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2/25 Infantry Battalion

October - December 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted)

Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 OCTOBER '43 To

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| KAIAPIT | 1 | 0830 | C Coy Patrol returned to Bn. Report NO sign of enemy, but parties had passed through several days earlier. | C Coy Patrol report attached. |
| " | N | 1500 | D Coy returned to Bn from KAIAPIT landing strip, having been releived by D Coy 2/33 Bn. Padre left to join 102 Con Camp WARWICK, Padre Robinson joined Bn. | |
| <i>Sagerak</i> | 2 | 0530 | Bn moved from KAIAPIT Area. Arrived SAGERAK 1415hrs and bivied for the night. Troops ferried across UMI RIVER by rubber boats. Two boats of B Coy capsizes, two owens, one bren and personal equipment of four men lost. | |
| <i>Marawasa</i> <i>Quiap</i> | 3 | | Bn moved from SAGERAK. Arriver MARAWASA at 1100hrs and moved off at 1300hrs arrived biv area 505090 at 1830hrs. | Ref FIN IN TEGU 1" -4m. |
| | 4 | | Bn remained in biv area during day. NCOs recommended for OCTU interviewed by Brig EATHER. Sgt YUNGHANNS commissioned Lieut. | |

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 7 OCTOBER '43 To 16 OCTOBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| <i>Kaigulan L</i> | 7 | 1115 | B Coy returned to Camp. | Refs on this sheet |
| | 8 | | Patrols to Foothills to EAST. NO Signs of enemy. | found on DUMPU 1" - 1m. |
| | | | Community Concert run by Padre ROBINSON held in Bn area at night | |
| | 9 | | Active patrolling during day. No sign of enemy. | |
| | 10 | | Patrols. NO contact. | |
| | 11 | | Capt CRAIG of 61 Aust Inf Bn attached to Bn as an observer. | |
| | 14 | 1900 | Bn moved from area to march to SURINAM RIVER Area. | |
| | 15 | 0100 | Bn bivied for night at Report Centre. Ref 753506 | |
| <i>Surinam River</i> | | 0730 | Bn moved on arrival biv area 773527 at 0845hrs. | |
| | | 1400 | Pl of C Coy under comd Lieut HOWIE sent to releive Pl of 2/33 Bn. | |
| | | | on high ground to WEST of Bn at 763532 | |
| | 16 | | 2 Sections from B Coy sent out to guard dumps on 2/31 Aust Inf | |
| | | | Bn L of C. | |

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 17 OCTOBER '43 To 23 OCTOBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| | 17 | | 31 Reinfts and 23 'X' Men joined the Bn. | Refs on this sheet |
| <i>Marie River?</i> | 18 | 0600 | Bn moved from SURINAM RIVER Area to 615577. Arrived 1630hrs. | found on DUMPU at - |
| | 19 | 0800 | A Coy moved out on a three day patrol to KESAWAI 3 and to patrol to NORTH. R.M.O. Capt MUTTON evacuated. | MT OTTO & URIGINA 1" - 1m. |
| | 21 | 1330 | A Coy returned to Bn having patrolled to 560666 URIGINA 1" Capt MERRILLEES joined the Bn as R.M.O. until the return of Capt MUTTON. | |
| | 22 | | D Coy and HQ Coy supplied two hundred (200) men to work on construction of road from BENEI to KESAWAI. Lieut AKED marched out to join a Paratroop Battalion. Capt W.G. BUTLER marched out to HQ 7 AUST DIV as DAAG (L) | |
| | 23 | | Capt CRAIG left the Bn to rejoin his own Unit. B & C Coys on road construction. | |

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PATROL REPORT

1 NOVEMBER '43.

Ref MAPS : DUMPU
MT OTTO } 1"-1M.
MT KJBARI }

By : "D" Coy, 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

Officer I/C : Capt HAYDEN.

Time Out : 0700 hrs 25 Oct '43.

Time In : 1200 hrs 31 Oct '43.

Intention : To proceed to Jap Track between PAIPA, KANKIRO and ref 620665. To set ambush, gain information and return.

Route : N.W. from 615575 to EVAPIA RIVER, thence along EVAPIA RIVER to approx 620662 then across country to 741658. Return same route.

Report : Left Bn Area at 0700 hrs with five days track and one emergency ration and proceeded along track as far as the EVAPIA RIVER, then proceeded up the river. Patrol bivied for the night at approx 592631. Left Biv Area 0730/26. Proceeded up the river until 1230hrs. Going extremely difficult. Patrol left river and proceeded in an EASTERLY direction, climbing steeply, first through thick scrub and then through open kunai. Bived for night at approx 623658. Patrol moved at 0730/27, leaving first 108 set at 625654. Climbed steeply and established second 108 set at 625650 in open kunai patch above a native village. Proceeded down watercourse to approx 631659. Impossible to get down to EVAPIA RIVER so continued in an ~~NORTH~~ EASTLY direction, climbing very steep kunai spur. Bived for night at approx 634659. Patrol moved on up spur at 0730/28 to 641658. Impossible to reach objective without further wide detours to cross EVAPIA RIVER.

Patrol commenced to return same day on receipt of orders. Bived for night at approx 635657. Proceeded morning 29th back along same route, bivouacking for night at 620662. Patrol moved down river morning of 30th and bivouacked for night at approx 552634. Returned to camp 1200hrs 31.

TOPOGRAPHICAL: COUNTRY - Open to where patrol turned up EVAPIA RIVER. As patrol proceeded up river steep kunai banks gave away to very sheer scrub and nearly perpendicular rock and scrub covered cliffs with an occasional slight reentrant on EAST bank. River became very narrow and without any chance of patrol leaving gorge above 620622. The country from where patrol left river until point at which 2nd 108 set was established is very steep, covered with thick scrub and occasional kunai clearings. From 2nd 108set to furthest point reached is a succession of bare knife edge ridges, with thick scrub in the lower part of the reentrant leading down to EVAPIA RIVER.

INHABITANTS : Very few natives were seen, having apparently left villages on approach of our patrol. Those seen immediately disappeared when observed by our men.

REMARKS:

The maps used were found to be very approx with regards to watercourses and main features, form lines in most places were quite inaccurate and tended to minimise the steepness of slopes even where showing those slopes with any accuracy in regards to shape. The upper reaches of the EVAPIA RIVER are a series of deep gorges with sides from three hundred to four hundred feet ~~in the~~ and a base width in places of not more than fifty yards. From the surrounding ridge tops these gorges cannot be detected, and it is this feature which makes the route impossible without detours to cross the watershed between EVAPIA & MINTJIM RIVERS.

NOTE : AMF Op Rations type 02 were received on FRIDAY Oct 29th and were found to be extremely nourishing and satisfying but rather bulky to carry.

(sgd) J. HAYDEN Capt. *Willbourne Cap*

REPORT ON RECCE PATROL

By : Capt W.G. BUTLER
2/25 AUST INF BN
1 OCTOBER 43.

PART I.

Ref Map { AMARI 1/63360
{ Sketch att.

1. The object of the Patrol was to Recce square 7505.
2. C Coy 2/25 Aust Inf Bn left Bn Area at 845942 at 0600hrs 30 Sept 43 and moved WEST across country, to NARUTSAMANG 782939, thence NORTH to YANOF VILLAGE. No ref can be given to this Village as map was found inaccurate after leaving YARUYAFAN 783948. Patrol split at YANOF; one Section moving WEST to the UMI RIVER and two Platoons moving NORTHWEST along a new Jap track to creek junction UMI and OOFIM Creeks at 770049, reaching this position at 1430hrs on 30 Sept 43.

The remainder of Company stayed at YANOF to act as communication with Bn.
3. The Patrol did not reach its objective owing to lack of time.
4. All native reports stated that Jap had left the area.
5. The track WEST from YANOF had been used only by natives as far as UMI RIVER. This river has several channels 50x wide and is too deep and swift to wade across.
6. The Jap track NORTH has been recently cut to 5 feet in width and is good going as far as OOFIM CREEK. From that point it climbs a range, then crosses the UMI RIVER, climbs another range and links with the native track at ASIA 697017. This later information is from natives.
7. ~~TKIX~~ Natives state that there is a Police Boy track going EAST up the OOFIM RIVER but the Jap did not use this.
8. Two small Jap positions each of 15 to 20 single weapon pits were found on track 700x SOUTH of OOFIM CREEK. Positions had been occupied for a few days only and Japs had left at least six days ago.
9. Tracks from YARUYAFAN to YANOF, generably jeepable but there are three washed out gullies requiring bridges and a swamp about 200x wide, which would be difficult to bypass.
10. The Patrol returned to Bn at 0930 hrs 1 Oct 43.

W.G. Butler Capt

REPORT ON RECCE PATROL

BY : Capt W.G. BUTLER
'C' Coy,
2/25 AUST INF BN
1 OCTOBER '43.

PART II.

1. POSSIBLE ALTERATIONS TO MAP.

(a) A Compass traverse was made of the route followed, and distances were paced. This was checked with compass bearings onto prominent points.

(b) The sketch does not coincide with the map. Probable map ref of YANOF is 782015.

YANOF no 2 village is reported to be due WEST of 782015 and across the UMI RIVER.

(c) Track from track junction at 782970 to ASIA 696017 would appear to be further NORTH.

2. TOPOGRAPHY.

Country in vicinity MANIANG and YAFATS RIVERS, generally open gravel with numerous channels, occasional water and patches of fit fit.

The timber is scattered.

From NARUTSAMANG 782939 NORTH. Country rises very slightly, there is some timber and numerous ~~xxxxx~~ streams. WEST of the track the country is open KUNAI. EAST of track and up to 1000x away there are fairly high kunai ridges.

3. OBSTACLES.

(a) The track from NARUTSAMANG 783939 NORTH to YANOF 782015 is generally good and jeepable, except for three gullies about eight feet deep and fifteen wide in area GAYNARUN (see sketch). There is kunai swamp, which would be difficult to detour SOUTH of GAYNARUN.

(b) Several creeks would require thirty minutes work with pick and shovel.

(c) UMI RIVER has banks thirty feet deep and the river bed is approx 600x wide. The water is approx 50x wide and there are several channels. Current is strong and it is too deep to wade across except in vicinity of junction UMI and DOFIM Creeks.

4. ENEMY TRACKS & POSITIONS.

(a) A Jap track runs NORTH from YANOF and follows the edge of the scrub to junction of UMI and OOFIM Creeks.

Thence its probable route as indicated by natives, is shown on sketch. The track is 5 feet wide and recently cut good marching.

(b) Several side tracks are shown but have not been used to any extent.

(c) Two Jap positions were found each with fifteen to twenty weapon pits and some bush huts. These positions had only been occupied for a few days and had been evacuated at least five or six days prior to patrol. Natives state there are no further positions on this track, though there are more Jap huts across UMI RIVER.

(d) There is no evidence of a Jap track to BOANA but natives state there is a bad track going EAST up OOFIM CREEK (this is not definite information).

(e) Boot tracks similar to Australian pattern were seen amongst Jap sandshoe tracks and natives stated Japs were wearing these.

5. OTHER PATROLS.

Evidence was seen, of other Australian Patrols, as far as YANOF. Natives stated one patrol was in YANOF on 29 Sept 43 and one Patrol prior to that. No evidence of our patrols on Jap track.

6. NATIVES : Are friendly and helped as guides. Also supplied bearers to bring in a malaria stretcher case.

7. Papers found in Jap positions are attached.

(sgd) W.G. BUTLER Capt. *W.G. Butler*

SKETCH MAP OF PATROLS

BY CAPT. W. BUTLER

30 SEPT. '43



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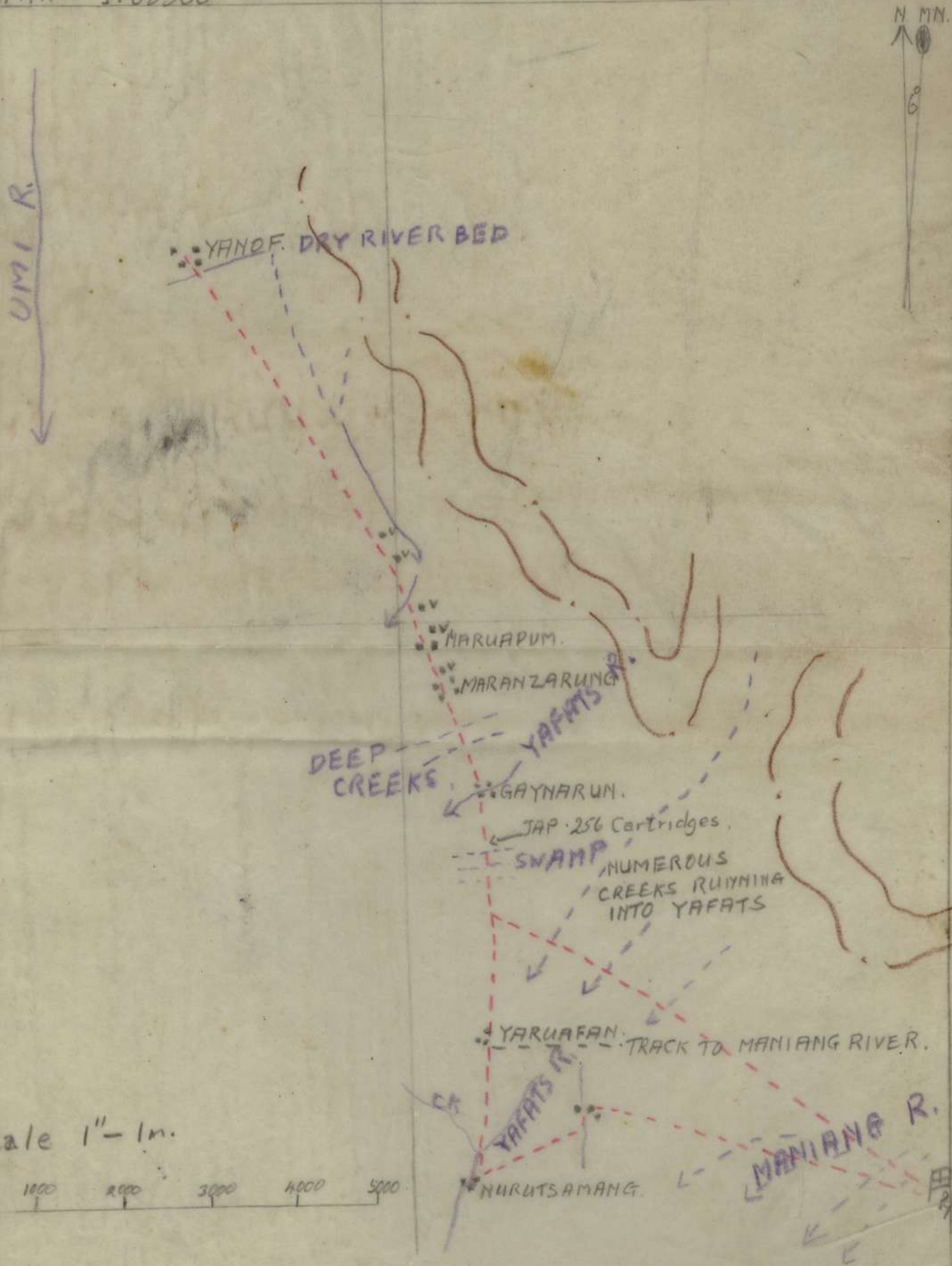
I' SEC 2/25 AUST. Inf. Bn.

SCALE = 1 inch = 1 mile

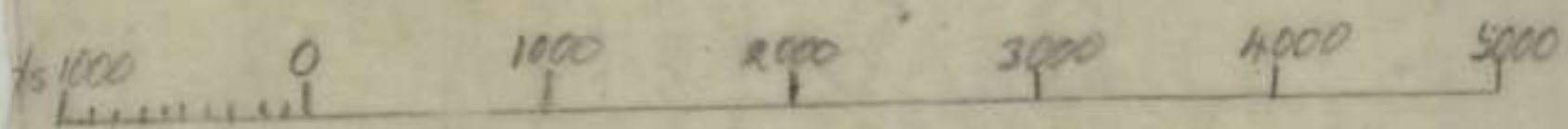
COMPASS TRAVERSE.

MANIANG-UMI RIVER AREA.

REF MAP AMARI 1:63360



Scale 1" = 1m.



METHOD. COMPASS AND PACING

"C" Coy. 30 Sept. 43.

PATROL REPORT.

A Company.

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Time Out : 0700.

Route : From Camp along main track to 446175, then along SOUTH bank of TUNKUAT RIVER, crossed river at 840380 and moved to TREE O.P. 700x NORTH. Native huts and patch of scrub observed at approx 859408, did not patrol to that point because wireless reported that C Coy Patrol had been to that point earlier.

One Section Patrol crossed the river and moved to 850385, reported no Jap track on that side of river.

Patrol then moved through native gardens (150x by 50x) then along track made by D Coy to Camp.

Nothing to report, no signs of enemy or tracks in gardens.

Time In : 1230 hrs.

(sgd) M. SEARLES Lieut.

W. M. Searles Capt

PATROL REPORT

By Lieut T.M. HOWIE.
C Coy 2/25 Bn.

Ref MAPS : DUMPU 1" to 1 Mile.

Date : 6 OCT '43.

Time Out : 0700/6.

ROUTE : Moved back along main BUMBUM Track 700x then approx 40° for 20 mins then NORTH for five mins. Struck B Coy's track running 80° and at 1400x unused track runs off at 50°. At 4200x on B Coy's track struck main Jap track. Followed this 65° for 500x to Dump. Dump on WEST bank of TUNKUAT RIVER, not EAST. Track across TUNKUAT RIVER runs EAST. Also unused track runs down WEST bank of TUNKUAT.

From Dump up river at 26° for 800x up to B Coy's track.

Continued 26° for 2200x, then 310° for 700x to creek 860430. Thence to Jap track, 700x on Jap track to creek 835433. Jap sign points up creek followed for 400x to native gardens. No further sign of track.

Returned to main Jap track and followed to 833435 where track runs NORTH 300x to village not shown on map.

Village appears to have been evacuated about one week and had prepared positions for approx one hundred (100) men including dugout and shell and bomb shelters.

Track from village to NAMAPUT. Thence to camp via WARRIS RIVER.

(sgd) T.M. HOWIE Lieut.

W.M. Howie Capt

PATROL REPORT

By : Lieut G.G.AKED.
D Coy 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

6 OCTOBER '43.

Ref MAPS : DUMPU 1" to 1 mile.

Time Out : 0700/6

Route : Followed BUMBUM Track for 1000x then due EAST to 838386. Continued up TUNKUAT RIVER to 871429. Returned along River to 861409 then followed B Coy track to 810403 then turned left and cut BUMBUM Track at 786393. Then back to camp.

Report : Found five native huts at 838386, showing signs of recent occupation, no sign of track along EAST Bank of river. One Section entered village at 861409. Village had been bombed and strafed. One Section sent to 866418 and found some gear which seemed to indicate that some Japs had left in a hurry and left the gear. From this point a well worn track led to the river where a solid bridge crossed it at 871429. Track cut out at 867432.

Time In : 1600/6.

(sgd) G.G.AKED Lieut.

W. M. ... Capt.

PATROL REPORT

3 - 10 - 43.

FIGHTING & RECCE PATROL ; By Capt G.A.T. GOW.
REF MAP : DUMPU 1 : 63360
COMPOSITION : 1 Coy (B Coy, 2/25 Aust Inf Bn)
TIME OUT : 1430/5
OBJECTIVE : To ascertain whether enemy occupies BOPIRUMPU Village.
ROUTE : Along track running WEST to Village from WARRIS River.

REPORT : BOPIRUMPU Track could not be found so proceeded by compass. At 848407 a track was found probably from NAMAPUT to Native Garden at 837385. One Section moved South down track to garden - reported several huts ~~837385~~ 848395 - no sign of recent native occupation - Enemy had been there (Food dump found). Coy arrived Creek Junction 869408 at 1730/5 and formed perimeter in that vicinity. Two Patrols of 1 Offr and 2 Sections each, were sent out. No.1 moved direct to BOPIRUMPU as shown on Map. No.2 moved to high ground at 887407. Patrols returned by 2030/5. No.1 found neither village or tracks anywhere in the area - NO sign of enemy. No.2 encountered a few natives but no villages. No tracks or enemy were seen.

At 0900/6 a Pl was sent to ridge beyond BOPIRUMPU (as shown on map) in an endeavour to locate the exact position of BOPIRUMPU and enemy. Returned 1800/6. Report of this Patrol accompanies this Report as Appendix "A".

A small Recce Patrol of 1 officer and 4 Other Ranks was sent out at 1400/6 to cut BOPIRUMPU - RAGITSARIA Track, returned 1830/6. Reported large village at 913388 which had been used by Japs as a camp and a defensive position. Large food and clothing dumps were found. A track led from this village to Native Gardens 837385 and Jap equipment and weapon pits along it. Some Jap papers etc were brought back. BOPIRUMPU - RAGITSARIA Track not located. Village had been bombed and strafed. About one mile down creek from Coy position another Jap position was found - weapon pits etc.. Appendix "B" Attached.

1 Pl Patrol sent out at 0800/7 to patrol down TUNKUAT River to investigate tracks to EAST. See Appendix "C" Attached. Also trace attached showing villages and new tracks considered reliable.

TOPOGRAPHY : The country from WARRIS RIVER to Creek Junction 869408 except for TUNKUAT RIVER is gently undulating grass land and good for jeeps. The TUNKUAT RIVER has steep banks is 10 - 12 feet wide and flows swiftly and presents obstacles to jeeps but a crossing can be found. From Creek Junction 869408 to BOPIRUMPU is a steep climb and is suitable for foot traffic only. The country around and to the NORTH BOPIRUMPU is mountainous and heavily timbered. Tracks where they exist are generally good but suitable only for foot traffic.

NATIVES : The natives encountered were very scared thinking we were Japs. They seemed happy that we were back. The Jap after being refused food by the natives killed their pigs - damaged their huts and took their food. Hence the natives fear and dislike the Japs.

TIME IN : 1115/7

UNIT : B Coy, 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.

(sgd) G.A.T. GOW Capt
OC B Coy, 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.

G.A.T. Gow

6 OCTOBER '43.

(Ref MAP DUMPU 1": 1 mile).

TYPE : Recce & Fighting.

Time Out : 0900/6

STRENGTH : One Platoon.

OBJECT & ROUTE : To locate Village BOPIRUMPU and recce same route;- From a Creek junction at 869409 on a bearing of 61° MAG and as the ground would allow.

REPORT : BOPIRUMPU located .
No concrete evidence of enemy during entire patrol. Five Huts in excellent condition but do not appear to have been occupied by natives for some time. Gardens surrounding, containing young Havana Trees, plenty sweet potatoes and tiro.

Well defined track leads to BOPIRUMPU once top of line is reached (Crest line 885436 to 928412) This crest line is a very sharp razor back with well defined native track leading from BOPIRUMPU down into the valley at approx junction of TUNKUAT RIVER 872432 and thence appears to lead up the valley in prolongation of TUNKUAT RIVER along tributary to a large village. This village is situated on the SOUTH side of a large Mountain above beginning of tributary at 869500 close to its summit and an accurate map ref cannot be given because of the uncertainty of the country represented north of crest lines. It appeared to be of a dozen huts and smoke was rising from the centre of it. In addition other small native gardens were sighted on the spurs leading down to the main NORTHEASTLY course of TUNKUAT RIVER. The natives hereabouts appear to be frightened of the Japs. On questioning four natives it appears that they thought we were Japs and were all hiding in the bush and seemed relieved on finding who we were.

They said that the Japs, as far as I could make out had left the area about ten days I could not be sure of their calculations. They said that the Japs had taken their food and that they ran away from the Japs, they could not tell me how many enemy were there.

The going is very hard and uphill throughout and BOPIRUMPU would be on an elevation of approx 3000 feet with buildings overlooking TUNKUAT RIVER and gardens on either side of crest line.

The track leading from BOPIRUMPU to RAGITSARIA was sighted but not investigated as it could not be located leading out of BOPIRUMPU. Tracks are very indistinct except the one along the crest line which although distinct has not been used much recently. The return journey over same route is very easy going as we returned to creek junction in approx one hour and a half. The entire country seen NORTH of TUNKUAT RIVER is very mountainous and heavily timbered.

TIME IN : ~~1800~~/1800/6

(Sgd) D.G.MACRAE Lieut.
OC Patrol.

William Macrae

PATROL REPORTby : Capt C.F.MILFORD.REF MAP : DUMPU 1: 63360COMPOSITION : 1 Offr & 3 ORs.TIME OUT : 1400/6OBJECT : To patrol area from 866400 to approx 913811 and to cut track RAGITSARIA - BOPIRUMPU.

REPORT : Patrol travelled EAST along foothills reached supr 905392. Well worn track observed at base of hill running EAST-WEST. Proceeded along the track to plantation approx 910387. Track then entered a deep dry creek 15 feet deep and 12 feet in width winding towards large reentrent 914395. Patrol then entered a large village - deserted and had been bombed and strafed. This main track continued through village and on to plain at 160°. Many other tracks branched from village. Patrol investigated village. Fairly large Jap force had occupied about seven to fourteen days previously. Found large food dump of rice and dehydrated foods in bags and tins, Many empty containers. Seperate portion of the village evidently used for Officers. Mess and bunks with blankets and nets still remained. Several cloth covered helmets and large dugout full of clothes and other personal gear found. Also box of LMG amm in belts and several grenades. Articles from this Dump include two paybooks and identity disc given to Bn I.O..

Patrol left village 1705/6 and followed track back for approx three miles WEST, till it entered creek bed 862389. Track then appeared to ~~enter the village~~ continue to small village 848395. Patrol returned to R.V. 1825/6.

This worn track had many signs of having been used by Japs about fourteen days ago as Jap papers, foodstuffs and cigar-atte cartons were strewn throughout, and in places were numerous fox holes, and rectangular weapon pits. Several fairly large biv sights were noticed, as though used by Japs in transit.

(sgd) C.F.MILFORD Capt

William Milford Capt

PATROL REPORT.

REF MAPS : DUMPU 1 : 63360
 FININTEGU 1 : 63360

P1 Patrol from B Coy at 848409.

TIME OUT : 0800/7

OBJECT : To patrol down TUNKUAT RIVER and find track running from 848395 to 913388 reported by Capt C.F.MILFORD on 6 Oct 43.

REPORT : Track found at 843384 running on a Mag bearing 84° all the way to creek at 861387. From 843384 track runs across river to native gardens 838384. From edge of gardens 838387 worn track runs at 340° MAG apparently to NAMAPUT.

Small village 848395 eight huts standing and three burned twelve tins and two sacks of rice, two cases of tin fish ration, one Jap hat and one Jap bayonet were found. No papers and no signs of recent occupation (for two or three weeks) but Jap splittoe shoe tracks in creek about three days old (about three men).

One Section patrolled to 861387 found Jap haversack - empty - and Jap tracks of two men on creek bed (approx three days old). No signs of recent occupation, though Japs pulled up for frequent spells and were apparently very tired. Foot marks heavy.

Five empty native huts at 452189 (FININTEGU 1" to 1 mile) not been occupied for a month. No recent tracks.

From 452189 a discernable native track runs WEST of TUNKUAT bank and strikes BUMBUM - KAIGULAN track at 440180.

Patrol followed this track and returned to Bn Area along jeep road.

TIME IN : 1220/7

(Sgd) R. BURNS Lieut.

R. Burns

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)

49/5 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. II/12C/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | 1 | 2 | W.Os. Class I. | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | 6 | W.Os. Class II. | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | NR |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | Staff Sergeants | 5 | 10 | | | | |
| | | 3 | 34 | Sergeants | 31 | 8 | 6 | | 4 | NR |
| NR | 1 | | 63 | Corporals | 64 | 15 | 7 | | 1 | NR |
| 143 | 142 | 7 | 497 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | 632 | | 15 | 2 | 2 | 1 ⊕ |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | ② Remained 9/1 required | | | |
| 143 * | 143 | 11 | 607 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | 739 | 34 | 28 * | 2 | 8 | 1 * |

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 28 | 607 | | | | | | | | 635 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | 11 | 2/25 Aust Cav Commando Sqn | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/25 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 16/10/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|-------|--------------------|---|
| All | X | List | personnel medically unfit are required for return to unit |

2/25 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/10/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangefinders | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | (3) Blacksmiths ON AEME | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | 4 | 3 | NR | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | strength ATT | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | holding | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | (3) NR | | Unit APPT. | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | | |
| Bricklayers | (8) | 1 | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 24 | | Tailors | | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | By. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | | | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | 6 | 5 | NR | Wireman | | | | shadesman | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | NOT grouped | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | clerks | | 2 | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | Boilermaker | | 1 | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | NON Trades | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | gen duties | 553 | 142 | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 2 | NR | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helo Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 6 | 1 | 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. | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | AAMC | 4 | 4 | NR | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | AAPC | 2 | 2 | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics (X) | | 4 | | AAPS | 1 | 1 | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | AAPC | 1 | 1 | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. (P) | | 1 | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | AEME | 3 | 3 | 10 | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | 1 | 1 | AACL | 23 | 17 | NR | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 1 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 13 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | | 45 | 1 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | 635 | 144 | * |

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

19-10-43
Date of Despatch
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

49 / 6 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 225 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | 1 | | | | |
| | | 1 | 7 | W.Os. Class II. | 6 | 1 | 1 | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | Staff Sergeants | 5 | | | | |
| | | 3 | 34 | Sergeants | 31 | 108 | 8 | 2 | NR |
| | | 2 | 66 | Corporals | 64 | 8 | 7 | 1 | NR |
| 91 | 91 | 6 | 547 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | 632 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 1 ⊕ |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | ⊕ Reinforcements required |
| 91 * | 91 | 12 | 660 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | 739 | 34 | 33 * | 3 | 4 1 * |

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

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

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 33 | 660 | | | | | | | | 693 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 21 | 54 Aust Sd Bty 3/4 Regt | | | 4 | 3/4 Aust Cav Commando | | |
| 1 | F.S.W 7 Aust Div | | | 1 | Apr 7 Aust Div | | |
| 22 | | | | 5 | SR 7 Aust Div | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 225 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 23/10/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|--------|--------------------|---|
| all | X list | personnel | medically fit are required for return to unit |

2/25 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1.9 / 6 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/10/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangotakers | 4 | 4 | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | (1) Blacksmith | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | Off 1 an POMF | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | Strength att | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | (-) | NR | holding Unit | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | (+) | 1 | | appointment | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 25 | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | | | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | 6 | 6 | | Wireman | | | | Tradesmen | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | NOT grouped | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | Clerks | | 3 | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | Boilermakes | | 1 | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | gun duties | | 604 | 90 |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 2 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 6 | 1 | 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. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | AAMC | 4 | 5 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | AAPB | 2 | 2 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | (X) | 3 | | AAPS | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | AACC | 1 | 1 | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | (X) | 1 | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | AEME | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| Photewriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | | AACC | 23 | 21 | NR |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | (B) Armorer | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | off. required | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 1 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 14 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | | 46 | 1 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | 695 | 92 |

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

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

L.G. 17 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/10/1943 2/25 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/20/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | 10 |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | 1 | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 7 | W.Os. Class II. | | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | Staff Sergeants | | 5 | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 30 | Sergeants | | 31 | 10 | 8 | 2 | NR | |
| NR | 1 | | 63 | Corporals | | 64 | 8 | 8 | | | |
| 160 | 159 | 6 | 479 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | 632 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 ⊕ | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | | |
| 160 * | 161 | 7 | 585 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 739 | 34 | 29 * | 2 | 7 1 * | |

⊕ Armoured Gp 1 required

| Detail | A.I.F. | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 29 | 585 | | | | | | | | | 614 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | F.S.W 7 Aust Div | | | 4 | 2/7 Aust Cav Commando Sq | | |
| 18 | 54 Bty 2/4 | | | 2 | H.Q. 7 Aust Div | | |
| 19 | Aust 4th Regt | | | 6 | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/25 Aust Inf (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 30/10/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|--------|--------------------|---|
| all | x list | personnel | medically fit required for return to unit |

2/25 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

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49/7 Serial No.

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

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 4 | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | Blacksmith | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | Sp1 on AFME strength at | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | holding that appointment | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | (-) | NR | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | 1 | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 25 | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | By. Comd'a. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | Tradesmen | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | NOT grouped | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | clerks | | | 2 |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | Boilermakers | | | 1 |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | Gen duties | 530 | 159 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 2 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 5 | 1 | 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. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | AARC | 4 | 5 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | AAPC | 2 | 2 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | 3 | | | AAPS | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Massours | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | AAOC | 1 | 1 | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | 1 | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | AEME | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | | AACC | 23 | 17 | NR |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | Armourer | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | Sp1 required | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 1 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 13 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | | 45 | 1 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 64 | 61 | * |

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

30 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

L.G. 15 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 3 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 120 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|-----|--------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | |
| NA | | | 1 | * | | | | | | | | | | |
| NA | 1 | | 2 | * | | | | | | | | | | |
| NA | | | 9 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | | 17 | Majors | AA MC. CAPT | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Captains | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | AA Ch D. CHAP | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | 4 CLASS | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 3 | | 29 | | | 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. | 2 | 29 | | | | | | | | 31 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| NX116814 | T/CAPT | CRAIG. D.P. | 6/1 Aust Inf Bn | 14/10/43 | ATT AS OBSERVER |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| QX 6334 | T/MAJ | O'GRADY O.T. | 2/5 Aust GEN Hosp | 2/10/43 | Admitted Sick |
| NX113725 | LIEUT | MACRAE D.G. | 2/6 Aust Fd Amb | 14/10/43 | |
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| | | | | | |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 16/10/1943.

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

2/25 Aust INF BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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. |
| T/LT. COL | QX 6375 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | YES | | |
| MAJOR | QX 6305 | O'BRYEN | T.J.C. | 2/c | . | | |
| T/MAJ | QX 6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C. | O.C.A. | YES | | |
| CAPT | QX 6443 | FARQUHAR | F.A. | Q.M. | . | | |
| | QX 6339 | GOW | G.A.T. | O.C.B. | . | | |
| | NX 12255 | HAYDON | F.B. | O.C.D. | . | | |
| T/CAPT | QX 6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C.C. | . | | |
| | QX 6341 | MACAULAY | T.B. | ADJT. | . | | |
| | QX 6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c D. | . | LOB GROUP | |
| | QX 17678 | MCCANNON | J.S.A. | 2/c A. | . | LOB | |
| | QX 14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/c B. | . | | |
| | QX 7326 | COX | D.L. | 2/c C. | . | | |
| LIEUT | QX 14949 | HONES | J.F. | Rifle Pl. | . | | |
| | QX 10366 | BURNS | R.T.C. | . | . | | |
| | QX 5502 | STEEL | H.W. | . | . | LOB GROUP | |
| | QX 14417 | WELLS | G.R. | . | . | | |
| | QX 23568 | CREED | M. | I.O. | . | | |
| | QX 17291 | JEFFERSON | R.M. | T.O. | . | LOB GROUP | |
| | QX 9814 | HODGE | E.A. | SIG PL. | . | | |
| | QX 8570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | P.N.R. PL. | . | | |
| | NX 113715 | AREN | C.G. | Rifle PL. | . | | |
| | NX 114055 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | M.M.G. PL. | . | | |
| | QX 10781 | HOWIE | T.M. | Rifle PL. | . | | |
| | QX 17203 | MACE | C.H. | . | . | | |
| | QX 9328 | MYATT | O.W.D. | Mortar PL. | . | | |
| | QX 13661 | ANDERSON | J.R. | Rifle PL. | . | | |
| | QX 11094 | THOMAS | R.E. | . | . | | |
| | QX 36518 | SEARLES | M.G. | . | . | | |
| | V.X 71499 | YUNGHANNS | M.W. | TR/A | . | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CAPT | NX 167015 | MUTTON M.V. | AAMC. | 27/6/43 | R.M.O. |
| CHAPLAIN 4 CLASS | QX 54941 | ROBINSON C.G. (Att. from 25 Bde) | AACHD | 16/9/43 | PADRE |
| T/CAPT | NX 116514 | CRAIG D.P. | 61 Aust INF BN | 11/10/43 | AS. OBSERVER. |

16-10-43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. II, AC, 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. |
| - | - | - | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | AA Ch. D Chaplain 4 class AAMC. Capt | 1 | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | 3 | Majors | | | | | |
| N.R. | 1 | - | 8 | Captains | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | - | 17 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | | 29 | | | 2 | | | |

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

| DETAIL | A.I.F. A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|---------------|--------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| A. | 2 | 29 | | | | | | | | 31 |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| NX113725 | LIEUT | MACRAE D.G. | 2/6 Aust Fd Amb | 19/10/43 | DISCHARGED TO UNIT. |
| QX6334 | T/MAT | O. GRADY O.J. | 2/5 Aust GEN. Hosp | | |
| | | ATTACHED | | | |
| VX94137 | CAPT | MERNILLEES. N.C.R. | AA MC ATT RAE 7 Aust Div | 20/10/43 | VICE CAPT MUTTON EVAC. |
| QX7214 | T/CAPT | WALKER. B.G.C. | 61 Aust INF BN | 12/10/43 | ATTACHED PENDING RULING FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY. |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|
| NX113715 | LIEUT | ARED C. | AA PARACHUTE BN | 22/10/43 | TRANSFERRED 2 Aust Corp |
| QX6443 | CAPT | FARGUHAR E.A. | 2/6 Aust Fd Amb | | Admitted sick M.S. 344 |
| | | ATTACHED | | | |
| NX.167015 | CAPT | MUTTON. M.V. | 2/6 Aust Fd Amb | 19/10/43 | Admitted Sick |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 23/10/1943

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

2/25 Aust INF BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 (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. |
| T/LT. COL. | QX 6375 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O | YES | | |
| MAJ. | QX 6305 | O'BRYEN | T.J.C | 2/10 | - | | |
| T/MAJ | QX 6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C | O.C.A. | - | | |
| " | QX 6334 | O'GRADY | O.J | O.C.HQ. | - | LoB. | |
| CAPT | QX 6339 | ODW | G.A.T | O.C.B | - | | |
| " | NX 12255 | HAYDON | E.B. | O.C.D | - | | |
| T/CAPT | QX 6349 | BUTLOR | W.G. | O.C.C. | NO | DET. DIAAG.(L) 7 Aust Div | 22/1/43 |
| " | QX 6341 | MACAULAY | T.B | ADJT | YES | | |
| " | QX 6414 | CRUMBIE | W.M. | 2/10 D | - | LoB. GROUP | |
| " | QX 17679 | M'CAHON | I.S.A. | 2/10 A. | - | LoB " | |
| " | QX 14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/10 B | - | | |
| " | QX 7326 | COX | D.L | A/OC.C | - | | |
| LIEUT. | QX 14949 | HOWES | J.F | RIFLE PL | - | | |
| " | QX 10366 | BURNS | R.T.C | " | - | | |
| " | QX 5502 | STEELE | H.W. | " | - | LoB. GROUP | |
| " | QX 14417 | WELLS | G.R | " | - | | |
| " | QX 22569 | CREED | M. | I.D. | - | | |
| " | QX 17291 | JEFFERSON | R.M | T.O | - | LoB. GROUP | |
| " | QX 9541 | HODGE | E.A. | SQ PL | - | | |
| " | QX 8570 | MAHONEY | E.B | A/QM | - | | |
| " | NX 113725 | MACRAE | D.G. | RIFLE PL | - | | |
| " | NX 114056 | RAWARD | J.E.A | MMA PL | - | | |
| " | QX 10781 | HOWIE | T.M | RIFLE PL | - | | |
| " | QX 17203 | MACE | C.H. | " | - | | |
| " | QX 9358 | MYATT. | O.W.D | MONTANA | - | | |
| " | QX 13661 | ANDERSON | J.R | RIFLE PL | - | | |
| " | QX 11094 | THOMAS | R.E | " | - | | |
| " | QX 36518 | SCARLES | M.G | " | - | | |
| " | NX 71499 | YUNGHANNS | M.W | TR.A.P. | - | | |

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 1 CLASS | QX 54941 | ROBINSON C.G. | AACH.D | 16/9/43 | PADRE |
| CAPT | NX 91437 | MEARILLGES N.S.R | APMC | 20/10/43 | ATT FROM RAC 7 Aust Div VICE CAPT MITTON M.V EVAC |
| T/CAPT | NX 116514 | CRAIG D.P | 61. Aust INFRM | 4/10/43 | N.S OBSERVER |
| T/CAPT | QX 7214 | WALKER B.S.C | | | ATT PENDING RULING FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY |

23.10.43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/10/1943 2/55 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 1120 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | |
| NR | 1 | | 1 | * | | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 2 | * | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | | 8 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | | |
| | | | 16 | Majors | AACHD Chaplain | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | Captains | 4 CLASS | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | AAMC CAPT | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | |
| 2 | 5 | | 27 | | | 2 | | | | |

| DETAIL | A.I.F. AT | A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| A. | 2 | 27 | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | <u>ATTACHED</u> | | | |
| <u>YX 39363</u> | <u>LIEUT</u> | <u>MARSDEN E.C.H</u> | <u>54 BTY</u> | <u>22/10/43</u> | <u>FOR OPS</u> |
| <u>YX 50442</u> | <u>..</u> | <u>CARROLL C</u> | <u>2/4 Aust Fd Ract</u> | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <u>VX 71499</u> | <u>LIEUT</u> | <u>YUNGHANNS M.W</u> | <u>2/6 Aust Fd Amb</u> | <u>26/10/43</u> | <u>ADMITTED SICK</u> |
| <u>YX 6334</u> | <u>T/MAJ</u> | <u>O. GRADY O.J.</u> | <u>2/5 Aust Gen Hosp</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>REF W 3008 UNDER PART B.</u> <u>'OFFRS JOINED' ENTRY AN ERROR</u> |
| <u>YX 116814</u> | <u>T/CAPT</u> | <u>CRAIG D.P.</u> | <u>61 Aust Inf Bn</u> | <u>23/10/43</u> | <u>RETURNED TO UNIT.</u> |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---|
| | | <u>NIL</u> | |
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| | | | |
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| | | | |

2/25 Aust INF BN Unit

L.G. / 7 (Serial No.)

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. |
| T/LT-COL | QX6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | YES | | |
| MAJOR | QX6305 | CBRYEN | T.J.C. | 2/c | - | | |
| T/MAJ | QX6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C. | O.C.A. | - | | |
| CAPT | QX6339 | COV | G.A.T. | O.C.B. | - | | |
| | NX12255 | HAYDON | F.B. | O.C.D. | - | | |
| T/CAPT | QX6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C.C. | NO | DET. DAAC (L) 7 Aust Div | |
| " | QX6341 | MACAULAY | T.B. | ADJT | YES | | |
| " | QX6414 | CROMBIE | W.B. | 2/c D | - | LOB | |
| " | QX17678 | MCCAHON | I.S.A. | 2/c A | - | LOB | |
| " | QX14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/c B | - | | |
| " | QX7326 | COX | D.L. | A/Q.C. | - | | |
| LIEUT | QX14949 | HOWES | J.F. | Rifle PL | - | | |
| " | QX10366 | BURNOS | R.T.C. | - | - | | |
| " | QX5502 | STEEL | H.W. | - | - | L.O.B. | |
| " | QX14417 | WELLS | G.R. | - | - | | |
| " | QX22568 | CREED | M. | T.O. | - | | |
| " | QX17291 | JEFFERSON | K.M. | T.O. | - | LOB | |
| " | QX4814 | HODGE | E.A. | Sig PL | - | | |
| " | QX8570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | A/Q.M. | - | | |
| " | NX113725 | MACRAE | D.G. | Rifle PL | - | | |
| " | NX114055 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | mmg. PL | - | | |
| " | QX10781 | HOWIE | T.M. | Rifle PL | - | | |
| " | QX17203 | MACE | C.H. | - | - | | |
| " | QX0358 | MAYATT | O.W.D. | MORTAR PL | - | | |
| " | QX13661 | ANDERSON | J.R. | Rifle PL | - | | |
| " | QX11094 | THOMAS | R.E. | - | - | | |
| " | QX36518 | SEARLES | M.G. | - | - | | |

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 4 CLASS | QX54941 | ROBINSON C.G. | ARCH.D | 16/9/43 | PADRE |
| | | | | | ATT FROM 25 Bde |
| CAPT | VX41437 | MERRILLEES N.C.R. | AAMC | 20/10/43 | ATT FROM RAE 7 Aust Div VICE CAPT MUTTON EVAC. |
| T/CAPT | QX7214 | WALKER B.G.C. | 61 Aust INF BN | 12/10/43 | (ATT PENDING RULING FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY) |
| LIEUT | VX39363 | MARSDEN E.C.H. | SUBTY | 23/10/43 | ATT FOR OPS |
| " | VX50442 | CARROLL C. | 2nd Aust Bn REGT. | | |

30/10/43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

ORIGINAL

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

3. JAN. 1944

Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 2 NOVEMBER '43 To 7 NOVEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| <i>Mare River</i> FIELD | 2 | | Lieut H.W. STEEL joined the Bn from L.O.B. Gp. Capt MUTTON returned to the Bn and Capt MERRILLEES returned to own Unit. | Refs on this sheet found on DUMPU 1" - 1m |
| | 3 | | Bn notified to move on 6 Nov to relieve 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. 7 AUST DIV Concert Party visited Bn. Concert postponed owing to rain. | |
| | 4 | | Bn entertained by 7 Aust Div Concert Party. | |
| | 5 | 0730 | 27 Major T.J.C. O'BRYEN and party left as advance party to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. | |
| | 6 | 0730 | Bn moved from biv area arrived LAKE 682575 at 1045hrs. Bived for the day. | |
| | 7 | 0630 | Bn moved from Lake Area. | |
| <i>Glenn Knoll</i> | | 1500 | Bn arrived at 2/16 Aust Inf Bn Area. D Coy continued on to relieve forward coy of the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn at 682623 and forward to FARIA RIVER. Change over complete 1630hrs. x73x | |

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Tom Christie Capt

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 8 NOVEMBER '43 To 11 NOVEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD | 8 | | <p>Patrols out during the day. No enemy encountered. Composite Patrol under Capt WALKER consisting of 15 O/Rs of 2/25 Bn and 1 Offr and 15 O/Rs from 2/16 Bn moved out to take up an ambush on the Jap L of C. Struck Jap position and returned to D Coy. Our casualties 1 O/R wounded and 1 O/R missing both of 2/16 Bn. Enemy Arty fired 27 rounds into Bn position. No casualties.</p> | |
| | 9 | | <p>Lieut D.G. MACRAE marched out to LHQ School, SOUTHPORT. Enemy mortars and 75mm shelled D Coy's Mortar Position. No casualties. CO went forward on Recce to D Coy. 2/16 Bn Personnel returned to own Unit.</p> | |
| | 10 | | <p>Patrol activity only. No enemy seen.</p> | |
| | 11 | | <p>Advance Party from B Coy moved forward to D Coy. Enemy mortared D Coy. No casualties. Lieut WELLS and 1 O/R wounded on patrol. 1 Jap killed and 3 wounded.</p> | |

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W. M. Christie Capt

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 12 NOVEMBER '43 To 17 NOVEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD | 12 | | B Coy relieved D Coy as forward Coy. A Patrol of 18 O/Rs under Sgt O'DONNELL moved forward on a Standing Patrol 722637. | Refs on this Sheet found on :- |
| | | | Brig. EATHER visited the Bn and stayed overnight. | |
| | 13 | | Patrol out. No enemy seen. | KUMBARUM - 4"25000 |
| | 14 | | Lieut CAMERON from 2/9 Bn joined the Bn as a reinforcement Oftr 23 X List and reinforcements arrived to join the Bn. Maj. McKNOX from 6 Division visited the Bn. | PAIPA - 1"25000 |
| | 15 | | Lieut THOMAS and 15 O/Rs relieved Sgt O'DONNELL'S Patrol. Lt-Col HOWDEN from 2/8 Bn visited the Bn. | |
| | 16 | | Patrols out. No contacts. | |
| | 17 | 1100 | B Coy mortars fired on enemy position. Enemy 75mm fired 3 rds into B Coy Area, enemy gun then engaged by 25 pounders. A Patrol from B Coy crossed FARIA RIVER and reached 708637. | |
| | | | No enemy seen. | |

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Date and Time.—From 18 NOVEMBER '43 To 20 NOVEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|
| FIELD | 18 | 1100 | B Coy fired 80 rounds of Mortar into enemy position. Enemy 75mm | |
| | | | fired 2 rounds (1 dead) and their X Mortars fired 10 rounds. | |
| | No casualties. A Patrol from B Coy crossed FARIA RIVER and | | | |
| | moved towards same point reached previous day. No enemy seen. | | | |
| | 19 | | Lieut STEEL evacuated to hospital. 1 O/R from B Coy wounded. | |
| | | Patrol from B Coy saw no enemy. | | |
| | 20 | 1300 | A Coy releived B Coy as forward coy. | |
| | 22 | | Capt HAYDEN evacuated with fever. | |
| | 23 | | A Patrol under Lieut HOWIE left for 5 day ambush position on | |
| | | Jap L of C. | | |
| | 24 | 0800 | Our mortars fired on Jap positions and Jap 75mm retaliated. | |
| | | | 1 casualty. Patrol under Sgt O'DONNELL encountered enemy 1 Pl | |
| | | | in strength across FARIA RIVER. Casualties 4 wounded. Enemy casualties | |
| | | | 3 killed & 3 wounded. Our Patrol withdrew across river to fwd Pl. | |

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 25 NOVEMBER '43 To NOVEMBER '43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD | 25 | 0800 | Our Mortars fired on enemy positions and Jap retaliated with 75mm and mortar fired on out forward coy. Our casualties 1 wounded. HOWIE ambush position between two enemy positions. Japs attacked and our Pl was forced to withdraw to forward coy. Casualties 1 killed. Map ref of ambush position 207652 PAIPA 1/25000. | |
| | | | 2 Offrs and 34 O/Rs reinforcements joined the Bn also 14 O/Rs transferred in from other Units. QX 35916 Lieut O'ROURKE M.E. and QX 43779 Lieut SAUNDERS R.E. reinforcement officers. | |
| | | | Our Mortars fired on Jap positions and Jap 75mm retaliated. Our Aircraft which were awaiting signal, took off and endeavoured to locate 75mm position. | |
| | | | Jap 75mm fired four rounds into B Coy position. 1 O/R wounded. | |
| | | 1455 | Jap 75mm fired four rounds into B Coy position. 1 O/R wounded. | |
| | | 1530 | Jap 75mm fired 65 rounds into Bn Area ceasing fire at 1640hrs. 1 O/R killed. | |

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 26 NOVEMBER '43 To 30 NOVEMBER '43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD | 26 | 1530 | Lt-Col BOURNE of 2/12 Bn visited the Bn. Maj. ^{Ho} ROWDEN with advance Party from 2/14 Bn arrived. HOWIE Pl moved to 6300 feature to relieve ^{ie} 2/14 Bn Patrol. | |
| | 27 | 0700 | Our Mortars and MMG's fired on Jap positions. Advance party from Bn moved to MEME RIVER Area. Remainder of 2/14 Bn advance party arrived. ^d QX 31303 ^s Lieut HUXLEY C.I.G. joined the Bn. | |
| | 28 | 0700 | Our Mortars and MMG's fired on Jap positions. Bn relieved ^{ie} by 2/14 Bn and proceeded on move to MENE RIVER Area. | Sketch of forward Coy position att. |
| <i>Mene River</i> | 29 | | Bn arrived at MENE Area. Map Ref 613572 DUMPU 1/63360. | |
| | 30 | | Camp duties. | |

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2/25 BN AREA

MAP DRAWN 1 INCH TO 1 MILE

SCALE 1/5600



LEGEND

- Timber //
- Pads - - - -
- Non perennial creek
- Form lines ————
- Boundary - · - · -

Scale 1 in. to 100 yds
YDS 100 200 300 400 500

FORM LINES ONLY APPROX 30 FT
METHOD TRIANGULATION

HQ
EASY

Prepared by 1 Sec. 29 Oct 43

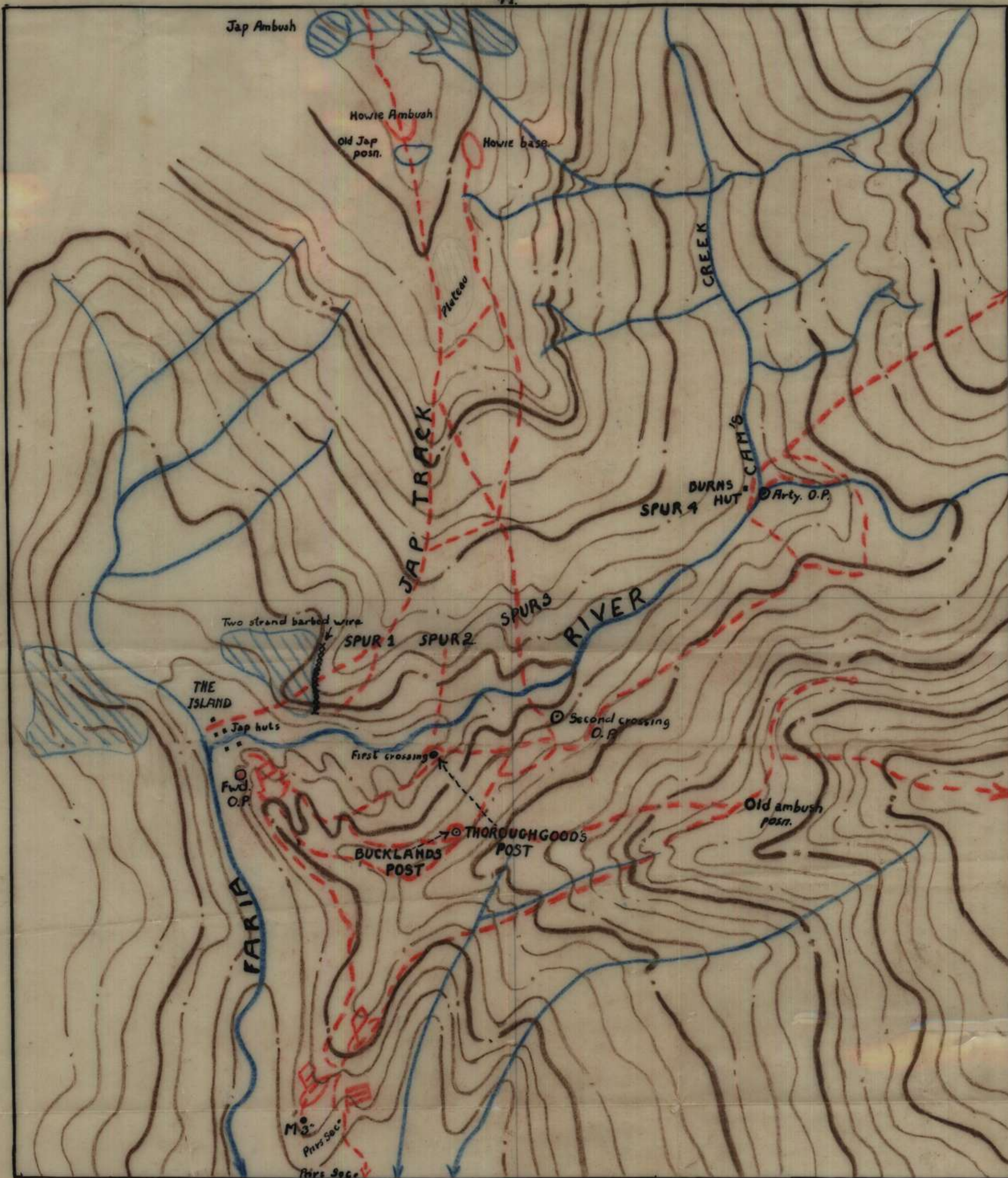
FORWARD AREA

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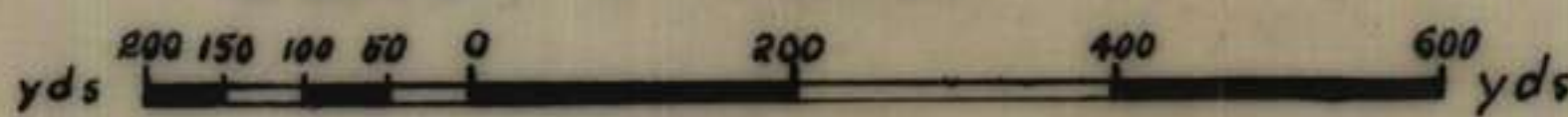
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REF MAP PAIPA 1/25000



SCALE 1"-200 yds.



FORM LINES ONLY - 50 Ft.

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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 / /194 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
| W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
| | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | |
| | | | Surveyors, B.A.A. | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | Hammermen | | |
| | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | Operator, Line | | | Leather Stitches | | |
| | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | Operator, Signal | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | |
| | | | Toolmakers | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | |
| | | | Turners | | | Operator, Wireless | | | Plate Layers | | |
| | | | Watchmakers | | | Opticians | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 3 NR |
| | | | Welders | | | Painters | | | Riveters | | |
| | | | (5) Blacksmiths | | | Panel Beaters | | | Roughriders | | |
| | | | 99/1 on AEME strength at | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | Saddlers | | |
| | | | holding unit | | | Predictor Numbers | | | Saddletree makers | | |
| | | | appointment | | | Printers | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | |
| 1 | (2) NR | | | | | Radiographers | | | Stevadores | | |
| | | | | | | Riggers | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | |
| | | | | | | Sawyers | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 |
| | | | GROUP II. | | | Signallers | 24 | 25 | Tailors | | |
| | | | Armourers | | | Signwriters | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| | | | Axemen | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| | | | Bakers | | | Well Borers | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| | | | By. Comd's. Asst. | | | Wheelers | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| | | | Boilermakers | | | Winchman | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| | | | Carpenters | 6 | 5 NR | Wireman | | | Tradesmen | | |
| | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | Woodturners | | | 99/1 grouped | | |
| | | | Cooks | | | | | | Boilermaker | | 1 |
| | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | Clerks | | 3 |
| | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fire Control Operators | | | GROUP III. | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | |
| | | | Gun Operator | | | Battery Surveyors | | | gun duties | 489 | 203 |
| | | | Hatchman | | | Butchers | 1 | NR | | | |
| | | | Height Taker | | | Clerks | 4 | 2 NR | | | |
| | | | Helio Operator | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | |
| | | | Instrument Operator | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | |
| | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 5 1 | Coach Trimmers | | | | | |
| | | | Joiners | | | Concretors | | | | | |
| | | | Lineman | | | Cooks | | | | | |
| | | | Lineman, Signals | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | |
| | | | Lithographers | | | Despatch Riders | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | |
| | | | Machinists, Metal | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | AAMC | 4 | 5 |
| | | | Machinists, Wood | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | AAPC | 2 | 2 |
| | | | Masons | | | Driver Mechanics | | 1 | AAPS | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Masseurs | | | Driver Tpin. Plant | | | AADC | 1 | NR |
| | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | 1 | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | AEME | 3 | 2 1 |
| | | | Miners | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | AACC | 23 | 14 NR |
| | | | Moulders | | | Farriers | | | | | |
| | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | |
| | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | Gun Layers | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | CARRIED FORWARD | 12 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 41 | 1 | | 563 | 205 |

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

7/11/43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 2/25 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II, 129 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739+ OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. |
| | | | | * * | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | - | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | AA. ch D. Chaplain } 4 class } AAMC CAPT. } 1 | | | | |
| NR | 1 | - | 2 | Majors | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | - | 8 | Captains | | | | | |
| | | - | 16 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| 2 | 5 | | 27 | | | 2 | - | - | NR. |

| DETAIL | A.I.P. | C.M.P. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| A. | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| VX16298 | Lieut | FEELEY T.J. | 54 BTY 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. | | att for Ops |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| VX39363 | LIEUT | ATTACHED | | | |
| YX39363 | LIEUT | MARSDON ECH | 54 BTY | | ceases to be att. |
| VX50442 | " | CARROLL C. | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. | | for Ops. |
| YX16298 | " | FEELEY T.J. | | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 6/11/1943

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 (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. |
| T/LT. COL | DX6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O | YES | | |
| MAJOR | DX6305 | O'BRIEN | T.J.C | Q/lt | - | | |
| T/MAJ | DX6352 | ROBERTSON | AC. | O.C.A. | - | | |
| CAPT. | DX6339 | GOW | GAT. | O.C.B. | - | | |
| T/CAPT | NX122575 | HAYDON | F.B. | O.C.D. | - | | |
| " | DX6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C.C. | NO | DET. DAAG (L) 7 Aust Div | |
| | DX6341 | MACAULAY | T.B. | ABJT. | YES | | |
| | DX6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c D | - | LoB. | |
| | DX17678 | MCCAHON | I.S.A | 3/c A Coy | - | LoB | |
| | DX14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 3/c B Coy | - | | |
| | DX7326 | COX | D.L. | A/c C Coy | - | | |
| | DX14949 | HONES | J.F. | Rifle Pl | - | | |
| | DX10366 | BURNES | R.T.C | - | - | | |
| | DX5502 | STEEL | H.W. | - | - | | |
| | DX14417 | WELLS | G.R. | - | - | | |
| | DX22568 | CREED | M | I.O | - | | |
| | DX17291 | JEFFERSON | K.M | T.O | - | L.O.B. | |
| | DX9814 | HODGE | E.A. | SIG PL | - | | |
| | DX9570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | PNR PL | - | | |
| | NX113725 | MACRAE | D.G. | Rifle PL | - | | |
| | NX114055 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | MMG PL | - | | |
| | DX10781 | HOWIE | T.M | Rifle PL | - | | |
| | DX17203 | MACE | C.H. | - | - | | |
| | DX9358 | MYATI. | O.W.D. | MORTAR PL | - | | |
| | DX13661 | ANDERSON | J.K. | Rifle PL | - | | |
| | DX11094 | THOMAS | R.E. | - | - | | |
| | DX36518 | SEARLES | M.G. | - | - | | |

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 | DX5494 | ROBINSON C.G. | AACH.D ATT FROM 25 Bde | 16/9/43 | PADRE |
| CAPT | NX167015 | MUTTON. M.V. | RAMC | 29/6/43 | R.M.O. |
| T/CAPT | DX7214 | WALKER B.C. | 61 Amst Inf Bn | 12/10/43 | 1 ad pending further relying higher authority |

6-11-43

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

2/25 Aust Inf Bn

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 / / 194 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | 4 | 2 | NR |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | (5) Blacksmiths | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | 441 A.E.M.E | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | Strength AT | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | (?) | NR | holding unit appointment | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 24 | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | Gen Duties | 264 | 234 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | | NR | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 1 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 4 | NR | 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. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | AAMC | 4 | 4 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | AAPC | 2 | 2 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | 1 | | AAPS | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | APOC | 1 | | NR |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | 1 | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | AEME | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Photewriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | | QACC | 23 | 13 | NR |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | | CARRIED FORWARD | | 12 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 39 | NR | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 530 | 235 |

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

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Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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L.G. 19 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 2/25 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 5/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 2 | Majors | AAMC Capt | 1 | | | NR | | | | | |
| 1 | 4 | | 8 | Captains | AACHD Chap | 1 | | | NR | | | | | |
| | | | 15 | Lieutenants | + Class | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 6 | | 26 | | | 2 | | | NR | | | | | |
| | | | | 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. | 2 | 26 | | | | | | | | 28 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| QX 2605 | Lieut | CAMERON A.A. | Gen. Rpts. (I.N.F.) | 2/11/43 | NG L of C Area Records Office (A.I.F.) Posting Order No. NG/11 |
| | | Attached | | | |
| VX 39363 | Lieut | Haraden E.C.H. | 54 (25) 2/4 Aust. Fd. Regt. | 7/11/43 | Attached for Operations |
| VX 50442 | | Carroll E | - do - | - do - | Operations |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|--|
| NX 113725 | Lieut | Macrae D.G. | LHQ. Tactical School | 9/11/43 | attending No. 1. Course 12/12/43 Jungle Det. Eng. Bids & Camouflage Sing |
| QX 14417 | Lieut | Wells G.R. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb. | 11/11/43 | Wounded in Action |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 13/11/1943

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

2/25 Aust Inf Bn Unit

L.G. 9 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 (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. |
| T/Lt-Col | Rx 6378 | Mason | R.H. | O.C. | Yes | | |
| Maj. | 6305 | O'Bryen | T.J.C. | 2/c | " | | |
| T/Maj | 6352 | Robertson | A.C. | oc. "A" | " | | |
| Capt | 6339 | Gow | S.A.T. | oc. "B" | " | | |
| " | Nx 12255 | Handon | F.B. | O.C. "D" | " | | |
| T/Capt | Rx 6349 | Hunter | H.S. | O.C. "C" | No | Det. DAAG (L) 7 Aust Div. | 22/10/43 |
| " | 6341 | McCaulay | T.B. | Adj. | Yes | | |
| " | 6414 | Crombie | H.M. | 2/c "D" | " | LOB | |
| " | 17678 | McMahon | S.S.A. | 2/c "A" | " | LOB | |
| " | 14477 | Millford | C.F. | 2/c "B" | " | | |
| " | 7326 | Cox | D.L. | Aloc "C" | " | | |
| Lieut | 14944 | Howes | E.F. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 10366 | Burns | R.T.C. | " | " | | |
| " | 5502 | Steel | J.H. | " | " | | |
| " | 22568 | Creed | M. | IO | " | | |
| " | 17291 | Jefferson | K.M. | TO | " | LOB | |
| " | 19814 | Hobbs | S.A. | Sig. Pl | " | | |
| " | 8570 | Maloney | S.B. | 4/AM | " | | |
| " | Nx 114055 | Reward | J.S.A. | H.M.S. Pl | " | | |
| " | Rx 10781 | Howie | T.M. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 9358 | | | | | | |
| " | 17203 | Mace | L.H. | " | " | | |
| " | 19358 | Myatt | D.W.D. | Int. Pl | " | | |
| " | 13661 | Anderson | T.R. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 11094 | Thomas | R.S. | " | " | | |
| " | 36518 | Searles | M.S. | " | " | | |
| " | 2605 | Cameron | A.A. | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chap. & Clerk | Rx 54941 | Robinson C.S. | AAch.D | 16/9/43 | Padre |
| Capt | Nx 167015 | Hunters M.V. | AAIC | 29/6/43 | R.M.O. |
| T/Capt | Rx 7214 | Walker B.S.C. | 61 Aust. Sub. Bn | 12/10/43 | Pending ruling from higher authority. |
| Lieut | Vx 39363 | Meredith S.C.H. | 54th 2/c | 27/11/43 | Attached for operations |
| " | Vx 50442 | Carroll C | Aust 4th Regt | | |

14 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 3/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 1402 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 6 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | 1 | N.R. |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| N.R. | 2 | | 29 | Sergeants | | 5 | | 5 | N.R. |
| | | 2 | 66 | Corporals | | 6 | | 2 | N.R. |
| 175 | 175 | 3 | 460 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | 15 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 175* | 177 | 5 | 567* | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 26* | 2 | 10 | 1* |

| 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.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|--------|--------|-----|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | | A.I.F. | AT | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| | A | 26 | 567 | | | | | | | | | 593 |
| | B(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | B(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | F.S.W. 7 Aust Div HQ | | | 2 | H.Q. 7 Aust Div | | |
| 16 | 54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. | | | 2 | | | |
| 17 | | | | | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 3/25 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 20/11/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|-------|--------------------|--|
| | | | all "x" list personnel medically fit are required for return to 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 / / 194 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 2 | NR |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Blivettors | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | (*) Blacksmith | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Boughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | Sgt in A.E.M.E | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | Strength ATT | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | (=) | NR | holding unit | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | (X) | 1 | | appointments | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 23 | NR | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd'a. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | | NR | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 1 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 4 | NR | Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics (X) | | 1 | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. (X) | | 1 | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | | | | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 1 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 12 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 38 | NR | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | 593 | 176 |

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(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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LG 10 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 2/25 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. II, RC, 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|----|--------|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 1 | * | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 2 | * | | | | | NR | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 8 | Lieut.-Colonels | Capt. AAMC | 1 | - | - | NR | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 8 | Majors | Chap. 4th Class | 1 | - | - | NR | | | |
| | | | | Captains | AACh D | 1 | - | - | | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 3 | | 29 | | | 2 | - | - | NR | | | |
| | | DETAIL | A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
| | | A. | 2 | 29 | | | | | | | | 31 |
| | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|---|
| NX 12255 | Capt. | Haydon F.B. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb. | 16/11/43 | Discharged to Unit |
| QX 7214 | Lieut. | Walker B.G.C. | 61 Aust. Inf Bn. | 15/11/43 | Transferred AMF List no. 2 7.10.43 |
| QX 38303 | " | Sturley C.I.G. | 21 Aust. Inf Trg. Bn. | - | Leave of absence 27/10/43 NCF 145149 |
| QX 35916 | " | O'Rourke M.E. | 1 Aust. ARD | 13/11/43 | From para Rpts. (Inf.) 13/11/43 |
| QX 43779 | " | Saunders R.E. | - do. - | - | N.G. Lof C Area Records Office (A.I.F.) Posting Order to NG/18 |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NX 12255 | Capt. | Haydon F.B. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb. | 15/11/43 | Admitted for Dental treatment |
| QX 5502 | Lieut. | Steel H.W. | - do. - | 19/11/43 | Evacuated sick |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust Inf B (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 20/11/1943

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

2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

LG 10 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 (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. |
| T/Lt-Col | QX 6378 | Mason | R.H. | C.O. | Yes | | |
| Maj. | QX 6305 | O'Brien | T.J.C. | 2/c | " | | |
| T/Maj. | QX 6352 | Robertson | A.C. | O.C. "A" | " | | |
| Capt. | QX 6339 | Gow | G.A.T. | O.C. "B" | " | | |
| " | NY 12255 | Hardon | F.B. | O.C. "D" | " | | |
| T/Capt. | QX 6349 | Butler | W.G. | O.C. "C" | No | Det. DAAG(L) 7 Aust. Div. | 22/10/43 |
| " | QX 6341 | Macaulay | T.B. | Adj. T. | Yes | | |
| " | QX 6414 | Crombie | W.M. | 2/c "D" | " | LOB | |
| " | QX 17678 | McLachlan | T.S.A. | 2/c "A" | " | LOB | |
| " | QX 14477 | Milford | C.F. | 2/c "B" | " | | |
| " | QX 7326 | Co | D.L. | A/Adj. "C" | " | | |
| Lieut. | QX 7214 | Walker | B.G.C. | Rifle Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 14949 | Howe | J.F. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 10366 | Burns | R.T.C. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 22568 | Crook | M. | I.O. | " | | |
| " | QX 17291 | Jefferson | K.M. | T.O. | " | LOB | |
| " | QX 38303 | Huxley | C.I.G. | Rifle Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 9814 | Hodge | E.A. | S.E. Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 2570 | McMahon | E.B. | ATQM | " | | |
| " | NY 114055 | Kaward | J.E.A. | MM6 Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 10781 | Howie | T.M. | Rifle Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 17203 | Mace | C.H. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 9358 | Myath | O.W.D. | MM6 Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 13661 | Anderson | J.R. | Rifle Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 11094 | Thomas | R.E. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 36518 | Searles | M.G. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 2605 | Cameron | A.A. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 35916 | O'Rourke | M.E. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 43779 | Samuelson | R.E. | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Chap. 4 th Class | QX 54941 | Robinsons N.C.G. | AACh D | 16/9/43 | Padre |
| Capt. | NY 167015 | Mutton M.V. | AAMC | 29/6/43 | H.M.O. |
| Lieut. | VX 39363 | Marshall E.H. | 54 Bty 2/4 | 7/11/43 | Attached for observations |
| " | VX 50442 | Carroll C. | Aust. Pa. Regt. | | |

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 3 2/55 Aust INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | |
| | | | 6 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | |
| N.R | 4 | | 27 | Sergeants | | | 5 | | 5 | N.R |
| N.R | 3 | | 61 | Corporals | | | 6 | | 2 | N.R |
| 190 | 184 | 4 | 452 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | | 13 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | |
| 190 * | 191 | 4 | 552 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | 24 * | 2 | 12 | 1 * |

| 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.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| | A | 24 | 352 | | | | | | | | 576 |
| | B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | F.S.W 7 Aust DN | | | 2 | H.Q 7 Aust DIV. | | |
| 12 | 3485 3/4 Aust Ed. REGT. | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/25 Aust (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 27 / 11 / 1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|--------|--------------------|--|
| All | x list | personnel | medically fit are required for return to 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 / /194 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
| W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
| | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | |
| | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | Hammermen | | |
| | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | Operator, Line | | | Leather Stitchers | | |
| | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | Operator, Signal | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | |
| | | | Toolmakers | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | |
| | | | Turners | | | Operator, Wireless | | | Plate Layers | | |
| | | | Watchmakers | | | Opticians | | | Rangetakers | 2 | 2 NR |
| | | | Welders | | | Painters | | | Riveters | | |
| | | | Blacksmiths | | | Panel Beaters | | | Roughriders | | |
| | | | Artificer, Artillery | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | Saddlers | | |
| | | | Artificer, Engine | | | Predictor Numbers | | | Saddletree makers | | |
| | | | Blacksmiths | 1 | NR | Printers | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | |
| | | | Bricklayers | 1 | | Radiographers | | | Stvedores | | |
| | | | Computers | | | Riggers | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | |
| | | | Cooks, Hospital | | | Sawyers | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 2 NR |
| | | | Coppersmiths | | | Signallers | 24 | 23 NR | Tailors | | |
| | | | Dispensers | | | Signwriters | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| | | | Draughtsmen | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| | | | Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | Well Borers | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| | | | Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | Wheelers | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| | | | Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | Winchman | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| | | | Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | Wireman | | | | | |
| | | | Electricians | | | Woodturners | | | | | |
| | | | Electricians (M.V.) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Electricians (Signals) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters (Cycle) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters (Electrical) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters (Gun) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters (Instrument) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters (M.V.) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fitters, Signals | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Grinder, Precision | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Mechanics, Instrument | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Mechanics, Radio | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Millwrights | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Operators, Excavator | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Pattern Maker | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Pharmacist | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Photowriter | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Plumber | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Saw Doctors | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Surveyors | | | | | | | | |
| | | | CARRIED FORWARD | 1 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | 13 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | 40 | |
| | | | | | | | | | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 576 | 191 |

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit)

W.E. 1/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|----|--------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 1 | * | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 2 | | 2 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | NR | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 7 | Majors | AAMC Capt. | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | 18 | Captains | AAchD Chap } 4 th class } | 1 | | | NR | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 4 | NIL | 28 | | | 2 | | | NR | | | |
| | | DETAIL | A.I.P. | C.M.P. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
| | | A. | 2 | 28 | | | | | | | | 30 |
| | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| | | NIL | | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| No 12255 | Capt | Haydon F.B. | 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. | 22/11/43 | Admitted Sick |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 27/11/1943

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 (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. |
| T/Lt-Col | Rx 6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | Yes | | |
| Maj | 6305 | O'BRYEN | T.J.C. | 2/c | " | | |
| T/Maj | 6352 | ROBERTSON | C.A. | O.C. "A" | " | | |
| Capt | 6339 | GOW | G.A.T. | O.C. "B" | " | | |
| T/Capt | 6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C. "C" | No | DET. DAAG (L) 7 Aust Div | 22/10/43 |
| " | 6341 | MACAULAY | T.B. | Adj't | Yes | | |
| " | 6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c "D" | " | LOB | |
| " | 17678 | MCCAHON | J.S.A. | 2/c "A" | " | LOB | |
| " | 14497 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/c "B" | " | | |
| " | 7326 | COX | D.L. | A/pl "C" | " | | |
| Lieut | 7214 | WALKER | B.G.C. | A/pl "D" | " | | |
| " | 14949 | HOWES | J.F. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 10366 | BURNS | R.T.C. | " | " | | |
| " | 22568 | CREED | M | IO | " | | |
| " | 17291 | JEFFERSON | K.M. | TD | " | LOB | |
| " | 38303 | HUXLEY | C.I.G | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 9814 | HODGE | EA | S/S Pl | " | | |
| " | 8570 | MAHONEY | EB | A/QM | " | | |
| " | Nx 114055 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | MMG Pl | " | | |
| " | Rx 10781 | HOWIE | T.M. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 17203 | MACE | C.H. | " | " | | |
| " | 19358 | MYATT | O.W.D | M/G Pl | " | | |
| " | 13661 | ANDERSON | J.R. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | 11094 | THOMAS | R.E | " | " | | |
| " | 36518 | SEARLES | M.G. | " | " | | |
| " | 2605 | CAMERON | A.A. | " | " | | |
| " | 35916 | O'ROURKE | M.E. | " | " | | |
| " | 43779 | SAUNDERS | R.E. | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|--------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Chap 4 th Class | Rx 54941 | ROBINSON C.G. | ARCH. D | 16/7/43 | YADRE |
| Capt | Nx 164015 | MUTTON M.V. | AAMC | 24/6/43 | R.M.O. |
| Lieut | Vx 39363 | MARSDEN ECH | 4 Bk 2/4 | 7/11/43 | ATTACHED FOR OPERATIONS |
| " | Vx 50442 | CARROLL C | Aust. Fd. Regt | | |

28. Nov. 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

20 JAN 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 1 DECEMBER '43 To 8 DECEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD <i>Mene River</i> | I | | Lt BURNS and 40 O/rs moved out to work on erection of a dummy Div HQ. | Refs. on this sheet found on DUMPU |
| | 2 | | Mobile Cinema showed in Bn area. | I" - I Mile Sheet. |
| | 4 | | I6 Pl moved out to relieve Lt HOWE'S Pl on 5500 feature ref. 634.632. | |
| | 5 | | Capt HAYDEN returned from Hospital. Personnel desiring to appear before a Selection Board for Commissioned Rank interviewed by C.O. | |
| | 6 | | Bn Concert. Jap plane dropped I bomb 1000 yds S.W. BHQ. | |
| | 8 | | Advice that JAP had attacked 2/6 Cav Sqn and PIB and forced both Units to withdraw. Two Companies of Bn to move forward first light 9 Dec and make base at EVAPIA River and patrol forward. | |

J.B. Macmillan Capt.

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 9 DECEMBER '43 To 10 DECEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD <i>Kesawai</i> | 9 | 0645 | A and C Coys with Command Post moved out to EVAPIA River. | Ref. on this Sheet |
| | | | A Coy to 524.656. C Coy 556.626. C.P. with C Coy. | found on URIGINA) I"- MT OTTO) I Mile Sheet. |
| <i>Kesawai</i> | 10 | 0800 | B and D Coys move forward to join A and C Coys. | |
| | | | A Coy 524.656. B Coy 556.626. C Coy 522.672. D Coy 551.618. | |
| | | | with Forward BHQ / B Coy. HQ Coy remained in same location | |
| | | | with rear BHQ. Capt GOW evacuated to Hospital. | |
| | | 1200 | Lt SEARLES, 7 Pl, ambushed party of enemy 504.674, 6 killed | <i>J. H. ...</i> <i>Capl.</i> |
| | | | 4 wounded. Own casualties Nil. Pl withdrew and took up | |
| | | | new ambush position. Enemy did not follow up. | |
| | | 1810 | Sec from 7 Pl moved forward to investigate damage caused | |
| | | | by ambush. Fired on by JAPS and 1 O/r wounded. | |
| | | | JAP casualties 2 killed, several wounded. Section out of | |
| | | | contact till 2330 hrs when 2 men returned to Coy. | |
| | | | Patrol guided by these men left Coy and returned with | |

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From II DECEMBER '43 To I3 DECEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD | | | wounded man and remainder of Sec at 0500/II. | Refs. on this Sheet |
| <i>Kesawai</i> | II | | Capt MUTTON evacuated to Hospital. C.O. went forward to A and C Coys to recce area. | found on URIGINA |
| | | I500 | Enemy fired 4 mortar shells 1000 yds forward of forward Pl under Lt MACE. | I" - I mile. |
| | | I600 | Lt MACE ambushed party of enemy. Claim 3 killed. Own cas. Nil. | |
| | I2 | | Patrol under Lt STEELE moved forward to old 2/6 Cav HQ 504665 | |
| | | | Contacted party of JAPS killed 5 wounded 4. Own cas. I wounded. | |
| | | I600 | STEELE Patrol moved forward 400 yds and again contacted enemy. Own casualties nil, Enemy unknown. | |
| | | I830 | Party enemy contacted Lt SAUNDER'S Patrol 507676. | |
| | I3 | 0115 | Enemy attacked C Coy in force. | |
| | | 0130 | Enemy still attacking C Coy and now attacked A Coy also. Estimated enemy strength 400. Attacked 3 times, each attack lasting approximately I hour. After final attack | |

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 13 DECEMBER '43 To.....

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| <i>Kesawai</i> FIELD | 13 | 0115 | Enemy in force attacked C Coy area, 520670. | Refs. on this Sheet found on URIGINA I" - I mile. MT OTTO I" - I mile Reports - Major ROBERTSON, OC A Coy. Capt COX, OC C Coy attached. <i>J. Macanlar</i> |
| | | 0130 | Enemy in force attacked A Coy area, 524658. | |
| | | | Attacks lasted to 0545 hrs with only slight lulls in | |
| | | | between. Estimated total strength of enemy 400. | |
| | | 0545 | Owing to great enemy superiority in numbers A and C Coys. | |
| | | | withdrew to new positions. A Coy 534656, C Coy 538659. | |
| | | 0400 | Party under Lt BURNS left Bn to carry ammunition and | |
| | | | supplies forward to A and C Coys. | |
| | | 0800 | Lt BURNS and party joined A and C Coys. | |
| | | | Our casualties 2 Officers (including Arty F.O.O.) 3 O/Rs | |
| | killed 14 wounded. Enemy unknown but considered heavy and | | | |
| | estimated at approximately 100. | | | |
| | 0930 | C.O. moved forward to investigate position. C.O. contacted | | |
| | | Brig EATHER and appraised him of situation. It was then | | |

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 13 DECEMBER '43 To 15 DECEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-------|-------|---|--|
| FIELD | I3 | | decided that A and C Coys should be withdrawn to Bn positions on EVAPIA River. | Ref this Sheet found on URIGINA I" - Imile |
| | | 2130 | A and C Coys took up new positions EAST of EVAPIA River. | MT OTTO, I" - I mile |
| | I4 | | C.O. met Brig EATHER and reced proposed Bn defensive area EAST of IOGIE River, Position running from 592490 and RAMU River at approximately 586479. | |
| | | | Patrol under Lt HOWES moved forward to positions occupied by A Coy, ref. 524658. No enemy seen other than 6 dead in area. | |
| | I5 | | Patrol Lt BURNS and Lt O'ROURKE and fifty O/Rs moved out to 524658 and 520670. No enemy seen, counted II dead JAPS in area and I64 weapon pits on A Coy front. Returned to Bn bringing back part of equipment left in A and C Coy positions on morning of their withdrawal. | |

J. Shanahan Capt.

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Unit 2/25 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 16 DECEMBER '43 To 18 DECEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-------|-------|--|--|
| FIELD | 16 | | Lt WALKER and 30 O/Rs moved out on 2 day patrol. To move forward of A Coy positions and endeavour to contact enemy or reach SOLU River. Bivouacked for night at 516667 having seen no enemy. | |
| | | | 25 Reinforcements arrived Rear Details. | |
| | | | Lt CREED marched out to 25 Bde as Acting I.O. | |
| | | | Capt MACAULAY Acting I.O. in Bn. | |
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| | 17 | 1800 | WALKER Patrol returned to Unit. Reached SOLU River. No enemy seen although track had been well used. | <i>J. Macaulay Capt</i> |
| | | | Patrol to 520670 recovered part equipment left by A and C Coys on morning of their withdrawal. | |
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| | 18 | | Patrols to 520670, no enemy seen. Enemy dead now known | |
| | | | 2 officers 20 O/Rs. | |
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| | | | 3 Coys 2/33 Bn moved through Bn Area to patrol to feature | |

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Date and Time.—From 18 DECEMBER '43 To 21 DECEMBER '43.

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| FIELD | 18 | | 5800 at 562675. | |
| | 19 | | Lt HOWIE marched out to No 2 Course, LHQ Tact. School. | |
| | | 0830 | Capt MILFORD, Lt O'ROURKE and 38 O/Rs left on 5 day patrol to follow up JAP line of withdrawal. | |
| | | 1745 | MILFORD Patrol at 503718 reported signs of movement, probably enemy 1000 yds forward of his position. | |
| | | | Major DODD, C.O. 7 Div Carrier Group, attached to Bn. | |
| | 20 | | 2 i/c, with Maj Dodd, and party incl. Bde Interpreter moved out to area 520670 for further check on any enemy equipment left behind. | <i>J. Sharkey Capt.</i> |
| | | | Capt. Milford's Pat contacted enemy 528742, reported two missing | |
| | 21 | | Capt Houpt 2/42 Bn attached to Bn. Capt Mutton rejoined Bn. Demonstration with 3" mortar with 7½ lb bomb and Sargent adaptor given by Bn Mortar Pl. | |

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

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| FIELD | 21 | 1800 | Milford Pat. returned to Unit. Two men still missing. | Pat report attached |
| | | 1930 | One missing man returned to Bn, wounded in hand. Claimed 6 | |
| | | | Japs killed. Our casualties 1 wounded 1 missing. | Refs on this sheet found on |
| <i>Logie River.</i> | 22 | 0730 | B.H.Q., A, B, and H.Q. coys moved back to defensive area | DUMPU 1" to 1 mile |
| | | | squares 5858, 5958, 5959, East of LOGIE river. D coy remained present location. | |
| | 23 | | WIRRAWAYS of 4 A.C. Sqn dropped Xmas comforts donated by Americans in GUSAP area. | |
| | | | Lieut F.D. Sweeting joined Bn posted to B Coy. | |
| | | | Work on new defense area. | |
| | 24 | | Patrol under Lieut Anderson left to endeavour locate crew of Mitchell Bomber forced down in Ramu Valley | |
| | 25 | | Lt-Col Marson presented ribbon of M.M. to Sgt Jones. | |
| | | | Decorations for OWEN STANLEY campaign announced. | |

J. Marson ^{Capt}

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| FIELD | 25 | | Lt-Col Marson D.S.O. Capt Butler Bar to M.C. Capt Barnett M.C. Sgt Stanley M.M. | Refs on this sheet found on |
| | 26 | | Maj Short 4/6 Gurkha Rifles, Capt Farquharson 36 Fd Sqn Lieut Fairweather 1st Inniskilling Fusiliers attached to Bn. Report that B coy P.I.B. had located American Airmen, Lieut Anderson to return to camp. | URIGINA 1"-1 mile. |
| | 27 | | Work on Bn defense area. 7 Div Concert Party entertained Bn in Bn area. | |
| | 29 | 0730 | Patrol under Lieut Thomas(1 Pl) moved out to patrol to 5800 feature 562677. B Coy relieved D Coy as fwd Coy. | Pat report attached <i>Shannon</i> |
| | 30 | 1120 | Lieut Thomas pat contacted Jap O.P. 565665, killed 1 jap wounded 1 | |
| | | 1430 | Patrol advanced up ridge contacted jap second posn 1 Sec strength 564669. Our arty fired on posn. 1 shell short | |

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FROM **ROBERTSON**

Originator's Number **R5**

Date **10**

In Reply to Number

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| Report | to-days | patrols | (.) | SEARLES | patrol |
| strength | 20 | ambushed | JAP | force | estimated |
| strength | 40 | SEARLES | himself | grabbed | Bron |
| fired | from | hip | into | packed | group |
| of | 10 | (.) | Six | fell | immediately |
| THREE | other | Owens | blazed | into | JAPS |
| other | side | creek | (.) | Casualties | must |

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| have | been | heavy | and | many | others |
| killed | our | patrol | then | withdrew | 400 yds |
| established | further | ambush | position | (.) | JAPS |
| did | not | approach | further | (.) | Patrol |
| held | position | all day | and | going | forward |
| at | 1800 hrs | to | investigate | results | patrol |
| returning | 1900 hrs | (.) | Shots | and | grenades |

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| just | heard | contact | again | made | (.) |
| Another | patrol | went | to | DIV CAV | village |
| complete | investigation | (.) | NO | sign | enemy (.) |
| COX | Coy | in good | posn. | on | COXES RIDGE |
| posn | old | standing | patrol | (.) | Evacuations |
| to-day | THREE | ROBERTSON | ONE | COX | |

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TO **MARSON**

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| FROM ROBERTSON | Originator's Number R6 | Date II | In Reply to Number |
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| Report | CARTERS | PATROL | and | NIGHT | PATROL |
| (.) | Cpl | CARTERS | sect | moved | fwd |
| from | SEARLES | ambush | position | at | 1830 hrs |
| yesterday | (.) | Proceeded | 1000 | yds | to |
| creek | 504673 | JAPS | closed | in | behind |
| patrol | which | fought | its | way | out |
| through | jungle | right | of | track | (.) |

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| 2 | JAPS | killed | several | wounded | (.) |
| Est. | I2 | JAPS | in | area | others |
| across | creek | (.) | In | running | fight |
| Pte | O'LEARY | wounded | shoulder | unable | proceed |
| (.) | CARTER | and | MILLER | then | attempted |
| break | through | to | camp | took | 3½ |
| hrs | in | pouring | rain | and | darkness |

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| (.) | 2330 hrs | (.) | patrol |
| under | SAUNDERS | 20 | men |
| midnight | Searched | for | 4 hrs |
| thick | found | party | carried |
| base | arrived | camp | 0530 |
| 107 | on | by | JAPS |
| only | 700 | from | creek |

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| continued | advance | flanks | (.) |
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| Sitrep | to | 0730 hrs | (.) | Enemy | attacked |
| C Coy | 0115 hrs | and | A Coy | approx | 0120 hrs |
| with | considerable | force | (.) | Heavy | firing |
| for | approx | two | hrs | (.) | A and |
| C Coys | had | to | pull | back | to |
| Sq. 5365 | area | (.) | BURNS | with | party |
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| B and D | Coys | along | track | at | 0345 hrs |
| (.) | Last | report | from | BURNS | 0545 hrs |
| but | had | not | contacted | forward | Coys |
| (.) | Our | casualties | expected | to | be |
| fairly | heavy | incl | 2 | oftrs | FELLY |
| and | SAUNDERS | KIA | | | |

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2/25 AUST INF BN.

REPORT ON A & C COY ENGAGEMENTS ON NIGHT 12/13 DEC 43 -

On 12 Dec 43, both A and C coys were under command and I followed the practice adopted since the morning of 9 Dec, when A coy pushed into enemy territory, of active patrolling forward of our firm base. During the day four patrols were kept forward, three of pl strength and the other of one section. The last of the patrols returned to within the perimeter at 2100 hrs and a standing patrol on the main Jap track came in at 2200 hrs. Two patrol clashes occurred during the day, one at 2/6 Cav village and the other at a banana plantation 300 yds north of the village. We suffered three casualties and inflicted numerous casualties on the JAPS.

About 0100 hrs on 13 Dec, heavy firing was heard to our right on the ridge held by C coy. The coy immediately "stood to" and contact with Cpt COX by phone revealed he was being strongly attacked from his right flank, where the enemy had occupied a knoll about 400 yds further out. The enemy was bringing fire from two "woodpeckers" and other automatic weapons on Lieut CAMERON'S pl. The Vickers gun in position with C coy was returning most effective fire.

At 0115 hrs, the bren gunner and all weapon pits on the forward perimeter of Lieut SEARLES' pl ^{of A Coy} opened fire on a party of some 30 JAPS moving down the track across our front. Grenades were thrown into the party which dispersed with considerable shouting, squealing and apparent confusion. Our fire was immediately returned and large numbers of grenades were thrown into our perimeter. At this stage only two secs of Lieut SEARLES' pl were effectively returning fire, the remainder were guarding their own particular front from well dug in weapon pits and "fox holes". The whole company was under constant and intense fire from our front. Half an hour later the firing died down and after a while we heard movement across our front and some 100 yds further away. It seemed as if he was moving his force between our posns and where Lieut THOMAS was dug in. We could also hear him digging in, in a semi-circle around our front. As soon as the movement got beyond our line of fire on THOMAS' posn, we again opened with all weapons and discharger cups, giving a great volume of fire on his posns.

He then returned a terrific volume of fire and it seemed as if he was using three "woodpeckers" directly on our posns. 20 to 30 rds of 2" mortar fire were put down amongst us and we could see the flashes where he was striking his grenades alight. He appeared able to throw these about 50 yds, as we could follow the glow of the fuses.

After I had reported the general situation to the CO, our line to Bn was cut about 0200 hrs. The arty line however was OK and I asked Lieut FEELY, the Arty Offr to bring defensive fire on our immediate front. It was impossible to do this before we had some idea of the JAP'S main posns. It was while giving fire orders that Lieut FEELY was killed. I was able to take over immediately and working on sound ranging brought the fire down to within 100 yds of my front.

I then switched over to fire on the main enemy posn right behind Lieut THOMAS' pl. As the JAP was in a direct line of fire with Lieut THOMAS it was necessary to bring up the fire from well back. The arty troop co-operated magnificently and the shells were landing right amongst the JAP, 100 yds at the rear of Lieut THOMAS' posn. At 0245 the arty line cut out and shelling ceased.

We attempted to contact the arty troop by No511 set, but this was quite unsuccessful. However at 0300 hrs arty fire again came down on the last recorded target, and thereafter switched from my posn to DF task. This fire which was spontaneous, was controlled by the troop comd and was of the greatest assistance. Regarding "walkie talkie" comn, this was excellent so long as there was NO firing and at about 0400, when the line to C coy was cut, our sets kept us in perfect touch. We had seven sets between the two coys and they were invaluable, although during most of the four and a half hours the constant firing rendered them inaudible. Communication throughout was kept by constantly moving around the weapon pits. All my officers were magnificent in the way they moved around between their sections under a veritable hail of bullets. It was in this way that Lieut SAUNDERS was killed.

About 0300 there was a lull and I ordered a percentage of men from each section to pack and roll their gear in case the posn became too desperate. Unfortunately most of the fwd pl tents, all of which had been collapsed on the outbreak of firing, were right under fire and it was impossible to pack this gear.

About 0400 the movement and firing indicated that the JAP was starting an encircling movement on both flanks. I was able to thin out my defences on the creek and bring up a reserve force to where the attack was expected - through the jungle, due west of the posn - and also reinforce 7 pl.

At this stage the enemy had got into a posn below C coy and around their right flank and were bringing the fire of a "woodpecker" directly on ^{my} their area. It and another "woodpecker" firing right down the track along which he had come were, was firing tracer amm. I estimated that, with my right flank uncovered by the "woodpecker" under C coy, my posn would be untenable in daylight so attempted to push into the fringe of jungle on our western perimeter. This was partly successful, but we found ourselves within 20 feet of the JAPS in the jungle and Lieut SEARLS actually trod on one when checking his perimeter. The JAP complained and was shot immediately.

Another incident occurred at 0430 when a JAP shouted out "White dingoes over there! Honourable JAPANESE gentlemen over here! This was greeted by a burst of bren fire and a shriek. Next day a JAP offr was found dead in the posn.

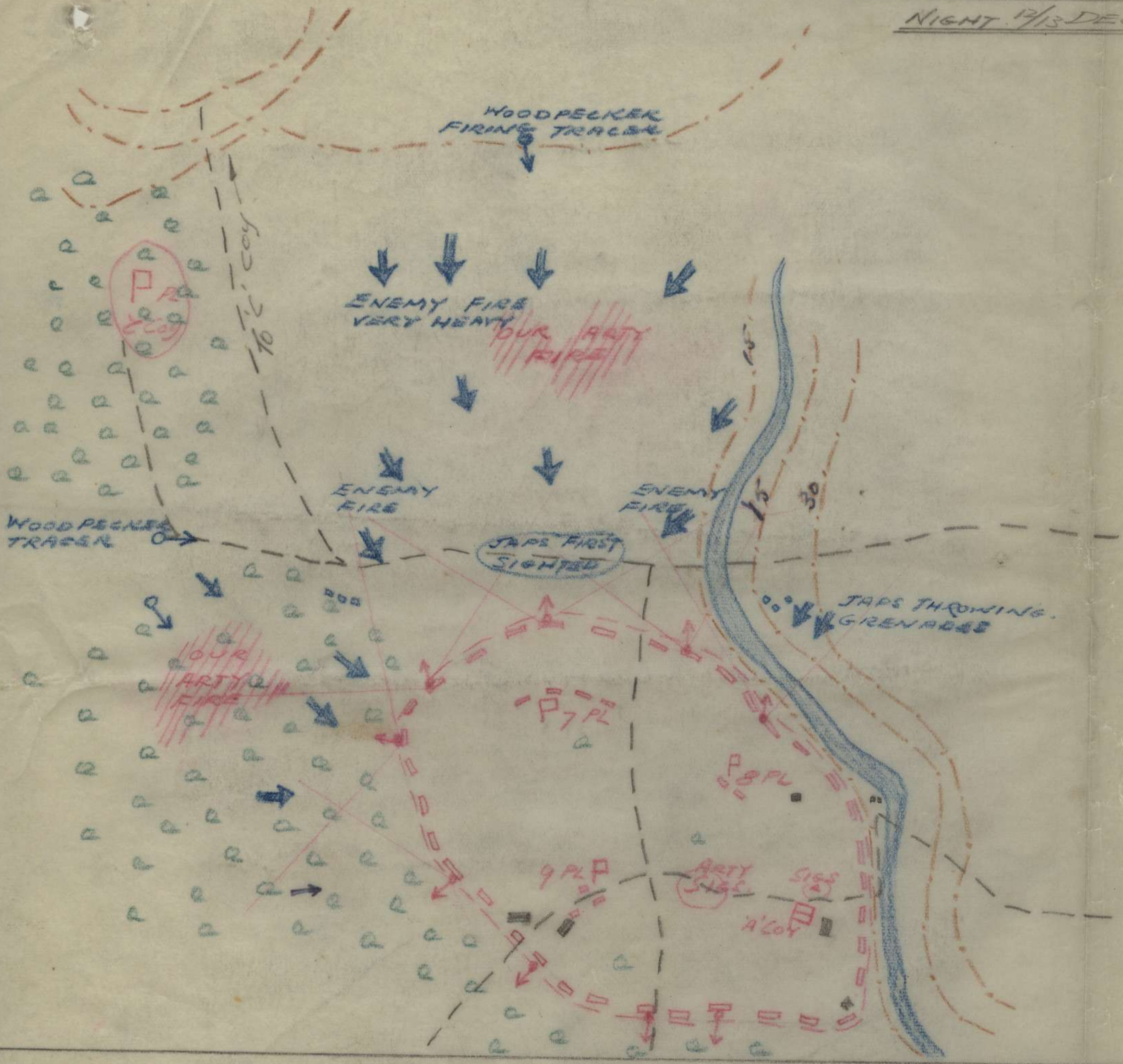
From then till 0500, firing was very heavy and we knew the JAPS were creeping closer to us. I felt however that in daylight our pits would protect us and we could hold the posn.

At 0505 we contacted C coy and Capt COX reported he had received several casualties, five of which were stretcher cases and that he had seen a force of at least another 100 JAPS working round below him. He estimated the total force attacking him was 200 / 300 JAPS. I estimated there were 150 JAPS in my immediate vicinity. We agreed the posn would deteriorate in daylight, particularly as our grenades were almost finished and it would then be impossible to get out our stretcher cases. I then instructed Capt COX to start withdrawing at 0530 to a pre-arranged area for re-assembly. Here both coys would consolidate and take up another defensive posn. A coy would hold till 0545. Stretchers were made, dead were buried and the coy began thinning out to pl assembly areas at 0530. At 0540, 8 pl moved across the creek, anticipating fighting its way out, had we been encircled. Then came 7 pl, followed by stretchers, walking wounded and coy HQ. 9 pl occupied the creek bank as the JAPS occupied our old weapon pits and over-ran our area. The withdrawal was through thick jungle and pit pit swamp, three feet deep in water. One stretcher case died on the way. At 0700 hrs we contacted C coy and took up a defensive posn, then contacting the arty by phone, my 2 i/c, Lieut STEEL, directed intense fire on the evacuated area. About 170 rds were fired and this I consider caused the JAPS to withdraw from the area. We got out with all weapons and lost only two bren mags. Our reserve of amm, about 2000 rds, was also brought out, but about half the tents and mosquito nets were left behind. These have since been recovered. Our casualties were 2 Offrs and 3 ORs killed and 7 wounded. I consider that the enemy must have suffered at least 50 casualties.

A C Robertson

Maj.
OC "A" Coy 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.
(A C ROBERTSON)

SKETCH SHOWING
ATTACK ON A COY 2/25 BN
NIGHT 12/13 DEC '43.



NOTES ON AND LESSONS FROM JAP ATTACK ON A and C COYS 2/25
AUST INF BN ON NIGHT OF 12/13 DECEMBER 43. -

1. ROLE. Recce from firm base with object of harrassing Jap by patrols and arty fire.

NOTE. These Coys were ordered not to become involved to such an extent as to have to be extricated by a further force. Major ROBERTSON, OC A Coy, was placed in command.

2. The position occupied by A Coy was a perimeter defence round a village clearing approx 150 yds X 80 yds with a creek running round one third of the perimeter (rear); one third of the perimeter (front) was open clearing and kunai with main track passing through; the remaining third was thick jungle. This position had ~~been~~ not been located by the Jap. C Coy posn commenced 100 yds on A Coy's right front and extended in Pl areas from the flat up a steep knife edge on to the crest and covered a frontage of 500 yards. One MMF was posted in this area; the ridge dropped slightly and continued on beyond the right flank. This whole position was exposed to the Jap observation from the high 5800 feature. C Coy overlooked A Coy area to the left rear.

3. Patrol ops. were most satisfactory, several clashes between A Coy and Jap patrols on track and in jungle showed the superiority of our patrols both in quickness of action and effectiveness of weapons. Patrols from C Coy on high bare ridges did not encounter Jap patrols but were able to secure OPs from which arty fire was effectively brought to bear on Jap posns 3000 yards forward.

4. First light was at 0615 hrs. Moonrise on 12 Dec at 2000 hrs. Standing patrols were brought within coy perimeters at 2200 hrs.

5. The Jap attack was launched on C Coy right flank at 0100 hrs, the signal for the attack being the setting on fire of a grass roofed hut in the Jap occupied area.

6. The attack was pressed with the greatest vigour, C Coy estimating 100 men in the first wave and including 3 Hy Mts and later reinforced by another 200 with more Hy Mts. C Coy were warned of something afoot by the fired hut and shortly after 13 Pl saw this large force of Japs approaching across open undulating grass land; fire was held until enemy were 30 yards away and was then most ~~effective~~ effective, but eventually the Jap worked round C Coy's right flank and brought at least 1 Hy MG to bear on A Coy across and below the rear of C.

A Coy "stood to" on opening of fire on C Coy front and 15 mins later a party of 30 Japs came out of the jungle into the clearing and were immediately effectively engaged at short range. This force was also built up to estimated 200 men with 4 Hy MGs and proceeded to encircle A Coy, getting in between A and C at the same time keeping up a heavy volume of fire from all weapons.

7.

Features of this attack were:-

- (A) The manner in which the Jap dug in on an open flat within 30 yds of A Coy perimeter.
- (b) The size of his sections. Pits were afterwards found to be in groups of 15 and were very vulnerable to grenades.
- (c) The method by which he controlled his fire and the definite fire orders given in a loud voice followed by withering volleys from all weapons.
- (d) His use of grenades, both lethal and harmless; the harmless ones consist of a block of some hard explosive with no metal casing and with a 4 second fuse complete with match and detonator attached. The grenade weighs $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and can be thrown 50 to 80 yards. The Jap could be heard striking the match and the glowing fuse could be seen flying through the air.
- (e) Weapons used were HyMGs (woodpeckers) LMGs, rifles, 2" mortars, and grenades.

8.

Great use was made of our arty until all lines were finally cut two hours after commencement of attack, and it was of the greatest assistance throughout. 270 rounds were fired by the one section of guns.

9.

The Coys successfully withdrew according to a pre-arranged plan at 0530 hrs to a position 600 yds in rear, re-established communication with the arty and brought fire to bear at 0700 hrs on area previously occupied and in which the Jap then was; making it totally untenable for him. Enemy force completely evacuated RAMU Valley on night 13/14 Dec 43.

10.

Our casualties were two officers killed and three ORs killed in action and 14 wounded. Estimated Jap casualties 2 officers and 20 ORs killed and eighty wounded.

11.

Our strength A Coy 5 officers and 79 ORs plus 1 and 4 Arty attached. C Coy 4 officers and 76 ORs plus 6 vickers crew.

12.

LESSONS.

- (a) Necessity for complete "tie-up" of plan between coys to counter all possible eventualities including a situation such as this where enemy penetrated between the Coys.

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(b) The necessity of firing low, especially at night when the enemy is heard rather than seen. This cannot be too greatly emphasised as most of the Jap fire passed high and undoubtedly ours' did the same or casualties would have been higher on both sides.

(c) The necessity for duplicating line communication to such an extent that one line at least will have a chance of surviving. In this case two lines were used but a creek crossing, which flooded every night, necessitated the wires being strung in trees. Inter-coy coms were maintained successfully by 536 sets (walkie-Talkie)

(d) An unlimited supply of grenades must be built up.

R. H. Hanson. Lt-col.
Comd 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.
(R.H. HANSON)

REPORT ON JAPANESE ATTACK - NIGHT 12/13 DEC.

During the two days preceding the attack the Company had actively patrolled the front and although no contact had been made, JAPS were sighted in varied locations. Artillery had been used from an O.P. in the Coy area with much success but no D.F. tasks had been arranged. For local protection a standing patrol was used on the most likely enemy approach and this was put out at first light and remained until 2200 hrs. On the night of 12 Dec the patrol returned at the usual time with an N.M.S. report. At approx. 2100 13 Dec a strong enemy force was seen approaching from the direction of where our Standing Patrol had been. We did not open fire until the enemy was approx. 50 yards from our post and then we poured in a heavy volume of fire from our 3 L.M.Gs. of 13 Pl. who were the only Pl that could be employed and 1 Vickers. The enemy returned the fire with about 6 L.M.G's, 2 H.M.G's a volume of rifle fire and grenades. We broke up the attack and the enemy immediately commenced deployment. He made a series of very strong attacks during the first hour of the fighting but our Vickers and L.M.G's. kept him back. He attempted to come up steep approaches on our flanks but we rolled grenades down on him and definitely killed several as they screamed and rolled down the side of the hill. On finding the approach to our position somewhat difficult he commenced crawling forward and with much chattering and clicking of bolts he was apparently bent on drawing our L.M.G. fire so that his H.M.G's and L.M.G's on the O.P. position could get onto our positions before he got up and rushed us. However, 13 Pl held their fire and the JAP thus foiled got up and rushed the position. Our automatics immediately opened up and again broke up his attack. His deployment during the first hour put him on three sides of our position and the attack on the A Company position almost completed the encirclement. For the next three hours he continued to fire on every bit of our movement. During the first hour he continued to reinforce and at about 0200 a party of approx. 100 moved up and the initial waves continued to dig in. More reinforcements continued to arrive and firing continued. Telephone communication between A Coy and ourselves broke down about 0330 and with the noise of firing and so much static the Walkie Talkies could not operate. The Vickers position throughout was constantly raked with cross fire from H.M.G's. and although 3 of their six men crew were wounded and a bullet had penetrated the fuze the gun was kept firing. The work of Cpl JOHNSTON in keeping his gun firing was one of the outstanding factors in holding the JAPANESE attack. 13 Pl also performed excellently in holding their ground - 3 men on one L.M.G. being wounded during the early part of the action and one later.

At about 0430 the artillery opened up on all registered targets some shells landing in our position and some behind us in addition to the fire directed to assist A Coy. This fire apparently dispersed him somewhat from the creek in rear of us.

When Walkie Talkie communication got through to A Coy at about 0500 I explained to Major ROBERTSON the situation was desperate and with ammunition getting low I recommended that a withdrawal be made before daylight. I based my recommendation on the fact that, as strong forces were opposed to me and my holding force consisted of only 16 men holding the 13 Pl area and 3 men on the Vickers, that if the JAPANESE pressed home their attack with the reinforcements he had brought up and had success on my forward line, the position would not only have been untenable from my point of view, but would also have made A Coy post also untenable.

A withdrawal was arranged for 0530 with an R.V. approximately 1 mile to the rear. The wounded presented a bit of a problem but with much fortitude and a little assistance they were able to move with us.

I3 Pl held the position until the other platoons had reached the Assembly Area and then thinned out and joined the main body. We were fired on in the assembly area but no further casualties. C Coy arrived at the R.V. at approx. 0730 and contact was made with A Coy shortly afterwards. All of our men got through including the wounded, although a stretcher party had to be sent back to get Cpl JAKINS with whom eight men of the Company had remained. Cpl JAKINS had his ankle broken by a bullet and his progress with his helpers was very slow.

On leaving with A Coy, Major ROBERTSON and myself recced the next area for a stand and put our companies into position. The C.O. arrived shortly afterwards and arranged for our withdrawal that evening to the battalion perimeter.

(Sgd) D.L. COX, Capt.
O.C., C Coy.

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| FROM ROBERTSON | Originator's Number R20 | Date 18 | In Reply to Number |
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| Report | MACE | patrol | (.) | Patrol | left |
| EVAPIA | 0700 | followed | main | track | to |
| "A" | coy | village | thence | via | COX |
| ridge | to | BALDI | trig | (.) | arrived |
| 1130 | hrs | NO | sign | whatever | of |
| enemy | (.) | Numerous | tracks | however | seen |
| converging | on | "C" | coy | area | from |

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TO **MARSON**

FROM **ROBERTSON**

Originator's Number
R21

Date
18

In Reply to Number

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|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Report | SEARLES | patrol | (.) | Patrol | left |
| with followed | MACE continuation | 0700 spur | via NORTH | COX to | ridge PIMPLE |
| found area | 2 (.) | further Arrived | JAP 1100 hrs | dead (.) | "C" coy 1 hrs |
| march track | from obviously | COX used | (.) night | Well of | defined attack |

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Date

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| down | from | 5800 | feature | swinging | left |
| to | COX | and | continuing | also | straight |
| on | down | spur | due | WEST | (.) |
| Enemy | appears | to | have | withdrawn | by |
| same | route | (.) | No | sign | of |
| enemy | (.) | Patrol | returned | 1450 hrs | |

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PATROL REPORT

By Capt Milford "B" Coy 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref Maps :- Mt Otto, Urigina, Mt Kubari
1 inch to 1 mile

Strength 2 Offrs 38 ORs.

Intention :- To recce for 5 days area NORTH of Air Strike Ridge along general line of Solu and Haile rivers and endeavour obtain view of Jap motor road.

General Description of Patrol :- Departed unit area at 0845 hrs 19 Dec and reached crest of Kunai ridge 507716 at 1725 hrs same day. Movement and fires noticed on wooded slope 486735 were investigated next morning, and patrol proceeded on general line of Solu river reaching crest of wooded hill at 523748 at 1600 hrs on the second day. As fwd Sec moved into small Kunai clearing on ridge crest it was fired on by Japs in posn on right side of clearing. Japs used at least ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 4 MGS and rifles. Sec withdrew except Cpl MORREL and Pte LAWTON, later presumed missing. Patrol withdrew to 507716 for night and next morning was ordered back to Unit by C.O. Arrived Unit area 1900 hrs on 27 Dec. Approx 1930 hrs Pte LAWTON reported in leaving Cpl MORREL only member missing.

Detailed Description of Patrol :- Patrol moved along main KESAWAI track to 523653. Moved up across Kunai hills approx 530678 and struck wide lanes in Kunai used by Jap during his attack. Anticipating Jap withdrawal tracks to cross creek eventually patrol moved into creek at 515703 and followed it down to 505704 where a major Jap track entered the creek from Air Strike Ridge and followed NORTH up another Kunai hill. Patrol followed this track and arrived 1725 hrs on crest of ridge 507716. Jap track continued down into Solu river. Patrol remained on reverse slope of hill until nightfall as movement and fires had been noticed on wooded feature beyond Solu river at 486735. Communicated with MARSON from this point on 208 set.

Anticipating possible Jap activity on hill ahead patrol moved after dark to night perimeter on a feature 400 yds to right along spur. Quiet night but patrol withdrew from perimeter posn at 0530 hrs and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ assembled again on reverse slope of 507716. Small patrol under Lieut O'Rourke moved down to Solu 490732 at 0530 hrs to investigate the activity noticed previous day. Communicated again with MARSON at 0800 hrs 21 Dec and as no report had been received from O'Rourke and no firing heard main body of patrol moved down to Solu at 0900 hrs. O'Rourke reported back at 1000 hrs and reported no sign of Japs though he had recently occupied posns in area. Fires and movement attributed to natives.

At 1100 hrs patrol proceeded from posn 490732 on Solu and moved steadily forward crossing and re-crossing the Solu several times and at 1600 hrs 21 Dec was approaching the top of steep wooded ridge approx 523748. The track up to this point was particularly well defined and had been used by a considerable force, though with one exception it had not been used for several days. Leading scouts had noticed one plain set of Jap shoe prints at least one day old possibly two.

Thirty yards below crest of this ridge a very well defined and apparently much used track joined track that patrol had been following, and came up sharply from the left out of a saddle of the ridge. Foot traffic only showed on this track, no mule prints, and had not been used for several days.

Patrol continued towards ridge crest and leading Sec came upon small Kunai clearing on top approx 40 yds in diameter, with a couple of half burned huts on left side. Cpl MORREL and leading Sec extended out and went fwd to investigate. Remainder of patrol waited on track at entrance to clearing. MORREL had apparently noticed something on right side of clearing and motioned Sec and patrol to stop. Immediately 2 Jap MGS opened on Sec in clearing followed by 2 more and several rifles. Sec withdrew on command O.C. patrol except Cpl MORREL and Pte LAWTON then missing. Recce of area proved Jap posn unassailable as only approach was up track climbing approx 45 degrees with crest of ridge falling away

precipitously on near and far side of posn.

O.C. patrol decided to withdraw and main body under Lieut O'Rourke moved back to Solu river for night perimeter. O.C. patrol and 5 others with Owen guns remained in vicinity Jap posn until 1730 hrs. The two missing men had Owen guns but as no Owen fire was heard and no answer from them to a call and no grunting heard it was presumed they were definitely missing and rear party moved back to main body at 1730 hrs.

Jap fire was produced from 1 Woodpecker 3 LMGs. and several rifles. Many grenades were thrown by Jap into clearing and he kept up an almost continuous fire from 1605 hrs until 1745 hrs. Rear party rejoined main body on Solu river 490732 and after dark night perimeter taken up on feature 507716. Patrol withdrew before first light to reverse slope and message sent to MARSON re Jap contact. Patrol ordered to return to Unit.

At 1100 hrs 22 Dec patrol moved down creek bed from 505707 following it down and returning to Unit along main track below foothills from Solu river.

Patrol arrived Unit area 1900 hrs 22 Dec. At approx 1930 hrs Pte LAWTON returned reporting he had escaped from clearing by rolling down steep slope on far side of clearing and following Solu river back. When he left area no sound had come from posn occupied by Cpl MORREL in clearing.

One Owen gun was lost with MORREL. Pte LAWTON returned ~~him~~ with his.

DESCRIPTION OF JAP POSN. (See sketch attached)

The small clearing occupied by the Japs was only about 40 yds in diameter. It sat on the crest of a ridge commanding the two tracks the only path of approach from the SOUTH side. It is presumed these two tracks after converging would have lead down far side of ridge towards bed of Haile river and on to destination. Track followed by patrol ran up knife edged spur, timbered and falling away sharply on both sides. Ridge on either side of Jap posn also fell away sharply allowing him to concentrate all fire on approaching tracks which he did.

The Kumai in the clearing was cut for approx 20 yds. A couple of half burnt huts stood on left edge and close by were several weapon pits and fox holes, facing towards right of clearing as though ready for occupation, in event of a threat from right flank. The whole of the Jap fire came from right side of clearing where all four guns and personnel were well concealed by tall Kumai and cane and fairly thick jungle brush.

OBSERVATIONS BY O.C. PATROL

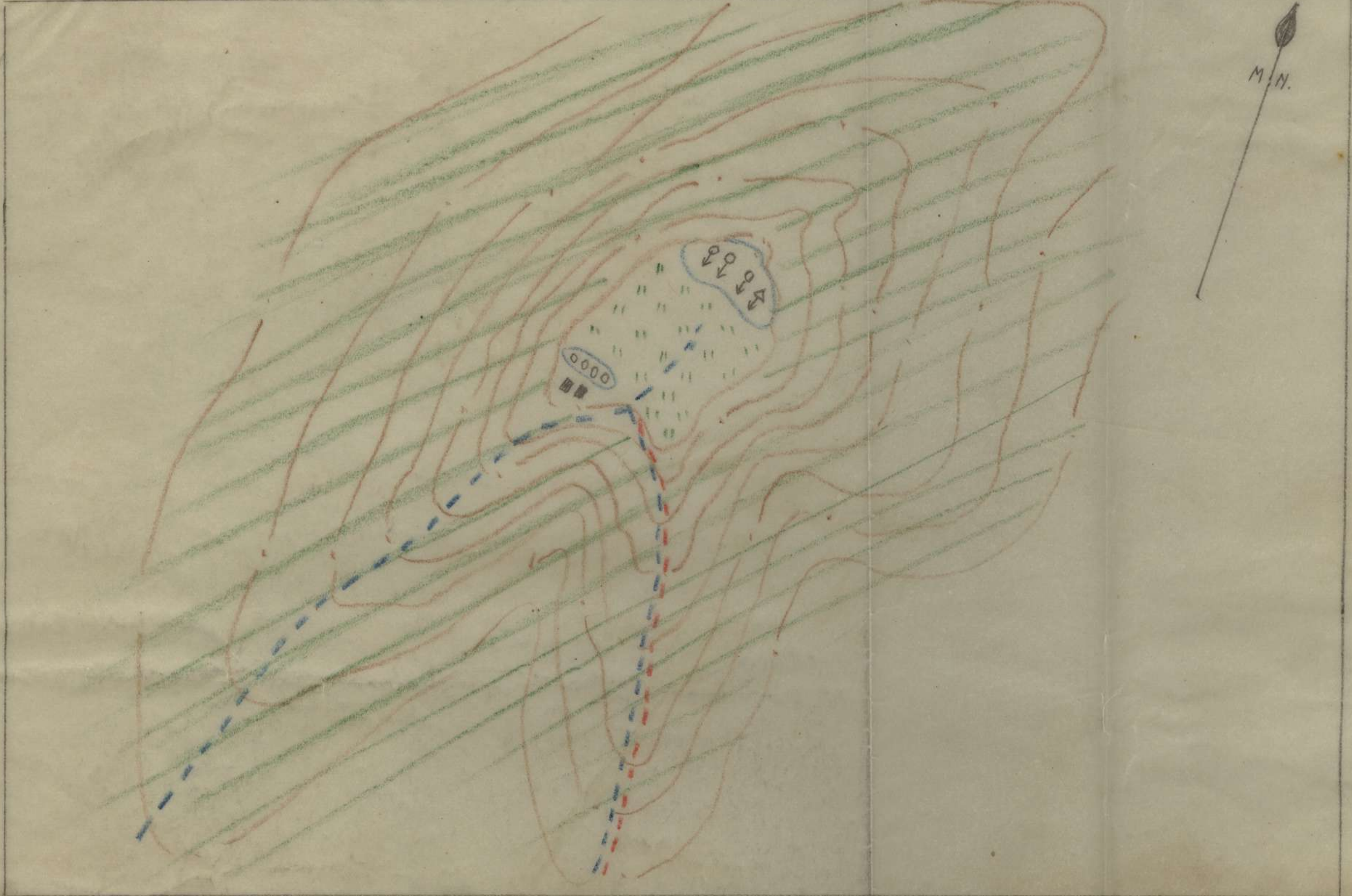
- (1) It seems reasonable to assume Jap was lying in ambush. As patrol approached no sound was heard around area which is unusual for the Jap and he could have been warned by natives whom we saw previous night, or had seen patrol advance while still some distance away or a Jap whose fresh footprints were seen on track could have picked up patrol previous day. In addition practically all his fire was opened simultaneously as soon as Cpl MORREL gave the indication that something was wrong.
- (2) It was first thought his posn commanded his L. of C. to ~~attroops~~ he may have had on feature 5800, but although this could be so it appears that the ridge he occupied does not directly connect with 5800.
- (3) The track coming up from the left near his posn appeared to be another of his withdrawal tracks coming possibly from far side of Solu, but as there was no evidence of mule traffic on it, it may be that his mule track ran NORTH along the far bank of the Solu towards DAUMOINA or turned right further on and branched towards YOKOPI.
- (4) The Jap lanes trampled in the Kumai in rear of Air Strike Ridge were undoubtedly one way traffic only. Tracks of varying size ran down all spurs from his posns on the ridge and the major ones were about 20 ft wide in some places.
- (5) In the creek in rear of Air Strike Ridge were several areas where parties had camped possibly overnight, and in all creeks and covered lines of withdrawal was evidence in plenty of his passage.
- (6) Evidence of consumption by Japs of our operational and emergency rations. Several Jap boots seen with soles held on with sig cable.

.(Sgd).MILFORD, Capt.....
O.C. Patrol

FIELD SKETCH

JAP POSNS. ENCOUNTERED BY 2/25 Bn. PATROL

20 DEC. 43



FORM LINES approx 10ft
Scale 1in - 25yds.

yds. 0 25 50 75 yds.

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FROM **THOMAS**

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In Reply to Number

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| Enemy | withdrew | (.) | Have | patrolled | track |
| 200 yds | fwd | of | former | posn | (.) |
| Arty | support | by | present | communications | un- |
| satisfactory | (.) | Considerc | present | strength | inadequate |
| for | task | (.) | Request | reinforcements | (.) |
| Intend | retire | 400 yds | at | last | light |
| (.) | will | push | fwd | first | light |

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| (.) | Casualties | 2 | killed | 2 | wounded |
| 5 | sick | (.) | Any | instructions. | |
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PATROL REPORT

Ref. Maps Mt Otto & Urigina 1st to 1 mile

Patrol Ordered by G.O. 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Object: To patrol the 5800' Feature Map Ref. 562677.

Duration of Patrol: Leave a.m. 29 Dec 43 return p.m. 2 Jan 44.

Strength of Patrol: 1 Off. 22 O.R's plus attached (3 Sigs. 1 "I" O.R. Major Dodd, Lieut. Fairweather.) Total 29.

Intercoms: 208 set and two walkie talkie sets.

General: Patrol left Bn. area at 0650 hrs 29 Dec 43, and reached 569647 at approx. 1500 hrs. Returned two sick, one being stretcher case, to "B" Coy. One section of eight men acted as carriers and protective party. Bivouaced night at this Map Ref. and moved fwd. at first light 30 Dec 43. Stretcher party following and approx. 45 minutes behind main body.

Reached 565665 at approx. 1045 hrs. and took up temporary defence position while making contact with Bn., and waiting for remaining section to rejoin patrol. At approx. 1110 hrs. patrol fired on two Japs, killing one and wounding one. Wounded man got away into scrub. I searched the dead man, stripping him, but only papers he had with him were contained in cigarette case. (Later forwarded to "I" section). Both Japs left their weapons, 1 rifle and 1 Owen Gun (No. 11992), and old pair Field-glasses (tubular, French make). Patrol went fwd. and investigated track for approx. 400 yds.; no sign of enemy, but half grown dog seen which ran, when sighted, up track.

At approx. 1430 hrs. I moved patrol fwd. leaving the sigs. and five sick men as protection for sig. section. Also one Walkie Talkie set which remained on continuous watch.

At approx. 1530 hrs. patrol was fired on by at least two Owen Guns and rifles. I took up posn. on knoll at 564669, and approx. 100 yds. from Jap posn. As Jap was astride knife edge spur I decided to ask for Arty support. (See report on Arty Shoot). At approx. 1630 hrs. six men, under Cpl. Tierney, clawed their way along side of knife edge spur, and found that Jap had withdrawn and found no sign of enemy 200 yds. in rear of Jap posn. Jap had dug three two man pits, (one with overhead cover), astride track. Recovered two Jap shovels and pits had been freshly dug.

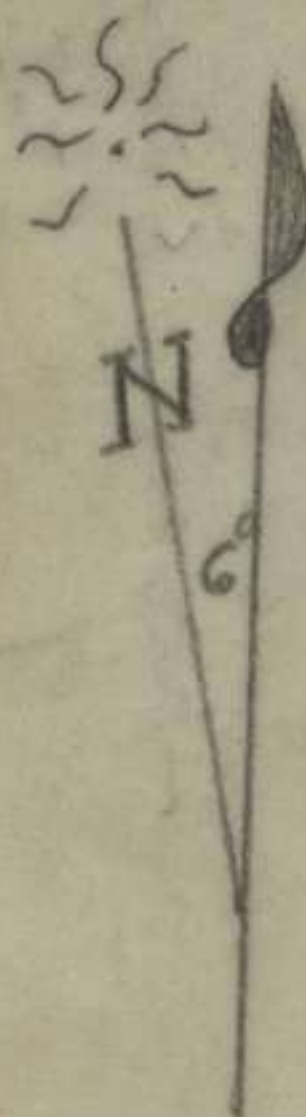
At approx. 2000 hrs. took up a defensive posn. for night with whole of patrol at 564667. At 0640 hrs. following morning 7 men under Sgt. Scott went fwd. and took up a posn. at former Jap posn. preparatory to whole patrol moving on along 5800' Feature. At approx. 0830 hrs. received message to return to Bn. Fwd. section reported to me that they heard yelping of dog toward top of 5800' Feature. Patrol left at 0900 hrs. to return to Bn. reaching Bn. at approx. 1645 hrs. 31 Dec. 43.

Signed: R. Thomas Lieut.

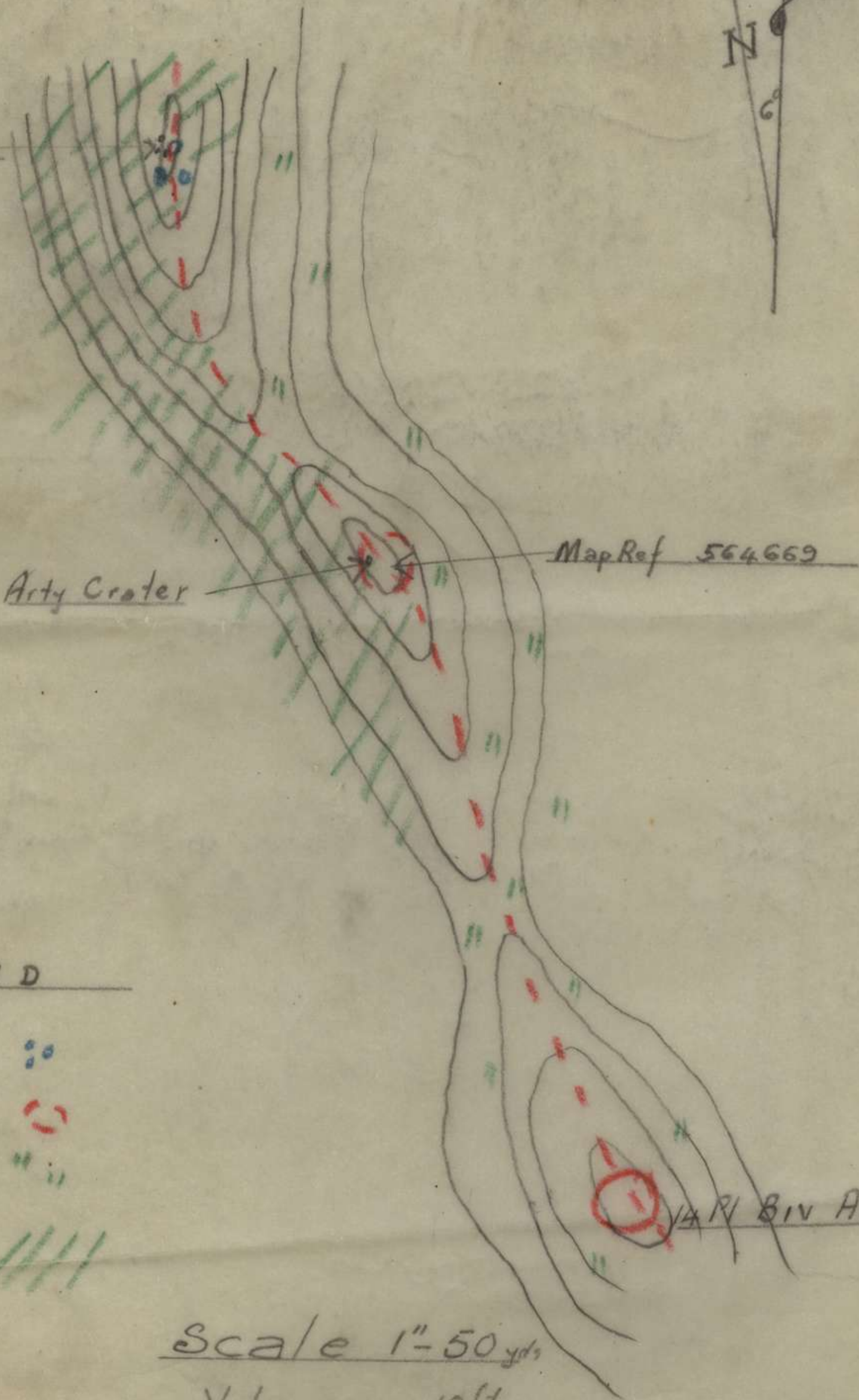
SKETCH JAP POSNS

5800 Feature

Ref Map ORIGINAL
1" = 1 mile



Arty Craters



LEGEND

- Jap Posns ●●
- Pat Posns ○
- Kunai " "
- Scrub //

Scale 1" = 50 yds

VI 10ft

REPORT ON ARTY SHOOT 30 Dec. 1943.

My patrol contacted the Jap at approx. 1530 hrs. on 30 Dec. 43. I contacted the Arty. by 208 set and gave them Map Ref. to my posn., and that the Jap was in posn. approx. 100 yds. ahead of me, astride track and asked for 30 rounds. Arty. replied that they would go ahead and range, and not to move my posn. After a number of ranging rounds had been fired, first three being smoke, and location of each burst in relation to the target had been signalled to the Arty., one round burst 25 yds. N.W. of target. I reported that the next round burst in same posn., i.e. 25 yds. N.W. of target. The two guns then fired and the two bursts were in the target area and reported as such.

About ten rounds were then fired in quick succession, and one round of the fourth salvo landed in our posn., killing two and wounding two of my patrol. I immediately signalled the Arty. to cease fire, at approx. 1630 hrs. but communication was not quick enough and two more rounds came over and these burst in the target area. Three, including myself, later stepped the distance, from the round that had landed in our posn., to the nearest Jap weapon pit to us. Distance being 125 yds. Nearest arty. burst to Jap weapon pit - 15 yds. in rear of Jap posn.

Sketch attached.

Signed: R. Thomas Lieut.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

26/12 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 2/25 Aust. Inf. Div. (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
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| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | |
| | | | 6 | W.Os. Class II. | | | 1 | | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| | | | 5 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | |
| NR | 2 | | 29 | Sergeants | | | 5 | | 5 | NR |
| NR | 4 | | 60 | Corporals | | | 5 | | 3 | NR |
| 160 | 154 | 4 | 482 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | | 13 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | ⑧ Armourer Sp. I (AEME) required | | | | |
| 160* | 160 | 4 | 583* | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | 24* | 1 | 11 | 1* |

| 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.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
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| | | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| | A | 24 | 583 | | | | | | | | 607 |
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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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 2/25 Aust. Inf. Div. (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 4/12/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|-------|--------------------|---|
| | | | All x List personnel medically fit are required for return to Unit. |

2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. 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 4/12/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 3 | NR |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 24 | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Bollermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | | Gen. Duties | | 534 | 160 |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 2 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 4 | NR | 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. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | AMC | 4 | 4 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | APC | 2 | 2 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | 2 | | | APS | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tpin. Plant | | | | APOC | 1 | 1 | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | 1 | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | APHC | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | | APCC | 23 | 15 | NR |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | APHC | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | APHC | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 2 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 13 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 43 | NR | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | 607 | 161 |

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

4 Dec. 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
L.G. 12 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 2/55 Aust INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 129 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. |
| NR | 1 | - | 2 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| NR | 2 | - | 7 | Majors | AAMC-CAPT | 1 | | | |
| | | | 19 | Captains | AACH D-CHAP 4 CLASS | 1 | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| NR | 3 | NIL | 29 | | | 2 | | | |

| DETAIL | A.I.F. ATT | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| A. | 2 | 29 | | | | | | | | | 31 |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|--|
| DX.5502 | LIEUT | STEEL H.W. | 2/4 Aust Fd Amb | 1/12/43 | Discharged to Unit from 2/4 Aust Fd Amb. |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| | | NIL | | | |
| | | Attached | | | |
| VX39363 | LIEUT | MARSDEN E.C.H. | 54 BTy 2/4 | 28/11/43 | CEASES TO BE ATT. FOR OPERATIONS |
| VX50442 | " | CARROL C | Aust Fd REGT | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/55 Aust INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 4/12/1943

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

2/25 Aust INF BN Unit

40/12 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| T/LT-COL | OX6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | YES | | |
| MAJOR | OX6305 | BRYEN | T.J.C. | 2/c | " | | |
| T/MAJ | OX6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C. | O.C.A. | " | | |
| CAPT | OX6339 | GOW | GAT. | O.C.B. | " | | |
| T/CAPT | OX6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C.C. | NO. | DET. DAAG (L) 7 Aust Div | |
| " | OX6341 | MACAULEY | T.B. | ADJT | YES | | |
| " | OX6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c D | " | L.O.B. | |
| " | OX17678 | M'CAHON | L.S.A. | 2/c A | " | L.O.B. | |
| " | OX14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/c B | " | | |
| " | OX7326 | COX | D.L. | A/oc.C. | " | | |
| LIEUT | OX7214 | WALKER | B.G.C. | A/oc.D. | " | | |
| " | OX14949 | HOWES | T.F. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | OX10366 | BURNS | R.T.C. | " | " | | |
| " | OX5502 | STEEL | H.W. | A2/c A | " | | |
| " | OX22568 | CREED | M. | I.O. | " | | |
| " | OX17291 | JEFFERSON | K.M. | T.O. | " | L.O.B. | |
| " | OX38303 | HUXLEY | C.I.G. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | OX9814 | HODGE | E.A. | SIG. PL | " | | |
| " | OX8570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | S.M. | " | | |
| " | NX114055 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | MMG. PL | " | | |
| " | OX10781 | HOWIE | J.M. | Rifle PL | " | | |
| " | OX17203 | MACE | C.H. | " | " | | |
| " | OX9358 | MYATT | O.W.D. | MORTAR PL | " | | |
| " | OX12661 | ANDERSON | J.R. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | OX11094 | THOMAS | RE. | " | " | | |
| " | OX36518 | SEARLES | M.E. | " | " | | |
| " | OX2605 | CAMERON | A.A. | " | " | | |
| " | OX35916 | O'ROURKE | ME | " | " | | |
| " | OX43799 | SAUNDERS | RE. | " | " | | |
| NO OFFICERS WITH ACTIVE SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | PRIOR 3/9/39 | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CAPT | NX167015 | MUTTON M.V. | A.A.M.C. | 29/6/43 | R.M.O. |
| CHAPLAIN II CLASS | OX54941 | ROBINSON C.G. (ATT FROM 25 Bde) | A.A.Ch.D. | 16/7/43 | PADRE |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

4 DEC 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Unit 252nd Avst. Inf. Bn.

PART D—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 4 Dec 1918. (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 | Position | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment |
| 1st Lt. | 1523 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | Yes | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1524 | ORREN | T.C. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1525 | ROBERTSON | A.C. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1526 | LOW | GAT. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1527 | BUTLER | W.D. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1528 | MACAULEY | T.A. | 2nd Lt. | Yes | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1529 | CHROMBIE | W.M. | 2nd Lt. | .. | L.O.B. | |
| 1st Lt. | 1530 | MCANON | L.S.A. | 2nd Lt. | .. | L.O.B. | |
| 1st Lt. | 1531 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1532 | COX | B.L. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1533 | WALKER | B.G. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1534 | HOWES | J.F. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1535 | BURNS | R.T.C. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1536 | STEEL | H.W. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1537 | GREED | M. | 2nd Lt. | .. | L.O.B. | |
| 1st Lt. | 1538 | JEFFERSON | K.M. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1539 | HUXLEY | C.D. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1540 | HODGE | E.A. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1541 | MAHONEY | E.B. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1542 | RAVARD | T.A. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1543 | HEWIS | J.M. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1544 | MACE | G.H. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1545 | MYAN | C.W.D. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1546 | ANDERSON | T.R. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1547 | THOMAS | R.E. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1548 | SEARLES | M.G. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1549 | CARRON | A.A. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1550 | CHOWKIE | M.E. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |
| 1st Lt. | 1551 | SMITH | R.P. | 2nd Lt. | .. | | |

NO OFFICERS WITH ACTIVE SERVICE PRIOR 3/1/18
1/25 AVST. INF. BDN.
DEC. 43

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PART E—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held | Army Number | Name and Initials | Unit | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment |
|--|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Capt | 1552 | MUTTON M.V. | 252nd Avst. Inf. Bn. | 2/1/18 | R.M.O. |
| Capt | 1553 | ROBINSON C.G. | 252nd Avst. Inf. Bn. | 2/1/18 | PARADE |

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

LG/13 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| NR | 1 | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 7 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | 1 | NR |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 4 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| NR | 4 | | 27 | Sergeants | | 7 | | 3 | NR |
| NR | 6 | | 58 | Corporals | | 6 | | 2 | NR |
| 196 | 185 | 5 | 452 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | 13 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | ① Armourer Sp. I (AEME) required | | | | |
| 196 * | 197 | 6 | 548 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 26 * | 1 | 9 | 1 * |

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). | Detail | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL |
|---|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|-------|
| | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| | AIF | | | | | | | | | |
| | A.I.F. | | | | | | | | | |
| | A | 548 | 26 | | | | | | | 574 |
| | B(1) | | | | | | | | | |
| | B(2) | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | ESW 7 Aust Div. | | | 2 | H.Q. 7 Aust Div. | | |
| 16 | 54 Bty. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Regt. | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 11/12/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|-------|--------------------|--|
| | | | All x List personnel medically fit are required for return to Unit |

2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

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

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitches | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 3 | NR |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | NR |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 29 | 21 | NR | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 5 | NR | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | Tradesmen NOT Grouped | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | Boilermaker @ Int. Duties | | 1 | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | NR | Int. Duties | | 501 | 196 |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 2 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 3 | NR | 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. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | W.A.C | 4 | 4 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | W.A.P.C | 2 | 2 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | 2 | | W.A.P.S | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | W.A.O.C | 1 | | NR |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | 1 | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | W.A.M.S | 3 | 2 | 1 @ |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | | W.A.C.C | 23 | 17 | NR |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | @ Quartermaster Sp. J. (AEME) | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | Repaired | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 1 | 2 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | 14 | 11 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | 44 | 38 | NR | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | 574 | 197 |

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

11 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

L.G. 13 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/1943 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | . | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 2 | . | 2 | Majors | A.A.M.C. Capt | 1 | . | . | | | | | | | |
| . | . | . | 7 | Captains | | | | | | | | | | | |
| . | . | 1 | 20 | Lieutenants | A.A.Ch D. Chap 4 class | 1 | . | . | | | | | | | |
| . | . | . | . | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | | | | |
| . | . | . | . | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| . | . | . | . | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 3 | 1 | 30 | | | 2 | - | - | | | | | | | |
| | | | | DETAIL | A.I.F. AM | A.I.F. | C.M.P. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
| | | | | A. | 2 | 30 | | | | | | | | | 32 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|--|
| MX.12255 | CAPT | HAYDON F.B. | 2/6 Ed Aust. Fd. Amb | 5/12/43 | DISCHARGED TO UNIT. |
| V.X.66020 | Lieut | SWEETING P.A. | GEN. REINFTS (INFANTRY) | ⊗ | (N.G. LOC. AREA RECORDS OFFICE (A.I.F.) POSTING ORDER NG/39 |
| | | | | | ⊗ Date of Taken on Strength to be advised on next weeks W 3008. |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| QX.6339 | CAPT | GOW G.A.T. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb. | 10/12/43 | EVACUATED SICK. |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 11/12/1943.

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

2/25 Aust. INF BN. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| T/LT-COL | QX.6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | YES | | |
| MAJ | QX.6305 | OBRYEN | T.J.C. | 2/c | " | | |
| T/MAJ | QX.6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C. | OC. A | " | | |
| T/CAPT | NX.12255 | HAYDON | F.B. | OC. II | " | | |
| T/CAPT | QX.6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | OC. C | NO | DET. O.A.G.(L) 7AUST DIV | 22/10/43 |
| " | QX.6341 | MACAULEY | T.B. | ADJT | YES | | |
| " | QX.6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c D. | " | L.O.B. | |
| " | QX.17678 | MCCAHON | I.S.A. | 2/c A | " | L.O.B. | |
| " | QX.14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/c B. | " | | |
| " | QX.7326 | COX | D.L. | A/oc. e | " | | |
| LIEUT | QX.7214 | WALKER | B.G.C. | A/2/c D. | " | | |
| " | QX.14949 | HOWES | J.F. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | QX.10366 | BURNS | R.T.C. | " | " | | |
| " | QX.5502 | STEEL | H.W. | A/2/c A | " | | |
| " | QX.22568 | CREED | M. | I.O. | " | | |
| " | QX.17291 | JEFFERSON | K.M. | T.O. | " | L.O.B. | |
| " | QX.28303 | HUXLEY | C.I.G. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | QX.9814 | HODGE | E.A. | SIG PL. | " | | |
| " | QX.8570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | Q.M. | " | | |
| " | NX.114055 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | m.m.c. PL | " | | |
| " | QX.10781 | HOWIE | T.M. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | QX.17203 | MACE | C.H. | " | " | | |
| " | QX.4358 | MYATT | O.W.D. | MORTAR PL | " | | |
| " | QX.13661 | ANDERSON | J.R. | RIFLE PL | " | | |
| " | QX.11094 | THOMAS | R.E. | " | " | | |
| " | QX.36518 | SEARLES | M.G. | " | " | | |
| " | QX.2605 | CAMERON | A.A. | " | " | | |
| " | QX.35916 | O'ROURKE | M.E. | " | " | | |
| " | QX.43779 | SAUNDERS | R.E. | " | " | | |
| " | VX.66020 | SWEETING | F.A. | " | " | L.O.B. | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CAPT | VX.167015 | MUTTON M.V. | AAMC | 29/6/43 | R.M.O. |
| CHAPLAIN II CLASS | QX.54941 | ROBINSON C.G. (ATT FROM 25 Bde) | AACHD | 16/7/43 | PADRE |
| Lieut | VX.39363 | MARSDEN E.C.H. | (54 Bty) | 10/12/43 | ATTACHED FOR OPS. |
| " | VX.16298 | FEELY T.J. | (2/4 Aust Fd Regt) | | |

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

26,114 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bde (Unit)

W.E. 5/12c/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| NR | 1 | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 7 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | 1 | NR |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 4 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | |
| NR | 4 | | 27 | Sergeants | | | 7 | | 3 | NR |
| NR | 5 | | 59 | Corporals | | | 5 | | 3 | NR |
| 236 | 236 | 4 | 410 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | ④ Ambulance Group I (AEME) required | | | | |
| 236 * | 237 | 5 | 507 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | 26 * | 1 | 9 | 1 * |

| Detail | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL |
|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|-------|
| | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 26 | 507 | | | | | | | 533 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | F.S.W. 7 Aust Div | | | 2 | H.Q. 7 Aust Div | | |
| 15 | 2/4 Aust Fd. Regt. | | | 1 | H.Q. 25 Aust Inf. Bde | | |
| 16 | | | | 3 | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/25 (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 18/12/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---|-------|--------------------|---|
| All x list personnel medically fit are required for return to Unit. | | | |

2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

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

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 3 | NR |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 3 | NR |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 24 | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheeler | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 5 | NR | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | Tradesmen NOT Grouped | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | Int. Duties | | | 3 |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | Sp. Maker | | | 1 |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | Int. Duties | 457 | 236 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | 1 | | NR | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 3 | NR | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 7 | 5 | NR | 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. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | Adm C | 4 | 4 | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | Adm IC | 2 | 2 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | 1 | | | Adm PS | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | Adm OC | 1 | | NR |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | 1 | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | Adm L | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | | | Adm CC | 23 | 17 | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | Adm. M. S. I. (Home) | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | required | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | 2 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 13 | NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | 41 | NR | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | 533 | 237 |

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."
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18 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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(Revised Jan., 1943)

16, 14 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1944 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

W.E. II, 12, C, 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 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. |
| NR | 1 | | 1 | * | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | | 2 | * | | | | | NR |
| | | | 8 | | CAPT.-(AAMC) | 1 | | | NR |
| | | | 19 | | CHAP. 4 th Class (AACAD) | 1 | | | NR |
| | | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | |
| | | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | |
| NR | 2 | | 30 | | | 2 | | | NR |

| | DETAIL | ATTACH | A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | A. | 2 | 30 | | | | | | | | | 32 |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|---|
| QX 6339 | Capt | GOW G.A.T. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb. | 14/12/43 | Discharged to Unit |
| | | | | | Attached allowed by WE |
| QX 44521 | Capt | WILMER N.B. | 2/6 Aust. Fd. Amb. (AAMC) | 12/12/43 | Attached as R.M.O. Vice NX 167015 Capt. M.V. Mutton Evacuated sick. |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| QX 43779 | Lieut. | SAUNDERS RE | | 13/12/43 | Killed in action |
| | | | | | Attached Allowed by WE. |
| NX 167015 | Capt. | MUTTON M.V. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb | 12/12/43 | Evacuated sick. |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 18/12/1944

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|---|
| NX 113715 | Lieut | AKED GG. | OON OONBA Staging Camp? enroute to unit from H.Q. Parachute Bn. |

2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| Lt.-Col. | QX 6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O. | Yes | | |
| Major | QX 6305 | O'BRYEN | T.J.C. | 2/c | " | | |
| T/ " | QX 6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C. | O.C. "A" | " | | |
| Capt. | QX 6339 | GOW | G.A.T. | O.C. "B" | " | | |
| T/Capt. | NX 12255 | HAYDON | F.B. | O.C. "D" | " | | |
| " | QX 6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C. "C" | No | Det DAAG(L) H.Q. 7 Div. | 22.10.43 |
| " | QX 6341 | MACAULAY | T.P. | Adit + A | Yes | | |
| " | QX 6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c | " | LOB | |
| " | QX 17678 | MCCAHON | I.S.A. | 2/c "A" | " | LOB | |
| " | QX 14477 | MILFORD | C.F. | 2/c "B" | " | | |
| " | QX 7326 | COX | D.L. | A/c "C" | " | | |
| LIEUT. | QX 7214 | WALKER | B.G.C. | 2/c "D" | " | | |
| " | QX 14949 | HOWES | J.E. | Rifle Pl. | " | | |
| " | QX 10366 | BURNS | R.T.C. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 5502 | STEEL | H.W. | A/2/c A | " | | |
| " | QX 22568 | CREED | M | I.O. | No | Det. A/10. H.Q. 25 Aust. Inf. Bde. 18.12.43 | |
| " | QX 17291 | JEPPERSON | K.M. | T.O. | Yes | LOB | |
| " | QX 38363 | HUXLEY | C.I.G. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | QX 9814 | HODGE | E.A. | Sig. Pl | " | | |
| " | QX 8570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | Q.M. | " | | |
| " | NX 114655 | RAWARD | J.E.A. | MMG Pl | " | | |
| " | QX 10781 | HOWIE | T.M. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | QX 17203 | MALE | C.H. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 9358 | MYATT | D.W.D. | Mtr. Pl | " | | |
| " | QX 13661 | ANDERSON | J.R. | Rifle Pl | " | | |
| " | QX 11094 | THOMAS | R.E. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 36518 | SEARLES | M.G. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 2605 | CAMERON | A.A. | " | " | | |
| " | QX 35916 | O'ROURKE | M.E. | " | " | | |
| " | VX 66020 | SWEETING | F.A. | " | " | LOB | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Capt. | QX 44521 | WILMER N.B. | ARMC | 12/12/43 | Rpl Capt MV. MUTTON NX167015 Evacuated. |
| CHAP. 4 th Class | QX 54941 | ROBINSON C.G. | AAChD | 16/7/43 | Chaplain. |
| Lieut | VX 18177 | STOKES W.E. | 2/4 Aust. Fd. Regt. | 13/12/43 | Att. for Operations |
| " | VX 39363 | MARSDEN E.G.H. | - No. - | 10/12/43 | |

18 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | | | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | 7 | | 8 | | 9 | | 10 | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|----|--|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 7 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | 1 | NR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | | 4 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | 28 | Sergeants | | | 7 | | 3 | NR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 | | 55 | Corporals | | | 6 | | 2 | NR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 227 | 211 | 6 | 427 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 ⊕ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | ⊕ | Annouces | Sp. I (AEME) | required | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 227 * | 224 | 7 | 522 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | 28 * | 1 | 7 | 1 * | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|--|--------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| 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.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
| | | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces. | | A | 28 | 522 | | | | | | | | | 550 |
| | | B(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | B(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | FSW 7 Div | | | 1 | STA CMD. DUMPU | | |
| 4 | 2/4 Aust Fd. Regt. | | | 1 | Qld. L of C Area Records Office | | |
| 5 | | | | 1 | H.Q. 7 Aust Div | | |
| | | | | 2 | 5 Fd. Bakery 2 D.D. 7 Div | | |
| | | | | 5 | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 25/12/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|-------|--------------------|--|
| | | | All X List personnel medically fit are required to return to Unit. |
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2/25 Aust. Inf. Div 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 25/12/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangefakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Weiders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | 1 | 1 | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | ⊗ | 1 | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 3 | 2 | NR |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | ⊗ | 24 | 25 | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | | 6 | 5 NR | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | Tradesmen NOT Grouped | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | Int. Duties | | | 2 |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | Spiler maker | | | 1 |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | 7 | 5 NR | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | ⊗ | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Photewriter | | | | Miners | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | 2 NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | | 13 NR | CARRIED FORWARD | | | 43 NR | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | | 550 228 |

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

25. Dec. 43.
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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LG 15 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943. 2/25 AUST INF (Unit)

W.E. II/12C/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | |
| N.R | 1 | | 1 | * | Lieut.-Colonels | AAMC - CAPT | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | * | Majors | AACHD - CHAP | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 9 | | Captains | (4 class) | | | | | | | | |
| N.R | 3 | | 16 | | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | |
| N.R | 4 | | 28 | | | 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. | AIF ATT 2 | | | | | | | | | 30 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|
| | | NIL | | | |
| ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E | | | | | |
| NK16706 | CAPT | MUTTON M.V (AAMC) | 2/4 AUST FD AND | 24/12/43 | DISCHARGED TO UNIT. |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---|
| QX22568 | LIEUT | CREED M. | 25 AUST INF Bde | 18/12/43 | PENDING SECONDMENT AS I.O. |
| QX10781 | LIEUT | HOWIE T.M. | LHR TACTICAL SCHOOL | 19/12/43 | TO ATTEND NOW COURSE (22/12/43 - 22/1/44) JUNGLE |
| ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E | | | | | |
| QX44521 | CAPT | WILMER N.B | 2/6 AUST FD AND | 21/12/43 | DEF. ENGR AIDS AND CAMOUFLAGE WING R.T.U |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/25 AUST INF Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 25/12/1943.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|---|---------------------|--|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. | |
| Lt. Col | QX6378 | MARSON | R.H. | C.O | YES | | | |
| MAJ. | QY6305 | OBRYEN | T.J.C | 2/c | YES | | | |
| " | QX6352 | ROBERTSON | A.C | O.C A | YES | | | |
| CAPT. | QX6339 | GOW | G.H.T | O.C B | YES | | | |
| " | NX12255 | HAYDON | F.B | O.C D | YES | | | |
| " | QX6349 | BUTLER | W.G. | O.C C | NO | DET DIAAG.(L) 7 AUST DIV 22/10/43 | | |
| " | QY6341 | MACAULAY | T.B | I.D. ADJ | YES | | | |
| " | QX6414 | CROMBIE | W.M. | 2/c D | YES | L.O.B. | | |
| " | QX12678 | MACAHON | I.S.A. | 2/c A | YES | L.O.B. | | |
| " | QY14477 | MILFORD | C.F | 2/c B | YES | | | |
| " | QX7326 | COX | D.L. | A/OCC. | YES | | | |
| " | QY7214 | WALKER | B.G.C | A/2/c D | YES | | | |
| LIEUT | QX14949 | HOWES | J.F | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX10366 | BURNS | R.C | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX5502 | STEEL | H.W. | A/2/c A | YES | | | |
| " | QX17291 | JEFFERSON | K.M | T.O. | YES | L.O.B | | |
| " | QX38303 | HUXLEY | C.L.G | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX9814 | HODGE | E.A | Sig PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX8570 | MAHONEY | E.B. | Q.M. | YES | | | |
| " | NX114055 | RAWARD | S.E.A | MAG PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX17203 | MACE | C.H | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX9358 | MYATT | O.W.D | MORTAR PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX13661 | ANDERSON | J.R | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX11094 | THOMAS | R.E. | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX36514 | SEARLES | M.C. | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX2605 | CAMERON | A.A. | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | QX35916 | O'ROURKE | M.E. | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| " | VX66020 | SWEETING | F.A. | Rifle PI | YES | | | |
| ADDENDA: | | | | | | | | |
| REFERENCE AF W 3008 SERIAL NO LG 13 "PART B" - OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK. | | | | | | | | |
| LIEUT | VX66020 | SWEETING | F.A. | TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM GEN. REINFTS (INF) 9 DEC 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. |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| CAPT | NV167015 | MUTTON M.V | A.A.M.C | 29/6/43 | R.M.O |
| CHAPLAIN (4 CLASS) | QX54941 | ROBINSON C.B. | A.A.Ch D | 16/7/43 | CHAPLAIN |
| | | (ATT FROM 25 AUST INF BDE) | | | |
| MAJOR. | QX6337 | DODD R.W.P | 7 AUST DIV CARR. COY | 19/7/43 | AS OBSERVER. |
| LIEUT | VX16352 | KELLY J.T. | 2/4 Fd REGT | 20/12/43 | ATT. FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES |

25 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander