

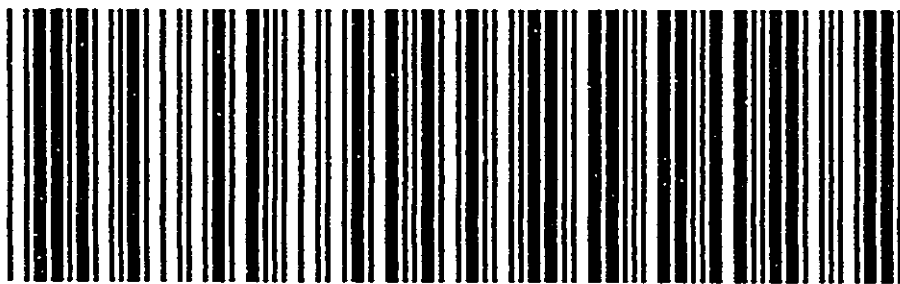
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1/5/58 FORCES

Torres Strait Force and
Torres Strait Area

August - October 1943



1/5/58-006C

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit **HQ TORRES STRAIT Force**

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Aug To 0900 hrs 2 Aug 43

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 2 Aug To 0900 hrs 3 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air Patrol N	2 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	2 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	2 Aug	AM	Balance of A Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn departed for MERAUKE for on move to TANAHERAH.	This is the final flight of TANAHERAH Garrison
6 miles west of BAMFIELD Hd - Prince of Wales I	2 Aug	1530	Party of 6 personnel 26 Aust Inf Bn sighted a possible sub. Reported by Lt Col ABBOTT at 2020 hrs.	Navy and Air Force infd. Discounted by Navy- an- cident closed. NOT report- ed to higher formations.
THURSDAY I	2 Aug		Weather : Sunny - light to strong breeze. Visibility good.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 3 Aug To 0900 hrs 4 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN I	3 Aug	1030	GOC in C Lt Gen LAVARACK and party departed for south	
HORN I	3 Aug	0900	Lt Col ABBOTT CO 26 Aust Inf Bn took over comd HORN I from	
			Lt Col MAWKE CO 5 Aust MG Bn	
Air patrol N	3 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	3 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	3 Aug		Weather : Strong wind - visibility fair.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 4 Aug To 0900 hrs 5 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0800 hrs 5 Aug To 0900 hrs 6 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 6 Aug To 0900 hrs 7 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
11deg24minS 135deg 03minE	6 Aug	1135	SSMACUMBA attacked by two enemy aircraft and badly hit in engine room. Vessel now in tow proceeding to MILLINGIMBI.	
11deg30min 134 deg 40 min E	6 Aug	1430	NACUMBA sank - 1 missing 3 seriously injured.	
THURSDAY I	6 Aug	AM	Brig NEYLAN (FAA), Maj McLACHLAN, Lt Col BENDALL departed for LERAUK by plane.	
THURSDAY I	6 Aug	AM	Capt KENNEDY arrived by plane to take up duties as OC TORRES STRAIT Sigs.	
GOCDE I	6 Aug		D Coy 5 Aust MG Bn departed for RED Is Pt enroute MUTTEE Hd to commence labour duties on wharf.	
Air patrol N	6 Aug		Nil sightings	
Air patrol P	6 Aug		Nil sightings.	
THURSDAY I	6 Aug		WEATHER : Fine - Visibility good - strong SE winds.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 7 Aug To 0900 hrs 8 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air Patrol N	7 Aug	1640	Nil sightings	
Air patrol P	7 Aug	1640	Nil sightings	
THURSDAY I			WEATHER: Fine with scattered cloud. VISIBILITY: Fair	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 8 Aug 43

To 0900hrs 9 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MUTTEE Hds	8 Aug		Army sigs installed communications to MUTTEE Hd (between 0800 and 2100 hrs W/T continuous schedules).	
MUTTEE Hds	8 Aug		D Coy 5 Aust MG Bn now located near MUTTEE Hd RDF.	
Air patrol N	8 Aug		Nil sightings	
Air patrol P	8 Aug		Nil sightings.	
JACKY JACKY	8 Aug		11 ORs maintenance party 35 Aust Hy AA Bty departed for south.	
THURSDAY I	8 Aug		WEATHER : Fine with scattered clouds. VISIBILITY : Fair.	

Dr. 11

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 9 Aug To 0900 hrs 10 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I	9 Aug	PM	Brig NEYLAN and Maj McLACHLAN returned from MERAUKE by plane.	
Air patrol N	9 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	9 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	9 Aug		WEATHER : Fine with strong SE winds	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 10 Aug To 0900 hrs 11 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	10 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	10 Aug	0045Z	Army personnel observed landing at MAPPI from large, grey, covered launch which the pilot and crew were definite was NOT the "HAMMUN". Incident considered NOT suspicious. Nil enemy sightings.	Understood to be Dutch launch stationed at MAPPI.
Cape WESSEL	10 Aug	1240-1257	Indications enemy aircraft within 20 miles. Airspeed 192 MPH	
MILLINGIMBI	10 Aug	1333-1334	Indications enemy aircraft within 83 miles west. Course WNW for 46 miles. Airspeed 250 MPH.	
THURSDAY I	10 Aug		WEATHER : Fine but squally. VISIBILITY : Fair. <i>Dr J</i>	

WAR DIARY ~~SECRET~~ INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 11 Aug To 0900 hrs 12 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 12 Aug To 0900 hrs 13 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	12 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	12 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	12 Aug		SS "ISLANDER" arrived disembarking 4 Offrs 145 ORs 71 Aust AASL Bty.	
	12 Aug		71 Aust AASL Bty moved to HIGGINS FIELD.	
THURSDAY I	12 Aug		WEATHER : Fine. VISIBILITY good.	
			<i>Dr. H</i>	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 13 Aug To 0900 hrs 14 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I	13 Aug		Capt CUNDELL First Aust Army arrived by aircraft to take up	
			duties as GSOTII also Maj SHERMAN to 1 Aust AA and Frt Coy.	
HORN I	13 Aug		Maj MURCHISON 26 Aust Inf Bn relieved Lt Col ABBOTT as	
			Comd HORN I.	
Air patrol N	13 Aug		Nil sightings	
Air patrol P	13 Aug		Nil sightings	
HORN I	13 Aug		VULTEE VENGEANCE aircraft taken off strength OB28.	
THURSDAY I	13 Aug		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Good.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 14 Aug to 0900 hrs 15 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 15 Aug To 0900 hrs 16 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN I	15 Aug	AM	Fighter Sector advise indications of unidentified aircraft travelling south on a course east of SAIBAI I	
			Army Sigs at SAIBAI neither saw nor heard any aircraft at that time or in that position.	
THURSDAY I	15 Aug		Brig STEVENSON departed for south.	
Air patrol N	15 Aug		Nil sightings	
Air patrol p	15 Aug		Nil sightings	
THURSDAY I	15 Aug		WEATHER : Fine. VISIBILITY : Fair.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 16 Aug To 0900 hrs 17 Aug

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	16 Aug		Nil sightings	
Air patrol P	16 Aug		Nil sightings	
THURSDAY I	16 Aug		Major SWAIN CO TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn relieved Major INGLIS	
			OC B Coy 5 Aust MG Bn as Commander THURSDAY I.	
HORN I	16 Aug		C Coy 5 Aust MG Bn and C Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn moved from HORN	
			I to PRINCE of WALES I for four weeks training.	
THURSDAY I	16 Aug		WEATHER: Showery. VISIBILITY: Medium	
			Dr J	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 17 Aug to 0900 hrs 18 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 18 Aug To 0900 hrs 19 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 19 Aug To 0900 hrs 20 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I	19 Aug		Disembarked ex SS"DARVEL": TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn 9 ORs, 329 LAD 1 Offr 13 ORs, 71 Aust AASL Bty 1 Offr 35 ORs, 57 Aust Rd Pk 3 Offr 100 ORs.	
Air patrol N	19 Aug		Nil sightings.	
Air patrol P	19 Aug		Sighted two bark or coconut palm huts on small island at mouth of DIGOEL RIVER in position 07 deg 10 min S 139 deg 00 min E. These were seen previously by another pilot. No activity or signs of life observed. The huts were approx 20'x12' and 10' x 12' of leanto type.	
THURSDAY I	19 Aug		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Fair.	
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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 20 Aug 7/ 0900 hrs 21 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	20 Aug		Rear gunner of aircraft sighted long wake and a dark hull of a ship in position 08 deg 18 min S 136 deg 42 min E. Aircraft was flying at 1500 ft but came down to 250 and searched area 27 minutes without result. Visibility was extremely bad.	
Air patrol P	20 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	20 Aug		Remainder of 71 Aust AASL Bty and 57 Aust Fd Pk moved to HIGGINS FIELD.	
THURSDAY I	20 Aug		WEATHER :- Fine VISIBILITY : Fair.	
			Dr J	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 21 Aug To 0900 hrs 22 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	21 Aug		Nil sightings	
Air patrol P	21 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	21 Aug		Aircraft departures for south: Capt COLWILL and Capt CLARKE on completion of tour of duty as OC TORRES STRAIT Sigs and Hygiene Oftr respectively.	
			Aircraft arrivals from south: Lt Col SKINNER HQ First Aust Army.	
			Steamer departures for south: 1 Oftr 28 ORs 41 Aust Depot Supply Pl, 1 Oftr 32 ORs Det AASC.	
THURSDAY I	21 Aug		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Fair.	
			Dr J	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time -- From 0900 hrs 22 Aug To 0900 hrs 23 Aug 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 23 Aug To 0900 hrs 24 Aug 43

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Unit **HQ TORRES STRAIT Force**

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 24 Aug To 0900 hrs 25 Aug 43

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(adapted.)

Unit HQ TOPRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.--From 0900 hrs 25 Aug To 0900 hrs 26 Aug 43

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form 118
(adapted.)

Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 26 Aug To 0900 hrs 27 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	26 Aug	0245Z	Slight blip at 08 deg 32 min S 136 deg 15 min E. Aircraft made recce, nil sightings.	
		0325Z	Blip at 09 deg 35 min S 136 deg 33 min E - nil sightings.	
THURSDAY I	26 Aug		Brig DISHER DMS First Aust Army and Lt Col SKINNER First Aust Army arrived from south by aircraft.	
Air patrol P	26 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	26 Aug		WEATHER : Fine and hot. VISIBILITY : Fair.	

Dr K

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(adapted.)

Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 27 Aug To 0900 hrs 28 Aug 43

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 18
(adapted.)

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 28 Aug to 0900 hrs 29 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol M	28 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	28 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	28 Aug		Aircraft arrivals from south: Col LEMAITRE LHQ, Capt McCandless 17 Aust Fd Coy.	
THURSDAY I	28 Aug		Steamer departure for south - evacuees Portuguese TIMOR 47, 2 conducting officers, 1 medical officer.	Transhipped in harbour Did not land, covered
THURSDAY I	28 Aug		WEATHER : Fine and warm . VISIBILITY : Fair.	by Det FSS.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C 118
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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 29 Aug To 0900 hrs 30 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN I	29 Aug	0841	RDF picked up unidentified aircraft on bearing of 14 deg at 40 miles distance.	2 fighters airborne, further 2 scrambled.
		0928	Gun site at HORN I reported Beaufighter in area at 15000 ft course E. O	0828 advise no beaufighter in area. A/C
THURSDAY I	29 Aug	1027	Aircraft arrivals from south: Mr ALDERMAN, Army Finance, Track of aircraft out of area on bearings of 30 to 35 degrees until finally lost at 79 miles.	sighted probably DINAH.
			Fighter sector advise hostile aircraft in area for 77 minutes.	
Air patrol N	29 Aug		Blips received in positions 09 deg 10 min S 137 deg 24 min E and 08 deg 12 25 min S 136 deg 30 min E at 1043K and 1123K respectively. Low cloud base made investigations impossible.	
Air patrol P	29 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	29 Aug		Steamer departures for MERAUKE: Maj CALLINAN and Maj COTTER	
			First Aust Army, 2 ORs "O" Sec FSW. <i>Ons/</i>	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 30 Aug To 0900 hrs 31 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air Patrol N	30 Aug		Nil enemy sightings	
Air patrol P	30 Aug		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	30 Aug		Aircraft departures for MERAUKE Col LEMAIRE, Mr ALDERMAN	
			Army Finance.	
PRINCE of WALES I	30 Aug		C Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn found Jap type rubber sole from two-toed boot in cove at BAMFIELD HEADS. No indications of enemy activity.	Consider probably property of ^{some} coloured person obtained pre-war or from body of Jap airman either washed down creek from old crashed a/c or washed ashore. Search of area ordered.
TORRES Force Area	30 Aug	1000	Aircraft picked up by RDF at 80 miles byg270 deg height 29000ft.	
			This was followed by various plots as aircraft moved in.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 30 Aug To 0900 hrs 31 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TORRES Force Area	30 Aug	1022	Fighters scrambled and vectored at 280 deg from base.	
			GL operating indicates aircraft at 29000 ft speed 240 MPH.	
		1028	Air raid RED.	
			Aircraft at height 28000 ft passed 3 miles E of HORN I,	
			turned E over POSSESSION I then proceeded along N shore of	
			Cape York Peninsula . Made recce of Cape, ADOLPHUS and ALBANY	
			Is and then turned north passing 18 miles east of HORN I.	
		1053	Circled in position 44 miles out on brg 76 deg (over NE	
			channel.	
		1103-1108	Returned to 10 miles SE HIGGINS FIELD and made recce of that	
			area and then returned direct to HORN I.	
		1114	Milman Bty report bomber overhead, brg approx 097 deg.	
		1122	Milman Bty reported enemy aircraft over HORN I.	
		1130	Milman Bty reported aircraft overhead. Aircraft ranged over	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 30 Aug To 0900 hrs 31 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TORRES Force Area	30 Aug		THURSDAY, HORN and HAMILTON Is.	
		1155	Milman Bty report aircraft over GOODE I headed NW,	
		1200	Fighters ordered to clear area and AA prepared to open fire on GL directions.	
		1218	All Clear.	
			Fighter Sector reported that no fighters observed enemy aircraft at any time. Two personnel at Milman Bty gave description as follows: Twin engine, leading edge tapered, trailing edge straight, wide wing span, single tail plane.	
			Further reportes from 72 AASL states two enemy bombers overhead during alert tallying with description as above.	
THURSDAY I	30 Aug		WEATHER : Fine, VISIBILITY : Fair.	
			<i>Dr L</i>	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 31 Aug To 2359 hrs 31 Aug 43

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS

by

COLONEL H. R. LANGFORD, C.B.E., M.C.

COMMANDING TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

HQ Torres Strait Force
9 August 1943.

GENERAL STAFF

G228. RANGE PRACTICE - HORN IS.

34 Aust Hvy AA Bty will conduct musketry practice on "A" Range
HORN IS from 16 Aug to 20 Aug incl between 0900 hrs and 1130 hr.

G229. PRACTICE SHOOT - BARKLEY IS.

Turtle Bty will fire one round from each of two guns at 1000 hrs
on Tuesday 10 Aug 43. Bearing 40° - range 11000 yards.

G230. RANGE PRACTICE - THURSDAY IS

Torres Strait Signals will conduct musketry practice on
THURSDAY IS Rifle Range on Tuesday 10 Aug 43 between the hours
of 0900 and 1700.

G231. RANGE PRACTICE - THURSDAY IS

17 Aust Army Fd Coy will conduct musketry practice on THURSDAY
IS Rifle Range on Thursday 12 Aug 43 between the hours of 0830
and 1700.

G232. MESSAGE FORM - G2128.

A few units are frequently ignoring the originator's request
for acknowledgement of receipt of message. This should be done
IMMEDIATELY the message is received.

G233. ALTERATIONS IN UNIT RETURNS.

Many returns are submitted signed by Commanding Officers which
in turn have to be certified by this HQ as correct. On
numerous occasions alterations and erasures have been noted
on signed copies. In future all such adjustments must bear
the initials of the officer who signs the return. This
applies particularly to the Monthly Census of Warlike Stores.

G.234. SAFE HAND MAIL.

As from 1 Aug 43 all communication will be passed by SAFE HAND
MAIL from this Command.
All communication whether of a Secret nature or otherwise, will
be sent by D.R.L.S.
SECRET MESSAGES will be sent under cover of two envelopes, the
outer bearing endorsement for D.R.L.S. (On NO account will the
outer envelope bear any other markings). Inner envelope should
be marked MOST SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL as the case may be.
In cases where the contents of a despatch are of a MOST SECRET
nature, same will be handed by an Officer into Int Sec Torres
Strait Force for onward transmission, when arrangements will be
made for the despatch to be personally carried by an Officer to
T.M. T.M. thence by SAFE HAND COURIER SERVICE.

G.235. NOMINATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR WING OF THE STAFF SCHOOL OF AUSTR.

The G-in-C has directed that, in future, the following procedure will be adopted in regard to nominations for the Junior Wing of the Staff School of Australia:-

- (a) Formations will call for applications from all officers desirous of attending a Junior Staff Course. Such officers must have had at least two years commissioned service and must not be above the rank of Major.
- (b) Units will forward all applications received to this HQ together with record of service of the officer concerned and remarks by O.C. on each officer. These remarks will include the O.C.'s opinion as to whether the officer is suitable or not for attendance at a Junior Staff Course. All applications received will be forwarded to HQ by Force HQ.
- (c) Units will forward at the same time full particulars of all officers who do not apply, but who are considered by the CO to be suitable for training at the School.

Applications, lists, and particulars of officers for No. 6 Course at Staff School, Australia, Junior Wing, will be submitted to reach this HQ by 25 Aug 43.

W P Kennedy Major.
General Staff, Torres Strait Force.

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ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS STAFF

A.236. COMMANDER, HORN IS.

Lt.-Col ABBOTT, 26 Aust Inf Bn, is appointed Commander HORN IS as from 1400 hrs 31 Jul 43.

A.237. RETURNS, RENDITION OF, AFW 3006

Attention of Unit Commanders is drawn to the fact that AFW3006 must reach this HQ by 1200 hrs each Wednesday and Saturday. Copy sent to Records Office each Saturday will be despatched by D.R.L.S.

A.238. REINFORCEMENTS - FIRST AUSTRALIAN PROVOST COY

Provision is being made for the supply of reinforcements to First Aust Army Provost Coy. Reinforcements personnel will be volunteers and will be trained soldiers and must have no convictions for offences recorded against them. Units will submit list of volunteers to this HQ by 11 Aug 43 of all volunteers considered suitable.

A.239. CARRIER PIGEONS

Attention is drawn to the fact that Carrier Pigeons are to be used for signal work in this area and training has commenced. Stray pigeons found are to be reported immediately to HQ Signals, Torres Strait Force. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against anybody found shooting, harassing or detaining these pigeons.

A.240. RELEASE OF ARMY PERSONNEL TO RAAF.

Advice has been received from First Aust Army that no further release of Army personnel for RAAF Air Crews will be permitted unless authorised from Recruit Reception Depots or Milbase Units.

Q.241. VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE.

Each vehicle on THURSDAY IS will be inspected by 116 Aust Bde Workshops once each month. Workshops will call in vehicles from units as required.

There is a service station section operating at Workshops at EABIE CAMP to care for minor running repairs of vehicles. This section will carry out the work normally performed by an L.A.D.

It is desired that units should avail themselves of this facility and that immediately a fault becomes evident in a vehicle it should be sent to this section for a check.

It is the responsibility of COs and OCs of units to ensure that a weekly inspection of all transport in their charge is carried out by an officer or senior NCO to check on driver's maintenance and general condition of vehicles in charge. "Pamphlet No 1 - Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles" will be held by and rigidly followed by all drivers.

Q.242. CLEANLINESS OF BILLETTS AND ENVIRONMENTS

As this is a Military town, it should be a model of tidiness. Commanders will therefore ensure that the environs of dwellings occupied by personnel under this Command are in such state of tidiness as becomes a Military Camp.

Senior occupant of each house will be held responsible to his Commander for tidiness of his area.

Waste material will be sorted with a view to its value as salvage and stacked neatly, where it can be picked up conveniently by a vehicle if required. Material of no value will be stacked as neatly as possible in yard, where it can be picked up by a vehicle for purpose of dumping.

All areas surrounding billets are to be cleaned and in a fit state for inspection by Monday 16 Aug 43.

Q.243. CLOTHING - CAPS S.D. OFFICERS.

In accordance with instructions from LHQ, Caps SD Officers ceases forthwith to be an issue of Officers.

Units are therefore advised that all outstanding indents for Caps SD Officers have been cancelled. It is recommended that indents be submitted to cover issues required for Warrant Officers only.

Immediate action is required for the resubmission of indents.

W. J. H. Gapt
Major,
DAQMG, Torres Strait Force.

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NOTICES

LOST

At Thursday Is Jetty on 31 Jul 43, wallet containing sum of money and Pay Book. Owner QX 36021 Sgt Kelk, finder please return to HQ Torres Strait Force or HQ T.S. Lt Inf Bn.

LOST

At Thursday Is on 25 Jul 43, wallet containing £2 in notes and personal papers. Finder return to Force HQ.

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SERIAL No 48.

TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS.

BY

COLONEL H.R. LANGFORD OBE MC.

Commander Torres Strait Force.

HQ Torres Strait Force
19 Aug 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

6244. CAMFLG UP TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

Torres Strait Force Camflg Irq Unit has been redesignated 2d
Aust Camflg Unit as from 27 July 43.

6245. RANGE PRACTICE-THURSDAY ISLAND.

Coast Arty will conduct musketry practice on Thursday Is Rifle
Range on Tuesday 17 Aug betw on the hours of 0900 and 1700.

6246. RANGE PRACTICE -HORN ISLAND.

5 Aust MG Bn will conduct musketry practice on "C" Range Horn
from 25 to 31 Aug incl between the hours of 0900 and 1700.

22d Aust Lt Ar Bty will conduct MG practice on "C" Range Horn
I on 18 Aug between the hours of 0900 and 1700.

34 Aust Hy Ar Bty will conduct musketry practice on "C" Range Horn
I on 19, 20, and 21 Aug between the hours of 0900 and 1700.

6247. COMMANDER HORN ISLAND.

As from 0900 hrs 13 Aug Maj Murchison 26 Aust Inf Bn is
appointed Commander Horn Island.

6248. REQUEST FOR USE OF RIFLE RANGE.

Attention is directed to the necessity for Units requiring use
of rifle range to apply for same in time for notices of use of
range to appear in ROs. In future only authority for use of
range will be appearance of notices in ROs or written authority
specifically releasing unit from the above provisions.

6249. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

Attention is directed to the necessity for observing safety
precautions in use of all ranges. An officer will be in command
of all range parties and he will be held responsible for
observance of proper safety precautions.

6250. SCHOOLS AND COURSES

In the event of units not being able to accept vacancies allotted
to them, notification by signal will be sent immediately to this
Headquarters.

G251. CHANGE OF COMMAND.

AS from 0900 hours 14 Aug Maj Murchison is appointed to
adm comd 26 Aust Inf Bn.

G252. GREEN ENVELOPES.

Attention is drawn to FCI 22 para 5, sub para (d), viz:-

"Letters contained in them will not be franked
but are subject to censorship at the base. Green
envelopes will be stamped with the unit censorship
stamp."

Complaints have been received that Green Envelopes correspondence
is being franked by Unit Officers. This practice will cease
forthwith. The contents of a green envelope will NOT on any
account be read by any unit officer. The envelope itself will
be stamped with the unit censor stamp and no further action will
be taken by unit other than to deliver to PPO with other unit mail.

G253. TRAINING AMMUNITION-SUBMISSION OF INTENTS.

Action will be taken by all units, where same has not been done,
to submit intents for training amm for the year 1943-44. Such
intents will be prepared in accordance with GROs 504-505/43.
Particular care will be taken when calculating the entitlement
because it is essential that the intents be correct in all
respects. Incorrect intents will be returned to the unit concern
for rectification. It is directed that intents be forwarded to
reach Torres Strait Force Headquarters not later than ~~XXXXXX~~
28 August 1943. Tuesday

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D P Kennedy Major,
GS TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL STAFF.

A254. AMENDMENT.

Ref this HQ memo 106/37/4349 of 6 Aug please make the following
Amendment.

<u>RETURN.</u>	<u>DATE DUE AT FORCE HQ.</u>	<u>IN ACCORDANCE WITH.</u>
Grounded Vehicles.		Force RO Q182.

A255. APPLICATIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE LEAVE.

In order to avoid duplication all future applications for
compassionate leave or exemptions will be submitted to this
Headquarters in duplicate.

A256. SIGNALS

Messages are being handed into the Sig Office 24-36 hours after
TGO. This abuse can arise from the practice of accumulating
messages in orderly rooms until the end of the day when delivery
is effected in bulk to the Sig Office. This practice is contrary
to all instructions and causes serious delay in the handling of
traffic by Sig and cipher offices. It is the duty of originators
to ensure that messages are handed in to this HQ for franking
promptly after signature. The Signal DRIS service is providing
an adequate service for the collection of non priority messages
at frequent intervals during the day. If an officer originates
a priority message an earnest effort should be made to this HQ or the

Signal Office by unit orderly or some OR., he should see that the Sig office is advised. Arrangements will then be made for expenses to be collected as soon as possible.

A257. RO Q242.

Reference Q242. It is noted that in many cases action has not been taken to fulfill this instrn. Comds will ensure that this receives immediate attention.

Q258 Q52-RE CASUALTY RETURN-CHANGE OF ENGINE.

It is required, in order to keep an accurate record of ME within the force that in all cases where replacements of engines are made, a casualty return (352) be submitted in the usual way showing the change of engine number.

F259. UNIT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

On and after 16 August 43 no withdrawals for Unit Trust account will be paid unless requisition is on the revised WF 132 (Book Form). Separate books must be obtained from Depot Cash Office for each Account held. Books will be issued to units CO or such person as the CO authorises to collect on his behalf. Unit Trust Account Books will be produced when the above forms are drawn.

F260 OFFICERS OUTFIT ALLOWANCE.

Officers who have not yet claimed for outfit allowance in terms of BRO 535/45 are advised that claims must be lodged on the prescribed form within two months of the date of the BRO.

A260. WORKING PARTIES ON WEARVES.

Units will see that H.C.O.'s in charge of working parties are in possession of a Nominal Roll of the working party. This will be handed to the M.F. on duty, who will retain same and check personnel against the number shown on the roll.

A261. PERSONAL RECORDS.

Any Unit having NX15406 Cpl WILSON A.K. on strength will advise this by immediately.


D.A.Q.M.G. TORRES STRAFF PORCE. Major.

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SERIAL NO 47.

Ref 6262-0200.

FORCES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS.

BY

SIGNEE: R. R. LANGRISH, CDR, RC.

Commander Forces Strait Force.

Headquarters,
Forces Strait Force.
27 Aug 1943.

FORCES STRAIT FORCE

6262 RANGING PRACTICE - THURSDAY 1

Midway Bay will conduct marksmanship practice on War Day Is Rifle Range on 31 Aug and 1 Sep 43 between the hours of 0800 and 1700.

6265 ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Instances are occurring where correspondence including signals messages is being received addressed to Branches and not to the Headquarters. This procedure is incorrect. Signals will address all communications for this Headquarters, Forces Strait Force (in the case of memoranda) CORRESPONDENCE (in the case of signals).

6266 PRACTICE SHOOT GOOD ISLAND.

27 Aug 43 AA Bty will conduct light A practice shoot on Good I at following times:-

27 Aug 1430	to 1600 hrs.	12 rounds to be fired.
28 Aug 1000	to 1050 hrs.	12 rounds to be fired.

6266 RANGE PRACTICE HORN ISLAND.

31 Aug AA Bty will conduct marksmanship practice on "A" Range Horn Island from 30 Aug to 1 Sep incl and on range "C" on 2 Sep and 3 Sep between the hours 0800 to 1200 daily.

6266 TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

The attention of all officers will be drawn to the necessity for the reduction of telegraphic messages to a minimum. Every possible use must be made of deferred category message, DRES and Long Postal Service. In order to effect economy in signal traffic particular attention will be paid to the following:-

- (1) Correct use of priorities (use deferred or DRES wherever possible).
- (2) Elimination of all unnecessary telegraphing.
- (3) Brevity without sacrifice of clarity (messages should be worded with same care as a telegram).
- (4) Elimination of unnecessary messages.

G267.

PRACTICE SHOOT 3.7" AA HORN I.

A 3.7" AA Practice shoot will be held on Horn I on Mon 30 Aug 1943 from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs.

DANGER AREAS will extend -

- (1) On an arc seawards from point 309548, between grid bearings 335 deg and 25 deg. 100.
- (2) On an arc seawards from point 308568 between grid bearings 40 deg and 110 deg (Ref map Thursday I 1" to 1 Mile).

G268.

SYNCHRONISING OF TIME.

As from Wed 1 Sep 43 Sigs Torres Strait Force will synchronise time for all units in the Command at 0800 hrs daily.

G269.

MESSAGES.

It has been noted that some units are in the habit of originating messages as from Torres Strait Force. This practice will cease forthwith.

PRIORITY MESSAGES. Instances have occurred where units have originated priority messages and NOT delivered these to Sig Office for some hours. If a message is of sufficient urgency and importance to warrant the use of priority through signal channels it is essential that the same importance be attached to its speedy delivery to Sig Office. In many instances messages require priority only because of lack of foresight by originating officers. In future officers responsible for franking priority messages will ensure:-

(a) Speedy delivery of priority messages to Sig Office.

(b) Proper use of authority to frank priority messages.

Authority to frank priority messages is not an excuse for lack of foresight nor is it authority for indiscriminate use of such priority.

PHONING OF MESSAGES.

Messages will be phoned to Sig Office for transmission only in cases of emergency and then only by an officer who can satisfy Sigs as to his identity. Such messages will be confirmed by quickest available means and the transmission of the enciphered messages may at the discretion of the Sig Master be delayed until receipt of signal message.

MESSAGE. All officers must be conversant with F.S.P.B. para 2 and particularly with part V thereof.

TRUNK LINE CALLS.

Telephonic communication between Horn I and Thursday I will shortly be placed on basis of Trunk Line Service. When the system is established calls will be booked in the normal manner and callers will be notified when number is available. As is the custom in Civil Offices, local (intra island) calls will be interrupted for trunk calls. This should eliminate the necessity for use of priority phone calls and priority rights will be used with discretion.

G270.

LECTURE BY SIG OFFICER.

The following series of lectures will be delivered by officers of Torres Strait Sigs and will be attended by all available officers and NCOs. All available orderly room personnel will attend. The force Commander directs that these lectures be parades.

Units will notify OC Sigs 24 hours in advance the number of personnel to attend.

8270 continued.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Monday 30 Aug. 8000 hours.

2 Asst. Chief Spt. Sq.	Lecturer:-	Capt. Kennedy.
1 Asst. Hqs. Control	"	Lieut. Williams.
3/3 Books Operating Sq.	"	Lieut. Wilks.
C.R.E. Staff	"	
Eng. Units	"	

Tuesday 31 Aug. 8000 hours.

Force Headquarters	"	Capt. Kennedy.
1 Asst.	"	Lieut. Wilks.
2 Asst. & Liaison Sq.	"	Lieut. Williams.
C.R.E. Hqs. Bn.	"	

D. F. Kennedy
C.O. JAMES STRAIT FORCE.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL STAFF.

ADVT. SALUTING.

Attention of all ranks will be drawn to GHO A198/42 by having this order read on three separate master parades. Furthermore all ranks will be instructed to pay the necessary compliments to the Commander's car when flying past.

AD78. RETURNING OF SURPLUS OFFICERS AND NCOs.

All units will submit immediately to this Headquarters lists of all supernumerary personnel e.g., confirmed ranks, acting and lance; in the following form:-

- (a) No.
- (b) Rank.
- (c) Name.
- (d) Age.
- (e) Civilian Occupation.
- (f) Army Qualifications.
- (g) M.O. Classification.
- (h) Schools and Courses attended and results.
- (i) Other Remarks.

All units will submit immediately to this Headquarters a list of NCO vacancies on MP showing:-

- (a) Rank.
- (b) Position vacant.
- (c) G.O. Number.

AD79. RETURNING AMF TO RAAF.

Will further notice be released of AMF personnel for RAAF Air Crews and other units other than Recruit Reception Depots and other units.

Force HQ AD40 is cancelled.

2. All applications received will be forwarded by Mr. [redacted] to the [redacted] with personal recommendations as to the [redacted] [redacted] of the applicant in accordance with first [redacted] [redacted] 1945. (To be repeated in unit 204)

1. GPO 559/42 provides that compassionate leave will only be granted on the following grounds:
 - (a) Death or serious illness of spouse, child or parent or other dependent relative.
 - (b) Serious damage to, or destruction of home, property or stock, provided that the provisions of (a) do not apply to cases of normal pregnancy.
2. CGS and GCS will in future carefully consider each application before submitting to this Headquarters.
3. Particular attention is directed to GPO 492/43 para 2, sub para (i) as compassionate leave can only be granted in exceptional cases of this nature.
4. Welfare Officers should be thoroughly conversant with provisions of GPOs 559/42 and 492/43.

Units as detailed hereunder, will supply a working party of 1 NCO and 5 men at 0600 hrs on the said days, for the purpose of sweeping out the Picture Theatre, upstairs and downstairs, replacing the seats with a row of positions, and sweeping up any litter, and any walked on seats. Also units will sweep the benches along the Corridor Area each day. This includes the bulk store etc.

Monday	17 Aust Army Bn Coy.
Tuesday	1 Aust A & Prc Coy.
Wednesday	Milman Bty.
Thursday	T.S.I.
Friday	2 Aust Water Exp Coy.
Saturday	2/5 Bocks Connecting Coy.

Units of Marine at Iwami and Good Island with personnel still requiring specialist eye treatment will forward a nominal roll of names to 63rd Army Hospital immediately.

The following items will be forwarded by mail to reach the
Officer of Bureau Street Force by 10:30 AM.

- 1. Tanks anticipated normal monthly requirements of oxygen and Acetylene.
- 2. Registered numbers of oxygen and Acetylene bottles held.
- 3. Number of bottles full.
- 4. Number of bottles empty.

Accuracy and promptness of service; cooperation and

Q284. STAGING CAMP.

In future all units of Torres Strait Force who desire to stage personnel at Thursday Island for meals and accommodation will advise OC Staging Camp Links Camp by signal or telephone at least 12 hours before hand. Following information is required:-

No of personnel Officers and ORs-duration of staging-.
Personnel will be requested to carry unexpired portion of days rations.

Q285. TENTATIVE RETURNS.

1. First Aust Army Order Q181 will be brought into operation forthwith.
2. Returns will be submitted to this Headquarters by 23 of each month.


D.A.Q.M.G. TORRES STRAIT FORCE Major

NOTICES.

LOST: Rolex wristlet watch, polished steel back, luminous dial and with white Tortoise Shell band. Finder please return to HQ Torres Strait Force.

SUBJECT : RENDITION OF RETURNS

QUOTE: 106/37/424C

Headquarters,
TOMES SERAULT CRG.
6 Aug 43.

Tabulated below are returns, subject to alterations, required by this HQ. It is essential that returns are lodged as set out in "Due Date" column.

When compiling these returns, attention is drawn to First Aust Army Order 60/42.

RETURN	DUE DATE AT FORCE HQ	IN ACCORDANCE WITH
3006 - Message Strength State	Bi-weekly - Wednesday & Saturday as at 0600 hrs.	Para. Order 140/43; Force ROs A192 & A213/43
3008 - Field Return - Offrs	As at 0600 hrs Saturday	Para Order 140/43
3009 - Field Return - ORs	As at 0600 hrs Saturday	Para Order 140/43; Force RO A192/43
3010 - Casualty Return - Offrs	) When necessary - determine date))	Para Order 140/43
3011 - " " - ORs		
3012 - " " - Att personnel		
B206 - Offence Report	Saturday (when necessary)	Para 2 of Para. Order 140/43; Force RO A205/43
Officer Seniority List	First Saturday of each month	Force ROs A55/43 and A140/43
Officers & Sgts' Mess Return	Saturday	Force ROs A63/43 and A135/43
Disposition of Unit Strength	Tuesday	Force RO A169/43
Pre-Selection of Offrs	20th of each month	Force ROs A119/43 and A173/43
Loss or Damage to Govt Property	When necessary	Force RO A176/43
Photographing, X-Raying and Medical Boarding of Personnel	15th of each month	Force RO A153/43; Para Order 140/43

Attached as appendices to Torres Strait Force War Diary
for Aug 43 are the following:

Force ROs Serial Nos 47-49 incl.
HQ TORRES STRAIT Force 106/37/4249 of 6 Aug 43
AAFs W3008 and 3009 for Aug.

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Serial No. **3343**

W.E. Reference

A.I.F.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. **9** X **31**

Date **7 August 1943**

Attached

Allowed by W.E.

X **7**

HQ Torres Strait Force

Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* Colonel	1	1	
* Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2	2	1
Captains	6	5	2
Lieutenants		1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	9	7	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPO	ABBOTT AC	AAID HQ TSP	6 Aug	Special Duty to Merrimbe Force

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt T/Oal	QX5209	Longford	E.L.	Comd	Yes
Lieut T/Maj	QX5211	Travers	E.S.B.	GSOII	No
Lt T/Capt	QX5212	Arden	G.O.	I.O.	Yes
Lt T/Capt	QX5213	Foley	T.J.H.	S.O.	Yes
Capt	QX5214	Alford	A.O.	Legal Off	No
T/Capt	QX5215	De'Ath	H.S.	L.O.	Yes
Lieut	QX5216	Emmett	H.S.	Naval Off	Yes

ALLOWED BY H.H.

Lt T/Major	VX52	Finnigan	S.	DORE	No	Special Duty
Chaplain	QX5217	Daniels	H.J.	Padre	Yes	
Lt T/Capt	QX5218	Clarke	H.H.	Myg Off	Yes	
Lt T/Capt	QX5219	McIntosh	H.J.	Ord Off	Yes	

100% A.I.F.

NOT ALLOWED BY H.H.

Lieut	VX5220	GRAVITY	R.L.	RAF 1 Corps	12.6.43	Spec Duty
Lt T/Major	QX5221	Brain	S.	FAA Solv.	6.2.43	A/DAGMS
Flt Lieut	A1630	Hill	J.H.	RAAF	6.7.43	Liaison
Chaplain	QX5222	Dooty	G.	AA Ch D	21.8.43	Padre
Chaplain	QX5223	Thomas	R.J.	THEA	7.9.43	THEA
Lieut	QX5224	Trotter	A.	AA Ch D	29.9.43	Padre
Lieut	QX5225	Wicks	A.W.K.	MEAPS Sch	11.6.43	C.I. Mob Sel
Lieut	QX5226	Adams	J.C.	2/A Pk Sqn	12.6.43	Spec Duty
Lieut	QX5227	Burke	S.	ACB	2.7.43	ACB
Lieut	QX5228	Kennedy	D.P.	1 Hot Bde	26.7.43	A/USOII
Lieut	QX5229	Kempshall	H.L.	ADCS	20.4.43	ADCS

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)

HQ Torres Strait Force

(Unit.)

7 Aug 43

(Date of Despatch.)

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Staff Captain, Torres Strait Force.

Torres Strait Force.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Serial No. **143** **FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

W.S. Reference **A.M.F.**

W.E. **X** **12/12**

Attached **9** **51** Date **24 August 1945**

Allowed by W.E. **X** Unit **24 Torres Strait Force**

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut. Colonels	2	2	
Majors	2	2	1
Captains	6	4	2
Lieutenants		1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	9	7	2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T. Major	KENNEDY D.P.	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Capt	ABDOY A.C.	HQ 24F	10 Aug	On Duty Approved

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T. Major	TRAVERS E.H.	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Struck off Strength 24 Jul 1945 at 3 AM

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt E. G. G.	000000	Lawson	Inf.	Yes	
Capt E. G. G.	000000	Sumner	Inf.	Yes	
Lt T. G. G.	000000	Wright	Inf.	Yes	
Lt T. G. G.	000000	Wright	Inf.	Yes	
Lt T. G. G.	000000	Wright	Inf.	Yes	
Lt T. G. G.	000000	Wright	Inf.	Yes	
Lt T. G. G.	000000	Wright	Inf.	Yes	

ALSO ATTACHED TO UNIT.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt T. Major	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Chaplain	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Lt T. Major	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Lt T. Major	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul

ALSO ATTACHED TO UNIT.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt T. Major	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Chaplain	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Lt T. Major	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul
Lt T. Major	Wright	HQ 24F	24 Jul	Taken on Strength on 24 Jul

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Torres Strait Force

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Staff Captain

Torres Strait Force.

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W.E. 1111. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 4 OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 7 ATT. BY W.E.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943.

Details		A.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.E.	I.A.M.V.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	+ +	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A		32		11							43
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, 16 N.Z. Forces.

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

NOTES.-(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialisms 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. "Reinats. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander A. J. [illegible] (A17)

28. 8. 42
Date of Despatch.

Signature of Commander *L. J. Foley* CAPT

Original.
Duplicate

ORIGINAL

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

20 OCT 1946

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 2359 hrs 1 Sep To 0900 hrs 2 Sep 43

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 2 Sep To 0900 hrs 3 Sep 43

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Unit Hq TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 3 Sep to 0900 hrs 4 Sep 43.

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Unit Hq TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 5 Sep to 0900 hrs 6 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 6 Sep To 0900 hrs 7 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PRINCE of WALES I	6 Sep		C Coy 5 Aust MG Bn discovered piece of Japanese belly tank, A total of three tanks were in the area but were difficult to obtain. Piece being sent to Int Sec this HQ.	Passed to OB28 for inform
HORN I	6 Sep		6 P40s from MERAUKE exchanged for 6 A 46s.	This strengthening of fighters resulted from a request by Force Comd.
Air patrol N	6 Sep		Nil enemy sightings. Blip received in position 09 deg 27 min S 137 deg 20 min E. Believed to be patrol aircraft from DARWIN	
Air patrol P	6 Sep		Nil enemy sightings. MV "IVANTHOE" sighted at mouth of DIGOEL RIVER.	
THURSDAY I	6 Sep		WEATHER : Fine. VISIBILITY : Fair.	8/11

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 7 Sep To 0900 hrs 8 Sep 43

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Unit Hq. TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 8 Sep To 0900 hrs 9 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PRINCE of WALES	8 Sep		C Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn moved to HIGGINS FIELD for general garrison duties.	
HIGGINS FIELD	8 Sep		Maj MANN OC C Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn appointed Commander MAINLAND area. Maj BATHGATE's appointment terminated.	
THURSDAY I	8 Sep		Aircraft departure for MERAUKE: Capt McCALLUM (19 Fd Amb)	
THURSDAY I	8 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from south: Capt NEWLANDS (226 Aust Lt AA Bty)	
Air patrols N and P	8 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	9 Sep	0730	One section Torres Strait Lt Inf Bn embarked on Navy launch for Possession I to investigate circumstances of fire reported on night 8 Sep.	No reason for starting of fire was found. Probably started through natural causes
THURSDAY I	8 Sep		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Good.	8/2/43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 9 Sep To 0900 hrs 10 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol P	9 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
Air Patrol N	9 Sep		Picked up blip in approx position 02 deg 57 min S 136 deg 55 min E. Sighted JAKE at 0316Z and followed it for 11 minutes.	
			JAKE on sighting our aircraft increased speed and was lost in cloud.	
THURSDAY I	9 Sep		WEATHER : Fine. VISIBILITY : Good.	
THURSDAY I	9 Sep		Local Planning Committee met. Business - CCPs reorganisation TORRES STRAIT area.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 10 Sep To 0900 hrs 11 Sep 43

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Unit HO TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 11 Sept to 0900 hrs 12 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 12 Sep To 0900 hrs 13 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 13 Sep To 0900 hrs 14 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOIGU I	13 Sep		Message received from SAIBAI that P38 crashed on BOIGU I two weeks ago. Pilot uninjured and temporarily billeted with sigs at SAIBAI I.	RAAF notified to arrange his on-movement to MORESBY.
Air patrols N and P	13 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	13 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from south : Maj NICHOL (LHQ Water Tpt)	
			Aircraft departures for south: Father TILSIAN and S/M De LARR (WEI)	
THURSDAY I	13 Sep		US Naval mine-sweepers (YMS) departed.	
THURSDAY I	13 Sep		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Good.	27/1

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 14 Sep To 0900 hrs 15 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	14 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
Air patrol P	14 Sep		Nil enemy sightings. LV "IVANHOE" sighted at entrance to	
			PRINCESS MARIANNE STRAITS proceeding north.	
THURSDAY I	14 Sep		Aircraft departures for south: Lt Col MULCAHY (FAA).	
THURSDAY I	14 Sep		Steamer arrivals : 2 Offrs 10 CRs 79 Aust Dental Unit.	
HQEN I	14 Sep		Advice received that 404 Sig Air Warning (US) had moved from	
			the area.	
THURSDAY I	14 Sep		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Fair. <i>Dr SK</i>	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 15 Sep To 0900 hrs 16 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N	15 Sep		at 0053Z sighted JAKE in position 09 degrees 06 min S 136 deg 27 min E. Our aircraft closed and fired bursts for 20 minutes putting the enemy rear gunner out of action and obtaining numerous hits. Our aircraft's guns then jammed and the enemy escaped.	
Air patrol P	15 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	15 Sep		Aircraft departures for MERAUKE : Lt Col WEINGARTH, Capt MORGAN (HQ 4 Aust Div)	
THURSDAY I	15 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from MERAUKE : Maj FLETCHER.	
THURSDAY I	15 Sep		WEATHER : Fine. VISIBILITY : Good. <i>En/</i>	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 16 Sep To 0900 hrs 17 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 17 Sep To 0900 hrs 18 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HCRN I	17 Sep	0930	VACC are now in contact with DARU, MULGRAVE Is and LAPOON and WEIPA MISSIONS.	
THREE SISTERS Gp	17 Sep	1100	Navy advise that one of their vessels sighted a spherical metal object with rim around the diameter, 2 ft through, painted yellow with black streaks, on 12 Sep between SUE and BET Is. A similar object was sighted on the thirteenth 5 miles south BRAMBLE CAY. No projecting horns and not anchored. Navy could NOT identify.	COPS Instructed to keep watch for similar objects and report.
Air patrols N and P	17 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	17 Sep		Aircraft departures for south Col LANGFORD (Commander) for Combined Planning Committee.	
			Aircraeft arrivals from south : Lt Col FOOTE (FAA)	
THURSDAY I	18 Sep	0700	MARLIN STAR, ALVIS and 2ALCY departed for LERAUKE with 4 Offrs 12 CRs 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp.	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (ALF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 18 Sep To 0900 hrs 19 Sep

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 19 Sep To 0900 hrs 20 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 20 Sep To 0900 hrs 21 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN I	20 Sep		4 P40s taken off strength and returned to unit.	
Air patrol P	20 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
Air patrol N	20 Sep.	0235Z	Our aircraft attacked an enemy JAKE in position 08 deg 35 min S 136 deg 56 min E, 42 miles west of Cape VALSCH. After three runs the enemy was forced into sea where an unsuccessful attempt was made to bomb it. The machine was finally destroyed by machine gun fire. Our aircraft was not damaged.	
THURSDAY I	20 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from south: Comm SATCHELL (Salvation Army) Lt Col MANNING (51 AA Regt) Maj McNAB (7 Aust Lvs Control), Maj HAYES (LHQ) Capt ROSS (Aust Water Tpt) Maj LeSOEUF (6ACH) Lt Col MURREL (4 Aust Div) Capt GUNN (LHQ)	
THURSDAY I	20 Sep		Aircraft departure for PERAKKE : Lt Col ECOTE (FAA)	
THURSDAY I	20 Sep		Aircraft departures for south : Maj LAISFIELD (1 ACH)	
THURSDAY I	20 Sep		Lt Col MANNING appointed Commander AA Defences - HORN I. <i>DM</i>	

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THURSDAY I

20 Sep

WEATHER : Fine

VISIBILITY : Good.

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 21 Sep To 0900 hrs 22 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TERRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 22 Septo 0900 hrs 23 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 23 Sep To 0900 hrs 24 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrols N and P	23 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	23 Sep		Aircraft departures for MERAUKE : Maj SKEVES (Dental Corps)	
			Maj HAYES (LHQ) Commissioner SATCHELL (Salvation Army)	
THURSDAY I	23 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from MERAUKE : Lt Col MAINWARING (FAA)	
THURSDAY I	23 Sep		124 FOD moved from THURSDAY I to JACKY JACKY.	
THURSDAY I	23 Sep		E Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit moved THURSDAY I to GOODE I.	
THURSDAY I	23 Sep		WEATHER : Hot and fine. VISIBILITY : Good. <i>Dr H</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 24 Sep To 0900 hrs 25 Sep 43

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Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 25 Sep To 0900 hrs 26 Sep 43

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 26 Sep To 0900 hrs 27 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air patrol N and P	26 Sep		Nil enemy sightings. P patrol sighted launch near MCDDER Pt (mouth of DIGCEL River).	MEALKE advise this vessel probably "NOLLIE".
HORN I	26 Sep		B Coy 5 Aust LG Bn moved PRINCE of WALES I for training. C Coy 5 Aust LG Bn returned to HORN I on completion of training	
THURSDAY I	26 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from south. Capt BURT (GSI (bc) FAA)	
			Aircraft arrivals from MEALKE: Commissioner SATCHELL (Salvation Army)	
THURSDAY I	26 Sep		Aircraft departures for south: Maj COLE (1 Aust AA and Fct Coy).	
THURSDAY I	26 Sep		Aircraft departures for MEALKE: Lt Col PARSONS (LHQ) Lt Col KINGDOM (FAA) Maj MCCOY (62 Aust Inf Bn)	
THURSDAY I	26 Sep		Lt Col MURREL (4 Aust Div) departed for PORT MORESEY per SS "MEXICO" cable layer.	
THURSDAY I	26 Sep		WEATHER: Fine with strong SE winds. VISIBILITY: Fair.	Dr/K

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 27 Sep To 0900 hrs 28 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SAIBAI I	27 Sep		SAIBAI I COP closed and reopened at DAUAY I 25 Sep. Regular Schedule at DAUAY I commences 26 Sep.	
THURSDAY I	27 Sep		Aircraft arrivals for south: Maj HAYES (LHD) Commissioner SATCHELL (Salvation Army)	
THURSDAY I	27 Sep		Aircraft departures for KARUMBA : Maj SHERMAN (OC 1 Aust AA and Frt Coy).	
THURSDAY I	27 Sep		Airrivals from south by steamer: 4 Of'rs 13 ORs 4 Aust Div, 34 ORs 116 Aust Bde Wkshops.	
JARDINE RIVER	27 Sep		27 Aust Fd Coy arrived JARDINE RIVER.	
Air patrols N and P	27 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	27 Sep		WEATHER : Fine VISIBILITY : Good. <i>Sm JK</i>	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 28 Sep To 0900 hrs 29 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN I	28 Sep		P patrol ceased to operate from HORN I. Area now covered from LERAUKE.	
Air patrol N	28 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	28 Sep		Capt BURT (FAA) departed for LERAUKE by air.	
Torres Strait	28 Sep		Aircraft sighted yellow sphere resembling small buoy 5 miles north of HORN I strip. Further sighting near ALPHA ROCK early on 29 Sep.	Navy and later Tpt warned, but no further sightings reported.
THURSDAY I	28 Sep		WEATHER : Cloudy with very slight showers. VISIBILITY : Poor	

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Unit HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 28 Sep To 0900 hrs 30 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I	29 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from ITRAUME : Lt Col PARSONS (LHQ) Lt Col KINGDOM (FA.).	
THURSDAY I	29 Sep		Aircraft arrivals from south : Brig PAINE (LHQ) Brig DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt Col LEONARD, Maj CLEGG (LHQ)	
THURSDAY I	29 Sep		Aircraft departures for south : Maj BATHGATE (71 AASL Bty)	
DARNLEY I	29 Sep	1915	CCP established and operating on full schedule.	
Air patrol N	29 Sep		Nil enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	29 Sep		WEATHER : Cloudy VISIBILITY : Fair.	20/1

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Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 30 Sep To 2359 hrs 30 Sep 43

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Routine Orders Nos 51 - 56 Incl.
Field Returns for Sep (original only)
Torres Strait Force G118 of 13 Sep Standing Orders for Camflg
Torres Strait Force G138 of 16 Sep Unit Trg Reports
Torres Strait Force Operation Instruction No 26 of 7 Sep 43
Torres Strait Force Operation Instruction No 27 of 7 Sep 43
Torres Strait Force Order of Battle of 13 Sep 43

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BY

COLONEL H.R. LANFORD OBE., MC.

Commander Torres Strait Force.

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force.
6 September 1943.

GENERAL L. STAFF.

G291. COMMAND UNITS LOCATED MAINLAND.

Maj. Bathgate is appointed Comd of all Units of Torres Strait Force located on Mainland North of 12 deg south Lat as from 2400 hrs 4 Sep 43.

G292. COMMAND UNITS LOCATED MAINLAND.

As from 1200 hrs 8 Sep 43 Maj Bathgate OC VI Aust SL Bty will cease to Comd Mainland area.

As from 1200 hrs 8 Sep 43 Maj Mann 26 Aust Inf Bn is appointed to Comd Mainland Area Torres Strait Force.

G293. PRACTICE SHOOT. 3.7" AA.

Anti aircraft practice with live ammunition will be carried out by 34 Aust Hy AA Bty from (Map ref Thursday Is. 1st to 1 ml-503344) between 1500 hrs and 1600 hrs on Friday 10 Sep 43. The danger area will extend 24,000 yards seawards between true bearings 343 degrees and 23 degrees from the gun position.

G294. RANGE PRACTICE

226 Aust Lt AA Bty will conduct an LMG practice shoot on range "C" Horn Island from 0830 hrs to 1700 hrs on Friday 10 Sep 43.

G295. MUSKETRY PRACTICE.

74 Aust Bty will conduct musketry practice on C Range Horn Is from 21 Sep to 23 Sep incl between the hours of 0830 and 1700.

G296. PRACTICE SHOOT.

5 Aust MG Bn will conduct practice shoot on A Range Horn Island between 0830 hrs and 1700 hrs on 24 & 25 Sep.

G297. UNIT CLASSIFIED A S AIF.

Attention of units is drawn to GRO G621 of 27 Aug 43 which classifies HQ Torres Strait Force as AIF. Future reference in correspondence will be-

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF).

100. [Signature] Major General Staff,
HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF).

ADJUTANT AND QUARTER MASTER GENERAL STAFF.

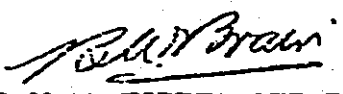
A298. REGIMENTAL SENIORITY LISTS.- OFFICERS.

Units will ensure that complete alterations and additions to or extracts from above list as at 4 Sep are notified this HQ by 11 Sep 43.

Q299. ENGINEERS STORES - DEMANDS FOR.

The practice of units approaching AWC or MRC personnel with a view to obtaining building material is to cease forthwith.

Units requiring engr stores will submit AAF S18 in duplicate through HQ Torres Strait Force when demands will be fulfilled as supplies become available. In future AWC and MRC will NOT supply building material to any unit without prior authority of DCRE.


D.A.Q.M. TORRES STRAIT FORCE.
Major,
(AIF).

N O T I C E .

1. LOST: On or near Thursday Island Sett. on night of 31.8.43. vehicle Log Book for vehicle No 6733. Finder please return to HQ AAFG Thursday Island.

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 26

TO : GO 26 Aust Inf Bn

INFORMATION

1. 13 Aust Grn Bn Group has left mainland area.

MOVEMENT

2. 26 Aust Inf Bn will send one Coy to HIGGINS FIELD area to arrive HQT later than 1200 hrs 8 Sep 43.
3. Coy will move complete with personal arms and eqpt plus Coy proportion of unit eqpt as per WET plus scale A tentage and accommodation stores.
4. Verbal instructions for the move have been issued and there is no change from these instructions.

SITUATION

5. Coy will take first line position

Command

6. Coy must be under cmd of officer of rank of Major. OV Coy will assume cmd of mainland area at 1200 hrs 8 Sep 43. (Separate instructions will be issued)

ARRIVAL

7. This HQ will be notified by immediate signal on arrival of Coy in HIGGINS FIELD area.

ACKNS LEDGE.

SP James

Major. General Staff
TORRES STRAIT FORCE

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 27

TO: Comd Mainland Area

INFORMATION

1. 13 Aust Grn Bn Group has left mainland area and will be replaced by 1200 hrs 8 Sep 43 by one Coy of 26 Aust Inf Bn.

2. Your area of responsibility will include all Cape York Peninsular NORTH of 12° SOUTH and all units of TORRES STRAIT Force in that area will be under your comd for administration and discipline except in unit domestic matters and operations with the exception that AA units are NOT under your comd for AA defence.

TASKS

3. Your tasks are

- (a) The defence of HIGGINS FIELD air strip.
- (b) The defence of RDF station at BUTTS HEAD
- (c) The defence of installations at RED ISLAND POINT
- (d) The defence of Cape York Telegraph sub sta

4. The denial to the enemy of such sea channels as may be covered by two 18-pr beach guns in the vicinity of RED ISLAND POINT.

5. You will ensure that all ground troops (incl RAAF) have a fighting role and that there exists a co-ordinated plan for the combined action of all three services. You will ensure by arrangement with the local comd RAAF that troops under his comd are trained in their emergency role. You will have direct access to Comd TORRES STRAIT Force on all matters other than domestic unit matters.

6. The following units are located in mainland area-
Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn; Det 46 Aust Supply Depot Pl,
Det 15 Aust Fd Bakery; Det 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, Det 35
Aust AA Bty; 71 Aust ASL Bty; D Coy 5 Aust MG Bn; 57
Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) (less one pl) & 329 Aust LAD.

ACKNOWLEDGE

W. R. Kennedy Major General Staff
TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

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Serial No.	Unit	Remarks
	<u>HQ</u>	
1	HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)	
	<u>INT</u>	
2	Det "O" Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	Int Tps
3	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	Int Tps
	<u>COAST ARTY</u>	
4	HQ TORRES STRAIT CA	
5	GOODS Bty	
6	TURTLE Bty	Formerly 2 Aust Hy Bty (Const)
7	HILMAN Bty	
8	EMERAVOUR Bty	
9	KING Sec	
10	101 Aust CASL Sec (2 moving lights)	HILMAN Bty
11	102 Aust CASL Sec (2 moving lights)	TURTLE Bty
12	103 Aust CASL Sec (2 moving lights)	To be associated with EMERAVOUR Bty - not yet raised.
13	104 Aust CASL Sec (4 moving lights)	GOODS Bty
14	220 Aust Shore Defence Sec	Manned by GOODS Bty personnel
15	221 Aust Shore Defence Sec	To be raised for BATHURST I.
	<u>ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTY</u>	
16	AA Ops Room (Type C)	Manned by 54 Aust AA Bty personnel.
17	HQ 34 Aust AA Bty	To form 131 Aust Hy
18	442 Aust Hy AA Gun Bty (Class A)	AA Bty of 51 Aust
19	443 Aust Hy AA Gun Bty (Class A)	AA Regt.
20	226 Aust Lt AA Bty (AIF)	To form 157 Aust Lt AA Bty of 51 Aust AA Regt
21	Det 35 Aust AA Bty	Maintenance det only.
22	HQ 71 Aust ASL Bty RAA (Type A)	To form 71 Aust
23	187 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type Y)	Hob SL Bty of 54
24	127 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type X)	Aust AA Regt.
25	128 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type X)	
26	129 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type X)	
27	HQ 74 Aust ASL Bty RAA (Type B)	To be raised
28	131 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type Y)	To form
29	185 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type X)	74 Aust
30	186 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type X)	Hob SL
31	207 Aust ASL Tp RAA (Type X)	Bty of
	<u>ENGERS</u>	51 Aust
32	7 Aust Fd Coy	AA Regt.
33	17 Aust A Fd Coy	Not yet under command First Aust Army
34	57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) (529 Aust LHD)	Not yet under command TORRES STRAIT Force
35	28 Aust Genflg Unit	First Aust Army Tps.
36	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (RAE) (less det)	Transferring order to move TEGA on relief by 27 Aust Fd Coy issued 21 Jun.

Formerly TORRES STRAIT Genflg Tpt Unit.
Int Tps- Det under command HERAUKA Force

Serial no.	Unit	Remarks
37	Det 2/3 Aust Docks Operating Coy	LHQ Tps
38	HQ 2 Aust AA and Frt Coy	
39	3 Aust AA Works Sec	Being raised
40	21 Aust Frt Works Sec	
41	22 Aust Frt Works Sec	
42	51 Aust E and M Sec	
<u>SIGS</u>		
43	TORRES STRAIT Sigs	
44	226 Aust Lt AA Bty Sig Sec (AIF)	
45	46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E)	Formerly TORRES STRAIT Cipher Sec.
46	HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	
47	25 Aust Pigeon Left	
48	24 Aust Pigeon Left	
49	42 Aust Pigeon Left	Under comd MERUKE Force
<u>INF</u>		
50	5 Aust MG Bn (265 Aust LAD) Type A (AIF)	
<u>INF</u>		
51	TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn	Absorbs TORRES STRAIT Inf Coy, Islander Labour Coy, TORRES STRAIT Inf Coy
52	26 Aust Inf Bn	Temporarily under comd TORRES STRAIT Force, A Coy and 2 Pl under comd MERUKE Force.
53	Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn	
54	TORRES STRAIT Par Coy	
<u>ASST</u>		
55	46 Aust Supply Depot Pl	
56	47 Aust Supply Depot Pl	
57	A Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	LHQ Tps. Formerly A Pl 135 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
58	Sec 15 Aust FA Bakery	Ex Qld L of C Tps. Formerly 8 Aust FA Bakery.
<u>MEDICAL</u>		
59	6 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds) (AIF) (TORRES STRAIT)	Absorbs Lt Sec 4 Aust FA Amb
60	1 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds) (AIF) (HORN I)	
<u>DENTAL</u>		
61	A. C Secs 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	First Aust Army Tps.
<u>ORD</u>		
62	TORRES STRAIT Ord Det	To be disbanded.
63	124 Aust FOD	
64	75 Aust FAD	
<u>AMEB</u>		
65	54 Aust Hy M Workshop Sec	
66	226 Aust Lt AA Bty Workshop Sub-sec (AIF)	
67	71 Aust AMBL Workshop Sec	Not yet under comd TORRES STRAIT Force
68	74 Aust AMBL Workshop Sec (AIF)	
69	10 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec	LHQ Tps
70	146 Aust SCL Workshop	First Aust Army Tps
<u>PAF</u>		
71	75 Aust Depot Cash Office (typical)	

Serial No.	Unit	Remarks
<u>PRO.</u>		
72. WOPRES STRAIT Pro Pl		
<u>POSTAL.</u>		
73. Det First Aust Army Postal Unit (AIF)		
<u>MSG.</u>		
74. HAF 28 CB.		Under cond for local administration only.
75. Det ADC3.		
75. 7 Aust Hvy Control Gp		HQ Eps.

STANDING ORDERS FOR CAMOUFLAGE

GENERAL

- (a) Every effort will be made to avoid signs of military activity which may be detected by enemy reconnaissance.
- (b) Concealment and camouflage will be given most careful consideration in the siting and construction of Headquarters accommodation, dumps, defences etc.
- (c) Concealment and camouflage are the responsibility of the unit.

RESERVE PERSONNEL

- (a) The duties of the force camouflage officer will be advisory. He will make frequent calls on all units and will render weekly reports to Force HQ of units visited, advice given and state of concealment of the particular units.
- (b) The technical and physical assistance of the Force Camflg Unit in relation to camouflage of defences etc. will be made available in accordance with priorities determined by HQ. When so available, the Camflg Unit will be reinforced by unit labour, according to the urgency and scope of the work concerned. If no labour is available for the purpose from within the unit concerned, representation will be made by the unit to Force HQ for allotment of labour from other sources.
- (c) An officer from each unit will be nominated as concealment officer. Nominations will be returned to Force HQ not later than . This HQ will be notified in the event of change of officer so appointed.
- (d) The responsibilities of concealment officer will include:
 - (i) Completeness of unit camouflage equipment.
 - (ii) Concealment of the unit and its equipment etc.
 - (iii) Liaison with Force Camouflage Officer.
 - (iv) Procurement of action of any matters which have been the subject of advice to the unit by Force Camflg Officer.

TRACKS

1. (a) Track plans will be devised before unthinking damage is done to the natural texture of the area. Traffic to cook-houses, ablutions, latrines will not be overlooked.
- (b) Special measures will be taken to confine foot and vehicle traffic to existing tracks. If new tracks etc. are necessary they will be made to conform to available natural cover, or to follow strong features of the landscape which offer track concealment or disguise.
- (c) In timbered country, tracks will not be formed across exposed areas, e.g. swamp.

NATURAL COVER

1. (a) Trees and natural texture will be strictly preserved.
- (b) Trees will not be ring-barked. Where approval has been for the stripping of bark for roofing etc., a vertical strip 12 inches wide will be left connecting the bark above and below, to permit continued flow of sap.
- (c) Bark will not be stripped from trees within 100 yards of any track or camp, and not from any two trees in close proximity.
- (d) Space for all establishments and activities will be sought under the best available cover, with covered access.
- (e) Natural cover, where inadequate, will be supplemented by camouflage materials.

(f) Suitable natural clearings will be sought before felling timber for defences which require open spaces. If felling proves necessary, it will be arranged to conform in outline with natural, irregular, clear spaces in the area.

DUMPS.

5. (a) Special attention will be paid to siting of dumps, temporary or otherwise, under cover from aerial view or photography.
- (b) Scrub-vine patches are to be employed wherever possible. In other cases, unless exceptional overhead cover is available for sizeable collections of stores, dumping will be in small lots arranged close around the trunks of trees.
- (c) Engineer's stores should not attract use of cover beside existing dumps, to avoid knowledge of vehicle tracking.
- (d) All stores are likely to be seen through overhead cover with the exception of bamboo or palm leaves pending supply of camouflage nets, etc.
- (e) Units responsible for dumps will notify Force Camouflage Officer immediately upon formation of a new dump, giving map reference, and will obtain the special camouflage material for dumps.

VEHICLES.

6. (a) Every vehicle will have its hide-out, provided if necessary with overhead or side-drape netting, and bags or bark to prevent upward shine from tops and glass or rounded metal surfaces.
- (b) Visitor's car parks will be prepared at a suitable distance from headquarters, etc.
- (c) Stationary vehicles will be parked under cover wherever possible.
- (d) Vehicles not camouflaged in accordance with current directive and not, in the opinion of Force Camouflage Officer, suitable coloured for the area will be repainted.

EARTH WORKS.

7. (a) Overhead cover will be erected before commencing earth works.
- (b) Spoil will be cleanly removed and dumped out of the aerial view.
- (c) Topsoil will be borrowed, from under cover, to darken earth scars and to provide seed for rapid re-vegetation.
- (d) Immediate steps will be taken by seeding and transplanting to regain natural cover, irrespective of camouflage applied.

TENTS AND HUTS.

8. (a) All wash of shine from white tents, if any, will be eliminated by careful siting. Temporary cover will be applied by natural materials pending skill painting. Tent drab paint will be demanded from Calumbe.
- (b) All reflective roofs will be dull painted. Camouflage paints will be demanded from Engineer Stores. Temporary cover will be applied by palm leaves or bark.

SHINE.

9. (a) White laundry will be hung out to dry only between the hours of ----- (to be specified according to least likely hours of attack).
- (b) White or bright objects will not remain near tent openings.
- (c) Litter, especially metal containers, will be dumped under cover.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT
OFFICERS IN CAPE YORK AREA.

NATURAL COVER

1. (a) Gum forest, interspersed with swamp (usually devoid of overhead cover), is almost continuous throughout RED I - JACKY JACKY - MUTE HEAD area.
- (b) Trees, for the most part, average 40 to 60 feet high, with good clearance and lower branches.
- (c) Tree-tops are not uniformly contiguous and are thin. Shadow is not dense. Frequent passage of clouds reduces sharp disruptive contrast of sunlight and shade.
- (d) Cover is good against oblique aerial view, except at track and clearing edges.
- (e) Patches of timber over-run densely by vine-scrub occur fairly frequently.
- (f) Vine scrub patches, if cleared of undergrowth, offer poorest cover for stores and equipment, but would offer acute discomforts for troops to live in, including live bombing tree-ants.
- (g) Ground cover beneath gum-forest includes frequent pandanus and similar palms, also gum suckers, grass 12 inches to 24 inches high and ground creepers.
- (h) Ground cover is easily disturbed, with the following effects:
 - (i) Both the red soil present in parts of the area and the light sand of other parts come through quickly and are dangerously bright.
 - (ii) Objects on the bare earth are more visible by contrast than would be the case against natural ground texture.
- (i) White sand comes through low areas adjacent to swamps very quickly and prominently.
- (j) No use cover extends to beach edges.

CLEARINGS AND FLICKS

2. (a) Clearings and thinned out areas from previous camps are discernable from the air because of :-
 - (i) Interruption of the continuous carpet of tree tops.
 - (ii) The barring of the earth by traffic.
- (b) The straight clearing for overland telegraph line and the more or less straight clearings for roads are instantly discernable from the air.
- (c) Sections of tracks where trees have been removed for straight passage are also clearly discernible.
- (d) Tracks which have been developed to wind among timber without felling many trees are scarcely visible, and not seen in oblique aerial view.
- (e) Present regular clearings for gun-stations are very obvious except one site near a swamp edge. This site would have been improved if the timber edge had been shaped in a natural manner.
- (f) Felled timber at gun-stations etc should be burned off if the areas are to appear as extensions of swamps, unless the trees have fallen among sizeable undergrowth.
- (g) Borrow pits for gravel or filling will be a danger although in the vicinity of the airfield, extension of the existing pits or additional ones, may not be important.
- (h) Borrow pits may offer camouflage for Bofors etc.

EFFECTS OF RING-BARKING.

- 3 (a) Ring-barking in procuring bark for roofing has unfortunately occurred to many of the more sizeable trees, and, because they were handiest, has affected important trees adjacent to roadside tracks.
- (b) In all cases except where vertical strips of bark were left for flow of sap the trees have quickly lost all cover value.

The effect is to diminish the visibility of the tracks, and to increase the visibility of the cover where it would be expected to be.

- (1) Corrections during the day to the initial shortage of below the ground.
- (11) Separating the tracks of any particular side tracks from the main cover.

- (c) The bright, obviously visible marks on the tracks are distinctly visible. The tracks are, especially, better made or tracks.

NATURAL FACILITIES FOR CAMOUFLAGE

- 4. (a) Ample timber for all types of supports.
- (b) Occasional large trees.
- (c) Ground cover, including grass, including grass, including grass.
- (d) Strongly built of solid material, in a suitable shape.
- (e) Particular types of material, or used extensively in the ground for grass, in a suitable shape.
- (f) Low, built of solid material, in a suitable shape.
- (g) Ant hills, up to 10 ft high, and other ground, brown to light green, in a suitable shape.
- (h) Simulated for cover, in a suitable shape.
- (i) Dumping place, where will be used.
- (11) Digging, for cover, in a suitable shape.
- (111) Digging, for cover, in a suitable shape.
- (h) Dark and red for the ground, in a suitable shape.
- (i) Swamp edges, as strong, in a suitable shape.

STANDARD MATERIALS

- 5 (a) Paints generally suited to the area will include:- Dark green, scrub green, light green, night black, dark earth, brown, etc., (smaller proportions of the latter).
- (b) Principal roof colours:- (1) In dense timber, light green plus black (dark). (11) In sparse timber, light green.
- (c) New standard vehicle paints (light green, medium green and grey) are suitable.
- (d) Tent and standard canvas, etc.
- (e) Suitable ready-to-use camouflage materials should include:- (1) Hessian, machine cut, light green, scrub green, black, light earth, in proportions 1:1:1. (11) Pre-garnished strips, in various combinations of scrub green (or light green) and dark earth, relieved by smaller proportions of light green or light earth, and some equipment, etc. (111) Pre-garnished strips, in various combinations of scrub green (or light green) and dark earth, relieved by smaller proportions of light green or light earth, and some equipment, etc.

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS.

BY

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Commander Torres Strait Force.

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force.
13 September 1945.

GENERAL STAFF.

0000. RANGE PRACTICE HORN ISLAND.

5 Aust ME Bn will conduct musketry practice on 'B' range Horn I from 20 Sep to 25 Sep inclusive between 0830 hrs and 1700 hrs daily.

0001. DESPATCHMENT OF KIT ETC., PER MBO.

Service personnel desirous of despatching parcels packages or kits by MFO are advised that same are subject to unit censorship and a list of the contents must be attached to the article. The unit franking officer having satisfied himself as to the contents will then frank the article detach the list of contents and pass the article for stamping with the unit censorship stamp. Once the article has been franked it will NOT be handed to the sender but must be delivered to the MFO by unit arrangement. MFO will not accept any article which does not bear the imprint of the unit censor stamp.

0002. RANGE PRACTICE HORN ISLAND.

24 ME AL Bty will conduct musketry practice on 'A' Range between 0830 hrs and 1200 hrs from 16 Sep to 22 Sep incl. and on 'C' range between 0830 hrs and 1200 hrs 20 Sep and from 24 Sep to 28 Sep incl.

W. P. Kennedy Major, General Staff,
HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF).

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL STAFF.

0003. MISUSE OF MAIL BAGS.

It has been brought under notice that a considerable number of PMG Mail bags are being used for other than their original purpose. The only persons authorised to use mail bags are unit postal orderlies, for the conveyance of mails. Therefore all mail bags held by units for use other than mail will be returned immediately through unit postal orderlies to APO.

A304. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FOR CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

1. The Commonwealth Government is desirous that immediate steps be taken to deal with all outstanding claims by civilian ex-residents, firms etc., in Torres Strait Area.
2. For this purpose it is desired by claims section LHQ that a complete report be obtained containing all information which is available in the area relating to such property.
3. It is therefore ordered that each unit cmd. will prepare forthwith a comprehensive report as outlined in para 4 and forward the same to reach this Headquarters on or before the 30 Sep 1943.
4. For the guidance of Unit Comds it is pointed out that what is required by the claims section LHQ is an inventory as complete as possible of all civilian property which has been or is being used by the Army as a whole for that is all with which the section is at present concerned. The ex-residents etc., put in their claims setting out particulars of their property and it is the job of the claims section to check and see that such property has been used by the services. It is not concerned with what, in particular, units have done with the property or with details of how they have used it, nor is this order designed for that purpose. If any property has been used by the Army then details of that property are required. It will be seen that a complete and accurate inventory of houses, furniture, ornaments, table-ware and kitchen ware, crockery, cutlery, electrical fittings, furnishings stoves etc., is required from each unit cmd. in respect of property used etc., by his unit, with any other comments which will facilitate a speedy settlement of civilian claims.
5. Careful attention is required from each unit cmd. to his report so that subsequent inquiries searches, etc., may be avoided and above all to ensure that the ex-civilians residents who in many cases must be in need of a speedy settlement of their claims, will not be troubled by any delays attributable to lack of effort on the part of those who have had the use of their property.
6. Preparation of report will commence immediately to ensure full compliance with para 3 hereof.

A305. RELEASES TO R.A.A.F.

Until further notice releases in this area will again be made to R.A.A.F. subject to GPO 228/42 as amended by 547/42 and 412/430. R.A.A.F. Recruiting Teams are still NOT permitted to operate in field formations or L of C Area.

A306. UNIT RETURNS.

Personnel will not be shown as detached on returns or states unless a casualty return has been rendered to Records Office specifically detaching persons to another unit school, leave etc.

Q307. STATIONARY REQUISITIONS.

In future units will submit Stationary Requisitions to reach this Headquarters by 30th of each month, bearing in mind the necessity of the imposition of the strictest economy measures particularly with regard to stationary items paper, pencils, carbon etc., only extremely urgent requisitions will be met at any other period. Requisitions unable to be met by this HQ will be treated as cancelled and such requisitions submitted at a later date. On no account will units requisition direct to Depot, just Army Stationary Depot.

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Q308. ACQUITTAL OF VOUCHERS.

The return of No 5 copies of Issue Vouchers (AFG 8982D) emanating from Ordnance Depots is not being affected as expeditiously as required by the Ordnance services. All Quartermasters will immediately conduct a thorough check for outstanding vouchers and endorse such with Receipt Numbers, acquit, and return to Depot of origin. Transactions dealing with issue of stores from Ordnance are incomplete until such time as above action is taken by units.

Q309. SMITH & WESSON (.38) PISTOL.

Any unit in Torres Strait Force whose records show Smith & Wesson (.38) Pistol No 947078 as being on charge, or having been on charge in the past, please advise this Headquarters immediately.

M. J. B. M.
Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. TORRES STRAIT FORCE. (AIF)

SECRET

Subject : Unit Training Reports

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE
(AIF)

16 Sep 43
9 133

Distribution List B
(less serials 15, 16, 19,
20, 21, 22)

Reference TORRES STRAIT Force G 85 of 3 Sep 43

1. The following comments are made with regard to training reports for Aug - Sep for guidance in future reports.
2. It is appreciated that it is difficult in many cases to give direct answers to questions. Many units as a result give instead a detailed explanation. A full explanation is greatly appreciated but it is requested that in future units give just a direct answer and then if necessary qualify by explanation. It is NOT desired that this request should result in curtailment of information supplied.
3. Headings (a) and (b) and (c) are generally satisfactory.
4. Under heading (d) the following grades will in future be used:-
 - (i) Have completed weapon training
 - (ii) Have completed gas training
 - (iii) Trained to infantry section standard
5. Reference heading (e). In many cases the term marksman first and marksman second class is used. It is pointed out that "marksman" is a definite classification. It would be appreciated if when giving percentages under this heading that the percentages given be based on number who have fired - NOT on total strength. That is if 50 of a total strength of 100 have fired and 5 are marksmen, the percentage should be shown as marksmen 10%. The classification is to be a true reflection of the standard of marksmanship generally and does NOT refer particularly to the previous month's practice.
6. Heading (f) generally is satisfactory.
7. Heading (g). This refers to training in unit's own arm and for purpose of direct answer unit must be considered as a whole, remark in para 1 of this memo applies.
8. In some cases units have not observed ^{the headings} correctly. Typing may be saved by quoting letter for heading only - nothing more is required.
9. Units which failed to indicate classification of personnel in marksmanship in their return will forward these details by 20 Sep 43, if necessary, by signal.

Dr Kennedy Major General Staff
TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF)

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS. Serial No 33:
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BY

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Commander TORRES STRAIT Force.

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force (AIF).

20 Sep 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

G310. D&M INSTRUCTORS AND TESTING OFFICERS.

Units will submit by 24 Sep details of any changes to their requirements, for vacancies at LHQ or Formation MT Schools, as required by LHQ 63001 of 17 Apr 43.

G311. AMENDMENTS.

Reference HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF) G 116 of 15 Sep 43- Standing Orders for Camouflage. On page 1, after the heading- "Standing Orders for Camouflage", insert Torres Strait Force.

On page 1, para 2 (c), after "Nomination will be returned to Force Headquarters not later than-", insert 30 Sep 43.

G312. 3W -PIECE SUPPORTING LITER SLOT-MARKING OF RESPIRATOR FACEPIECES.

Units will certify that following GRCs have been complied with:-
GRC O 187.
O 223.

G313. GAS CHAMBER TESTS.

1. A certificate will be submitted, that Gas Chamber Tests as per Section 17 of Gas Erg (edt) 1942 have been carried out by all ranks.

2. If a certificate as above cannot be submitted, an explanation will be given.

G314. RANGE PRACTICE-THURSDAY ISLAND.

5 Aust MG Bn will conduct marksmanship practice on Thursday Island Range between 0830 hrs and 1700 hrs on 21, 22, 23, 29 Sep.

W. P. Kennedy

Major, General Staff,
HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF).

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL STAFF.

A315. GRO A402 and FIRST AUST ARMY ORDER A155.

Attention is directed to GRO A402 and First Aust Army Order A155. Units will ensure that the quarterly report due on 30 Sep reaches this Headquarter not later than 1200 hours 30 Sep. In forwarding reports particular attention will be paid to para 4 of First Aust Army Order A155.

DEPOSITS TO PAYBOOKS AND UNIT ORDER BOOKS.

Members are advised that no deposits to paybooks or unit trust books are in order unless an official receipt has been issued for the amount and the number of such receipt entered in the book concerned. Unit paymasters will immediately investigate all books under their control and advise 15 Aust Depot Cash Office of deposits made on 7 Sep and 8 Sep 1943 where such deposit bears a receipt number not in the block 484104 to 484113.
(To be inserted in all unit routine orders).

Q317. RAZOR BLADES.

Due to temporary shortage of Razor Blades in Australia, supplies to Army are limited. Until further stocks arrive in this area the issue of blades will be reduced from one per week to one per fortnight.

Q318. EMPTY PETROL DRUMS.

An acute shortage of 44 gal petrol and oil drums exists. therefore it is imperative that all drums are returned to A.M.S.C. as early as possible after use. Care must be taken at all times to ensure that drums are not damaged by careless handling. Also that bungs and washers are replaced. Attention is directed to GROs No 136 and 307.

W. G. FORKES
W. G. FORKES STRAIT FORCE. (MVF).
Major.

ATTACHMENTS.

1. **LOST:** 1 Blue Fountain Pen belonging to Capt. L. G. Bopp. Name engraved but very faint as colouring rubbed off.

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Serial No. 54

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force (AIF).
23 September 1943.

GENERAL STAFF

G.319. OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

When units are unable to obtain through normal Ord service channels equipment which seriously affects their operational efficiency, same should be sent to Headquarters marked "For infm G Staff". The matter will then be taken up through General Staff channels.

Recent action in this manner resulted in supply of essential equipment by air.

G.320. RANGE PRACTICE - THURSDAY I.

26 Aust Inf Bn will conduct musketry practice on THURSDAY I Rifle Range on Thursday & Friday 23 and 24 Sep between 0830 hrs and 1700 hrs.

G.321. Commander MAINLAND AREA.

The term "Commander HIGGINS FIELD AREA" will cease to be used. In future, the Officer Commanding in this Area will be referred to as :- "Commander MAINLAND AREA".

G.322. BOMBS GROUND TRAINING.

All references to Bombs Ground Training in GRO G504/43 will be deleted.

G.323. MOBILE WEAPON TRAINING SCHOOL.

This school is expected to arrive in the area approx 20 OCT and will conduct a Course covering all infantry weapons, field firing and jungle conditions. Details of vacancies etc will be advised later. *Dr. J. J. J.* Major
GENERAL STAFF HQ TORRES STRAIT Force.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTER MASTER GENERAL STAFF

A.324. HAMILTON BY-ELECTION.

A By-election will be held in the Electoral District of Hamilton, Brisbane, on 9 Oct 43. Units will report to this HQ by Tue 28 Sep the number of personnel on strength eligible to vote in that by-election.

As an approximate indication, the Electoral District of Hamilton includes the following suburbs: ALBION (part) ALBION HEIGHTS, ASCOT, CLAYFIELD, EAGLE JUNCTION, HAMILTON (part) HENDRA (part).

A.325. INJURIES TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. Attention is drawn to GRO A624/43 which amends GRO 592/43 by deleting part IV therefrom and inserting a new Part IV which is set out in the GRO first referred to.
2. In addition to more detailed instructions as to action to be taken and procedure it should be noted from para 24 (2) that in certain circumstances an Investigative Officer need NOT be appointed. Where this is the case:-
 - (a) The MO should certify, in addition to the answer to (i) (b) of AAF D11, that he considers the injury is of a minor nature - this should be entered in the remarks space together with the answer to para 24 (2) of the GRO.
 - (b) The CO should certify in the remarks space (i) on back of AAF D11 (i) that it is his opinion that compensation is unlikely to be entitled, and (ii) that an investigating officer will not be appointed. Before so certifying it is suggested that he should consult the MO, especially in cases of bone, joint (including damage to tendons and ligaments) and head injuries which may have after effects in years to come after discharge necessitating medical treatment to the injured member. If records are complete in these cases the discharged member is less likely to encounter delay and inconvenience in obtaining any free medical treatment to which he should be entitled.
3. Force R.O. A.175 of 28 JUN 43 refers and the provisions as to number of copies of documents and their disposal still applies.

A.326. A.M.L.

1. Attention of all unit commanders is drawn to GRO 599/43 especially para (6) and (7) as to CO's responsibilities regarding A.M.L's.
2. It should be noted in respect of Courts of Enquiry as to Illegal Absences under AAF & O 445 &c that the original and one copy of the Court proceedings including the declaration of illegal absence (AAF A2(a)) are required at Records Office. These should be passed to Force HQ to be passed on to Records Office: a copy will not be held in Force HQ files but one copy should be kept in unit records.

A.327. ISSUE OF TOOTH BRUSHES.

Attention of all units is drawn to the fact that every soldier is entitled to the issue of a tooth brush once in every three months. Health demands that this issue is maintained. Unit QM's will maintain adequate stocks and CO's will ensure that troops receive the issue.

R. M. Brown
Major
Dyke TORRES SURATT Force

CHURCH SERVICES.

ALL South Quetta Memorial Cathedral Church of England.
Services Sunday 26th September 1943.

0730 hrs : HOLY COMMUNION	1900 hrs : ORISON SERVICE
0915 hrs : PRAYER SERVICE	1930 hrs : EVANGEL
1030 hrs : HOLY COMMUNION	

Units are advised that the Bishop of Ceylon is now in the area and will be present at all services and will preach at the PRAYER SERVICE and at EVANGEL. CO's will ensure a good attendance of unit personnel.

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Headquarters.

Torres Strait Force HQ

27 Sep 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

G3197 FIRST AUST ARMY JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL-WAR COURSE NO 7.

1. One vacancy is available for the above School to be held at Ashgrove Brisbane from 23 Oct 43 to 1 Jan 44. The object of the course is to train officers for third grade staff appointments, the main subjects being elementary staff duties and administration.

2. Candidates must possess the following qualifications in addition to the usual attributes of a staff officer-

a) Not be over the age of thirty years.

b) Education - Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

c) Have been commissioned for at least eighteen months prior to commencement of course and have had regimental experience as officers.

d) Physical fitness.

e) Proficiency in all small arms training up to the standard of Ts OET.

f) Full knowledge of map reading.

3. Nominations must reach the Headquarters by 2 Oct.

G320. ARTILLERY PRACTICE SEAWARDS.

Bty.	Date.	Time.	ANGER AREAS.
Turtle Bty	4 Oct	43 1600	Black Beacon North West Reef.
"	"	2000	NE of Hammond Rock.
Milman Sec	5 Oct	43 1100	Wednesday Spit
King Section	6 Oct	43 2000	Tuesday I.
Goods Bty	7 Oct	43 1100	West of Tucker Point.
Endeavour Bty	8 Oct	43 1100	South of Entrance Island

G321. CENSORSHIP-REFERENCE TO ALLIED TROOPS.

Troops will NOT mention in correspondence or indicate in any way the presence of US troops in the area or contact with any personnel. Reference may be made to the fact that the area is under Allied protection and may be given as to the location of the area.

W P Kennedy

Major General Staff.
HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (HQ).

A 322. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

1. Attention of all units concerned is drawn to GRC 3585.
2. A copy of Standing Orders for Army Fire Services is available for inspection in the legal officers possession at Force Headquarters.
3. Amendment No 1 to the above orders notified on 31 Jan 48 contains provision for the preparation of fire break and extracts therefrom are set out hereunder:-

"PREPARATION OF FIRE BREAKS.

FIRE LINES: are designed to restrict the spread of fire during fire break burning operations. It is most important that they be established. It is preferable to cut two fire lines and burn between them. The fullest use of roads, tracks, channels and similar starting off points should be made. They provide effective fire lines. The preparation and construction of fire lines depends upon the nature of the country and the vegetation as follows:-

- (a) In timbered country or scrubby country, particularly where the ground is stony, it may involve the slashing of scrub followed by raking, and even some chipping with spades, mattock or other suitable tool.
- (b) The best machines for constructional use in any class of country whatever are bulldozers and graders.
- (c) Two alternative methods of fire line construction are:
 - (i) by ploughing.
 - (ii) by watering edges of fire lines and burning in between them.

FIREBREAK PREPARATION IN GRASS LANDS.

- (a) The objective should be a clean burn of all vegetation on the fire break.
- (b) Burning must not be commenced in a high wind. The weather should be calm and always burn against the wind.
- (c) Never burn off without adequate manpower and equipment. Following the burn, ensure that the area is patrolled for at least twenty four hours.

FIRE BREAK PREPARATION IN TIMBERED LANDS.

- (a) Dead Timber should be removed.
- (b) Scrub should be slashed several days prior to burning and pulled together into heaps.
- (c) A preliminary burning on the inner edges of the fire line is desirable.
- (d) Never burn any greater length of firebreak than can be controlled with manpower available.

A323 . . APRICOTS EVAPORATED AND DRIED PRUNES-CANNED OR IN TIN LINED CASES.

It has been discovered that after a period of time a whitish deposit is noticeable in many cases. Microscopic and chemical determinations have been made, and it has been ascertained that the crystalline deposit is merely a deposit resulting from the exudation of moisture from within the fruit, is NOT mould and does NOT indicate decomposition.

This appearance is natural to apricots and prunes preserved in this fashion. That the product is NOT mouldy; that the discolouration will disappear when cooked; and the product should NOT be destroyed or discarded because of the whitish deposit.

Q324. WATER SUPPLY THURSDAY ISLAND.

Water reticulation on Thursday Island will cease from 1815 hours 29 Sep 45. From then onward all unit requirements for water will be delivered by water cart and requisition for water will be made to HQ 1 Aust MA and Frt Coy RAE, quoting number of personnel living in each group of billets to be supplied. Units will lodge requisitions immediately upon receipt of this Order so that Frt Coy can arrange programme of delivery.

B. D. Brown
D.A.Q.M. TORRES STRAIT FORCE. Major (AIF)

John G. G. G.

SUBJECT: STANDARD OF MUSKETRY

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF)
27 Sep 45
G 182

Distribution-List C

1. The Commander is concerned at the low standard of musketry disclosed by many units in Training Reports for August. The honesty of the reports is appreciated and units are directed to concentrate on training of personnel who have failed to qualify.
2. It is appreciated that in many cases it is difficult to get time for training and range practice, but a short time each day devoted to basic training, holding, aiming and trigger pressing will procure remarkable results if instructors concentrate on the correction of faults.
3. In this regard the following quotation from an artillery training report is of interest:
4. "The object to be achieved in war is the complete destruction of the enemy. To be successful, every operation, large or small, must have a weapon plan. Battle drill, minor tactics and the use of ground and cover are the only means of manoeuvring weapons to positions from which the weapon plan can be most effectively applied. Once the weapons are there, it is quick straight shooting which counts.

The ultimate object of weapon training is the co-ordinated handling of weapons to gain superiority in the infantry fire fight which begins at the moment when fire from supporting arms on the objective has to be lifted. Skill in manoeuvre and skill in firing are inter-dependent, and success can be achieved only by a combination of both.

Although this is primarily an infantry problem, it does not apply only to infantry. Every soldier must be trained to the highest degree in the handling of his weapons while he is still in this country. He must arrive in an overseas theatre a thoroughly skilled man; and all that then remains for him is to adjust his knowledge to the particular weapon in which he finds himself.

Commanding Officers will impress upon their officers that only the co-ordinated efforts of infantry weapons, employed with maximum effect and accuracy, can carry a platoon over the last 500 yards to its objective.

J. P. K. G. G.
Major, General Staff
TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF)

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SERIAL NO. 56

TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS. G334-A336
BY

COLONEL H. . LANGFORD.
O.B. ., N.C.

Commander Torres Strait Force.

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force (ATF)
30 Sep 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

G334 PHOTOGRAPHY-COST OF DEVELOPING AND PRINTING.

Quoted hereunder are latest price lists compiled by Kodak (Aust)
Pty Ltd. for developing and printing of films. Postage is of
course additional.

File No.	Developing.	Printing per Doz Black and White.
828	0. 8	1. 0
-	0. 6	1. 0
135	1. 6	1. 0
127	0. 9	1. 0
620	0. 9	1. 6
117	1. 0	1. 6
120	0. 9	2. 0
102	1. 0	2. 0
128	1. 0	1. 6
129	0. 9	3. 0
120	1. 0	3. 0
620	1. 0	3. 0
616	1. 0	3. 0
116	1. 0	3. 6
101	2. 0	3. 6
101	2. 0	3. 0
124	1. 0	3. 6
124	2. 0	3. 6
118	1. 0	3. 6
118	2. 0	3. 6
130	1. 0	4. 0
130	2. 1	4. 0
103	1. 0	4. 0
105	2. 6	8. 6
104	1. 3	4. 0
122	1. 6	4. 0
122	2. 6	8. 6
122	1. 6	8. 6
126	1. 6	5. 6
115	1. 0	3. 0
105	2. 6	5. 6
105	1. 0	5. 6
125.	2. 6	5. 6

Dr Kennedy

Major, General Staff,
HQ TO

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL STAFF.

Q335. INSTRUCTIONS FOR: ORDINANCE STORES.

All instructions for Ordnance Stores which have not been fully issued as at 15 September 1943 have been cancelled. Units will therefore refrain from the stores outstanding on instructions prior to 15 September 1943 providing G9820's are not held in transit stores in transit.

A336. FORCES STAFF FORG ADJUTANT GENERAL No 8.

Recipients of the above mentioned instruction will mark each "SECRET" and give necessary protection to this document.

B.W. Brown
Major,
D.A.C.F.C. Forces Staff Forc. (AIF).

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CORRIGENDUM.

ADDENDUM.

Force Routine Order Serial No. 55 of 27 Sep 43. Paragraph Nos will be altered as under:

Para No.	G.319	should be	G.328
" "	G.320	" "	G.329
" "	G.321	" "	G.330
" "	A.322	" "	A.331
" "	A.323	" "	A.332
" "	Q.324	" "	Q.333

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/9/1943 . HQ Torres Strait Force

W.E. 41/7/1. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 31 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 7 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reliefs Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Army or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reliefs Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
		2	2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sets					
	2	2		Staff Sergeants	AANC	1	1		
	5	8		Sergeants	AANC/AANC	1		1	
	5	9		Corporals	RAC			1	
	-	24		Troopers, Privates, etc.	Various	1		3	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR	-	14	46	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		3	1	5	NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units reported in Para. 7 of instructions for completion of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.L.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.E.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	S.S.	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years	19 Year- and over							
e = Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces	A B(1) B(2)	35		14							49

Part B. Other Banks Attached from Other Units.

				to Other Units.			
Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	FAA Provost			1	28 OHH RAAR		
1	ACF			2	FAA HQ		
1	AACC			3	leave		
1	24 Pd Sqn			2	Sch of Y.I.		
1	Qld Records						
1	1 As & Frt Coy						
2	74 HASL Bty						
1	159 Gen Tpt Coy						
3	5 W3 Bn						
1	2 Water Tpt Co						
1	14 L of C Sub Area						
13	ADCS						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 9 / 1945 .

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

4 Sep 43

Date of Despatch:

Staatsanwalt als Kommandant

AAG Authority to hold ALL supernumerary Personnel.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3003
(Adapted) (Page 1)
Revised Jan., 1943

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 9 1943 HQ Torres Strait Force (Unit)
W.E. 7 1 OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 31 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 7 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.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Rank Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arms or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts. Required.
-	1	1	1	Colonel					
-	2	1	1	Lieut. Colonel					
-	2	1	1	Major					
-	2	1	1	Captain					
-	2	1	1	Lieutenant					
-	2	1	1	Quartermaster					
-	2	1	1	A.A.S.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	2	1	1	Civilian Counting as Offrs.					
-	3	1	7						
DETAIL.				A.L.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.S.	A.A.S.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.
A.				19	1				
E.(1)									
E.(2)									
TOTAL.									11

* 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., 21 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.
4108209	Lieut	Borley F	5th Aust Bn	3 Aug	1st. Joiner

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

HQ Torres Strait Force Unit

Army Form W.3003
(Adapted) (Page 2)
Revised Jan., 1943

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 9 1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subsidiary Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit, Yes or No.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt T/Maj	415209	Lanford	LE	Comd	Yes		
Capt	4101985	Kennedy	DK	CH011	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	412367	Wiley	TJA	3C	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	415295	Leath	ES	20	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	411506	Lyndon	CC	16	Yes		
Capt	414295	Abbott	AC	10.01	Yes		
Lieut	41236	Hancock	HC	10.01	Yes		
Lt T/Maj	4152	Minister	AS	10.01	No	Special Duty	
Chaplain	416174	Daniels	D	10.01	Yes		
Lieut	416174	Causey	S	10.01	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	411070	McIntosh	MS	10.01	Yes		

OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

Chaplain	41739	Smith C	1st. Joiner	21.8.42
Lt T/Maj	412100	Goody O.	1st. Joiner	6.2.43
Pls	41150	Brain B.	1st. Joiner	6.3.43
Pop	41551	Bill H.	1st. Joiner	5.5.43
Lieut	415474	Thompson RZ	1st. Joiner	20.4.43
Chaplain	415119	McIntosh R	1st. Joiner	29.5.43
Lieut	411430	Troutman A.	1st. Joiner	12.6.43
Lieut	411430	McIntosh JG	1st. Joiner	12.6.43
Pop	41547	Granley RL	1st. Joiner	12.6.43
Lt T/Capt	41547	Wicks H.	1st. Joiner	12.6.43
Lieut	41547	Wicks H.	1st. Joiner	12.6.43

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

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

4 Sep 43
Date of Despatch

W. Wiley
Staff Captain Capt

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
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22. Torres Strait Force

W.E. 7 8. OFFRS. 9 O.R's 11 plus OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 7 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E-11 & E-21.

* 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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21... 9... 1945. (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

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Attached are 2 copies of the report.

3-1-1964

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

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Date of Despatch

J. M. Foley
Staff Captain - Capt
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit - A79-6344

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit-A73-531M-543

W.E. 1 / 7 / 1. OFFRS. 9. O.R's. 31 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 7 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
WE EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE				
Reinfs Required	Deficient WE	Surplus to WE	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to WE	Deficient WE	Reinfs Required
			1	W.Os Class I					
		2	2	W.Os Class II					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sets					
		2	2	Staff Sergeants	AANG	1	1		
		5	8	Sergeants	AANG	1		1	
		6	10	Corporals	RAE			1	
			24	Troopers, Privates, etc	Various	1		5	
				Civilians counting as OR					
NR	1	13	46	Totals of cols marked - should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		3	1	5	NR

Detail	A.I.P.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	- -	TOTAL
		Under 15 Years	19 Years and over							
A	35		16							49
B(1)										
B(2)						103				

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
2	FAA Protest			1	26 OBU RAAP		
1	AGP			2	FAA HQ		
1	AAGC			3	Leato		
1	2/4 Pd Sqn			2	Sch of M.I.		
1	Old Records			2	Hospital		
1	1 AA & Fvt Coy						
2	2d AASL Bty						
1	159 Gen Tpt Coy						
3	5 ME Bn						
1	2 Water Tpt Coy						
1	1st L of C Sub Area						
15	ADCS						

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Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Details Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Details Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Details Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Details Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assist.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificers				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammocks			
Filter				Surveyors, Typographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificers				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Filter (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificers				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Filter (A.P.V.)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Shoemakers			
Armament Artificers				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Instrument								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Armament Artificers								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Radio								Printer's Numbers				Saddles - makers			
Armament Artificers								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Signals								Radiographers				Silverdress			
Armament Artificers								Riggers				Stokers, Staly, Engine			
Wireless								Sawyers				Storeroom, CHANCE	1	1	
Artificer, Artillery				GROUP II				Signallers				Tanners			
Artificer, Engine				Armourers				Signwriters				Textile Weavers			
Blacksmiths				Assmen				Tele-cope Identn Numbers				Thaumaths			
Bicklayers				Bakers				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Compagnons				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Baller-makers				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Coppersmiths				Carpenters				Wormen				Amalgamation			
Dispensers				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners				YMAA and			
Draughtsmen	1	2		Cooks	2	4						YMCA and			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Dental Mechanics								YMCA and			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mtd.)								YMCA and			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Driver-Operator								YMCA and			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Drainers								YMCA and			
Electricians				Electricians								YMCA and			
Electricians (M.V.)				Electricians (Engineers)								YMCA and			
Electricians (Signals)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				YMCA and			
Filters				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				YMCA and			
Filters (Cycle)				Hatchman				Butchers				YMCA and			
Filters (Electrical)				Height Taker				Clerks	8	11		YMCA and			
Filters (Gun)				Holio Operator				Clerks, Supply				YMCA and			
Filters (Instrument)				Intelligence Duties	5	7		Clerks, Technical				YMCA and			
Filters (M.V.)				Joiners	2	22		Coach Trimmers				YMCA and			
Filters, Railway Signal				Linemen				Concretors				YMCA and			
Filters, Signals				Linemen, Signals				Cooks				YMCA and			
Grinder, Precision				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				YMCA and			
Mechanics, Instrument				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				YMCA and			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				YMCA and			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				YMCA and			
Mechanics, Radio				Masons				Driver Mechanics				YMCA and		</	

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch 11 Sep 68

Signature of Commander _____

AAC authority to hold ALL supernumerary personnel

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit - A7C-201

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.5008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 9 1943 HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)
W.E. V1 7 1 OFFRS. 9 O.R.'s 29 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s 9 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

* Insert detail of higher rank, 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 C.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.
QX53209	T/Capt.	Langford HR	Townsville	17 Sep	Special Duty
MX46896	T/Capt.	Ayrton GC	do	do	do

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

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

HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 9 1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt T/Capt	QX53209	Langford	H.R.	Comd No	Special Duty	17 Sep	
Capt T/Maj	QX39255	Kennedy	DP	CSOII	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	QX42369	Foley	TJM	SC	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	QX45295	De'Ath	WS	IO	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	MX46896	Ayrton	GC	IO	No	Special Duty	17 Sep
Capt	MX45295	Abbett	AC	Legal	Yes		
Lieut	MX91236	Hancock	HC	Eduo	Yes		
Lt T/Maj	VX52	Pimmiger	AS	DCRE	Yes		
Chaplain	QX69174	Daniels	W	Padre	Yes		
Lieut	QX369174	Casey	N	Hye	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	MX100070	McIntosh	NJ	Grd	Yes		

Attached NOT allowed by W.E.

Chaplain	B2.319	Smith	G.	Op Research Gp	Spec Duty	
Lt T/Maj	MX151303	Deedy	G.	AA Ch D	Padre	21.8.43
Plt Lt	TX2100	Erain	B.	HQ FAA	A/DAQMG	6.2.43
Rep	21630	Hill	J.	RAAF	Liaison	6.3.43
Chaplain	B2.331	Thomas	RJ	YMCA	YMCA	3.3.43
Lieut	QX45119	Trotman	A.	AA Ch D	Padre	29.5.43
Lieut	SX18490	Adams	IC	2/4 Fd Sqn	RAE	12.6.43
Lieut	VX111206	Crawley	RL	HQ 1 Corps	RAE	12.6.43
Rep	-	Bourke	S	ACF	ACF	2.7.43
T/Capt	B3.247	Shackle	H	YMCA	YMCA	4.8.43
	QX4508	Cundell	RG	HQ FAA	BS OIII	13.8.43

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.

18 Sep 43
Date of Dispatch

Staff Captain
Signature of Commander

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 S.Z. Forces.

10 WEEK

EX53209	T/Col	Langford H.R.	Townsville	22 Sep	Ex Spec Duty
EX46896	T/Capt	Ayrton G.C.	Townsville	22 Sep	Ex Spec Duty

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Lt T/Capt	QX42569	Foley	T.J.N.	S.G.	Yes
- T/Capt	QX45295	De'Ath	W.S.	L.O.	Yes
Lt T/Capt	NX45295	Abbott	A.C.	Leg Of	Yes
Lieut	QX91236	Hancock	M.C.	Educa	Yes
1st/Capt	NX46896	Arfion	G.C.	I.O.	Yes
Lt T/Major	VX52	Pirmiger	A.S.	DCR	Yes
Chaplain	Q368174	Daniels	W.	Chap.	Yes
Lieut	QX27668	Casey	M.	Hyg	Yes
Lt T/Capt	NX100070	McIntosh	H.J.	Ord	Yes

Flt Lt	M1630	Hill	J.	RAAF	Liaison	6.2.41
Rep	B2.331	Thomas	R.J.	YMCA	YMCA	6.3.41
Chaplain	QX45119	Trotman	A.	AA Ch D	Chaplain	29.5.41
Lieut	SX18490	Adams	J.C.	2/4 Fd Sqn	RAE	12.6.41
Lieut	VX114206	Crawley	M.L.	HQ 1 Corps	RAE	12.6.41
Lieut	-	Bourke	S.	ACF	ACF	2.7.41
T/Capt	QX34508	Cundell	R.G.	HQ PAA	GSOIII	15.8.41

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First Aust Army Mob Print Unit - AFB-2AM-34

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Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Fasted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
		2	2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sets					
		2	2	Staff Sergeants	AAMC	1	1		
		7	10	Sergeants	AAMC-AAFC	1		1	
		4	8	Corporals	RAE-AAAGC	3	3	1	
			22	Troopers, Privates, etc.	Various	2		3	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
		15	45	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		7	4	5	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A	I.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
				Under 19 Yrs.	19 Years and over.							
	A	35	2	12	3							52
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., 30 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/ 9 /194 3.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinls. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinls. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinls. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinls. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Treatment				Tanners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Saddle				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevarders			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stokers	1	1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Star-men, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers	1	1		Atemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftiers			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd'a Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)		1		Bellarmakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman							
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman				Electricians		1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				MCA Ord		2	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								RQMS		1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mnd.)								OC Stag Cmp		1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Instr		1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Liaison		1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Education		1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hygiene		1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF DWS OFFICERS	2	1	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	8	12		Orderly	2	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Eatmen	6	6	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				EC Orderly	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	5	7		Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	2	4	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Eng Dftsmn	1	1	NR
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Clerk	2	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanic				Eatmen	2	2	NR
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAMC	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	10		CARRIED FORWARD	14	22		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	38	52	NR

NOTES--(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.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. "Reins. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Signature of Commander

Cost

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Unit HQ 302233 31st Air Force (AF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Oct To 0200 hrs 4 Oct 4

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ARRIVAL of MILITARY	1 Oct	0540	Naval Patrol Station, 3000 I sighted red metal buoy on bearing 017 deg. distance 2 miles drifting east.	Naval launch investigated but could not sight buoy
WEDNESDAY I	1 Oct	1805	RAF now operating on VACC network Dept of Native Affairs set	
			discontinued.	
Air Patrol V	1 Oct		RAF enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	1 Oct		aircraft departures for south: Capt JIMMEL (temporary appointment 15 Ops) 11. 312333 12 AF Force	
THURSDAY I			Weather: fine and sunny Visibility: good	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol V	2 Oct		Cancelled owing to convoy duties.	
THURSDAY I	2 Oct		Weather: dull and overcast 30 wind heavy showers	
			Visibility: Poor	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol V	3 Oct		RAF enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	3 Oct		aircraft departures for south: Brig P. L. H. 11. 312333 12 AF Force	
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Dr Kennedy Maj

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Unit 200th Signal Force (AIF) Date and Time—From 4 Oct 43 To 5 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I	3 Oct		Weather: Usually and overcast. Visibility: Poor	<i>Dr Kennedy May</i>
Air Patrol N	4 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
WOM I	4 Oct		Maj RALPH took over Command from Maj LUTHER	
THURSDAY I	4 Oct		Weather: Usually. Visibility: Fair	
Air Patrol N	4 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	<i>Dr Kennedy May</i>
HILLIARD Area	5 Oct	1400	Maj Gen LUTHER (POC 4 Aust Div) and party arrived.	
THURSDAY I	5 Oct		Weather: Fine. Visibility: Fair	<i>Dr Kennedy May</i>
Air Patrol N	5 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	5 Oct		Maj Gen LUTHER (POC 4 Aust Div) arrived.	
HILLIARD Area	5 Oct		Temporary HQ 4 Aust Div established.	
THURSDAY I	5 Oct		Maj FELTON took over Command THURSDAY I from Maj STANT	
THURSDAY I	5 Oct		Weather: Overcast, fine. Visibility: Fair.	
THURSDAY I	5 Oct		Bishop of Carpentaria departed for tour of P.C., WOM, LUTHER	
			DEWITT, COCKBURN, VAN, GALEA, DUNN and MORISON Islands.	<i>Dr Kennedy May</i>

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Unit THE TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 7 Oct 43

To 10 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air Patrol N	7 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	7 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Fair	Dr Kennedy May
Air Patrol N	8 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	8 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Fair	Dr Kennedy May
Air Patrol N	9 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	9 Oct		Aircraft arrivals from south: Maj WENHAM L of C	
DAVAN I	9 Oct		Minor defect in Telaradio set put TCP out of W/T communication	
TORRES STRAIT	9 Oct	0001	Maj Gen LINDRAY GOC 4 Aust Div assumed command TORRES STRAIT Force	See signals attached
THURSDAY I Air Patrol	9 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy May
Air Patrol N	10 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
SIMPSONS CHANNEL	10 Oct	0340	It LINDRATH, TORRES STRAIT Lt Col D reported sighting that appeared to be mine in posn refd as TORRES STRAIT Chart 8 "a" 33 1 in 8-8355 at 1400. Object was black in colour, buoy like	

Dr Kennedy May

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Unit H. COYTES STRAIT FORCE (RAF) Date and Time.—From 10 Oct 43 To 13 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DE FBONS CHANNEL (continued)	10 Oct		ships with masts on top. Tide running west at time.	advised Navy, RAAF and
				2 Aust Water Cpt. General
				warning given to all ship-
				ping and Navy and RAAF
				investigated with NIL result
THURSDAY I	10 Oct		Colonel LAMFORD appointed Commander of all troops under	
			command 4 Aust Div in the COYTES STRAIT Islands.	
THURSDAY I	10 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	<i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>
Air Patrol N	11 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
MON I	11 Oct		Lt-col. LAMFORD took over command MON I from Lt. COLSTON	
THURSDAY I	11 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	<i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>
Air Patrol N	12 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	12 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	
Air Patrol N	13 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	13 Oct		Teacher arrivals 1 on south: COYTES STRAIT 25 Cps, COYTES	

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Unit H. TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF) Date and Time—From 13 Oct 43 To 17 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I (Contd)	13 Oct		START Jets 1 Cdr 17 CRs, General Reinds 2 CRs 91 CRs	
			36 Composite AA Regt 2 CRs, 31 Aust Carrier Pl 36 CRs	
THURSDAY I	13 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Fair	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol N	14 Oct		Nil enemy sightings	
TH I	14 Oct		13 DOF at 1100 SIB WILL. General 10 CRs, General 10 CRs	
			From arch.	
THURSDAY I	14 Oct		Weather: squally Visibility: Fair	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol N	15 Oct		Nil enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	15 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	
THURSDAY I	15 Oct		Bis. op of Jarantopia returned from his tour of the Islands.	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol N	16 Oct		Nil enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	16 Oct		Weather: arrivals from south: 10000 10000 Jets 12 CRs.	
THURSDAY I	16 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol N	17 Oct		Nil enemy sightings	

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Unit 60333 STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 17 Oct 43

To 19 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MON I	17 Oct		3 P 400 arrived to replace 3 Boomerangs on strength 24 Nov. Weather: Fine visibility: Good Aircraft not yet on active availability list.	
TUESDAY I	17 Oct		Weather: Fine visibility: Good	<i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>
Air Patrol II	18 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
WEDNESDAY I	18 Oct		Steamer arrivals from south: 207 AASL Pty 1 (off 42 CRs, T S Picnear Coy 13 CRs.	
THURSDAY I	18 Oct		Weather: Fine visibility: Good	<i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>
Air Patrol II	19 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	19 Oct		Aircraft departure departure for south: Colonel L. J. J. J. Cord 60333 STRAIT Force on leave.	
THURSDAY I	19 Oct		Let "C" Sec 42 Wing 3 CRs moved from under command	(Joined parent unit 1/2 60333 Force)
THURSDAY I	19 Oct		Weather: Fine visibility: Good	

D. P. Kennedy Maj

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 100TH BATTAL FORCE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 20 Oct 43 To 23 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air Patrol	20 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	20 Oct		Steamer departure for south: 75 last job 31. 27. 05	
THURSDAY I	20 Oct		1st BATT temporarily administering camp in absence of Colonel LAMFORD	
THURSDAY I	20 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol	21 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	21 Oct		Maj. STUBBS, 100TH BATT departed for south. Appointment not replaced.	
THURSDAY I	21 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol	21 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
ROOF I	21 Oct		Amvian 7 P-40 replaced 7. 20. 05. Total of 10 P-40 not on active availability list.	
THURSDAY I	22 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol	22 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	

D.P. Kennedy Maj.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

Unit 10TH BSB 5TH Div (AF)

Date and Time.—From 23 Oct 43

To 27 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THURSDAY I	23 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good <i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>	
Air Patrol I	24 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
WCFM I	24 Oct	1700	Maj WHELETT took over comd WCFM I from Lt-col WHEAT	
THURSDAY I	24 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good <i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>	
Air Patrol I	25 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
WCFM I	25 Oct		Staff advise NC aircraft available for night fighting	P 40 on strength WCF equipped with night fighting gear.
DAWAT I	25 Oct		Tele-radio set in WCF now repaired and operating	
THURSDAY I	25 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good <i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>	
Air Patrol I	26 Oct		NIL enemy sightings. Received a clip at 0005/26 in position.	
			0030 3 100 10 3. Indications unidentified aircraft.	
THURSDAY I	26 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good <i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>	
Air Patrol I	27 Oct		NIL enemy sightings.	
THURSDAY I	27 Oct	1000	Maj WHELETT took over appointed permanent field officer.	
THURSDAY I	27 Oct	1000	Capt GOSWALD took over comd THURSDAY I from Maj WHELETT	

D. P. Kennedy Maj

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

Unit H. TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 27 Oct 43

To 29 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INTRODAY I	27 Oct		Steamer arrivals from south: General de la Cruz	
NOON I	27 Oct		RAF 75 Wing assumed command all RAF units NOON I, MONDAY	
			WILKINS FIELD. M. located at NOON I.	
WEDSDAY I	27 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Good <i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>	
Air Patrol I	27 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
NOON I	28 Oct		24 300 now completely equipped with 2 400	
DAYAN I	28 Oct		POP sta off the air.	
THURSDAY I	28 Oct		Weather: All Visibility: Fair <i>Dr Kennedy Maj</i>	
Air Patrol I	28 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
NOON I	29 Oct		H. 26 Aust Inf Bn established ref map Endeavour Straits I. to	All boys less 1 remain
			1 mile SOUTH	NOON I under direct command leading on avt. H.M.S. 10
THURSDAY I	29 Oct		C in C Allied Land Forces General Sir Thomas Blamey arrived at	
			WILKINS FIELD by air and proceeded to WEDSDAY I by launch.	
THURSDAY I	29 Oct		Weather: Fine Visibility: Fair	

D. P. Kennedy Maj

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit H. TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 30 Oct 43

To 31 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Air Patrol	30 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
THURSDAY I	30 Oct		Lt-Col BURNETT appointed administering command of TORRES STRAIT Force during the absence of Colonel LAMBERT, Maj BURNETT now ceases to administer acting command.	
DAY I	30 Oct		CCP sta now in operation. Rain.	
NOON I	30 Oct		1 in 3 Allied Land Forces General Sir Thomas BLAIR departed by air.	
THURSDAY I	30 Oct		Weather: Wind very strong SE wind Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy Maj
Air Patrol	31 Oct		NIL enemy sightings	
NOON I	31 Oct		34 Bn aircraft availability 17 P 40P	
THURSDAY I	31 Oct		Weather: Wind very strong SE wind Visibility: Good	Dr Kennedy Maj

G. W. Smythe
Lt-Col
Administering Command TORRES STRAIT Force

List of Appendices to H: TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF) War Diary
for the month of Oct 43.

Field Return of Officers for period 2 Oct 43 - 30 Oct 43
" " of O's " " 2 Oct 43 - 30 Oct 43
Torres Strait Force Administration Instruction No 10
" " Routine Orders Nos 37 to 40
First Aust Army Instn No A/3207/13
Working Instn No 1 Movement Control
Torres Strait Force Operation Instn No 28
Distribution List No 2 of 31 Oct 43
Chemical Warfare Training Expedients
R/T Code No 2
Torresforce Signals Nos G 326 to G 330

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No. 10.

DISPOSAL OF OFFICERS.

1. On the twentieth day of each month, commencing 20 Oct 43, A Return in the form of Appendix "A" attached hereto, will be submitted to this HQ showing:-

- Category A. Officers who, it is considered, can be more usefully and profitably employed in industry or who desire to be released for such employment.
- Category B. Officers who have reached the age for retirement for their rank as prescribed by AMR & O 155. The ages set out in AMR & O 155 under column headed "In the Permanent Forces" will apply to AIF.
- Category C. Officers who are filling appointments for which a lower rank than that held by them is prescribed.
- Category D. Officers who it is considered should be retained in the Army but in some appointment other than that which they are holding. In the first instance, these Officers should be absorbed within Formation or L of C Areas. Where such Officers cannot be absorbed within Formation a report in accordance with GRO A113/42 will be submitted through normal channels to LHQ. Such reports will be accompanied by a certificate by the Formation Commander to the effect that there are no vacancies within the Formation for which the Officer is considered suitable.

2. The information called for in Appendix "A" should be furnished accurately and as complete as possible. As a guide, when submitting recommendations, the following points are stressed:-

- (i) Civil qualifications should be fully and specifically stated as to leave no doubt as to the officer's civil occupation and his qualifications for such employment. Such titles designations as clerk, fitter, mechanic etc should not be inserted in Column 3 of the Appendix "A" unless accompanied by other information which clearly sets out the particular branch of a profession, trade, industry or calling for which the Officer is qualified.

c.g. Clerk - Accounts, Bank, Barrister's, Solicitor, Municipal, etc.

Fitter - Aeroplane, Glass, Telephone, Mine, Metal Working, etc.

Mechanic - Barrister's, Motor, Optical, Telephone, etc.

- (ii) Full reasons for the recommendations made must be attached to the Appendix "A".

In the cases where any element of doubt exists these should be supported by files, or at least, by a adequate summaries of them.

- (iii) Column 7 of the Appendix "A" should in all cases be completed and if it is considered that an Officer is not suitable for any military appointment this fact should be specifically stated. This is necessary in the case of Cat B officers for other categories, as well as the recommendation for release to industry, it is essential for other recommendations to be made.

- (iv) Where the recommendation is the result of an application by the officer concerned, his original application

attached to the schedule.

3. This return will cover ALL OFFICERS on the STAFF of HDE DIVISIONS and HIGHER FORMATIONS and OFFICERS of ALL SERVICES, e.g. A.A.S.C.

4. Your attention is expressly called to this instruction, and careful survey of the Officer position will be made each month.

J.M. Foley Cpt
Colonel
Commander FORCES STRAIT FORCE

SECRET

RECORD OF OFFICERS.

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS.

BY

COLONEL H.R. LANGFORD.

O.B.E., M.C.

COMMANDER Torres Strait Force.

HQ Torres Strait Force.
4 Oct 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

G337 MUSKETRY PRACTICE. - C RANGE HORN I.

Torres Strait Lt. Inf Bn will conduct musketry practice on 'C' Range Horn Island from 18 Oct to 30 Oct incl between 0830 hrs and 1700 hrs.

G 338 MUSKETRY PRACTICE - THURSDAY ISLAND.

Torres Strait Signals will conduct musketry practice on Thursday Island Rifle Range on 7 and 8 Oct 43 between 0830 hrs and 1700 hrs.

G339 MUSKETRY PRACTICE - HORN ISLAND.

1st Coy will conduct musketry practice on A Range from 0830 hrs to 1200 hrs on 6 to 8 Oct incl. and on C Range from 0830 hrs to 1200 hrs on 7 to 12 Oct incl.

G340 CENSORSHIP.

Instances have been observed where the censorship function has not been sealed by franking officers after franking and also where correspondence after being franked has been handed back to the writer for posting.

Attention is drawn to LHQ FCI No 4 Appx B part A Para 7 which reads:-

"SEALING AND FRANKING.

After franking, officers will seal letters and pass same to the Unit Censor under unit arrangements. Similar action will be taken in regard to other communications. Steps will be taken to ensure that, after franking, communications do not pass through the hands of the sender."

Attention is also drawn to LHQ FCI No 4 Appx B Part B Instructions to Unit Censors.

Units will ensure that all personnel are familiar with the censorship instruction and that these instructions are rigidly adhered to.

[Signature]
Major,
General Staff,
HQ Torres Strait Force (AFS).

War Diary

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS. SERIAL 58.
G345 - 4349.

BY
COLONEL H. R. LANFORD
O.B.E., M.C.

COMMANDER TORRES STRAIT FORCE, AIF.

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force (AIF).
7 Oct 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

G345. COND HORN ISLAND.

As from 1000 hrs 4 Oct Major Murchison ceases to command HORN
Island and Major Ralston 26 Aust Inf Bn is appointed to command
in his stead.

G346. COND THERESA ISLAND.

As from 1000 hrs Wed 6 Oct Major Swain ceases to command
THERESA Island and Major Felton of 5 Aust MG Bn is appointed
to command in his stead.

W. Kennedy Major,
GENERAL STAFF
HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF).

ADJUTANT AND QUARTER
MASTER GENERAL STAFF.

A347. ALTERATIONS IN TIMETABLES-D. LIGHT SAVING.

It is advised that owing to the reintroduction of daylight
saving in this area and in compliance with orders issued by
Force Headquarters, time tables will be put forward one hour.
Times for departure of vessels on routine work carried out
by 2 Aust Water Tpt Co are set out below.

Ferry Service between Thurs Is and Horn Is
Depart Thurs Is. 0930 hrs. Depart Horn Is. 1015 hrs.
do 1315 " do 1445 "
do 1300 " do 1945 "
Daily Ration Service to Horn Is.
Depart Thurs Is 1530 hrs. Commence loading 150 hrs.
Daily Ration Service to Goods-Hammond Is.
Depart Quar. Jetty for Goods Is 0930 hrs.
do Hammond I 1100 "
Official Air Mail to Horn Is every Monday.
Depart Thurs Is. 0830 hrs.
Ration Service to Entrance Is. Monday & Sunday.
Depart Thurs Is. 0900 hrs.
Ration Service to Red Is. every Tuesday.
Depart Thurs Is. 0700 hrs.
Picture Service to Horn Is every Friday.
Depart Thurs Is. 1100 hrs.

A347 (Cont).

Prince of Wales Is Rear Base Services Operational

Depart Thursday Island 1300 hrs.
Depart Horn Is 1300 hrs.

A348. USE OF TELEPHONES.

Telephones are provided for official use only, and the practice of indulging in protracted conversations and/or discussing personnel matters will cease forthwith.

The operational activities of the arms and the services comprising Torres Strait Force are being seriously impaired by the thoughtless misuse of the telephone.

A349. RECOMMENDATION FOR COMRAID AND BRIGADIER APPOINTMENT.

Attention of unit commanders is drawn to Force HQ HQ 24 Para A51. This return must reach this Headquarters by 15 of each month.

A350. APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONED RANK. All Units which have personnel qualified at an OCS but still NOT appointed to Commissioned Rank and for whom A22's have NOT been submitted will submit same to this HQ by 11 Oct.

[Signature]
D.A.O. TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

NOTES.

ALL SOULS QUEENSLAND METHODIST CHURCH, TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Until further notice the services at the Cathedral are Sunday will be as follows:

MOON CON SERVICE 0800 hrs.
P.M. SERVICE 1000 hrs.
MOON C SERVICE 1100 hrs (Every second Sunday)
TUESDAY 0800 hrs.
ORGAN SERVICE 1000 hrs.

A Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Jaramentaria will be held after EVENSPEE on Sunday 24 October 1948.

Reverend J. L. Daniels, Capt,
Torres Strait Force.

2. Usual Service will be held in the Presbyterian Church every Sunday Evening.

Communion Singing 1000 hrs.
Service 1000 hrs.

[Signature]
Torres Strait Force.

3. FOUNT. A wristlet watch and a description to the staff of the Torres Strait Force.

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Nos G350-A354.

TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS.

BY

COLONEL H.R. GUTHRIE, MC

COMMANDER TORRES STRAIT FORCE

Headquarters,
Torres Strait Force.
15 Oct 43.

GENERAL STAFF.

G350 SUB-CALIBRE FIRING HORN ISLAND.

157 Bty will carry out arty practice with .303 (Bren) sub calibre 40mm Bofors from 11 Oct to 30 Oct incl between 0900 hrs and 1630 hrs daily.
Danger area will be seawards from the point between the bearing 100 deg. and 160 deg., range 6000 yds.

G351 FARMING-FIELD FIRING PRACTICE-HORN IS.

5 Aust MG Bn will carry out field firing practice on Horn Is on 15 and 16 Oct 43 from ref map Thursday I 1" to 1 mile 496332 between Grid Bearings 162 and 183 deg.

G352 MOBILE WEAPON TRAINING SCHOOL.

Ref Force HQ G353 Tentative date for commencement of this course is 18 Oct, duration 28 days. Location Prince of Wales Island. Units other than Infantry units, desiring vacancies, must apply to this Headquarters by 1200 hrs 14 Oct.
Inf units will be prepared to send up to nine students each.
Vacancies will NOT be allotted to Private soldiers.

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for Major.
AOD.
TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
STAFF.

A353 COMPLIMENTS TO FLYING OF FLAGS ON STAFF CARS.

Unit Comds will ensure that all ranks under their command are fully conversant with the paying of compliments to flags flying on staffcars. Officers, NCO's or GAs in charge of parties will ensure that due compliments are paid in the correct manner at all times when being passed or passing any staff car flying flags as authorised in GRO A565/42 as amended by GRO A594/43.

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A354. WORKING PARTY PICTURE THEATRE.

Attention is drawn to Force Routine Order A332 of 27 Aug. Units supplying working party to clean Picture Theatre and Canteen will ensure:-

1. That all bottles are picked up and removed by truck to the refuse barge at Engineers Dock. If trucks cannot be supplied from unit resources an will be obtained from 159 must get job done for the task.
2. That all papers are collected and burnt on the location in one of the drums supplied.

To assist such working parties troops will refrain from dropping bottles in the street and will deposit them in the drums provided. Failure to observe this order is a disciplinary offence.

R. H. Brown
D.L.O.C. FORCE, ST. JAMES' FORCE.

NOTICES.

1. FOUND.

Watch returned to in HQ dated 7 Oct has NOT been claimed. It is suggested notice be inserted in unit HQs.

2. LOST.

Q112723 Pte. BERRISON G.R. of 28 Aust Inf Bn has reported the loss of paybook and wallet. Some may have been picked up by someone else on shore; on Thursday Island. The paybook was contained in a wallet made from kangaroo material. The description of the wallet lost was a wallaby leather and contained a photograph and some money. There was no money in wallet. Would finder please return to above unit.

3. Rifle No 645078 was lost in possession of Pte. BERRISON on or about 25 Sep 45. Unit will be advised of anyone whom above rifle was issued. Name may be obtained from Provost.

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE ORDERS

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COLONEL J. R. LAMMOID OBE MC

COMMANDER TORRES STRAIT FORCE

Headquarters,
TORRES STRAIT FORCE
25 Oct 43

GENERAL STAFF

G 355 Reference TORRES STRAIT Force Routine Orders Serial No 1 of 20 Sep paras G 312 and G 313:
Units which have NOT certified that action has been completed in accordance with these R/Os will submit to this HQ progress reports until action completed.
CV - pieces supporting Lineal Shot are available on requisition Force Headquarters.

G 356 WARNING - HORN PRAGUE HORN I
The following data culled are submitted reference mortar shoot on HORN I at 1000 hrs on 20 Oct 43.
Date Thursday 20 Oct 43
Time 1015 hrs to 1130 hrs
No of guns 4
Position of guns 1st 1st 5000 Yds Horn I Sheet 4 in to 1 mile.
Range Maximum 1500 yards
Minimum 1000 yards
Arc of Fire 1st 1st 100 degrees from map ref 300333
Right of arc 200 degrees " " " "
The above warning is given
No. of rounds 1st 1st 100 (1st 100) will be fired.

G 357 MUSKETEE PRAGUE - 100 Yards Horn I

Torres Strait Lt Inf Bn will conduct a match shoot on G HORN I from 1900 hrs to 2000 hrs on 20 Oct 43.

G 358 Comd HORN I
Major RALSTON has relinquished comd HORN I from 11 Oct 43. Lt-Col ASHOTT, Comd HORN I, has returned and taken over comd as from time of arrival. Signal G 350 of 13 Oct refers.

G 359 Comd HORN I

As from 1700 hrs 24 Oct Lt-Col ASHOTT relinquished comd HORN I and Major WESTERLY 5 Aust Lf Bn was appointed Comd.

J. R. Lammoide Major
General Staff
TORRES STRAIT FORCE (HQ)

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A 360 REVIEW OF MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION.

Units attention is drawn to GPO 4515/43 para 17 which states.

"During the months of June and December in each year all "B" Class personnel will be medically examined by a medical officer with a view to recommending medical reclassification in appropriate cases"

Action will be taken to ensure that each unit arranges that all "B" class personnel serving with that unit are examined by a medical officer accordingly.

A 361 DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF A COMMODORE OFFICER.

Attention is drawn to Statutory Rule No 245 of 29 Sep 43 which amends (inter alia) AMR 256 (AMR 0 413) by inserting in sub-regulation (2) after paragraph (3) the following paragraph:-

"(da) For an offence committed whether on war service or not by a NCO of the rank of Corporal of the Permanent Forces or Citizen Forces:-
Reduction to the ranks"

2. This means that Co's may as a summary punishment in an Orders Room subject to NCO's right to elect to be tried by Court Martial award reduction to the ranks to a Corporal whose rank has been confirmed.

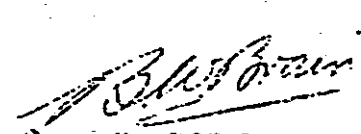
3. The AIF is part of the "Permanent Forces".

A 362 UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF AIF EQUIPMENT.

1. Attention has been directed to the unauthorized disposal of AIF equipment to members of the AIF or Forces, and Civilians and the unauthorized disposal of allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AIF.

2. Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AIF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise, any item of AIF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of allied equipment without the consent of the commanding officer of their units. Such consent will only be given on the advice of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.

3. Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AIF equipment or unlawfully in possession of allied equipment charges being laid under ss 17, ss 18(1) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.


D. G. T. SMITH, Major,
FOR THE SECRETARY

NOTICE.

1. DOSE RIFLE No 59571.

All AIF units hold a RIFL. No 59571. The RIFL. No 59571 is in their possession. The RIFL. No 59571 is in their possession. The RIFL. No 59571 is in their possession.

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF).
7 Oct 1943.

Don Denny
Distribution List 'B'.

SUBJECT: WORKING INSTRUCTION No I- MOV'T CONTROL.

The attached copy of abovementioned instruction is forwarded
for information and action where necessary.

Blair Brown
D.A.Q.M.G. TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF) *Ma J. G.*

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ALLIED LAND FORCE IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

F. . .
7 Aust. Inv Cont Cpt

ALL UNITS

WORKING INSTRUCTION NO. 1

PROCEDURE INWARDS CARGOES

This Instruction is to be read in conjunction with Standing Orders for Movements and Movement Control Instruction No. 5.

1. MOVEMENT ORDER :

On advices (Sailing Signals, Manifests, Stowage Plans etc.) received from Movement Control at Port of Departure, Movement Control will produce Movement Order to cover disembarkation of Personnel and Discharge of Stores.

2. CONFERENCE :

Movement Control will call a Conference - (as soon as practicable after advices are received) at which the following will be represented :

M.C.C.
N.C.I.C.
DOCKS OF COY
S.C. LABOUR
P.T. OFFICER
CONSIGNEES (IF REQUIRED) - NOT CIVILIANS
C.C. PROVOST COY
W.T. GROUP (IF REQUIRED)

Movement Order will be issued and the following points will be discussed :

(a) Stores : Timetable and plan for discharging stores and clearance from Docks.

Docks Coy work to be performed and priorities to be observed.

Time and place at which Services will take over stores.

Stevedore Labour and Transport required.
(Docks Coy will submit requests in duplicate on A.A. F. TICO to Movement Control - See Para 11).

Provost personnel for security and traffic control purposes.

Changes in Berths which may be necessary on account of Higher Priorities.

3. BOARDING OF VESSELS

Prior to the berthing of the vessel the M.C.C. will go aboard, accompanied by D.O.C., F.S.W. and Records Representatives plus any other personnel he may consider necessary to ensure expeditious handling of the ship.

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3. BOARDING OF VESSELS (contd) :

- He will : (a) Discuss any peculiarities of stowage, lifts etc. with the Captain and/or Mate in order that discharge may commence immediately vessel is berthed.
- (b) Hand over copy of Movement Order to O.C. Troops and arrange order of disembarkation and other necessary details.

NO PERSON WILL EMBARK OR DISEMBARK WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE E.S.C.

4. CLEARANCE OF CARGES :

Where possible, cargo will be discharged in Unit or Service lots - (i.e. complete slings) - and delivered direct to Consignees.

When it is necessary (due to peculiarities of stowage) to discharge mixed sling loads, they will be placed in M.T. which will proceed direct to Transit Area where stores will be sorted into Unit lots and then delivered to Consignees.

5. CONTROL OF M.T.

Vehicles will be called forward and despatched from the wharf under direction of Movement Control representative on duty at the time.

6. CHECKING :

(a) CHECKERS : Wharf :

- 1 Checker from Docks Operating Coy to check ex sling on each hatch being worked.
- 1 Checker from each Service or Consignee to tally against Docks Check.

Transit Area

- 1 Checker from each Service or Consignee to be present at Transit Area when stores are being cleared to Stores and/or Depots.
- 1 representative from Movement Control to supervise Transit Area.
- 1 Checker from Docks Service to be in attendance at Transit Area to check all stores delivered to Consignees.

(b) PROCEDURE :

Stores will be listed on A.A.B. 56 (in triplicate) and the following details will be shown :

Consignee and Depot (I.C.R.E. Engrs Dump)
Stores on Vehicles (30 cases Engr Stores)
Driver's Name and Unit (Qx.26 Dvr R.J. Smith -
G.T. Pl.)
Number of Vehicle
Initial of Checkers

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(b) PROCEDURE (contd) :

The invoice will be signed by the Driver and copies disposed of as follows :

Triplicate copy to remain in book (held by Docks)

Duplicate copy to be tendered to Provost at gate (to be collated by H.C.O. in order that a running reconciliation of cargo may be maintained).

Original to be signed by Service concerned at Depot or off-loading point and will be retained by Driver who will hand same to his Unit Orderly Room on completion of his shift.

NOTE: Stores ex Transit Area will be treated in a similar manner.

WHERE SERVICES CANNOT SUPPLY CHECKERS ON WHARF THEY MUST ACCEPT THE CHECK MADE BY DOCKS.

7. DISCREPANCIES :

Where Discrepancies occur between Bills of Lading and actual deliveries, Consignees will advise the shipper to raise a debit through the normal channels against the Shipping Coy concerned.

If time permits Movement Control will, before departure of the vessel, advise the Master of the discrepancies.

8. CIVILIAN CARGOES :

Docks Operating Coy will maintain records in order that debits can be raised for Army Labour and R.T. Supplied -- see Movement Control Instruction No. 5.

OUTWARD CARGOES

9. APPLICATIONS FOR SPACE :

When Services, Units etc. have stores and equipment which required movement, they will submit an application for space on Form T.56. These forms will be rendered to Movement Control in duplicate and MUST be completed in every particular.

In order that every opportunity is taken to utilize space on vessels with back-loading, the importance of Consignors keeping Movements fully informed as to cargo available cannot be too strongly stressed.

10. MOVEMENT ORDER :

Will be promulgated by Movements to cover details of embarkation and stores shipment programme.

Only if considered necessary will a conference be called.

11. TRANSPORT AND LABOUR :

Docks Operating Coy will submit particulars of requirements on A.A.T. T.100. This form will be tendered to Movement Control (in duplicate), who will retain one copy and transmit the other copy to Force H.Q.'s.

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12. CALLING FORWARD OF STORES :

Movements will advise Consignors where and when stores will be called forward in accordance with stowage programme.

Where possible - particularly with reference to Empty Returns - stores will be called forward to Transit Area in order to avoid waste of time and M.T. on back-loading.

13. BILLS OF LADING :

Stores WILL NOT be accepted for shipment unless they are accompanied by 8 copies of Bills of Lading completed in every particular.

When stores have been checked, shipped and Bills signed by the Master of the vessel, 3 copies will be returned to the Consignor.

14. EMBARKATION :

Will be carried out under the direction of the E.S.C. with the assistance of Records. All documentation must be completed before the departure of the vessel.

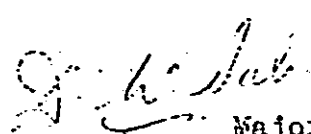
No person will be embarked who is not in possession of a Movement Order or who is not included in Nominal Roll of Draft.

15. MANIFEST AND ADVICES :

Movement Control will compile Manifests and other Documents and forward advices in accordance with Standing Orders.

16. CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION :

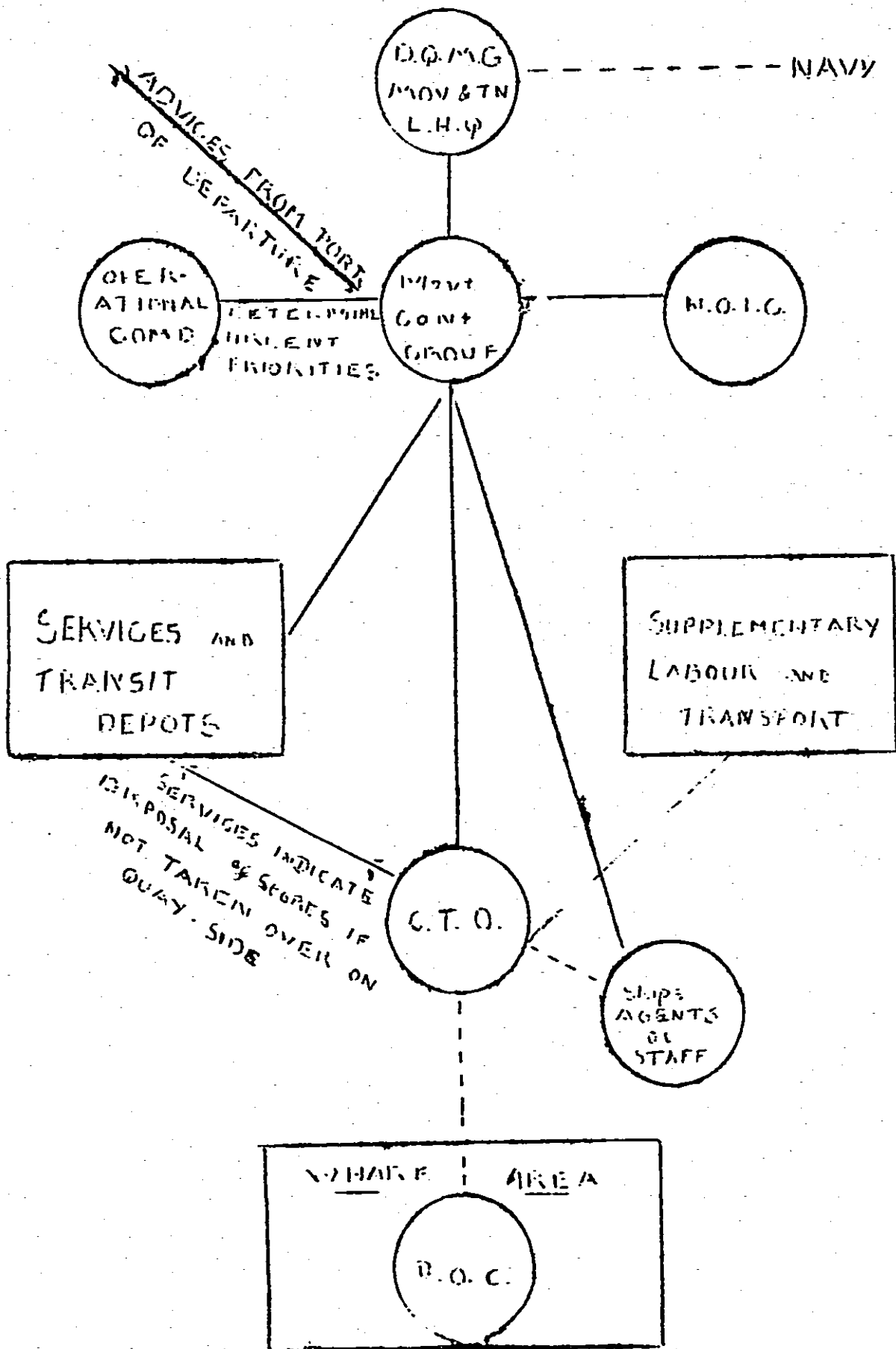
Is as set out in attached Appendix "A".


Major,
D.A.Q.H.G. (H),
7 Aust Movt Cont Gp.

/9/43.

APPENDIX "A"

INWARDS or. OUTWARDS CARGOES



NOTE: The channel of communication between all services and the ship's staff will be through the Movement Control Representation on the 10th floor.

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27 Oct 43

TORRES STRAIT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION 28

DEFENCE OF TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

To COMD HORN I
COMD THURSDAY I
COMD GOOD I
COMD HILWAND I
COMD KEMERANCE I
CCA
AMG (HORN I)
INTE
5 Aust Inf Bn
TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn
TORRES STRAIT Par Coy

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The object of this instruction is to bring up to date and to amend the statement of tasks of units under command TORRES STRAIT Force consequent upon this Force coming under command 1st Div. This instruction cancels TORRES STRAIT Force Operation Instructions as follows :-

20 of 5 Feb 43
24 of 29 May 43
25 of 25 Jun 43
27 of 7 Sep 43

- 2 Units of Australian Land Forces, including Fixed Defences, on THURSDAY I, HORN I, GOOD I, HILWAND I, and KEMERANCE I, as listed in Appendix "A" to this Instruction, are under command TORRES STRAIT Force.
- 3 In the event of any island being attacked, all other Australian Land Forces personnel on that island come under operational command forthwith.

CONTINUED

- 4 Should operations become imminent or be in progress in the TORRES STRAIT Islands Group, operational control of all Australian Land Forces located thereon will be delegated as follows:-

HORN I	- The senior infantry officer posted
THURSDAY I	- The senior infantry officer posted
GOOD I	- The senior officer of heavy artillery or infantry on the island.
HILWAND I	- The senior heavy artillery officer posted
KEMERANCE I	- The senior heavy artillery officer posted

- 5 The allocation of infantry units under command to the various islands is as follows :-
- | | |
|------------|--|
| THURSDAY I | - TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn (less two coys)
A Coy TORRES STRAIT Par Coy 5 Aust Inf Bn
TORRES STRAIT Par Coy |
| HORN I | - 5 Aust Inf Bn (less A Coy, C Coy and one coy)
Two coys TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn. |

- 6 Allocation of units and the employment of field artillery will be dealt with as Appendix "B" to this instruction.

GENERAL DUTIES

- 7 THURSDAY I
(a) The task of Australian Land Forces on THURSDAY I is -
(i) The defence of HORN I airfield and its retention for our own use.
(ii) The denial to the enemy of such sea channels as are covered by HORN Sea.
(iii) The defence of BLUF Radar station.
(b) Anti-aircraft units will be responsible for their own protection.

- 8 THURSDAY II
The task of Australian Land Forces on THURSDAY II is the denial to the enemy of such sea channels as are covered by HORN Sea, and the protection of installations including fixed defences on THURSDAY II.

- 9 GOOD, HUGHES and HERBERT ISLANDS
The task of Australian Land Forces on GOOD, HUGHES and HERBERT Islands is the denial to the enemy of such sea channels as are covered by GOOD, HUGHES and HERBERT Bays respectively, and the protection of installations located on these islands.

ENGINE UNITS

- 10 Engine units: On the completion of engineer tasks as indicated by GRS or when in the opinion of the local commander circumstances render it essential, engine units will become available for an infantry role.

RAA

- 11 If Coast Artillery or Anti-aircraft units are compelled to abandon their role, they will become available for an infantry role if in the opinion of the local commander circumstances render it necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

- 12 In the event of an attack, all units located on TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS will be available for an infantry role, subject to the following two conditions -

- (a) Units have completed their primary tasks
- (b) Units are no longer able to function in their primary role.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES

- 13 Operational control of anti-aircraft defences will be exercised by the local Allied Air Force Commander in accordance with the Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No 5 of 11 Jul 45.

- 14 Anti-aircraft guns will be sited to carry out their primary role of defence against hostile aircraft; provided that this condition is satisfied, consideration in siting will be given to their use in a secondary role against land and sea attack. All anti-aircraft guns will have prepared alternative positions.

- 15 Australian anti-aircraft units within this command will be under the local administration of the Commander TORRES STRAIT Force at all times.

COAST DEFENCE

- 16 Coast defence weapons will be given secondary tasks against land attacks and their tasks will be linked with those of the field troops.

PREPARATION OF PLANS

- 17 Island commanders will ensure that all troops and ground personnel of other services have a fighting role and that a co-ordinated plan exists for their action. They will ensure by arrangement with the local commander of other services that personnel under their command are trained in their emergency role.
- 18 Commander HORN I will prepare two plans -
- (a) Plan for carrying out his role with troops at present available.
 - (b) Plan for carrying out his role with present troops plus one infantry battalion.

TRAINING

- 19 Officers delegated to command in areas constituting TORRES STRAIT Command will be responsible for the supervision of the training in an infantry role of all land forces under their operational command. With the exception of infantry units, training of all landforces will aim at infantry platoon standard.
- 20 All Arms and Services, except those governed by the GENEVA Convention, will be prepared to operate as infantry in the field. Units governed by the GENEVA Convention, personnel of combatant units attached to medical units and Regimental SBs will act in accordance with First Aust Army Order A 205 of 29 Jul 42.

DEMOLITIONS

- 21 Plans for operational and industrial demolitions are being prepared by HQ 4 Aust Div in consultation with TORRES STRAIT Force. The responsibility for preparation and execution will be laid down in a separate instruction.
- 22 GSA will be responsible for the destruction, if necessary, of heavy artillery.
- 23 ASDC will be responsible for the destruction, if necessary, of anti-aircraft artillery.

AMMUNITION

- 24 Units will hold first line ammunition. A quantity equal to 30 days VBR for all weapons will be held by Island Commanders as per G 209 of 1 Oct 43 and G 215 of 8 Oct 43.

SUPPLIES

- 25 In the event of threat of attack rations and water for 21 days will be located in each defended area.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 26 Force Operational Headquarters is on THURSDAY ISLAND, LR 45353575. Operational Headquarters will open on the sounding of the general alarm.
- 27 Force intercommunication system will be in accordance with Appendix "C" to this instruction.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Time of signature 10 45 Hrs

D. P. Kennedy
Major
General Staff
TORRES STRAIT FORCE (ATF)

Method of despatch - DUE

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
Comd HORN I	1
Comd THURSDAY I	2
Comd GOOD I	3
Comd HAMMOND I	4
Comd ENTRANCE I	5
CCA	6
AADC (HORN I)	7
DCRG	8
TORRES STRAIT Sigs	9
5 Aust MG Bn	10
TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn	11
TORRES STRAIT Pnr Coy	12
NOIC	13
HQ 75 Wing RAAF	14
Comd	15
G (11)	16
G (I)	17
ALO	18
DAQMS	19
SNO	20
DENTAL	21
S & T	22
AEME	23
4 Aust Div (for info)	24
War Diary	25 - 26
File	27

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Appendix "A" to TORRES
STRAIT Force Op Instrn 28
of 27 Oct 43.

ORDER OF BATTLE - UNITS UNDER COMMAND

TORRES STRAIT FORCE

GROUP 1

(to form TORRES STRAIT Fortress)

Seq No.	Unit	Remarks
1	<u>INF</u> HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)	
	<u>ARMY - COAST</u>	
2	HQ TORRES STRAIT Coast Arty	
3	HEAVY Bty	
4	COAST Bty	
5	Q Aust Hvy Bty	Turtle Bty
6	THUNDER Bty	
7	RTU Sec	
8	1st Aust CML Sec	
9	102 Aust CML Sec	
10	103 Aust CML Sec	
11	104 Aust CML Sec	
12	200 Aust Shore Defence Sec	To be raised
13	221 Aust Shore Defence Sec	To be raised
	<u>ARMY - AIRCRAFT</u>	
14	HQ 51 Aust Comp LI Regt (LI)	
15	1st Aust Hvy LI Bty	
16	1st Aust LI LI Bty (AIF)	
17	AI Ops Room (Type G)	
18	HQ 74 Aust Hvy SL Bty	
19	A Sq (Heavy)	
20	B Sq (Heavy)	
	<u>ENGINEERS</u>	
21	HQ 1st Aust LI & Pst Coy RAE	
22	1st Aust Pst Works Sec	
23	22 Aust Pst Works Sec	
24	51 Aust E and M Sec	To be absorbed by Fortress Workshops
25	26 Aust Comdng Unit	
26	3 Aust LI Works Sec	To be raised
	<u>SIGNS</u>	
27	Sigs TORRES STRAIT Fortress	To be raised from re-organised Sigs TORRES STRAIT Force
28	46 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)	
29	51 Aust Comp LI Regt Sig Sec	
	<u>INF</u>	
30	1st Aust LI LI (less 1st Coy) and 105 Aust LI (Type A) (AIF)	
	<u>INF</u>	
31	TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn	
	<u>ARMY</u>	
32	51 Aust Comp LI Regt Bishop Sec	
33	71 Aust LI LI SL Bty Bishop Sec	
34	Fortress Workshops TORRES STRAIT	To be formed

GROUP 2 - To form TORRES STRAIT ADM UNIT

~~Commanders~~
(Units marked (d) are ~~to be~~ direct by 4 Aust Div, pending establishment of TORRES STRAIT Administrative Unit)

Ser no.	Unit	Remarks
<u>TORRES</u>		
35(d)	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (less deta)	
36(a)	Det 2/3 Aust Docks Oprating Coy	
37	2 Aust Water & Power Supply Sec	Being raised
<u>SIGS</u>		
38	HQ 5 Aust Pigeon Sec	
39	23 Aust Pigeon Loft	
40	42 Aust Pigeon Loft	
41	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec	Being raised
<u>INF</u>		
42	TORRES STRAIT Pnr Coy	
<u>PAY</u>		
43	15 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A)	
<u>PRC</u>		
44	TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl	
<u>POSTAL</u>		
45	Det First Aust Army Postal Unit (AIP)	
<u>MISC</u>		
46(a)	7 Aust Movement Control Gp	LEQ Troops
47	Det ADGB	

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Appendix "A" to TORRES
SECRET Force Op Instr 28
of 27 Oct 43.

ASSIGNMENT OF FIELD ARTILLERY-TORRES SECRET FORCE

1. Field artillery allotted to this Force, exclusive of King Sec, is as follows -

6 18-prs
4 4.5 Hows

2. This is allotted and will be manned as follows -

(a) THUNDERBOLT

2 4.5 Hows, To be manned by
116 Aust Bde Workshops

2 18-prs To be manned by
116 Aust Bde Workshops

(under arrangements with 4 Aust Div)

(b) HEAVY

2 18-prs To be manned by 5 Aust MD Bn
2 18-prs To be manned by TORRES SECRET Lt Inf Bn
2 4.5 hows To be manned by 265 Aust LAD.

3. At present all guns are held by TORRES SECRET Force Ord but will be issued to units concerned when and if, in the opinion of the Commander, it is considered advisable.

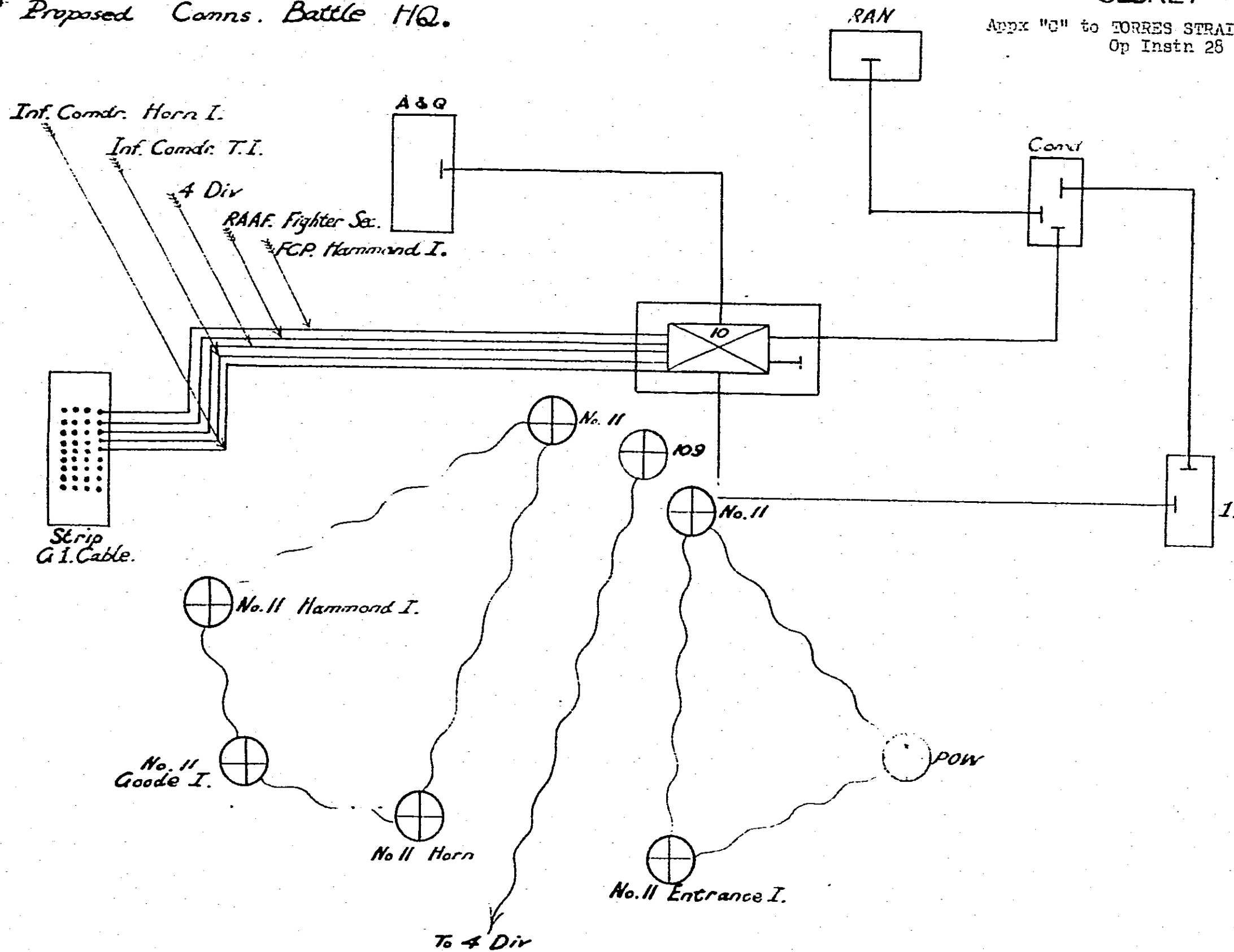
4. Arrangements will be made for personnel to be trained and instructions on this will be issued later.

SIGNAL DIAGRAM.

Proposed Comms. Battle HQ.

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Appx "C" to TORRES STRAIT Force
Op Instr 28



SUBJECT: Distribution Lists

SECRET

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE
31 Oct 45
8 123

Distribution List A
HQB

1. Subtended is HQ TORRES STRAIT Force Distribution List No.2. This replaces Dist List No.1, G87 of 2 Sep 45, copies of which will be destroyed.

17 P. K. W. A. S.
Major, General Staff
TORRES STRAIT FORCE

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE - DISTRIBUTION LIST NO. 2

	List A (Branches & HQs of Indep Units)	List B (Branches down to Sub-units)	List B (Branch Units will dis- tribute as under)
1. Comd REGIMENT I	1	2	
2. Comd BORN I	1	2	
3. Comd BORN I	1	2	
4. CCA	1	7	Copy all Btys
5. AADC (BORN I)	1	12	Down to Tps Sig
6. CRE	1	5	See & Workshop Sec
			Copies for AA &
			Frt Coy & Camflg
			Unit
7. T.S. Sign	1	5	Cipher, Pigeon
8. 5 Aust MG Bn	1	5	See & Lofie
9. T.S. Lt Inf Bn	1	5	Cops, Bets & AD
10. T.S. Par Coy	1	5	Cops
11. Comd	1	5	
12. G (0)	1	5	
13. G (1)	1	5	
14. ALO	1	5	
15. DASH	1	5	
16. Legal Offr	1	5	
17. Ord	1	5	
18. Frt Workshop TORRES STRAIT	1	5	
19. T.S. Pro Pl	1	5	
20. 15 Aust Depot Cash Office	1	5	
21. Det FAA Postal Unit	1	5	
22. Det ADCS	1	5	
23. War Diary	1	5	
24. File	1	5	
For Infm			
25. HQIC	1	5	
26. 75 Wing RA AF	1	5	
27. Permanent Pd CTR	1	5	

Subject : Chemical Warfare Training Expedients

HQ FORCES STRAIT Force (AIF)
3/ Oct 43
G 296

Distribution List B

1. Attached herewith are instructions for the preparation of suitable training mixtures from the following expedients -

Sodium Ethyl Xanthate
JB₂ Emulsifier
Petroleum Jelly

2. Supplies of the above have been forwarded to this Force.

109 Kennedy

Major
General Staff
FORCES STRAIT FORCE (AIF)

METHOD OF PREPARATION OF SUITABLE TRAINING EXPEDIENTS.

Experiments carried out at IHQ and First Army Gas Schools show that suitable training expedients can be prepared as follows:

(a) BLISTER GAS EXPEDIENT.

Sump Oil	: 75 parts by volume
Emulsifier JB ₂	: 5 parts by volume
Saturated Solution of Caustic Soda	: 10 parts by volume
Water	: 10 parts by volume
Sodium Ethyl Xanthate	: 1 lb per gallon of water

NOTE: Thoroughly mix the emulsifier with the sump oil. Dissolve the Xanthate in the water and add the Caustic Soda Solution. Add the second mixture to the first and stir thoroughly until a homogeneous solution is obtained.

Prepare mixture as required. It will react with training detectors.

--OR--

Malasses	: 50 parts by volume
Water	: 50 parts by volume
Sodium Ethyl Xanthate	: 1 lb per 3 gallons of mixture
Washing soda	: 1 lb per gallon of mixture

NOTE: Dissolve Xanthate and washing soda in water. Add solution of Xanthate and washing soda in water to malasses and mix thoroughly.

For most satisfactory results this mixture should be prepared as required. It will react with training detectors.

(b) BOMBS GROUND 6 lb (Training)

Cardboard containers are being issued for Bomb Ground 6 lb training.

The Containers are charged with a training mixture referred to in para (a) and exploded by means of a No 2 detonator. When suspended from trees or placed approximately 20 feet above the ground and exploded, the effect resembles air-burst shell, charged blister gas or aircraft spray.

NOTE: The detonator should be ^{suitably} water-proofed before immersion in training mixture. Punch small hole in lid of container and insert detonator and safety fuse.

(c) IRRITATION OINTMENT.

A satisfactory training ointment can be prepared by mixing a small quantity of Whiting with petroleum jelly.

(d) PREPARATION OF TRAINING DETECTORS.

Training detectors which will give a characteristic blister gas coloration with a training mixture, can be prepared as follows:

Add 1/2 oz Turmeric powder to 26 oz of methylated spirits.

Leave the solution for several days, stirring at frequent intervals. Decant the resulting deep orange solution.

Obtain sheets of green flimsy foolscap paper, saturate in solution and allow to dry.

Cut paper into strips and staple into books of the same size as the war detector gas ground.

The detectors will keep indefinitely.

Orders have been placed for sufficient quantities of Sodium Ethyl Xanthate and JB₂ Emulsifier to permit of a reasonable issue to Units.

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HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF).
2 OCT. 1945.

GP95.

Subject : R/T Code No. 2.

Distribution List 'B'.

1. The following instructions are laid down for the distribution and use of the R/T Code No 2.

2. Distribution will be on the basis of one per Wireless set equipped with R/T facilities. Sigs Torres Strait Force will be responsible for this distribution.

3. Copies already distributed to addressees in excess of one per wireless set will NOT be made an individual issue to Officers but will be held by the Headquarters concerned and treated as SECRET documents.

4. The above Code will be issued to an Officer for individual use -

(a) When the code is required for a specific task;

(b) When required for training.

5. Units will take immediate steps to ensure that all Officers and key NCOs are trained in R/T procedure, using the above code. The current REFORD as issued by Sigs Torres Strait Force will be used both for operations and for training. Officers of Pay, Postal and Provost units will be trained with Officers of HQ Aust Div. Other units to which copies of the code have not been issued will apply to their arm or service HQ or to this HQ for temporary issues for training purposes.

6. Initial training should be undertaken without the use of apparatus by direct speech using correct R/T procedure.

When reasonable proficiency in encoding, decoding and procedure has been obtained by this means further practice should be given with improvised R/T trainers. Such apparatus can be constructed by use of telephones and a circuit incorporating a hand-cranked switch.

The advice of Sigs Torres Strait Force should be sought in initiating training and improvising apparatus.

As a later date arrangements will be made for all Officers to practice on R/T sets. This practice will also be employed to test the degree of efficiency which has been obtained within units.

[Signature]
Sigs Torres Strait Force (AIF).

MESSAGE FORM

War Diary
Serial No.

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(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)
TO FIRST AUST ARMY rptd 4 AUST DIV

FROM TORRESFORCE		Originator's Number 0326		Date 9	In Reply to Number
SECRET	(.)	relinquished	command	TORRES	STRAIT
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in	accordance	with	para	4a	of
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and	vide	4	Aust	Div	signal
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J. P. Kennedy

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In cypher
Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.H.I.

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SECRET		command		TOPRES	
AUST				4	
FORCE				STRAIT	

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TO Comd THURSDAY I, Comd HORN I, Comd GOOD I, Comd MAINLAND Area,
CCA, AADC, CRE, TORRES STRAIT Sigs, 5 MG Bn, 26 Aust Inf Bn, TORRES
STRAIT Lt Inf Bn, Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn, TORRES STRAIT Pnr Coy
SMO, DENTAL, PRO, PAY, S & T, ORD, AEME, POSTAL, MVT CONTROL, ADCS
WARDIARY

FROM TORRESFORCE 0330, 0331, 0332
SECRET (.) From 0001L 9 Oct all units TORRES STRAIT Force under command
4 Aust Div (.) Channel of communication on service or technical matters
will be through 4 Aust Div (.) All informed ack

If liable to interception etc

2352

Mr Kennedy
may

Staff Captain *Signature of Commander*

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan. 1943.)
42-43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)

W.E. 7/1 OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 29 OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	14 LOC Sub Area		
1	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp		
2	5 Aust MG Bn		
1	159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		
1	1 AA & Ftr Coy		
1	Old Records Office		
1	2/4 Fd Sqn		
1	26 Aust Inf Bn		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	Leave		
2	School of M.I.		
1	71 Aust Mob S/L Bty		
1	Hospital		
1	28 GEN RAAF		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 9/10/1943

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NR94022	L/Cpl	HADLEY J.	At present located CAIRNS staging camp. This soldier left BREBANE over six weeks ago to return to this HQ. Whilst at Townsville AIF HADLEY was issued by this HQ but signal was diagnosed and soldier moved to CAIRNS. Soldier URGENTLY required for essential duties within this HQ.

HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF) Unit

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

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9/10/1943.

Details of Tradesmen GROUP I	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required	Details of Tradesmen GROUP I (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required	Details of Tradesmen GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required	Details of Tradesmen GROUP III (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assist.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Filter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Filter (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Men(s)			
Armament Artificer				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Instrument				Watchmakers				Opticians				Shoemakers			
Armament Artificer				Welders				Fabricators				Riveters			
Radio								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Armament Artificer								Photo-copier, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Wireless								Printer, Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Artificer, Artillery								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Artificer, Engine								Radiographers				Silverers			
Blacksmiths								Riggers				Sickens, Staly, Engine			
Bricklayers								Sawyers				Sloemen, Trenchmen	1	1	
Computers				GROUP II				Signallers				Tailors			
Cooks, Hospital				Armourers				Signallers				Tentile Redifiers			
Coppersmiths				Armies				Telescope Identifiers				Tinsmiths			
Dispensers				Bakers				Well Bores				Valancers			
Draughtsmen	1	1		Bty. Comd's Asst.				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bulldozers				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Carpenters				Wideman							
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners							
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Cocks											
Electricians				Dental Mechanics								Education		1	
Electricians (M.T.)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Insulation		1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Operator								Hydians		1	
Filters				Drainers											
Filters (Cycle)				Electricians											
Filters (Electrical)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Filters (Gun)				Fire Control Operators											
Filters (Instrument)				Gun Operator				GROUP III							
Filters (M.V.)				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				Over E	2	1	NR
Filters, Railway Signal				Height Taker				Butchers				Orderly	2	2	
Filters, Signals				Hoist Operator				Clerks	8	12		Batman	6	6	
Grinder, Precision				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				McOrderly	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Intelligence Duties	5	6		Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Joiners				Cash Trimmers				YACA Ord.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Lineman				Concretors				Stag. Camp	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Instructor	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Liaison	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Eng. Oftam	1	-	NR
Operators, Excavator				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Clerk	2	1	NR
Pattern Maker				Miswires				Driver Mechanics				Batman	2	-	NR
Pharmacist				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tpin. Plant				Hygiene	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAFC	1	1	
Photewriter				Moulders				Equipment Repairs				AAAC	2	5	
Plumber				Nurses, Trained				Farmers							
Saw Doctors				Observation Post Assist.				Filters' Males							
Surgeons								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	8		CARRIED FORWARD	11	20		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	38	51	NR

NOTES - (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.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 "Reinfts. Required".
(e) Where any request for allocation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Authority held to hold all supernumerary personnel
9 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit. AFG-30M-543

Station Commander
Torres Strait Force

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/10/1951 — HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)

W.E. 71-7-1 OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 29-4 OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfs. Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfs. Required
			1	W.Os. Class I					
		2	2	W.Os. Class II					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sets					
		2	2	Staff Sergeants	A.A.M.C.	1	1		
		4	7	Sergeants	A.A.M.C./A.A.P.C.	1		1	
		5	9	Corporals	A.A.C.C./R.A.R.	3	3	1	
4		3	20	Troopers, Privates, etc	Various	3	1	4	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
4	16	41		Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		8	6	6	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	C.M.F.				A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	- -	TOTAL
		A.I.P.	Under 19 Years	19 Years and Over								
	A	30	4	13	2							49
	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.[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/10/1942.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Aids				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificers				Surgeons, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammersmen			
Filter (Electrical)				Surgeons, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stickers			
Armament Artificers				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Filter (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificers				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Filter (A.F.V.)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificers				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Instrument								Parcel Dealers				Roughriders			
Armament Artificers								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Signal								Production Numbers				Saddles-e makers			
Armament Artificers								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Wireless								Radiographers				Silverdriers			
Artificer, Artillery								Riggers				Stokers, Staty, Engine			
Artificer, Engine								Sawyers				Storvmen, Technical	1	1	
Blacksmiths				GROUP II.				Signallers				Talkers			
Bricklayers				Armourers				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Computers				Assmen				Telescope Identfy Numbers				Thaumths			
Cooks, Hospital				Bakers				Well Boreers				Vulcanizers			
Coppersmiths				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Dispensers				Boltermakers				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen	1	1		Carpenters				Wooman							
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners							
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Cocks								Education			1
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Dental Mechanies								Authorities			1
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hygiene			1
Electricians				Driver-Operator											
Electricians (M.V.)				Drafners											
Electricians (Signals)				Electricians											
Filters				Electricians (Engineers)				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Filters (Cycle)				Fire Control Operators				Battery Surveyors				For IT			
Filters (Electrical)				Gun Operator				Butchers				Orderly	2	2	NR
Filters (Gun)				Hatchman				Clerks	3	11		Batmen	2	2	
Filters (Instrument)				Height Taker				Clerks, Supply				Orderly	6	6	
Filters (M.V.)				Helo Operator				Clerks, Technical				Con Duty	1	-	NR
Filters, Railway Signal				Instrument Operator				Coach Trimmers				YMCA Org	3	3	
Filters, Signals				Intelligence Duties	5	6		Concrollers				Stag Camp	5	5	
Grinder, Precision				Joiners				Cooks				Instr	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Liberman				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Liaison			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Lithman, Signals				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.R.			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Lithographers				Draughtsmen, Signals				Eng Dftsmn	1	-	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Machinists, Metal				Drivers, H.T.				Clerk	2	1	NR
Mechanics, Typewriter				Machinists, Wood				Driver Mechanies				Batmen	2	-	NR
Mechanics, Wireless				Masons				Driver Tptn. Plant				Hygiene	2	2	
Millwrights				Messours				Engine Bands, I.C.				AAFC	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Mechanics, M.T.				Equipment Repaters				AAFC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Miners				Farrters					2	5	
Pharmacist				Moulders				Filtters' Males							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Nurses, Trained				Gun Layers							
Photewriter				Observation Post Assta.											
Plumber															
Saw Doctors															
Surveyors															
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	3	CARRIED FORWARD	6	8	-	CARRIED FORWARD	14	19	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 6 and 7, and 3 and 10 of Part A respectively.	38	49	5

NOTES--(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.V.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.

AAG Authority to hold all surplus personnel

16 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit - ATE-30M-300

Staff Captain *Signature of Commander*

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 - 10 / 1941 H.Q. Torres Strait Force A.I.F. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 7 / 1 OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 29+ OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

[illegible]**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**[illegible]

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

[illegible]

H.Q. Torres Strait Force A.I.F. *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23 / 10 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Aids				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, R.A.L.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Artificer (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Artificer (M.V.)				Surveyors, Tycomometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Artificer (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Artificer (M.V.)				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Artificer (M.V.)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Range-takers			
Artificer (M.V.)				Welders				Painters				Refrigerators			
Artificer, Artillery								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Engine								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Blacksmiths								Printer, Numbers				Saddles-makers			
Bricklayers								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Compositors								Radiographers				Silverworkers			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Riggers				Stokers, Steam Engine			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Sawyers				Storemen, General	1	1	
Dispensers				Asmen				Signallers				Tailors			
Draughtsmen	1	1		Bakers				Signwriters				Travelling Messengers			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Telegraph Identifiers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boltermakers				Well Borers				Volunteers			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Winchmen				Whitesmiths			
Electricians				Cooks				Wormmen				Education			1
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				Woodturners				Amenities			1
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hygiene			1
Filters				Driver-Operator											
Filters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Filters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Filters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Filters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Filters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Dye MT	2	1	M
Filters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Orderly	2	2	M
Filters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	8	11		Batmen	6	6	M
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				MC Orderly	1	-	M
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	3	3	M
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Intelligence Duties	5	6		Coach Trimmers				YMOA Ord			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concoctors				Stag Camp			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Insty	1		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Liaison	1		
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Eng Dftsmn	1	-	M
Operators, Elevator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Clerk	2	2	M
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Batmen	2	-	M
Pharmacists				Mechanics				Driver Tpin. Plant				Hygiene	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAFC	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repaters				AAFC	2	5	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Aids				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	8		CARRIED FORWARD	14	19		Totals of columns Method 1 to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	38	48.	

NOTES—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back

(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.

10) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.H. in col "Reprints Required"

10) Where any feature, as mentioned in clause on para of above, the words "for dark" should be written in one of the

..... 2.10.49
Date of Despatch

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit: A76-30M-543

~~Staff Captain~~ Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/1/1943 H.Q. Torres Strait Force A.I.F.
W.E. 12/1 OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 29 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 7 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength. Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED												DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																							
Reinfts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arms or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts Required																															
			1	W.Os. Class I																																			
		2	2	W.Os. Class II.																																			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sets																																			
		2	2	Staff Sergeants	AAAFIC	1	1																																
		1	1	Sergeants	NAAN-AAAPC	1		1																															
		5	4	Corporals	IAAC-RAAF	3	3	1																															
	5	3	14	Troopers, Privates, etc	Various	2	1	5																															
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
	5	16	40	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		7	5	7																															

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).												Analysis of Part B to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).																							
Detail				C.M.F.				A.W.A.S.				A.A.M.W.S.				CIVIL				R.A.N.				R.A.A.P.				--				TOTAL			
				Under 13 years and over.																															
A				B				C				D				E				F				G				H							
A				B				C				D				E				F				G				H							
B(1)				B(2)				B(3)				B(4)				B(5)				B(6)				B(7)				B(8)							
B(2)				B(3)				B(4)				B(5)				B(6)				B(7)				B(8)				B(9)							

* - 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.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

H.Q. Torres Strait Force A.I.F. Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 10 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted strength.	Ratio Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assist.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammam-men			
Armament Artificer (Filter)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Sitchers			
Armament Artificer (Filter, Electrical)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer (Filter, M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing (Metal)			
Armament Artificer (Instrument)				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer (Radio)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Hangelakers			
Armament Artificer (Signals)				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer (Wireless)								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddles-makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radio-grammers				Silverdross			
Compositors								Riggers				Stakers, Staty, Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	1	1	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Airmen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	1		Bakers				Telescope Identifn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Br. Comd's. Asst				Well Borers				Volcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)		1		Rollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wooman				EDUCATION			1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				AMELITIES			1
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								HYGIENE			1
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Filters				Driver-Operator											
Filters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Filters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Filters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Filters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Filters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DRY ATT	2	1	NK
Filters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				ORDERLY	2	2	
Filters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	8	11		BATRIEN	6	5	NK
Grinder, Precision				Holio Operator				Clerks, Supply				MC ORDERLY	1		NK
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				NEW DUTY	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Intelligence Duties	5	6		Cosh Trimmers				YAC (K)	3		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				STAG (K) ID	1		
Mechanics, Radio				Linemans				Cooks				INTR	1		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemans, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				LIAISON	1		
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				EN. DETSPIN	1		NK
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CLERK	2		NK
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				BATRIEN	2		NK
Pharmacist				Musicians				Driver Tpin. Plant				HYGIENE	1		
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAHL	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				HAEL	2	5	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Filters' Mates							
Surveyors				Operational Post Asst.				Can Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	8		CARRIED FORWARD	14	19		Totals of columns marked to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	38	47	

NOTES — (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

(d) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on each

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of "R" in col "Reprints Requested".

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See

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Date of Description

First Aust Army Mod Print Unit 456-30M-243

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Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 10 1943 HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)
W.E. VI 7 1 OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 29 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 9 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.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1	Colonel.					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors	RAF	1			
	2		1	Captains	ALCHD AACG AAMC	3			
		1	1	Lieutenants	RAF			1	
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and					
				A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	3	1	7			4		1	
DETAIL.				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.
A				11					
E(1)									
E(2)									
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units not noted in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).									
TOTAL.									11

* 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.S. 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 PARTICULARLY REQUESTED (Unit) IS

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

HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 10 1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	SURNAME.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt T/Capt	QX53209	LANGFORD	H.H.	COMD	YES		
Capt T/Maj	QX59255	KENNEDY	D.P.	CSOII	"		
Lt T/Capt	QX42369	POLEY	T.J.H.	SC	"		
T/Capt	QX45295	DEATH	H.S.	LO.	"		
Lt Capt	MX45295	ABBOTT	A.C.	LEG	"		
Lieut	MX91236	HANCOCK	H.C.	EDUC	"		
Lt T/Capt	MX46896	MYRTON	G.C.	I.O.	"		
Lt T/Maj	VX52	PINNIGER	A.S.	DCRE	"		
Chaplain	Q368174	DANIELS	H.	CHAR	"		
Lieut	QX27668	CASSEY	H.	NYG	"		
Lt T/Capt	MX100070	McINTOSH	H.J.	ORD	"		

Attached NOT allowed by W.E.

B2.519	Smith	G.	Op Research Gp	Spec Duty	
Chaplain	MX151305	Doody	G.	AA Ch D	Chaplain 21.8.42
Lt T/Maj	TX2 100	Brain	B.	HQ FAA	DAQMS 6.2.43
Plt Lieut	A1630	Hill	J.	RAAF	Liaison 6.3.43
Snr Rep	B2.551	Thomas	A.	YECN	YRGA 3.3.43
Chaplain	QX45119	Fretman	A.	AA Ch D	Chaplain 29.5.43
Lieut	2.18.90	Adams	J.C.	2/4 Fd Sqn	RAF 12.6.43
Lieut	VX114206	Gravley	R.L.	HQ 1 Aust Corps	RAF 12.6.43
Lieut	-	Sourke	G.	ACP	ACF 2.7.43
T/Capt	QX34508	Gundell	R.G.	HQ PAA	CSOIII 13.8.43

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

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

2/10/43
Date of Despatch

L. M. Poley
Signature of Commander Capt
Staff Captain

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)
W.E. V1 7/1 OFFRS 9 O.R's. 29 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 9 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.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL	Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required
	1	1	1	Colonel					
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors	RAE	1			
		1	1	Captains	RAE	3			
				Lieutenants				1	
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
3	1	1	7			4		1	
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL
A.				11					
E.(1)									
E.(2)									
TOTAL									11

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 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

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

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

HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname	Initials	Postings	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt T/Capt	DX52202	LANE	ORD	H.R.	COND	YES	
Capt T/Maj	DX59235	THOMAS	D.P.	GSOII	"		
Capt	DX59939	ABBOTT	A.C.	LEGAL	"		
Lt T/Capt	DX46696	AYRETON	G.C.	I.O.	"		
(M) T/Capt	DX45295	DEATH	H.E.	L.O.	"		
Lt T/Capt	DX42369	PODNY	T.J.N.	S.C.	"		
Lieut	DX91236	HANCOCK	H.C.	EDUC	"		
Lt T/Maj	VX52	RENNER	A.B.	DCMT	"		
Chaplain	Q566174	DANIELS	E.	CHAP	"		
Lieut	DX27669	CASBY	E.	MMT	"		
Lt T/Capt	DX100070	WATSON	H.J.	ORD	"		

Attached not allowed by I.I.

Chaplain	DX151305	Doddy	G.	Ch D.	Chaplain	21.8.
Lt T/Maj	DX2100	Spain	B.	HQ F&A	A/DACT	6.2.
Flt Lieut	A1630	Hill	J.	Y&A	Liaison	6.3.
Snr Rep	B2331	Thomas	B.J.	Y&A	Y&A	3.3.
Chaplain	Q45119	Probert	A.	Ch D.	Chaplain	29.5.
Lieut	DX10430	Adams	I.C.	2/A F&A	RAE	12.6.
Lieut	VX114206	Grawley	R.L.	HQ 1 Aust Corps	RAE	12.6.
Lieut		Soukro	S.	ACF	ACF	2.7.

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

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

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16 10 194 3 HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)
OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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* 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 S.Z. Forces.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt T/Col	QX53209	LANGFORD	H.R.	COMD	YES		
Capt T/Maj	QX39255	KENNEDY	D.P.	GSOFF	"		
Capt	NX59939	ABBOTT	A.C.	BRGAL	"		
Lt T/Capt	QX46896	AYRTON	G.C.	LtO.	"		
(-) T/Capt	QX45295	DEATH	W.S.	LtO.	"		
Lt T/Capt	QX42369	POLEY	T.J.N.	S.C	"		
Lieut	NX91256	HANCOCK	H.C.	Educ	"		
Lt T/Major	VX52	PINNIGER	A.S.	DCRE	"		
Chaplain	Q558174	DANIELS	W.	CHAP	"		
Lieut	QX27669	GASEY	H.	BYG	"		
Lt T/Capt	NX100070	HEIMTCH	H.J.	ORD	"		

Chaplain	HK151303	DODDY	G.	AA CH D	Chaplain	21.8.42
1st Maj	TX2100	BRAIN	D.	AS HQ FAA	A/DAQER	6.2.43
Flt Lieut	AL630	HILL	J.	RAAF	Liaison	6.3.43
Snr Rep	B2.331	THOMAS	R.J.	YMCA	Welfare Offr	3.3.43
Chaplain	QX25119	TROTHER	A	AA CH D	Chaplain	29.5.43
Lieut	VX14206	CRAWLEY	R.L.	HQ 1 Corps	RAF	12.6.43
Lieut	-	SOURCE	S.	ACF	Commissioner	2.7.43

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Staff Captain

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(Unit)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

QX52209	T/Col	Langford	HR	Leave	13 Oct	Leave
QX45295	T/Capt	De'Ath	AS	LMQ	17 Oct	Duty
VX52	T/Maj	Pinniger	AS	HQ Enl.	21 Oct	For Reallocation

(Unit) IS

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Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 10 1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt T/Cpl	OX55209	Lane Ford	FR	Comd	No	Leave	18 Oct
Capt T/Maj	OX59255	Kennedy	DP	GS Off	Yes		
Capt	OX59939	Abbott	AS	Local	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	OX16396	Arton	GC	I.O.	Yes		
(-) T/Capt	OX15295	De'Ath	WE	L.O.	No	Duty LHQ	17 Oct
Lt T/Capt	OX12369	Foley	TEN	S.O.	Yes		
Lieut	OX91234	Hancock	H.O.	Edue	Yes		
Chaplain	OX57217	Daniels	J	Chaplain	Yes		
Lieut	OX27669	Carey	N	Wg	Yes		
Lt T/Capt	OX100070	McIntosh	H.J.	Ord O.	Yes		
Lt T/Maj	VX52	Penniger	AS	PCRE	No	FAA for reassignment	21 Oct

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.
Chaplain	OX151303	Doody G.	AA Ch D	17.10.42	Chaplain
Lt T/Maj	TX2100	Brain B.W.	HQ FAA	6.2.43	A/DAGP
Plt Lieut	X1630	Hill J.	RAAF	6.3.43	Liaison
Snr Rep	X2331	Thomas R.J.	WACA	3.3.43	Welfare Offr
Chaplain	OX15119	Trotman A.	AA Ch D	29.5.43	Chaplain
Lieut	OX15119	Crawley R.L.	HQ 1 Corps	12.6.43	28x RAE Duties
Lieut	-	Bourke S.	ACF	2.7.43	Commissioner

23.10.43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
SC HQ Torres Strait Force A.I.F.

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HQ Terres Strait Force

W.E. V1 7 1 OFFRS. 9 O.R.'s. 29 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s. 9 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units outlined in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E (1) & (2).

* * 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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
EX100070	T/Capt	McIntosh H.J.	15 AACD	27 Oct	Temporary detachment pending authorisation for transfer

(Unit) IS

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Tarres Strait Force (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 10 1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
V/Col	QX53209	Langford	HR	Comd	No	Leave	18 Oct
T/Maj	QX39255	Kennedy	DP	GSOI	Yes		
	HX59939	Abbott	AC	Leg.	Yes		
/Capt	HX46896	Ayrton	GC	I.O	Yes		
T/Capt	QX45295	De'Ath	WB	L.O	No	Duty LHQ	17 Oct
/Capt	QX42369	Foley	TJN	S.C.	Yes		
is	EX91236	Hancock	H.C.	Edms	Yes		
Main	QX57717	Daniels	W.	Chap	Yes		
it	QX27669	Casey	N	Hyg	Yes		
.Capt	HX100070	McIntosh	N.J.	O.O.	No	Duty 15 AACD	27 Oct
/Maj	VX52	Pinniger	S.	DCEE	No	Duty HQ FAA	21 Oct

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.
ain	HX151303	Deady G.	AA Ch D	17.10.42	Chaplain
Maj	TX2100	Brain B.	HQ FAA	6. 2.43	A/DAQNG
Leut	A16300	Hill J.	RAAF	6. 3.43	Liaison
Sp	B2.331	Thomas R.J.	YMEA	3. 3.43	Welfare Offr
ain	QX45119	Trotman A.	AA Ch D	29. 5.43	Chaplain
	EX111206	Crawley R.L.	HQ 1 Corps	12.6.43	R&E Duties
	-	Bourke S.	ACF	2. 7.43	Commissioner

30.10.43
Date of Despatch

Staff Captain

M. Dole Capt
Signature of Commanding Officer
H.Q. Tarres Strait Force A.I.F.