 200, 800 yds SW of PAPITALAI PLANTATION, firing 600 rounds of 5 inch shells.

425 LOS NEGROS natives have now been concentrated at MOKERANE VILLAGE. Natives report an extensive inter-locking tunnel system North of LONIU VILLAGE. Further reports indicate that the force here is not withdrawing but is strengthening its defences.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.162)

NEW BRITAIN

TALASEA - 19 Mar

Patrols to NUMUNDO PLANTATION and KILU have been withdrawn.

GASMATA - 19 Mar

The patrol to LINDENHAFEN returned and reported that no enemy had been encountered and no old positions were seen. There is no confirmation of the native report that the Japanese are at AUGITNI, midway between ARAWA and REIN BAY.

SAIDOR - 17 Mar

Patrols South to SAGASAGA killed four Japs.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.162)

2. SEA - OWN

On the morning 18 Mar a storage tank on the mainland and barges surrounding it were shelled from a position halfway through the Eastern entrance to LINDENHAFEN,

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.48  
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OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

7 AUST DIV (ref map 1:25000 series)

15 Aust Inf Bde - 21 Mar

A patrol from the second bn to KALIKO from BARUM encountered 20 Japs dug in at 716920. The outline of a possible submarine was seen approaching shore North of MINTJIM RIVER at dusk on 20 Mar. A native interpreter from the BOGADJIM area states that a naval gun is estimated to be at 671983

The forward bn remained in contact.

18 Aust Inf Bde

The Aust Commando Sqn patrol based at 442898 left for OROMUGE (478942)

SAIDOR

A patrol towards YOGAYOGA found approx 200 dead Japs between SINDAMAN and a point 2 miles North of YOGAYOGA. Air recce indicates an enemy concentration of unknown strength at BONGGU.

An amphibious patrol which reconnoitred the Eastern half of BOGADJIM PLANTATION reports no installations, no defensive positions and no Japs seen in that area. A complete report is not yet available. Our patrol in the vicinity of YALAU reports no contact with the enemy.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

MANUS ISLAND - 20 Mar

Good progress has been made South and SW of LORENGAU. A four day patrol along the NUMBER ONE ROAD to DRANO has encountered sniper fire only to the LIEI RIVER ford, where a standing patrol is now stationed. An LCM patrol en route to BANDUMBAT and BUND RALIS Missions reached LIAP without contact. A further four-day patrol to TAUW and KELAUA HARBOUR along NUMBER TWO ROAD encountered a pillbox and heavy fire 800 yds South of ROSSUN. The patrol reports that enemy defences are in depth and the enemy is stubbornly withdrawing South. One medium tank lost a track by a land mine at ROSSUN. The patrol the SALESIA PLANTATION was fired on by snipers.

LOS NEGROS ISLAND

A patrol to a point 1500 yds SW of LOMBRUM POINT encountered HMG and rifle fire and later broke contact on encountering 30 of the enemy.

At LONIU Commandos, presumably from PT boats, landed and burned 20 buildings, 30 canoes, and food and ammunition stores. Destroyers bombarded a point near the South entrance to LONIU PASSAGE near MATAAN and hit an ammunition dump.

GLOUCESTER

Known enemy casualties incl REIN BAY, ELEONORA BAY and TALASEA operations now total 3986 killed 124 PW, but PW reports and captured documents suggest that total should be much higher.

TALASEA

On shore at BANGULA BAY (20 miles East of CAPE HOSKINS), 15 Japanese were killed and many wounded from a party of 200 who were moving East.

ARAWA

Our patrol to AUGITINI found 25 dead Japanese and killed one. Indications are that the enemy withdrew North ten days ago.

2. SEA - OWN  
Night 19/20 Mar

Our MTBs encountered 40 mm fire from PETER HARBOUR on GAROVE ISLAND; also large calibre fire from CAPE JUNO where numerous lights were seen. Seven vehicles were moving north on the coastal road in the CAPE JUNO vicinity. Lights were also observed in DALLMAN PASSAGE and on the North side of MUGIL HARBOUR.

An amphibious patrol reported that the Eastern half of BOGADJIM PLANTATION appeared deserted.

3. AIR - OWN  
NEW GUINEA - 21 Mar

WEWAK AREA - Thirty six Liberators and twenty four Mitchells attacked AA posns, the wharf area and dumps at KAIRIRU ISLAND. Large fires with dense smoke and explosions covered the target area. Direct hits were also scored on the mission area and jetty. A 500 ton lugger lying offshore received a hit and many barges on the seashore were left burning.

Thirty eight Bostons carried out a low level attack on fuel dumps and barrack buildings at BRANDI PLANTATION. The bombing was reported as excellent and the area was thoroughly strafed from 100 ft. Two possible fuel fires and many small fires were started in the fuel dump area. There was nil interception.

NEW BRITAIN

Twenty five Beauforts again attack PALMAMAL PLANTATION. Preliminary reports indicate that the majority of bombs fell in the target area.

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OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 5 AUST DIV

A PIB patrol to WASU area captured seven PW.

(b) 7 AUST DIV (Ref map 1:25000 series)

15 Aust Inf Bde

22 Mar - C Coy of the Bn on the right flank is now established at NANGAPO. A patrol left BARUM en route to sq 7493 where it is possible to overlook BONGGU. A patrol contacted US tps at KUL 2 (996959) ref map one inch POMMERN BAY) at dusk on 21 Mar.

23 Mar - A patrol from the Bn on the right flank to JAMJAM via WENGA(642918) reported JAMJAM unoccupied but there were signs of old defences. The patrol to MALE, near the mouth of the KIER RIVER reported no contact with the enemy. Our OP in the area observed three possible gun flashes from the vicinity of 588077 (ref map 1 inch to 1 mile) near GONO Village.

Natives report an unknown type of field piece moving from ERIMA towards BOGADJIM on 19 Mar.

(c) ALAMO FORCE reports as follows:-

SAIDOR - 21 Mar - Further reports of the BOGADJIM amphibious patrol disclosed that the patrol was detected by the enemy in BOGADJIM PLANTATION and withdrew

During the morning 21 Mar Jap mortar fire was brought to bear on our posns East of the KAMBARA RIVER, causing one casualty. These posns were still under Jap SA fire on 22 Mar.

During the night 21/22 Mar the Japanese brought machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire on to our posns. The firing lasted for approx 20 mins, but caused no casualties. (2 Aust Corps Int Report No.164)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

MANUS ISLAND- A Jap OP has been located on RAMBUTYO ISLAND, 1200 yds SW of LENKAU and another 1300 yds SSE of the same place.

An OP and barge hideout is located at SILIN POINT in KALI BAY on the West coast of MANUS.

In the LORENGAU area on 21 and 22 Mar, our tps attacking ROSSUN were blocked by enemy of an estimated strength of 150 with mortars and many automatic weapons. A bitter defence is being put up by the enemy. Our patrol to SALESIA bivouaced in the plantation. Further bunkers and snipers were met  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile East of LORENGAU and one bunker was destroyed by a tank one mile SW of LORENGAU. 310 bunkers have been destroyed to date. The LCM patrol to BUND-RALIS MISSION returned without making contact. RARA ISLAND, one mile NE of LORENGAU, was occupied on 21 Mar. A destroyer successfully bombarded the SE tip of MANUS ISLAND on 22 Mar.

23 Mar - Our patrol to DRANO killed two Japs. The patrols East of LORENGAU along the coast and in the vicinity of SALESIA PLANTATION report no contact. 2000 yards North of ROSSUN there is reported to be stubborn enemy resistance. Recently laid anti-tank mines and anti-personnel mines were removed from the NUMBER TWO ROAD in this area. The patrol to the East flank of ROSSUN sighted enemy approx 500 yds East of the village.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos. 164 - 165)

LOS NEGROS ISLAND

21 Mar - Our patrol one mile SW of PAPITALAI made contact and was fired on two miles SW of PAPITALAI and later one mile South of LOMBRUM. An ammunition dump was destroyed and seven dead Japs were found in the latter position. The Japanese on LOS NEGROS are now surrounded. An Allied line runs East and West to the North of the Japanese posns SW of PAPITALAI and a further line is established running approx North and South between the Western edge of PAPITALAI PLANTATION and the high ground one mile SSW of the plantation to LEMONDROL CREEK, thus cutting the enemy off completely from Eastern LOS NEGROS

PITYILU ISLAND is occupied by a small party of enemy.

23 Mar - Stiff enemy resistance was reported at a point 2500 yds south of LOMBRUM POINT. Our tps one mile South of LOMBRUM repulsed an enemy counter-attack on the night 21/22 Mar. HYANE HARBOUR is now reported to be capable of taking Liberty Ships.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report Nos. 164 - 165)

ST MATTHIAS ISLANDS - 20 Mar - After a naval bombardment of KAVIENG our forces landed on EMIRAU and EMANANUS ISLANDS.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.165)

(d) NEW BRITAIN

TALASEA - 22 Mar - Enemy tps continue to withdraw East-wards from CAPE HOSKINS around the shores of BANGULA BAY.

A patrol from VOLUPAI on 21 Mar up the West coast of WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA reached BULUDABA without making contact.

A patrol base has now been established at NUMUNDO PLANTATION.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.164)

2. AIR - OWN

22 Mar - NEW GUINEA

HOLLANDIA - Two recce Lightnings reported three freighters totalling 12,000 tons in HOLLANDIA HARBOUR. Recce Liberators attacked these targets during night 22/23 Mar with unobserved results.

AITAPE - One Sqn of Mitchells successfully attacked targets, in the township area and scored direct hits on two 'barrack type' two-storey buildings

TADJI - Thirty-five Airacobras dive-bombed the airstrip and adjacent buildings, destroying the District Officer's residence. Four enemy fighters were left in flames on the strip. Five luggers in the harbour were also strafed and left burning.

WEWAK - Three Sqns of Liberators attacked AA posns in the township area with good results. Two heavy AA guns were definitely destroyed. Fires and smoke over the target area made observation difficult.

BORAM - Four Sqns of Liberators attacked the BORAM airstrip and dumps in dispersal area nearby. One heavy AA posn received a direct hit, two large fires were started, and one large building destroyed. The runway was left unserviceable and one enemy fighter and one bomber were burning as the aircraft left the target area. No AA was encountered by the last two Sqns in their bombing run.

WOM (WEWAK) - Four Sqns of strafing Mitchells and two Sqns of Bostons attacked shipping in the harbour from minimum altitude. One 800 ton lugger, one 500 ton lugger, two patrol craft, 3/5 small luggers and 10/15 barges were either sunk or destroyed.

One Sqn of Bostons attacked stores stacked on the CAPE WOM PENINSULA starting small fires amongst the dumps.

ALEXISHAFEN - Two Sqns of Bostons bombed and strafed the airstrip and suspected enemy concentration areas at ALEXISHAFEN. Some small fires were started.

BOGADJIM ROAD - Twelve Bostons, Sixteen Airacobras dive-bombed and strafed gun posns 2000 yds North of DAUMOINA and suspected Jap HQ in target area. AAMG posns East of the target were silenced and two fires were started in the supply dump area.

23 Mar - HANSA BAY - Forty-three Liberators and six Mitchells bombed AWAR PLANTATION and installations at HANSA BAY and NUBIA. Two heavy AA posns were destroyed at HANSA BAY and the Mitchell Sqn which strafed from minimum altitude reported no AA fire. Some fires were started in the AWAR PLANTATION area.

WEWAK - Thirty-six Bostons carried out a low-level bombing and strafing attack on the DAGUA airstrip and dispersal areas and also strafed barges in the main harbour at MUSHU ISLAND. The airstrip was left unserviceable and two very large fuel fires started amongst the dumps to the West of the strip. Due to low cloud, detailed observations were not possible.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.164 - 165)

PART II

3. ENEMY STRENGTHS

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - To 23 Mar enemy casualties were 2266 known dead and it is now estimated that remaining effectives total 1071.

4. ENEMY EQPT - In a raid last month on the GUSAP area, Japanese Army fighters (TONY's) dropped clusters of 1/3 kilogram bombs. Unexploded bombs of this type are dangerous. The fact that they are small and may be found in number on the ground may tend to excite curiosity. They should be handled only by experts. It is recommended that a safety area of 75ft be flagged off until such time as the bomb is rendered ineffective. Characteristics of the bomb are; Overall length-10 $\frac{1}{4}$  ins, body length 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  ins, body diam - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins, tail length - 4 ins total weight  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb; colour of body - black, with yellow band around centre of the body; explosive filler - cyclonite and TNT. The complete container is constructed of corrugated sheet steel, and weighs 78 lbs (35Kg) filled. The overall length minus false nose & tail, is 41 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins and it is 8 ins in diameter.

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29 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 50  
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OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 7 Aust Div: 24 Mar (Ref maps 1:25000 series)

A possible maval gun has been reported on the West bank near the mouth of the GORI RIVER.

24 Mar - A patrol contacted the enemy on 3800 feature sq 5679 causing casualties. Another Bn patrolling to sq 5181 reached 501765 without contacting the enemy. They are now based on the feature.

An Aust Commando Sqn patrol down the NURU ROAD returned owing to difficult country. The patrol to OROMUGE contacted approx 30 Japs at 459935 and 456926, causing casualties. The patrol to MATELOI 1 through BIRI reports that MATELOI 1 is occupied by the enemy and further defences are being constructed at 478816 near the village. The patrol to KULSU was ambushed near EMAR(351058 ref map 1 inch to 1 mile). We sustained no casualties and the patrol has now returned to FAITA.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.166)

(b) ALAMO FORCE: Reports as follows

SAIDOR - 23 Mar: Before withdrawing, the BOGADJIM patrol received native reports of one enemy coy in the vicinity of KUBALI MISSION in the Northern portion of BOGADJIM PLANTATION and foxholes and MG posns at the mouth of the GORI and MINTJIM RIVERS. The main enemy strength is reported to be at ERIMA PLANTATION, with little traffic to the North.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

MANUS ISLAND: 24 Mar - Our tps attacking ROSSUN advanced to within 100 yards North of the village. Enemy defences continued in depth to 200 yards South of ROSSUN. SALESIA PLANTATION was found to contain a large supply dump. The plantation is now clear of enemy and a patrol has reached a point 1800 yards South of ROSSUN.

LOS NEGROS ISLAND - 24 Mar: The enemy is holding a position from a point 2800 yds South by East of LOMBRUM POINT Westerly for 200 yds along the high ground.

NDROVA ISLAND: 24 Mar - A recce patrol made no contact. A base camp is being established there for patrols to KELAU HARBOUR.

NEW BRITAIN

CAPE GLOUCESTER-24 Mar-Two rifle coys left SIMILATI POINT for IBOKI to stage en route LINGA LINGA and the KULU RIVER, whence it will patrol to the East to NUMUNDO PLANTATION.

ARAWA - 24 Mar-- Three Japanese were killed North of AUGITNI.  
(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.166)

2. SEA - OWN: USN reports as follows

NEW GUINEA - 22/23 Mar: PT boats report floodlights at HANSA BAY. Very bright lights at GIRGIR and WABUSI illuminated the patrol boats 12 miles offshore.

Truck lights were observed going South at MATUKARI, 4 miles South of CAPE CROISILLES. Further lights were seen moving East at DOVE POINT and MUGIL. A single enemy aircraft circled the boats 5 miles off ULINGAN.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.166)

3. AIR - OWN

NEW GUINEA - 23 Mar

BOGADJIM ROAD - At 1200 hrs 15 Airacobras accurately attacked an enemy defensive position at 542788, 1500 yards NW of DAUMOINA.

(2 Aust Corps. Int Report No.166)

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1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY OPERATIONS

(a) 7 AUST DIV (Ref map 1:25,000 series) 25 Mar

The Japanese posn at 716937 is reported to be still unoccupied. The observation post at BARUM reports that three guns of unknown calibre fired from the vicinity of MALAGA (681070 ref map 1 inch to 1 mile).

The Aust Commando Sqn patrol to 494837 reports no contact. MATELOI 2 and KOBA are clear of the enemy.

(2 Aust Corps Int Summary No. 167)

(b) ALAMO FORCE - Reports as follows:

SAIDOR - 24 Mar (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile) : A patrol of YALAU TASK FORCE reported three Japs met on track at 957889. One of these was killed and one wounded whilst the third escaped. Six Japs were sighted at 957892. The outpost at SAGA SAGA sighted one Jap in the locality, and on 25 Mar observed 10 natives with heavy packs and two men (believed to be Japanese) with rifles, cross the KAMBARA RIVER, 3½ miles from the mouth, heading West. The natives re-crossed the river for two more loads. On the TARIKNGAN-YOGA YOGA track on 22 Mar our MAMBIT OP reports 8 Japs with packs, but only one of them was armed. On 23 Mar two Japs passed through. On 24 Mar natives reported DIMAN (9 miles South of BIBI) still occupied by 20/30 Japs.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 168)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

MANUS ISLAND: 24/25 Mar: Our tps attacking ROSSUN reached a point 200 yds South of the village. A patrol up the West bank of the LORENGAU RIVER is attempting to approach the NUMBER TWO ROAD from the West and come out ½ mile South of the village.

A strongly fortified Jap posn was captured 500 yds SW of ROSSUN on the NUMBER TWO ROAD, 28 Japs were killed on the isthmus at the Eastern extremity of MANUS ISLAND between BUTJOLUO and POTOMO ISLANDS. Six Chinese were taken prisoner at MANUS.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 167-168)

LOS NEGROS ISLAND: 25 Mar: Contact was maintained with the enemy 1½ miles due South of LOMBRUM POINT. The enemy in this area are reported by captured Chinese to have little ammunition and food and to be withdrawing to SW. A cavalry brigade advancing West to posns running approx North and South of LOMBRUM POINT met slight opposition. AMO and NDROVA ISLANDS have been occupied without opposition.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 167-168)

NEW BRITAIN

TALASEA - 25 Mar: There was no opposition during the landing at KULU RIVER and LINGALINGA but contact was established later, 28 PW being taken including 15 held by natives at POI ISLAND (SW of RUDIGER POINT). Three PW were captured at SAN REMO PLANTATION, 6 miles SE of NUMUNDO. The patrol to GARU, 10 miles SW of TALASEA on RIEBECK BAY reported having killed 15 Japs.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 167-168)

ARAWA - 100 dead Japs were reported on track from LAMDGAI NORTH to NERU (North of AUGITNI).

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 168)

2. SEA - OWN - USN reports as follows

23/24 Mar: A party landed by MTB in AMUR and KALI Plantations (Western MANUS ISLAND) found no Japs between DOVE POINT and the MALA RIVER. Twelve trucks were seen moving South and four North. A large oil fire was seen in the early evening 23 Mar at MADANG. While off CAPE CROISILLES at a range of 7000 yds 37 mm and 40 mm guns opened fire from the CAPE. The PT boats received some near misses from 3 inch shells when retiring.

GAROVE ISLAND 24/25 Mar: One "A" Type Jap barge was sunk six miles SE of the island. 35 troops aboard were killed and 4 PW taken.

Another type "A" barge was sunk six miles North of BIALLA PLANTATION (East by North of CAPE HOSKINS)

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 167-168)

3. AIR - OWN

NEW GUINEA - 24 Mar

WEWAK - Final mission reports of a heavy strike on Wewak indicate that thirty-six Liberators, thirty-seven Mitchells attacked AA posns, stores, supply and personnel areas. Many buildings and dumps received direct hits, and one huge fire and explosion with black smoke to 1500 ft covered the

by the heavy squadrons which were over the target area at 1000 hrs.  
NEW GUINEA - 25 Mar

Eighteen Bostons continued the attack on the enemy L of C by attacking BUNABUN MISSION (DOVE POINT) and the harbour area from minimum altitude. The target area was well covered with bombs and thoroughly strafed. Many small fires were started. A further twenty-eight Bostons again bombed and strafed fuel dumps and installations at CEPE WOM. A special equipment radio station received a direct hit and was probably completely wrecked, and fires were started on the seashore area amongst many small dumps.

No enemy aircraft attempted any intercession during these strikes.

BOGADJIM ROAD - 26 Mar

Sixteen Airacobras again dive-bombed the suspected Hap HQ North of DAUMONIA and strafed the area with 37 mm shells. AA LMG fire was encountered from an unlocated posn NW of the target area.

Eighteen Sqns of Liberators, Mitchells and Bostons attacked targets between HANSA BAY and AITAPE. Detail reports are not yet available.

NEW BRITAIN - 25 Mar

Supporting the advance of Allied tps along the North coast of NEW BRITAIN, seven Bostons accurately bombed and strafed enemy defensive posns and concentration areas at BIALLA PLANTATION.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 168)

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OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN & ENEMY

(a) 5 AUST DIV - 27 Mar: A PIB patrol captured four PW in SINGORAKAI area.

All PW were stragglers.

(b) 7 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1:25,000 series) 27 Mar

15 Aust Inf Bde. A patrol from BARUM contacted enemy of estimated strength 30 with MMG and LMGs 1000 yds NE of RUREO. A patrol to JAMJAM reported no movement seen.

18 Aust Inf Bde. A patrol to Sq 5180 located an unoccupied Japaco position at 527783 which was capable of holding one Bn. The position overlooks the BOGADJIM ROAD NW of DAUMONNA and consists of 1000 yards of trenches, pillboxes, dugouts, wire, and booby traps. The position was apparently evacuated three days ago.

(c) ALAMO FORCE

No further reports of operations have been received.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.169)

2. SEA - OWN: USN reports as follows:

On the night 25/26 Mar stationary lights observed at DOVEPOINT were blacked out on the approach of the PT boats. On KARKAR ISLAND, a village South of BISON BAY was strafed. A possible submarine was sighted three miles East of GAROVE ISLAND.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.169)

3. AIR - OWN

NEW GUINEA - 26 Mar

The main air attack comprising Forty-four Liberators and twenty-seven Mitchells, was carried out against AA positions, installations and dispersal areas at DAGUA. The whole of the target area was well covered with bombs. Results were generally unobserved, due to dust and smoke.

Nine Mitchells on a barge sweep from HANSA BAY to BUT destroyed one 500 ton lugger and strafed two 500 ton cargo ships 10 miles SE of WEWAK. Three luggers and 41 barges off MUSCHU ISLAND were strafed with unobserved results.

HANSA BAY: Eight Mitchells attacked personnel and staging areas at HANSA BAY, starting fires.

AITAPE: Nineteen Bostons on a barge sweep from BUT to AITAPE bombed and strafed three barges and one lugger along the coast. A further twelve Bostons accurately bombed St ANNA MISSION, scoring six direct hits on the mission buildings and starting small fires. The radio station at AITAPE also received a direct hit and was probably destroyed.

BOGADJIM AREA

26 Mar: Twelve Bostons bombed and strafed the BONGGU area as a result of direct support request from 7 Aust Div. All bombs reported in the target area.

27 Mar: Sixteen Airacobras carried out two direct support requests from 7 Aust Div, one at BONGGU and the other against a defensive position at AWUNG RIVER. Both these strikes were in support of ground patrols. Results were generally unobserved due to dense timber.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - 26 Mar

Nine Bostons attacked PITYILU ISLAND, WAREMBU and DRAWA.

(2 Aust Corps Int Report No.169)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
10 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944 HQ 29 ADST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 7 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. <i>but including services</i>				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1 2		1 1 4 6 3	Brigadier* Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Chaplains Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	3		15											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
				A.	15									15
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for completion 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.
NX77306	Capt	MILLAR, R.S.	AASC NG Force	29/2/44	To duty as BASCO

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX1938	Lieut	BAKER, R.S.	19 Sup Dppt H1	2/3/44	Ceases to be attached.

## 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 4/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
<b>COMMANDER</b>							
Lt-Col (T/Brig)	QX6152	MONAGHAN,	R.F.	Brig	Yes		
<b>STAFF</b>							
Maj	QX6158	AUSTIN,	H	BM	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	VX5369	STROM,	G.F.	BM(L)	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX34729	McKENZIE,	D.C.	SC	Yes		
Lieut	QX40837	BULCANY,	J.D.	SC(L)	Yes		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</b>							
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX40878	CAVENAGH,	T.J.D.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	QX48803	CHAPMAN,	J.A.S.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	VX117527	ST ELLEN,	J.J.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	QX43166	MABBETT,	J.D.	Hyg	Yes		
Lieut	VX108317	DAFF,	G.S.	Amen	Yes		
Lieut	VX102889	SHERMAN,	J.J.	Educ	Yes		
<b>SERVICES</b>							
Chaplain	QX37743	HENRY,	W.J.	Chaplain No.		Att 15 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX48926	McPHEAT,	W.	Chaplain No		Recreation Leave	
Chaplain	VX117324	KYERS,	F.T.	Chaplain No		Att 42 Aust Inf Bn	
Lieut (T/Capt)	Nx77306	MILLAR,	R.S.	BASCO	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.
Lieut	QX51119	BIRCH, F.D.	42 Bn	26/1/44	Actg IO
Lieut	QX53506	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	42 Bn	14/2/44	Actg IO.
Lieut	NX26645	EDWARDS, I.M.	47 Bn	17/2/44	Actg IO

4 Mar 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

*W. Austin*  
Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 29 AUST  
INF BDE

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 / 1944 (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED <sup>but</sup>				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
1	3		2	Sergeants					
		3	11	Corporals					
1	6		46	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
2	10	3	62	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).		A.I.F.	A.I.F.	"A"	C.M.F.	"B"	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		"A"	"B"	Under 16 Years	16 Years and over.								62
		A		57	7								
		B(1)											
		B(2)											

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
10	15 Aust Inf Bn			1	42 Aust Inf Bn		
9	42 Aust Inf Bn			1	47 Aust Inf Bn		
12	47 Aust Inf Bn			1	7 Aust Fd Amb		
1	7 Aust Fd Amb						
4	5 Div Postal						
1	11 Aust Fd Coy						
1	HQ 2 Aust Corps						

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

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

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/3/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers (c)	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen (b)	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks (d)	3	2	NR	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.)	1	1		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CSM (g)	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Tpt Sgt(h)	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks (f)	6	6		Batmen (i)	13	13	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Dvrs MT(j)	5	5	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty(k)	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties (e)	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				OrderliesMT	9	11	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Orderlies	6	5	NR
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				COMS (l)	1		NR
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AACHD	3	2	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC (m)	4	3	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC (n)	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1		NR	Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1		1
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4		CARRIED FORWARD	13	19	1	CARRIED FORWARD	19	15	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	62	2

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.

4 Mar 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer  
Maj. BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3/1/44

	<u>NCO ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>NCO POSTINGS</u>	<u>NCO REINFTS REQD</u>
(a)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	NIL
(b)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	NIL
(c)	1 Sgt	NIL	1 Sgt
(d)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	NIL
(e)	1 S/Sgt 1 Cpl	1 S/Sgt 1 Cpl	NIL
(f)	1 WOII, 2 Sgt, 1 Cpl	1 WOII, 4 Cpls	NIL
(g)	1 WOII	1 WO II	NIL
(h)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	NIL
(i)	NIL	1 Cpl	NIL
(j)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	NIL
(k)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	NIL
(l)	1 S/Sgt	NIL	NIL(Expected back from "X" List 2/3/44 Cpl clerk filling vacancy)
(m)	1 Cpl	NIL	NIL(Expected back from "X" List shortl - Cpl batman filling vacancy)
(n)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	NIL
NCOs surplus to WE -		NIL	
NCO's defieient on WE -		1 Sgt Armourer	

NOTE - (a) If any other post is involved the details in Part A of Army Form W.3009 should be included in the details in Part E of Army Form W.3009. (b) If any other post is involved the details in Part A of Army Form W.3009 should be included in the details in Part E of Army Form W.3009. (c) If any other post is involved the details in Part A of Army Form W.3009 should be included in the details in Part E of Army Form W.3009.

Date of Report: 3/1/44

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

11 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 3 / 1944 HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED <sup>but including services</sup>				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	Brigadier*								
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels								
	2		4	Majors								
			6	Captains								
			3	Lieutenants								
			3	Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
			3	Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	3		15									
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.										15
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
53506	Lieut	McLAUGHLIN L.K.	42 Bn	9.3.44	Returned to Unit

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/44/194. (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.
<b>COMMANDER</b>							
Lt-Col(T/Brig)	QX6152	MONAGHAN	R.F.	Brig	Yes		
<b>STAFF</b>							
MaJ	QX6153	AUSTIN	M.	BM	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	VX5369	STROM	G.P.	BM(L)	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	QX34729	McKENZIE	D.C.	SC	Yes		
Lieut	QX40837	MULGAHY	J.D.	SC(L)	No	Hospital	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</b>							
Lieut(T/Capt)	QX40878	CAVENAGE	T.J.D.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	QX48802	CHAPMAN	J.A.S.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	VX117527	ST ELLEN	J.J.	LO	No	Hospital	
Lieut	QX43160	MABBETT	J.D.	Hyg	No	Hospital	
Lieut	VX108317	DAFF	G.S.	Amen	Yes		
Lieut	VX102889	SHEWAN	J.J.	Edue	Yes		
<b>SERVICES</b>							
Chaplain	QX37743	HENRY	W.J.	Chap	No	Att 15 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX48926	McPHEAT	W.	Chap	No	Recreation Leave	
Chaplain	VX117324	EYERS	P.T.	Chap	No	Att 42 Aust Inf Bn	
Lieut(T/Capt)	NX77306	MILLAR	R.S.	BASCO	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.
Lieut	QX51119	BIRCH F.D.	42 Bn	26.1.44	Actg IO
Lieut	NX26645	EDWARDS I.W.	47 Bn	17.2.44	Actg IO

11 Mar 44

Date of Despatch

BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

MaJ



## FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 3 / 1944 HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)W.E. II / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED <i>including services</i>				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			<u>2</u>	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			<u>2</u>	Staff Sergeants					
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>	Sergeants					
		<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	Corporals					
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>48</u>	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>64</u>	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Detail	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
A	<u>57</u>		<u>7</u>							<u>64</u>
B(1)										
B(2)										

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

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
<u>10</u>	<u>15 Austt Inf Bn</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>42 Aust Inf Bn</u>		
<u>7</u>	<u>42 Aust Inf Bn</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>47 Aust Inf Bn</u>		
<u>12</u>	<u>47 Aust Inf Bn</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>7 Aust Fd Amb</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>7 Aust Fd Amb</u>						
<u>4</u>	<u>5 Div Postal</u>						
<u>1</u>	<u>11 Fd Coy</u>						
<u>1</u>	<u>HQ 2 Corps</u>						

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

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

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/ 3 /1944 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
(a) Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers (c)	1		1	Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers	(b)	2	2	Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners (d)	3	2	NR	Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)	1	1		Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	1	1	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tpt Sgt(h)	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers (f)	6	6		Batmen(i)	13	14	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				DvrSMT(j)	5	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Gen Duty(k)	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator (e)	4	3	NR	Clerks, Technical				Hyg Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Orderlies	6	5	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				OrderliesMT	9	11	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				COMS (l)	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAGhd	3	2	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC (m)	4	3	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs	1		NR	Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC (n)	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1		1
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4		CARRIED FORWARD	13	9	1	CARRIED FORWARD	19	15	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	64	2

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.

11 Mar 44

Date of Despatch

BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

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

	<u>NCO Establishment</u>	<u>NCO Postings</u>	<u>NCO Reinfts Required</u>
(a)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	Nil
(b)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(c)	1 Sgt	Nil	1 Sgt
(d)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(e)	1 S/sgt; 1 Cpl	1 S/sgt; 1 Cpl	Nil
(f)	1 WOII; 2 Sgts; 1 Cpl	1 WOII; 3 Cpls	Nil
(g)	1 WOII	1 WO II	Nil
(h)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	Nil
(i)	Nil	1 Cpl	Nil
(j)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(k)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(l)	1 S/sgt	1 S/sgt	Nil
(m)	1 Cpl	Nil	Nil (Expected back from X List - Cpl Batman filling vacancy)
(n)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil

NCOs Surplus to WE - NIL  
 NCOs Deficient on WE - 1 Sgt Armourer.

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

12 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 3 / 1944 Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1 2 2		1 4 4 3	<b>Brigadier *</b> * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	5		13											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.										13
				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).

\* 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., 30 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.
QX40837	Lieut	MULCAHY J.D.	"X" List	12.3.44	
QX43160	Lieut	MABBETT J.D.	"X" List	18.3.44	

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

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

Unit

12 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 3 4 /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.
<b>COMMANDER</b>							
Lt/Capt (T/Capt)	QX6152	MONAGHAN	R.P.	Brig	Yes		
<b>STAFF</b>							
Maj	QX6158	AUSTIN	M	BM	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX5369	STROM	G.F.	BM (L)	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX34729	McKENZIE	D.C.	SC	Yes		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</b>							
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX40878	CAVENAGH	T.J.D.	LO	No	att 15 Aust Inf Bn	14.3.44
Lieut	QX40803	CHAPMAN	J.A.S.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	VX117527	ST ELLEN	J.J.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	VX108317	DAPP	C.S.	Asst	Yes		
Lieut	VX102889	SHEEHAN	J.J.	Edac	Yes		
<b>SERVICES</b>							
Chaplain	QX37743	HENRY	W.J.	Chap	No	Att 15 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX48928	McPHEAT	W.	Chap	No	Recreational Leave	
Chaplain	VX117324	EYERS	A.S.	Chap	No	Att 42 Aust Inf Bn	
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX77305	HILLAR	H.S.	BASCO	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.
Lieut	QX51119	BIRCH P.D.	42 Bn	26.1.44	Actg LO
Lieut	QX26645	EDWARDS I.M.	47 Bn	17.2.44	Actg IO
Lt (T/Capt)	QX104279	SIMONS R.B.	15 Bn	11.3.44	Actg FO
Lt (T/Capt)	QX34023	COLE R.B.	42 Bn	14.3.44	Actg SC (L)

18 Mar 44

*[Signature]*  
Maj  
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde  
Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

12 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 3 / 1944 HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, but including services				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required						
				W.Os. Class I.											
			2	W.Os. Class II.											
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.											
			2	Staff Sergeants											
1	3		2	Sergeants											
		3	11	Corporals											
		1	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.											
				Civilians counting as O.R.											
1	*	3	4	70	*				*						
<p>Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.</p>															
<p>Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).</p>					Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
					A	63	7								70
					B(1)										
					B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
9	15 Aust Inf Bn			1	42 Aust Inf Bn		
8	42 Aust Inf Bn			1	47 Aust Inf Bn		
11	47 Aust Inf Bn			1	7 Aust Fd Amb		
4	5 Div Postal						
1	7 Fd Amb						
1	11 Fd Coy						
1	HQ 2 Aust Corps						

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

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

Unit

HQ 29 AUST INF BDE

12 / 44 Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/ 3 /1944 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	4	4		Operating Room Assts.	13	12	1	G.P.O. Assistants	19	18	1
Armament Artificer Fitter (a)	1	1		Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Elvetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen (c) 1	1		1	Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural) (b) 2 2	2	2		Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanic (d) 3 4	3	4									
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				GSM (g) 1 1			
Fitters, Railway Signal	1	1		Hatchman				Butchers				Tpt Sgt(h) 1 1			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks (f) 6 6	6	6		Batmen(i) 13 14			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Dvrs MT(j) 5 5			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty(k) 3 3			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duties 1 1			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners (e) 4 3 NR	4	3	NR	Concretors				Orderlies 6 6			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Orderlies MT 9 12			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water Duty 1 1			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				GQMS (l) 1 1			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAGhd 3 2 NR			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AASC (n) 4 4			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAMC (h) 1 1			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC 1 NR			
Photowriter				Miners 1 1	1	1		Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4		CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	19	18		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	69	70	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.

Date 18 Dec 44

Signature of Commander  
Maj  
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde

	<u>NCO Establishment</u>	<u>NCO Postings</u>	<u>NCO Reinfts Required</u>
(a)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	Nil
(b)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(c)	1 Sgt	Nil	1 Sgt
(d)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(e)	1 S/Sgt, 1 Cpl	1 S/Sgt, 1 Cpl	Nil
(f)	1 WOII, 2 Sgts, 1 Cpl	1 WOII, 3 Cpls	Nil
(g)	1 WO II	1 WO II	Nil
(h)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	Nil
(i)	Nil	1 Cpl	Nil
(j)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(l)	Nil	1 Cpl	Nil
(j)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(k)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(l)	1 S/Sgt	1 S/Sgt	Nil
(m)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(n)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil

NCOs Surplus to WE

<u>No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Med Class</u>	<u>Present Duties</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
VX13629	Cpl	GOLD J.	32	A?	Batman	Batman to Bde Comd

NCOs Deficient on WE

1 Sgt Armourer.

NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is indicated this detail is correct.  
 (b) Reinforcements to be provided are indicated in the column headed 'Reinforcements'.  
 (c) Where a W.A.S. number is indicated the detail is correct.  
 (d) Where a W.A.S. number is not indicated the detail is correct.  
 (e) Where a W.A.S. number is not indicated the detail is correct.  
 (f) Where a W.A.S. number is not indicated the detail is correct.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 3 /1944 HQ 29 AUST  
INF BDE (Unit)

13 / 44 (Serial No.)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, but including services				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1		1	* Brigadier *									
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels									
	2		4	Majors									
			4	Captains									
			4	Lieutenants									
			3	Quarter-masters CHAPLAINS A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
			3	Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	5		13										
		DETAIL	A.T.P.	W.A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.	13										13
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

No 29 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE Unit

13/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
<b>COMMANDER</b>							
Lt-Col(T/Brig)	QX6152	MONAGHAN	R.F.	Brig	Yes		
<b>STAFF</b>							
Maj	QX6158	AUSTIN	H.	BH	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	QX5369	STROM	G.F.	BH(L)	Yes		
Lieut(T/Capt)	QX34729	MCKENZIE	D.C.	SC	Yes		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</b>							
Lieut(T/Capt)	QX40878	CAVENAGH	T.J.D.	LO	No	Att 15 Aust Inf Bn	14/3/44
Lieut	QX48803	CHAPMAN	J.A.S.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	VX117527	STELLEN	J.J.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	VX108317	DAPP	C.S.	Amen	Yes		
Lieut	VX102889	SHEEHAN	J.J.	Educ	Yes		
<b>SERVICES</b>							
Chaplain	QX37743	HENRY	W.J.	Chap	No	Att 15 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX48926	MEPHRAT	W.	Chap	No	Recreational Leave	
Chaplain	VX117324	EYERS	F.T.	Chap	No	Att 42 Aust Inf Bn	
Lieut(T/Capt)	NX77306	MILAR	R.S.	BASCO	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.
Lieut	QX51119	BIRCH F.D.	42 Bn	26/1/44	Actg IO
Lieut	NX26645	EDWARDS I.M.	47 Bn	17/2/44	Actg IO
Lieut(T/Capt)	NX104279	SIMONS N.S.	15 Bn	11/3/44	Actg TO
Lieut(Capt)	QX34023	COLE R.B.	42 Bn	14/3/44	Actgs SC(L)

*[Signature]*  
Maj  
Signature of Commander

25/3/44  
Date of Despatch

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 29 Aust  
Inf Bde

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 3 / 194 4 (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, but including services				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required
				W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			2	Staff Sergeants					
1	3		2	Sergeants					
		1	9	Corporals					
		2	54	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
2 *	3	3	69 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
	"A"	"B"	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	62		7								69
B(1)											
B(2)											

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
9	15 Aust Inf Bn			1	42 Aust Inf Bn		
8	42 Aust Inf Bn			1	47 Aust Inf Bn		
12	47 Aust Inf Bn						
4	5 Div Postal						
1	11 Aust Fd Coy						
1	HQ 2 Aust Corps						
1	7 Aust Fd Amb						

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

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

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/3/1944**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP B/F.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP B/F (Cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP B/F (Cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangotakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP (b)	1		1	Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers	(b) 2	2		Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	(d) 3	4		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)	1	1		Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	(e) 4	3	NR								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs	1	1									
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4		CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	19	18	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	69	69	2

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.

25.3.44

Date of Despatch

BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

PART I Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

	<u>NCO Establishment</u>	<u>NCO Postings</u>	<u>NCO Reiflfts Required</u>
(a)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	Nil
(b)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(c)	1 Sgt	Nil	1 Sgt
(d)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(e)	1 S/Sgt, 1 Cpl	1 S/Sgt, 1 Cpl	Nil
(f)	1 WOII, 2 Sgts, 1 Cpl	1 WOII, 3 Cpls	Nil
(g)	1 WOII	1 WOII	Nil
(h)	1 Sgt	1 Sgt	Nil
(i)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(j)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(k)	1 S/Sgt	1 S/Sgt	Nil
(l)	1 Cpl	1 Cpl	Nil
(m)	1 Cpl	Nil	NR - Arrangements made with 7 Fd Amb for posting of AAMC Cpl
<b><u>NCOs SURPLUS TO WE - NIL</u></b>			
<b><u>NCOs DEFICIENT ON WE</u></b>			
	1 Sgt Armourer	-	Reinforcement required
	1 Cpl AAMC	-	Not required - arrangements made with 7 Aust Fd Amb for posting of AAMC Cpl.

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