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AITAPE NG
DEC 1

At the beginning of Dec, 19 Aust Inf Bde had relieved 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at SUAIN, and were patrolling WEST of DANMAP RIVER, and from a base at AFUA. Elements of 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt were patrolling from areas - KAMTI, PALAURU, with 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn en route TONG. ANGAU patrols were operating in TONG and a det was being maintained YAPUNDA. Small enemy pockets were being reported in villages SW and SOUTH of TONG, and sporadic attacks were being made on our patrols in area. NO change in the enemy situation SOUTH of the TORRICELLI Mountains from TONG to MAPRIK is known.

Disposns Units 17 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde plus att sub-units	WAPIL VO11488
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	" VO11483
Adv HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	KORAKOZ995493
2/6 Aust Inf Bn main body en route	AITAPE
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	WAPIL VO10486

Units Under Command

2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn less 1 tp.
"B" tp 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn
2/11 Aust Inf Bn (for operational necessity only)

MLR manned by C coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less 15 pl plus C tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn.

- (a) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn embarked CAIRNS on "THOMAS CORWIN".
- (b) Bde Comd toured MLR.
- (c) BM and IO visited 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt to obtain infm ref KAMTI and PALAURU areas.

AITAPE NG
DEC 2

Representative from 172 US Regt CP visited BM ref taking over of their area by this HQ. BM and Lt WALCH inspected area and made necessary arrangements for taking over area when vacated. Div advised -

(i) that Maj NELSON 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, and Capt MARTIN 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, were to leave tomorrow as instructors at LHQ Tactical School.

(ii) Return of Maj BENNETT, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, was being sought.

(iii) A SC (A) Capt BLACKWELL was nominated by First Aust Army as BM (L).

AITAPE NG
DEC 3

(a) Change of location on MLR - D coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn relieved C coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn - 18 pl, 17 pl, relieved, 13 and 14 pl respectively. B tp 2/9 Cav Cdo Sqn relieved C tp 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn.

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No. 3 issued, ref manning of MLR. See att appx.

(c) Brig MARTIN 19 Aust Inf Bde and Maj MURRAY visited Bde HQ this afternoon.

(d) Mobile Cinema gave first showing to this Bde in area between 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

AITAPE NG (a) As per Op Instr No. 3, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn instructed to
DEC 4 take over eastern sector of MLR by 051200I. 2/7 Aust Inf
Bn with "B" tp 2/9 Cav Cdo Sqn u/c to continue to man
centre and western sector.

(b) Lt Col PARBURY MC arrived to take over Comd 2/7 Aust
Inf Bn

(c) Det 6 Aust Div Pro Sec att 17 Bde, withdrawn to 6 Div
to guard against pilfering of stores in Base Sub Area.

AITAPE NG
DEC 5

(a) Bde Comd discussed arty plan for MLR with Maj HAWKINS
2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

(b) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn occupied Eastern Sector MLR with posts
at VO26479, VO11473, Z999475

(c) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn reverted comd 19 Aust Inf Bde at 050900I

AITAPE NG
DEC 6

(a) GOC inspected 2/5 Aust Inf Bn area.

(b) Advice received that 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, ~~party~~ party 17 Aust
Inf Bde, portion of 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, would arrive on
"THOMAS CORWIN" either late this evening or early 7 Dec.
2/5 Aust Inf Bn fostering in 2/6 Aust Inf Bn .

(c) Planning commenced for relief of KAMTI and patrolling
to be carried out from this post.

AITAPE NG
DEC 7

(a) 6 Aust Div advised that KAMTI to be taken over early
next week.

(b) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn disembarked from "THOMAS CORWIN", also
SC and pers 17 Aust Inf Bde.

(c) Bulk of Bde HQ stores arrived during night 7/8 Dec ex
"DUNTROON".

(d) Working parties called for from the Bde, are increasing
in number, tps being supplied to work at beach area each
day.

AITAPE NG
DEC 8

(a) OP Instr No. 4 covering relief of 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn
at KAMTI by tps 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, issued. See att appx.

(b) Div advised that YAFUNDA and PALAURU to become Bde
responsibility as soon as practicable.

(c) Bde Comd and Lt Col WOOD made recce of MLR.

(d) Lt Col FOREST, AA & QMG (eqpt) First Aust Army visited HQ.

AITAPE NG
DEC 9

(a) Div requests that a patrol by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn WEST to
SISSANO LAGOON be carried out commencing Wed 13 Dec.

(b) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn notified that ref Op Instr No. 4,
relief would be effected by 131200I, NOT 250800I.

(c) Remainder of stores unloaded from "DUNTROON". Number
of stores NOT received.

AITAPE NG
DEC 10

(a) Op Instr No. 5, covering relief of PALAURU and est of
patrol base at YAFUNDA by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, issued.

(b) Div advised:-

(i) Subunits 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt under op
comd 17 Bde will revert to comd 6 Aust Div and be reliev-
ed on MLR by 131200I

(ii) Patrols based at PALAURU, KAMTI and YAFUNDA will be considered as part of def of MLR.

(iii) That whereas 6 Aust Div OO No. 1 had stated that 2/3 Aust MG Bn less 2 coys would come under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde, intention is now altered, and 2 coys only to come under comd, HQ 2/3 Aust MG Bn to move to 19 Aust Inf Bde area.

(c) 2/3 Aust MG Bn arrived in area. B and D coys now under operational comd this HQ.

(d) Capt BLACKWELL arrived from First Aust Army to be interviewed as prospective BM (L) - will be taking over appointment.

(e) Brig WILLS visited Bde Comd.

Sjt Philip HARGRAVES, Aust pianist, who is entertaining RAAF tps in various areas, and will give recital to 17 Aust Inf Bde, visited Comd.

(f) First softball game in this area, Bde HQ played 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. Result 2/5 Aust Inf Bn won by 1 innings and 15 runs.

AITAPE NG
DEC 11

(a) Op Instr No. 6, covering patrol of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn WEST to SISSANO LAGOON issued.

(b) Advice received that the Bde would effect relief of 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at TONG. Coy of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to leave Sunday 17 Dec en route TONG.

(Subsequently decided that 2 coys be sent).

(c) The Philip HARGRAVES concert, under auspices of RAAF Welfare Organisation, was held this evening in 17 Aust Inf Bde area. The artist was assisted by SAM JOSE, tenor, and ERIC CHALLINOR, violinist. Bde Comd, with Col BUSH, 172 US Regt and party of American Offrs, who were his guests, attended. The programme, which was much appreciated, included Chopin Waltzes, Brahms Waltzes, Beethoven's Pathetique Sonata and Liszt's Liebestraum, played by Philip HARGRAVES.

Supporting numbers by Sam JOSE and Eric CHALLINOR were also excellent. Sam JOSE rendered such favourites as Caro Mio Ben, On with the Motley from Il Pagliacci, and La Donna e Mobile.

The violinist played, among other numbers, a Hungarian Dance, and Meditation by Massenet. After the recital, Bde Comd entertained his guests at Offrs Mess.

AITAPE NG
DEC 12

(a) After discussion with Capt MACRAE LO 6 Aust Div, recently returned from TONG, Bde Comd decided to send 2 rifle coys and nucleus HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn u/c Maj I H McBRIDE to the area. Move to be made 17 Dec. Party NOT to exceed 300.

(b) Ref Op Instr No. 4 - Relief of 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn less A and B tps at KAMTI effected by B coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn less 12 pl 1312301. Two secs of 10 pl moved on to establish forward post at AUSI 2830334 - established AUSI 1509301. Remainder of force working on def posns KAMTI.

- (c) Ref Op Instr No. 5 - A tp 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at PALAURU relieved by pl D coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. Pl est VO70358.
- (d) 6 Aust Div OO No. 2 received, dealing with relief of TONG.
- (e) 6 Aust Div Adm Order No. 7, covering details supply carrying and stores for forces proceeding to KAMTI, PALAURU, and YAPUNDA, received. Att as appx.
- (f) It was decided that bns would continue training in use of Combined Panel Code as means of ground to air comn.

AITAPE NG
DEC 13

- (a) Maj McBRIDE reported Bde Comd to receive verbal and written instrs of task at TONG.
- (b) Bde IO attended conference at 6 Aust Div with G3 (Air) and ALOs. Matters dealt with - Requests for Air Sp - Indication of Targets - Recce Flights - Tac R - Intercomn.
- (c) Lt Col SMIBERT 2/2 Aust Fd Amb, visited HQ and was briefed as to tactical situation of the Div and 17 Aust Inf Bde in particular.
- (d) A tryout of ground to air comn was made with co-operation of a BEAUFORT supplied by 71 Wing RAAF. Bde HQ was identified by aircraft from panels laid in HQ area. Subsequent R/T test by Sig Sec, using No. 22 set, proved successful.

Bde Comd and BM received invitation to GOC's Mess on Xmas Eve.

AITAPE NG
DEC 14

- (a) Maj McBRIDE reported Bde Comd for further instrs ref task at TONG.
- (b) Lt Col FISHER LHQ (eqpt) and Mr POTTS, General Motors Canada, paid liaison visit to Bde and lectured offrs on MT and eqpt posn within the AMF.
- (c) FM- Bde Comd and Maj McBRIDE carried out recce flight over TONG area in BEAUFORT Bomber from 8 Sqn RAAF.

AITAPE NG
DEC 15

- (a) In the evening of Thurs 14th, Bde Comd, accompanied by BM, proceeded to 6 Aust Div for conference with GOC. Posn at TONG was discussed and GOC asked Bde Comd to go to TONG and have a look at the situation there. Comd departed afternoon 15 Dec accompanied by G2 6 Aust Div, Maj LOGAN, Lt WALCH 17 Aust Inf Bde, and protective det from 11 pl C coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt. The Comd intends to spend the night with 19 Aust Inf Bde and leave morning Sat 16th for 3 days walk to TONG, where contact will be made with Capt COLE of ANGAU. Signal sent to Capt COLE by ANGAU asking him to meet Comd at TONG on Mon 18th. Comd expects to return to this HQ 24 Dec.
- (b) Pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn at PALAURU and B coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn at KAMTI commenced patrolling as per Op Instrs Nos 5 and 4 respectively.

- (c) Op Instr No. 7 to Maj McBRIDE issued today. Task in general - to relieve 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at TONG with 2 rifle coys plus small HQ increment, to be known as PIPER FORCE. See att appx.
- (d) Lt Col JABOOR 2/2 Aust Fd Regt called during morning and given latest tactical situation.
- (e) Bde IO attended conference at 6 Aust Div with Capt MACRAE LO, Capt O'DONNELL ANGAU, Int Offrs 6 Aust Div 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt. The reporting of casualties as it affected ANGAU, was discussed. It was decided that casualties inflicted by natives, as a result of previous action by our own forces, will be credited to us.

AITAPE NG
DEC 16

- (a) PIPER FORCE moved out 161230I en route TONG.
- (b) GOC 6 Aust Div inspected 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area.
- (c) Special RC Mass, C of E Communion, and OPD Services, were held by respective Bde padres for tps proceeding to TONG.
- (d) Gen WING, Comd 43 US Div, invited 2/5 Aust Inf Bn Pipe Band to play in 43 Div area Xmas morning. Invitation accepted.
- (e) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn patrol to MALOL - WOM 2 - PULTALUL, report area clear of enemy and natives friendly.

AITAPE NG
DEC 17

- 2/3 Lt Col GORDON 2/3 Aust MG Bn visited Bde HQ to discuss 2/3 Aust MG Bn posn on MLR.

AITAPE NG
DEC 18

- Instrs for establishment of TONG L of C issued. See att as appx.

AITAPE NG
DEC 19

- (a) SC with tps, stores and eqpt, proceeded to HARECH River to establish Coffee Stall at JEEPHEAD, and supervise departure of party to establish staging post at BASE CAMP.
- (b) BM paid liaison visit to 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and discussed Bn exercise with Lt Col PARBURY. Exercise to be held WEST of ROHM PT.
- (c) Col BISHOP, 6 Aust Div/^{advised} provided Bde Comd approves, Div desirous of withdrawing PALAURU and YAPUNDA patrol bases and leaving skeleton force only at KAMTI, to release native carriers for ops 19 Aust Inf Bde. NO decisions will be made until return of Comd.

AITAPENG
DEC 20

- (a) Carrying party from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ, moved out with supplies for Coffee Stall HARECH River, and BASE CAMP.
- (b) Maj COWAN, 2/3 Aust MG Bn, called to discuss fire plan MLR. Adm and amm supplies for 2 coys u/c this Bde were discussed.
- (c) Lt Col SMIBERT 2/2 Aust Fd Amb visited BM and inspected this area.

AITAPE NG
DEC 21

- (a) 211000I PIPER FORCE assumed comd TONG area.
211200I 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo post at YAMBES relieved by
C coy. Sec A coy relieved standing patrol at MERINGE,
and SONGAIEN OP.

Disposns A coy

7 pl YASILE
8 pl TONG
9 pl YAPOMBIL, sec MERINGE, OP 345146.

Force HQ - TONG

C coy less 15 pl YAMBES
15 pl TONG
Standing patrol LUAING 376091

At the time PIPER FORCE took over comd of the area, the enemy had been driven from the villages SOUTH of TONG, and were with drawing eastward through MUSIMBILIM and concentrating in PEREMBIL and surrounding villages.

- (b) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn commenced tactical exercise in area WEST of AITAPE, object being. -
- (i) To practise bn in Battle Procedure, for an adv and attack.
 - (ii) To practise bn in attack.
 - (iii) To practise bn in quick occupation of def posn.
 - (iv) To practise drill for night attack.

AITAPE NG
DEC 22

- (a) PIPER FORCE Following request made Thurs 21 Dec for additional pl for def and duty at YASUAR MISSION, also extra No. 22 set for maintenance of comns with pl proceeding YAPOMBIL - YAUATONG, Comd approved the sending of Tk A pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and extra No. 22 set. Warning order issued 221600I, NO move before 251400I. Portion of pnr pl NOT u/c PIPER FORCE to move to BASE CAMP and NIALU for constr work and come under Bde for instr and rationing.
- (b) BM and Lt Col SMIBERT proceeded to JEEPHEAD HARECH River to meet comd returning from TONG.
- (c) Order issued for withdrawal of YAPUNDA and PALAURU patrol bases, and cancelling patrols from these pts. KAMTI advised that one pl to return to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 23 Dec and that orders for withdrawal of whole force would be received 23 Dec.
- (d) It was decided that 2 2 in mortars crews will be made available to 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at MAKUIR by 2/6 Aust Inf Bn. Crews will instruct the Sqn in use of mortars then return to the bn leaving mortars with Sqn. Mortars to be replaced 2/6 Aust Inf Bn by Bde.
- (e) Daily Police Boy Courier Service TONG to ANGAU HQ has been arranged by PIPER FORCE.

- (f) Owing to difficulties which carrying parties and tps moving up HARECH River have experienced with sudden risings of water, a patrol from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to recce possibilities of track NYPARAKE, CHAROV, JALUP - CHAKA - MT MAMASUL as L of C to BASE CAMP. Patrol reported route unsuitable.
- (g) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn patrol to MALOL and SISSANO LAGOON, as per Op Instr No. 6, returned and report that area clear of enemy and natives friendly. MALOL possible harbourage for small craft but SISSANO NOT suitable.

AITAPE NG
DEC 23

- (a) At offrs conference Bde Comd gave confidential resume of visit to TONG and proposed ops in that area.
- (b) As an attempt to obviate delays experienced in handling by cipher of signals, and to improve standard of use TRENCODE cipher, BM discussed with COs of the bns, daily attachment sig pers to Bde HQ Sig Office. Sigmn will assist in encoding and despatching signals to own bns.
- (c) Lt Col PARBURY and Lt Col BUTTROSE visited Comd.
- (d) Lt Col SCHOFIELD GSO (1) 1 Aust Corps, formerly Bde IO visited 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
- (e) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn completed exercise which commenced on Thurs 21 Dec.

PIPER FORCE

A coy 7 and 8 pl now at YOURANG, 9 pl YAUATONG, and patrolling SOUTH to NANAHANG and KORP River. Area reported clear of enemy. Standing patrol at MERINGE withdrawn.

C coy patrols from YAMBES report area MUSIMBE, MUSIMBILIM, DREKIKER clear of enemy.

AITAPE NG
DEC 24

PIPER FORCE

- (a) Continuing patrols to right flank - KORP River area. MIHWAK and DUMAN villages reported clear of enemy.
- (b) Instr issued for move of 4 pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to TONG. Att as appx.

- (c) Bde Comd visited GOC and discussed his visit to TONG.
- (d) BM made air recce over TONG area. Contacted Maj McBRIDE, PIPER FORCE by R/T. Plane then flew over and bombed PEREMBIL. It was subsequently found, from native reports, that strike resulted in 29 enemy killed and 17 wounded.
- (e) Instrs issued for finalization and coordination of MLR fire plan.
- (f) Bde Comd, accompanied by BM, visited GOCs Mess for small Xmas party. After party, Comd and Gen WING, Comd 43 US Div with Wing Comd COOPER attended concert at 100 Sqn RAAF.

AITAPE NG
DEC 25

PIPER FORCE

Patrol to MUSINAU to harrass enemy and report on air strike arranged for today, report 20 - 30 JAPS in village and 60 in bush nearby. Air strike reported NOT effective. Enemy party contacted at MIMAU withdrew when attacked.

Xmas Day

As many of the pers of the HQ as possible spent the day in swimming and resting. Special Church Services were held by the bn padres. Unfortunately the expected turkey and poultry did NOT arrive in time, but the cooks made a very creditable effort with the Xmas dinner, using foodstuffs available. Two bottles of beer per man were issued, and a very palatable meal was enjoyed by the men.

The offr on the HQ waited on the men in the traditional style, the sjts also relieving the cookhouse pers of some of the chores.

Comforts Fund Hampers were issued during the morning.

Bde Comd visited the mess and wished the men the seasons greetings.

Seasonal compliments were exchanged with 6 Aust Div, 16 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes.

In the evening, an RAAF concert party with Harry DEARTH ex radio announcer as compare, visited the area. The concert was very bright, and much appreciated by the large audience.

Bde Comd visited bns during the day, and in the evening was guest of Gen WING Comd 43 US Div.

AITAPE NG
DEC 26

PIPER FORCE

(a) A coy less 2 pls YOURANG. 7 pl moved to MUSIMBILIM and 9 pl now NANAHANG. C coy less 15 pl at YAMBES maintaining security patrols.

(b) O600I 4 pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn plus det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb left en route TONG.

(c) Lt Col BUTTROSE, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, reported to Bde Comd to receive instrs for his move to TONG. Lt Col BUTTROSE is expected to take over comd TONG area, 1 Jan 45. Comd agreed that additional tps B coy and Pnr pers be permitted to be sent to TONG.

(d) NX124617 Capt A W BLACKWELL arrived this HQ to take over appointment as BM (L). BM later conducted the new BM (L) on a visit to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn where he was introduced to Bn COs and Adjts.

(e) At 172 US Regt CP this morning, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn at the Comd's direction formed a Ceremonial Guard of Honour of 1 offr and 24 ORs which was inspected by Col BUSH, Comd of the Regt. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn band played the General Salute, while the Guard of Honour presented arms. Col BUSH expressed great pleasure at the compliment paid him.

- (f) 172 US Regt embarked AITAPE during the day. Party of Bde HQ pers moved into area vacated to guard till such time as the HQ will move in.
- (g) A letter was received from Col BUSH expressing his appreciation and pleasure at the association of his Regt with the Bde. Att as appx. Col BUSH and staff lunched at offrs mess before embarkation.
- (h) Div LO advised new type cipher will be tried out within the next few days, object being to replace TRENCODE and attempt to decrease delays through signals.

AITAPE NG
DEC 27

PIPER FORCE

C coy, patrolling in area DREKIKER, MUSINAU, ambushed party of 17 JAPS moving WEST from PEREMBIL to forage in native garden. 15 enemy were killed own cas NIL. This is the first contact made by C coy and report is att as appx. Recce was made of DREKIKER with view to its possibilities as def locality.

(a) Instrs issued for further party of 204 pers 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to move to TONG 28 Dec. Att as appx.

(b) Patrol bases at YAPUNDA, PALAURU and KAMTI were withdrawn as instr on 22 Dec. One sec was left at each post to guard stores. Main parties were back in bn areas by 27 Dec.

Following on this withdrawal, routine patrols from WAPII to KAMTI, PALAURU and AFUA areas were laid down for 2/6 Aust Inf Bn. See att as appx.

(c) Bde Comd went on air strike by 2 Sqn on MUSINAU. Bombs reported on target.

(d) EM SC and Sig O carried out recce and sited new Bde HQ in area vacated by 172 US Regt CP.

(e) Maj COWAN, 2 IC 2/3 Aust MG Bn called to discuss finalization MG fire plan on MLR and later saw Bde Comd. Lt Col WOOD also visited Comd during the afternoon.

(f) Lt Col BUTTROSE 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and Capt BLACKSTONE BASCO 17 Aust Inf Bde left for TONG.

AITAPE NG
DEC 28

PIPER FORCE

A coy moved to DREKIKER est at V366065. C coy 13 and 15 pl now at YAMBES. Standing patrol guarding left flank approaches to YAMBES, relieved by 14 pl. FORCE HQ YASUAR.

(a) Bde Comd, Col PARBURY, BM, BM (L) and IO 2/7 Aust Inf Bn inspected centre sector MLR. Respective Coy Comds were present to conduct Comd over their coy localities. Comd requested certain alterations be made in disposns of right rear coy.

(b) GI 6 Aust Div requested that 5 pl 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn be made available to CRE to assist in building road forward of BABIANG. Comd concurred. 5 pl 2/6 Aust Inf Bn depart 290630I, 5 pl 2/7 Aust Inf Bn depart 3006030I.

- (c) 1200I - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn HQ, B coy, 2 pl and 2 dets 3 pl moved out for YAKAMUL en route TONG.
- (d) At Comds invitation, Capt COLE and Capt O'DONNELL, ANGAU, came for lunch.
- (e) A tie up with native courier from TONG was made, Courier will report to ANGAU master YAKAMUL MISSION, where despatches will be collected daily by 6 Aust Div DRIS.
- (f) Collection of outstanding accounts from pers of Bde HQ for 17 Aust Inf Bde Magazine is now well under way. 500 copies of the Magazine were despatched ex SYDNEY 1 Dec 44.
- (g) B and D coys 2/3 Aust MG Bn who came under operational comd 17 Aust Inf Bde on their arrival in the area 10 Dec, from today will be administered by Bde in matters of supply and services.
- (h) DAD (H) 6 Aust Div and Maj NOLAN 2/14 Aust Fd Coy called to see Comd ref swamp drainage by cutting main road in front of new Bde HQ site.

Bde Comd inspected preparatory work at new site.

AITAPE NG
DEC 29

PIPER FORCE

(a) Fighting patrol to MUSINAU, MIMAU, contacted party of 7 JAPS and 1 native guide at MIMAU. 3 JAPS and guide killed. MUSINAU V378064 occupied following air strike AM 29 Dec.

4 pl arrived TONG area now with FORCE HQ.

(b) Bde Comd, Lt Col WOOD 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, BM and Capt BONIM inspected western sector MLR. Comd expressed satisfaction with coy localities, but desired that from right flank of bn area to RIAHU River a pl locality be sited to cover area.

(c) Comd called HQ 6 Aust Div to see GOC and AA & QMG. Met Brig KING at Div and showed him suitable area for 16 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) Col PARBURY - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn flew over TONG and PEREMBIL on bombing mission by 8 Sqn. Later called to see Comd.

(e) IO escorted BM (L) Capt BLACKWELL to 6 Aust Div and introduced him to Staff Offrs.

(f) Col BUTTROSE arrived TONG.

(g) This evening, under arrangements made by Lt WHITLEY, Bde Educ O, Lt Eric PETERSON of ANGAU, a prewar miner in the SEPIK River area, delivered an address to pers of the Bde, in the Bde theatre area.

Lt PETERSON who had been in WEWAK area when the JAPS landed in NG, recounted his experiences during their occupation, and during his seven months trek overland to PORT MORESBY.

Various members of the audience showed interest in matters such as the topography of inland areas, native customs and the natives attitude towards Australians, gold mining, and the relationship and effect on natives of missionaries.

Lt PETERSON answered all questions in an interesting and entertaining manner.

AITAPE NG
DEC 30 PIPER FORCE

(a) Following on contact made with enemy at MIMAU yesterday, fighting patrols were sent to clear the village, but found the area vacated.

Fighting patrol to NEW SAHIK ambushed 6 JAPS in the vicinity killing 5. Own cas NIL. Village burnt down by patrol.

(b) BM (L) went out on bombing and strafing mission over PEREMBIL village. Results were reported to be accurate.

(c) Lt Col MURPHY AA & QMG 6 Aust Div and Capt SANGSTER DAQMG (L) called for morning tea.

(d) Lt Col SMIBERT called to see Bde Comd.

AITAPE NG
DEC 31 PIPER FORCE

Patrol to AISILING reported 37 enemy in village, and that air strike today on PEREMBIL effective. Patrol to NIGARA, SOUTH of enemy held villages PEREMBIL - MUSU reported village clear of enemy. SONGAIEN OP, overlooking northerly approaches to TONG withdrawn 310700I.

(b) BM visited ANGAU HQ to arrange with Capt O'DONNELL the withdrawal of sec 2/5 Aust Inf Bn who are guarding rations accumulated as reserve at YAPUNDA.

Capt O'DONNELL despatched Police Boy with message to NCO IC section. WO II LEGA, ANGAU representative will arrange to carry back cooking gear and certain necessary stores by using local labour. Unbalanced rations reserve will be distributed to natives through ANGAU.

(c) Comd accompanied by BM visited ANGAU No. 2 compound to witness native sing sing. Comd was guest of Capt O'DONNELL for afternoon tea. In evening Comd accepted invitation from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to attend a concert and midnight supper to welcome in the NEW YEAR.

(d) Warning order issued to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 311810I. D coy placed on 24 hrs notice for mov as from 311800I. Remainder of 3" mortar pl placed on 12 hrs notice for move as from 311800I.

Instrs for movement 3" mortar pl issued later in the day

M J Moten
Brig
(M J MOTEN)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) **17 aust inf bde**

Originator

Date—Time of Origin **311810Z**

Office Date Stamp

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TO **rear 2/5 aust inf bn**

For Action

Message Instructions **GR**

(u) For Information (INFO.)

EM IO

ORIGINATOR'S No. **0552 RESTRICTED (.) warning order (.) D coy is placed on twenty four hours notice for mov as from 311800I (.) remain 3 in mortar pl are placed on 12 hours notice for mov as from 311800I (.) following stores will be packed for air dropping six 3 in mortars complete less amm four MGCs complete less amm (.) advise by 312100I weight of non droppable associated stores eg rangefinders ask**

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed **W.P. Budge bapt**

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

immediately by radio

Time	System	Op.
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Subject: RESPONSIBILITY L OF C
WAPIL - YACAMUL - TONG

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

30 Dec 44

G667

Lt-col A W BUTTROSE
2/5 Aust Inf Bn

1. It is the desire of the Bde Comd to relieve you of the responsibility for the L of C in rear of your Bn HQ.
2. The present posn is this HQ is responsible for sup, maint and manning of the L of C up to and incl NIAIU. As your HQ moves fwd, the responsibility for the manning, sup and maint of the L of C will be assumed by this HQ. However, to implement this policy, it may be necessary from time to time to ask you for personnel to man staging posts along the L of C. For example, should you move your HQ to MUSU, then TONG and YAMBES would become a Bde responsibility with a small det of the Tk A Pl supplied by you at TONG and at YAMBES. These personnel would be detached to this HQ for that purpose.
3. It is felt that this policy will relieve you of any unnecessary adm problems and so allow you to devote your time to the operation in hand.

K C Clarke Maj

(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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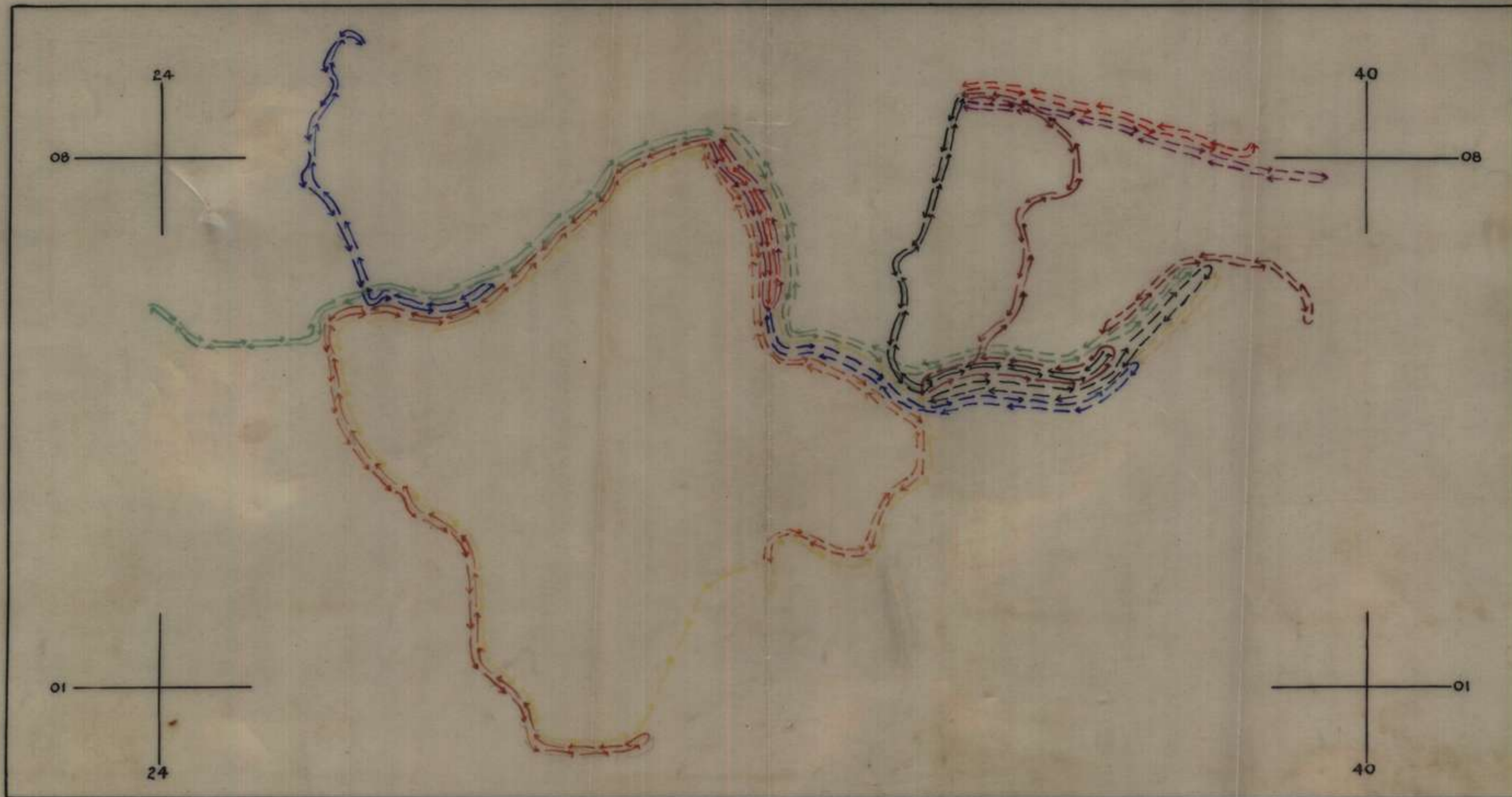
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— OVERLAY — TONG AREA —

PATROL ROUTES by PIPER FORCE 23 - 30 Dec 44

LEGEND	
R1	→ → →
R2	→ → →
R3	→ → →
R4	→ → →
R6	→ → →
R7	→ → →
R8	→ → →
R10	→ → →
R11	- - - →
R12	- - - →
R13	- - - →
R14	- - - →



REF MAPS
 NANU EAST
 NANU WEST
 1:63,360

LEGEND	
F1	- - - →
F2	- - - →
F3	- - - →
F4	- - - →

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

BRIG M J MOTEN

COMD 17 AUST INF BDE

Serial 37

30 DEC 44

"G"

NIL

K C Clarke Maj
(K C CLARKE)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

"A"

135. CLOTHING - SCALE OF ISSUE

Attention is drawn to First Aust Army Order Q302 dated 9 Sep.

All unit monthly bulk indents for clothing submitted to Bde Ord Offs and Div BOWO will, in addition to certificate vide GRO 369/44 be endorsed as follows:-

"I certify above qualities are based on issue of clothing vide First Aust Army Order Q302"

Such certificates to be signed by CO of unit.

136. OUT OF BOUNDS

The Base Farm Coy area, vicinity ref map AITAPE EAST SPECIAL 1 in, 972478, is out of bounds to all ranks.

137. CAN AND BRUSH DUMPS

Units will ensure that explosives of any nature are not dumped at either the Can or Brush Dump.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

SATURDAY - 30 DEC 44

R G

- 1430-1530 hrs - Confessions - Padre O'Keefe's Tent
2/7 Aust Inf Bn Lines.
1600-1700 hrs - Confessions - Chaplains Tent - 2/6 Aust
Inf Bn Lines(Padre O'Keefe)

SUNDAY - 31 DEC 44

R G

- 0745 hrs -- Mass -- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Recreation Hut
0845 hrs -- Mass -- 2/5 2/7 Aust Inf Bns, HQ 17 Aust
Inf Bde, 2/2 Aust Fd Amb --
Recreation Hut HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

O D

For 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

- 0745 hrs - Parade Service, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area -
Padre Richardson.
0830 hrs - Holy Communion (C of E) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Recreation Hut - Padre Richardson.

For Bde HQ, 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Inf Bns, 2/2
Aust Fd Amb, 2/46 Aust LAD

- 0830 hrs - Parade Service 2/7 Aust Inf Bn area -
Padre Wallace.
0915 hrs -- Holy Communion, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn Recreation
Hut - Padre Wallace.
0930 hrs - Holy Communion (C of E) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Recreation Hut. - Padre Richardson.

The following are extracts of the letter of Christmas Greetings sent by Major-General WING Commanding General 43 US Div to his troops. It is desired that the General's Goodwill message be conveyed to all ranks:

"It is but natural at this Season that our thoughts return more frequently, if such be possible, to home and loved ones so far across the sea. Their thoughts --their prayers-- are likewise with and for us."

"We would not be human, if today, we did not all wish that such was unnecessary -- and that our country, together with our Allies had not been compelled to engage in the greatest, most gigantic struggle known to all history."

"To each member of this command I extend the Greetings of Yuletide and join with you in the prayer for an early victory and everlasting peace."

(Sgd) Lennard F Wing
Major General US Army

ANNOUNCEMENTS 31 DEC 44

1. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Concert Party - 17 Aust Inf Bde Cinema area 2030 - 2400 hrs.
2. A native sing-sing will be held ANGAU No 2 COMPOUND ALTAPPE on Sunday 31 Dec commencing 1300 hrs. Personnel wishing to attend may do so.

COMFORTS FUND DISTRIBUTION

Comforts distributed to personnel of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde and attached on 25 Dec 44 was -

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	104	parcels
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig		
Sec	60	"
11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	39	"
2/46 Aust LID	31	"

Subject: AMBUSH - NANUNUN AREA

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

3 Jan 45

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6 Aust Div

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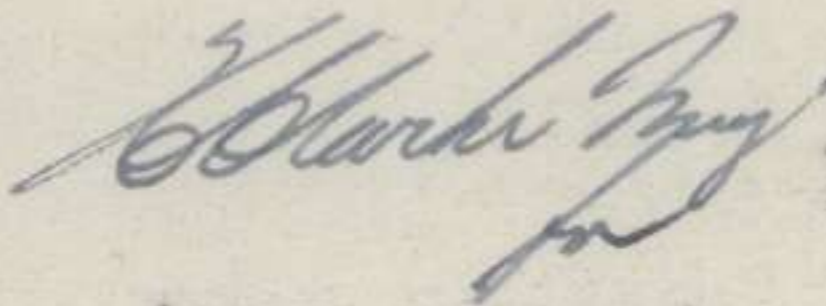
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1. The action of a recent successful ambush party in the NANUNUN is set out in outline below.
2. The patrol, str 1 offr and 4 OR, left LUAING at 0900I 27 Dec 44 for NANUNUN.
3. The object of the patrol was -
 - (a) to observe enemy mov at PEREMBIL
 - (b) to confirm native reports of enemy foraging parties in the area.
4. The patrol observed 4 Jap sentries on NORTH side of PEREMBIL V391079. Another Jap was seen apparently observing NANUNUN through binoculars. At the same time native scouts working with the patrol confirmed the existence of a foraging party in the vicinity.
5. Patrol comd acted immediately on this report and an ambush was set in a favourable posn astride the track. At 1100I a party of approx 22 Japs approached the ambush from the EAST. They were fired on by automatic weapons and rifles. This fire was followed by 14 grenades, 10 enemy were killed and native sentries reported later than an additional 5 had been killed.
6. Track on which the ambush was set is a good dry pad following along a razor back. The razor back is partly covered with thin bush and with thick jungle on the slopes each side of the track.
7. Infm received from the native police boys and native sentries was most accurate and reliable. When in the ambush posn with the patrol the natives displayed very good fire discipline.

8. The following pts in relation to the enemy party were noted by the patrol:
- (a) Party was moving with one scout fwd and three in the rear. The main body was badly bunched.
 - (b) 10 enemy were killed by the patrol's first burst of fire. The remainder of the party scattered in to the bush and commenced to fire in the gen direction of the ambush posn. They appeared to have little or no idea of the ambush party's posn.
 - (c) Enemy fire consisted of estimated 4 rifles. 2 grenades were thrown.
 - (d) Enemy party appeared to be a foraging expedition and gave no indication of being an offensive patrol.
9. Sketch showing ambush posn is att.

 Brig
(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

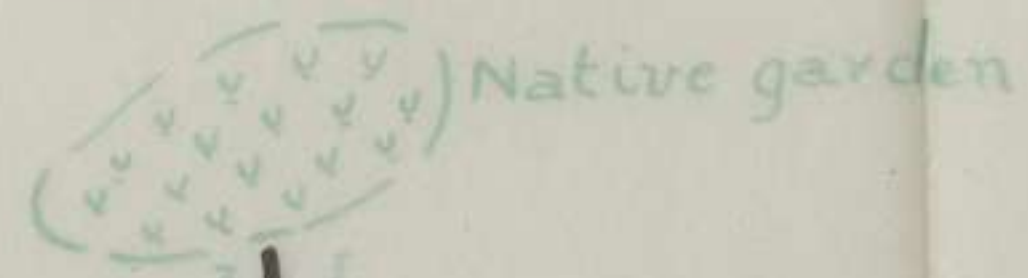
— SKETCH of AMBUSH POSN —

To LAUING



NANUNUN
V384083

Route taken by own Patrol.



AMBUSH POSN
V388082

Enemy enroute to native garden

PEREMBIL
V391079

To ASILING

M.N.



— APPROX SCALE —

1 INCH TO 100 YARDS

Drawn by Int sec 17 Aust Inf Bde.
From rough sketch by Patrol Comd.

Subject: MOV - 2/5 AUST INF BN DETAILS - TONG

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

27 Dec 44

G633

2/5 Aust Inf Bn (2)
PIPER FORCE (2)
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War Diary (2)

1. The following personnel will proceed to TONG and on arrival come under comd PIPER FORCE:

Bn HQ	20	personnel
det No 1 (Sig) P1	8	"
No 2 (MMG) P1	35	"
two dets No 3 (Mortar) P1	12	"
det No 5 (Pnr) P1	18	"
det No 6 (Adm) P1	10	"
3 Coy 101	Total	204

MOV

2. The move will be carried out in four stages.

Stage 1 - 28 Dec 44

- (a) Move by MT from AITAPE to YACAMUL in two lifts:
(i) 0800I
(ii) 1400I
- (b) Stage night 28/29 Dec at old 2/11 Aust Inf Bn camp YACAMUL.
- (c) Tpt for mov to YACAMUL will be provided under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

Stage 2 - 29 Dec 44

- (a) Move on foot from YACAMUL to BASE CAMP
(b) Stage night 29/30 Dec BASE CAMP

Stage 3 - 30 Dec 44

- (a) Move on foot from BASE CAMP to NIALU
(b) Stage night 30/31 Dec at NIALU

Stage 4 - 31 Dec 44

- (a) Move on foot from NIALU to TONG
(b) Stage under arrangements PIPER FORCE

ADM

3. Sups

- (a) YACAMUL: 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will arrange for rationing at YACAMUL for midday and evening meal 28 Dec and breakfast meal 29 Dec. (Bn to send cooks and kitchen gear and rations to YACAMUL for this purpose.)
- (b) BASE CAMP: Evening meal 29 Dec and breakfast 30 Dec will be supplied by BASE CAMP Staging Camp.

- (c) NIALU: Evening meal 30 Dec and breakfast 31 Dec will be supplied by NIALU Staging Camp.
- (d) TONG: Under arrangements PIPER FORCE
- (e) ON THE MAN: 2 days rations will be carried on the man for use as follows:
 - (i) Midday meal 29 Dec
 - (ii) " " 30 Dec
 - (iii) " " 31 Dec
 - (iv) 1 days res
- (f) Additional rations will NOT be demanded from Staging Camps unless in case of urgent necessity.

4. Amn

Normal carried on the man or with weapon amn to be carried on the man except 2 in mortars.

5. Native' labour

NO native carriers are available for this move.

6. Stores and eqpt

- (a) (i) Following stores and eqpt will be delivered by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to 2/160 Aust Air Maint Pl 27/28 Dec for dropping as indicated below:

Acen (kitchen) stores	- 150 lbs	YAMBES
Bn HQ eqpt	- 80 lbs	YAMBES
Pnr Pl eqpt	- 200 lbs	TONG
YICA and Padre's stores	- 350 lbs	TONG
Med stores (HQ Coy)	- 30 lbs	TONG

- (ii) It is anticipated that above stores will be dropped by 31 Dec 44.

- (b) (i) Following stores will be delivered by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to 2/160 Aust Air Maint Pl on 28/29 Dec for dropping as indicated: These stores will be dropped at YAMBES by 3 Jan 45:-

MMG Pl stores incl amn (.303 stripless belt 12,000 rounds) - 1500 lbs

Det Mortar Pl - two 3 in mortars with stores and amn (264 bombs) - 2200 lbs

2 in mortar HE	146 bombs)	
2 in mortar smoke	36 ")	360 lbs
2 in mortar sig	9 ")	

K C Clarke Maj

(K C Clarke)
EM 17 Aust Inf Bdc

Subject: ROUTINE PATROLS

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

27 Dec 44

Ref No: G634

2/6 AUST INF BN

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2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
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The following routine patrols will be carried out:

(a) WAPIL - KAMTI - PALAURU - WAPIL

(b) WAPIL - PALAURU - AFUA - WAPIL

2. Object of patrols will be to report on any enemy mov.
3. Patrols will be carried out once weekly from 1 Jan 45.
4. Str of patrols will be NOT less than one sec, NOT more than one pl.
5. Infn ref routes will be obtained by direct liaison with 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
6. Patrols will be delivered to and collected from jeep-heads under unit arrangements. There is a jeephead in AFUA area.
7. Rations may be drawn at PALAURU by arrangements with 2/5 Aust Inf Bn until notified otherwise.
8. Ack.

K G Clarke Maj
(K G CLARKE)
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

I 22/9

SECRET

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27 Dec 44

17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 8

Lt-col A W BUTTROSE,
2/5 Aust Inf Bn

1. You will move to TONG on 27 Dec 44 to take over comd of the tps in that area at present comprising PIPER FORCE.
2. You will arrange mutually with Maj I H McBRIDE when the actual responsibility for comd will pass to you. This should be not before 1 Jan 45 and you will confirm the arrangements by sig to this HQ.
3. On your assuming comd, PIPER FORCE will cease to exist as such and will be designated 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. The codeword "PIPER" for RT will still be used.
4. You will continue to implement the instrs contained in 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 7 and my letter G571 to Maj McBRIDE dated 15 Dec 44, a copy of which has been forwarded to you.
5. Ack by sig.

Signed at: *175*

Issued by:

M J Moten

Brig

(M J Moten)

Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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HEADQUARTERS, 172nd INFANTRY
APO 43, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

25 December 1944

BRIGADIER MURRAY JOHN MOTEN
Headquarters, 17th Australian Infantry Brigade

Sir,

Now that the time has come for the departure from this station of the 172nd Infantry Regiment, I wish to thank you and the members of your command for the many services you have rendered us. Believe me sir, the association has been most pleasant and it is my hope that it may be resumed again in the near future. You have my assurance that if I or the members of this regiment can, at some time in some way, be of assistance, we should consider it a privilege to be so.

The members of the 172nd Infantry Regiment join me again in wishing you and the members of the 17th Australian Infantry Brigade a pleasant and victorious New Year.
Good bye and good luck.

GEORGE E. BUSH
Colonel, 172nd Infantry
Commanding

MESSAGE FORM

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bde CGMS

TO

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Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q547

RESTRICTED (.) turkey and ham available 29 dec 44 (.)

units 17 aust inf bde collect from CIP AITAPE 291015I (.) tpt reports

to units 290930I to collect reps

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TO

2/46 aust LAD

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

B and D coys 2/3 aust MG bn BM

ORIGINATOR'S No.

**519 RESTRICTED (.) as from 28 dec 44 until further advice
you will service B and D coys 2/3 aust MG bn for ALL ARMS requirements**

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by any means { except }

Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Signed

R. D. Edge bay

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Subject: MOVE OF TK A PL TO TONG

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

24 Dec 44

G616

2/5 Aust Inf Bn
PIPER FORCE
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GEN

1. 4 Pl will move to TONG for emp at and def of YASUAR MISSION.
2. On arrival they will come under comd PIPER FORCE.


ADM

3. Adm arrangements for mov of 4 Pl, from 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to TONG area, are:
 - (a) Personnel to carry marching order and ~~to~~days rations.
 - (b) Meals will be available as follows:

26 Dec	Evening meal	-	BASE CAMP	Staging Post	
27 Dec	Breakfast	-	"	"	"
27 Dec	Evening meal	-	NIALU	"	"
28 Dec	Breakfast	-	NIALU	"	"
28 Dec	Evening meal	-	TONG		
 - (c) ^{other} All ~~the~~ meals required en route will be consumed from rations carried on the man.
 - (d) Det 5 Pl and Staging Camp staff NIALU will move with 4 Pl. Instrs for mov of these parties have been issued separately.
 - (e) Tpt will be provided as follows:

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	5 trucks	3/4 ton	4x4	(two with trailers)
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	3	"	"	"
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	3	"	"	"

Vehs will report to HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn at 260530I.

 Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: RECCE PATROL

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

21 Dec 44

18/8

2/6 Aust Inf Bn (2)

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6 Aust Div

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1. You will send a patrol of 1 offr and 5 OR to recce route from NYAPARAKE (V311378) along DRINDARIA RIVER via CHAROV (V305338) and JALUP (V310324) along track from V305315 to BASE CAMP (V280265, to return via HARECH RIVER to YAKAMUL.
2. Time out: 22 Dec 44
3. Object of patrol
 - (a) Is route suitable for use as L of C to TONG via BASE CAMP?
 - (b) How far can jeeps proceed along this route?
 - (c) What work is required to make route jeepable -
 - (i) from NYAPARAKE to V305315?
 - (ii) from NYAPARAKE to BASE CAMP?
 - (d) What work is required to make route first class for mov of tps?
 - (e) Is route from NYAPARAKE more suitable than route via HARECH RIVER?
 - (f) What are estimated times for mov of body of tps?
 - (g) Is there a better staging posn than BASE CAMP along route?
4. Personnel will carry two days rations.
5. Personnel will take two atebria tablets per day whilst on patrol.
6.
 - (a) Two trucks 1/4 ton 4x4 provided under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will report to HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn at 220600I.
 - (b) Tpt to return to 17 Aust Inf Bde area 22 Dec 44.
 - (c) Two trucks 1/4 ton 4x4 provided under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will report to jeephead HARECH RIVER at 240300I to return party to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

KC Clarke Maj
(KC Clarke)

17 AUST INF BDE MT DRIVERS SCHOOL:

GEN

1. The above school will be conducted by Bde TO for PERMANENT UNIT MT DRIVERS.

OBJECT

2. To practice drivers in -
 - (a) river crossings
 - (b) driving in rough and difficult country

DURATION

3. 27 - 30 Dec 44, from 1300I to 1600I daily.

VACANCIES

4. 4 vacancies per bn.

REPORTING

5. Students selected to attend will report to Bde TO at 1245I daily.
6. Each bn will make available two trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 4x4 each day for the duration of the school.

NOMINAL ROLLS

7. Nominal roll of students selected to attend will reach this HQ by 261600I.

K C Clarke
Maj
(K C CLARKE)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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BRIG M J MOTEN

COMD 17 AUST INF BDE

Serial 36

20 Dec 44

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NIL

K C Clarke Maj
(K C Clarke)
EM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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132. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.
2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.
3. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feeling of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

(To be published in unit routine orders)

133. NATIVE CARRIERS

Allotment of all carriers will be made by this HQ and under NO circumstances will units approach ANGAU direct for native carriers for any purpose.

134. LOSS OF STORES - MOVEMENT FROM AUSTRALIA

1. Attached as Appx "A" is list of stores lost in transit between mainland and NEW GUINEA during recent movement.
2. Units will hold a physical check to ascertain whether any stores as listed are held and will advise this HQ of result by 0900 hrs 24 Dec 44. NIL returns required.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P Bolger)

CHURCH SERVICES

SATURDAY - 23 DEC 44

R C

1400-1500 hrs - Confessions - Chapel 172 US Inf Regt
1530-1630 " - Confessions - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

SUNDAY - 24 DEC 44

R C

0745 hrs - Mass - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
0845 " - Mass - Chapel 172 US Inf Regt
2400 " - Solemn High Mass with native choir - Chapel 172 US Inf Regt

O D

0815 hrs - Parade service for Bde HQ, 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Inf Bns,
2/2 Aust Fd Amb, 2/46 Aust LAD, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn area -
Padre RICHARDSON
0845 hrs - Holy Communion (C of E) for Bde HQ, 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Inf
Bns, 2/2 Aust Fd Amb, 2/46 Aust LAD, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
recreation marquee - Padre RICHARDSON

For 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

0645 hrs - Holy Communion (C of E) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn recreation marquee
Padre RICHARDSON
0745 hrs - Parade service, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area - Padre WALLACE
0830 hrs - Holy Communion, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Chaplain's Tent - Padre
WALLACE

CHRISTMAS DAY - 25 DEC 44

R C

0700 hrs - Mass - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
0800 hrs - Mass - Chapel 172 US Inf Regt

O D

For Bde HQ, 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Inf Bns, 2/2 Aust Fd Amb
2/46 Aust LAD

0830 hrs - Parade Service, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn area - Padre WALLACE
0830 hrs - Holy Communion (C of E) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn recreation marquee
Padre RICHARDSON
0915 hrs - Holy Communion, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn recreation marquee -
Padre WALLACE

For 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

0700 hrs - Parade service, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area - Padre RICHARDSON
0745 hrs - Holy Communion (C of E), 2/6 Aust Inf Bn recreation
marquee - Padre RICHARDSON

LIST OF STORES LOST OR DAMAGED IN TRANSIT
BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA NOV/DEC 44

Serial	Ship	War Office Serial Number	War Office Markings	Other Markings	Type of Container	Contents	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1. <u>HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde - Lost in Transit</u>							
	Duntroon	61054	Grey-Green-Grey	56	Wood Box	Gen Stores	
	"	"	"	M6	Hessian Bundle	2 Stretchers	
	"	"	"	Red Cross			
	"	"	"	M4	Wood Box	Med Comforts	
	"	"	"	Red Cross			
	"	"	"	R6 46 96	Wooden Crate	Rations	
	"	"	"	19 47 97			
	"	"	"	21 56 98			
	"	"	"	22 57 99			
	"	"	"	23 71 100			
	"	"	"	27 78 101			
	"	"	"	29 75 102			
	"	"	"	31 89 104			
	"	"	"	34 90			
	"	"	"	37 93			
	"	"	"	38 95			
	"	"	"	Q121	Bright Green Box	Offrs Mess Gear	
	"	"	"	A & L	Security Box	Legal Office Eqpt	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1. (Contd)							
Duntroon	61054	Grey Green Grey	VX5108 H S Moodie		Security Box	Ord Offr's Eqpt	
"	"	"			Normal Container	Ammunition	
2. 17 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC -- Lost in Transit							
Duntroon	49119	Red White Red	F4 "A"Category		Security Box	Security Documents & 2 watches GS	Lock broken from box - 2 watches and 2 doz pencils missing.
"	"	"	E68 "A"		Wooden Crate	Batteries Secy 6V 75 AH, 2(two)	
"	"	"	E19 "A"		Wooden Case	Boxes MKii 6V 75AH	
"	"	"	E27 "A"		" "	" " "	
"	"	"	Ammo 5 "A"		Normal Container	1 Box 9mm 3,000 rds	
"	"	"	M11 "A"		Wooden Case	Sheets W/P 12'x12' (one) Sheets Grd Mk vii (six)	
"	"	"	M26 "A"		Normal Container	Boxes Mag Bren MKI (one) Mags Bren No 1 MKI(eight)	
"	"	"	M15 "A"		Normal Container	Sig Electricians Case Tools (one) Filled	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
2. (Contd)							
- <u>Damaged in Transit</u>							
Duntroon	49119	Red White Red	WA 4 "A"	Wooden Case	Wireless Set No 22 (Aust) Yellow Band	Broken Aerial selector switch	
"	"	"	W11 "A"	" "	WT set 208 (five)	Broken aerial terminal and three valves broken (1 set)	
"	"	"	Sig pannier S3	" "	5 tele sets and 1 swbd 6 line U/G Hand set tele No 2	2 broken collars on gen shafts. Broken in half: mic cover, plug 4 pin.	
3. <u>11 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt - Lost in Transit</u>							
Duntroon	61054	Grey Green Grey	2 white dots	1 Crate	Axes felling 2, Mauls hand 4, Helves 4, Wedges Sawyers 3, Lamps hurricane 4, Buckets 3, Dishes Washing 4, Lamps Elec 3.		
<u>Damaged in Transit</u>							
Duntroon	61054	Grey Green Grey	2 white dots	1 steel box	Binnoculars 1 pr No 02693 Watch GS 1. No 1624 Razor Blades 4 doz	Lock on box broken and items listed under (g) missing.	
4. <u>2/5 Aust Inf Bn - Lost in Transit</u>							
Duntroon	61055	Grey Grey Grey	YMCA23	Wooden Case	Primus stove, $\frac{1}{2}$ gross pencils, 1 tin biscuits		
"	"	"	YMCA24	" "	Beef Extract		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
4. (Contd)							
Duntroon	61055	Grey	Z8	Z44	Z86	Wooden Crates	Canteen Stores
		Grey	Z10	Z46	Z99		
		Grey	Z14	Z49	Z107		
			Z23	Z56	Z108		
			Z24	Z60	Z109		
			Z29	Z64			
			Z31	Z66			
Bontikoe	"	"	Q203		Wooden Case		Water sterilizing outfits for Trucks Water
"	"	"	Q267		" "		Sox Wollen 10 doz
"	"	"	-		Normal Container		Carts Hand Jungle 1
Mexico	"	"	-		" "		Cookers Portable Burner Unit No.1 Aust
Duntroon	"	"	Q891		Wooden Case		Batteries 6V 2
"	"	"	Q873	Q881	" ")	Electric Lighting Plant
			Q874	Q885	" "		
			Q877		" "		
"	"	"	Sgt Mess	3	" "		Cutlery & Crockery
"	"	"	S15		" "		Covers Water Proof 1 Climbers Pole prs 1
"	"	"	S33		Hession Bale		Poles Flag 34 Antennae Rods 2 sets
"	"	"			Wired		Cable D 3 3 miles
"	"	"	T160	T187	Wooden Case)	YMCA Stores
			T131	T242			
			YMCA 14	YMCA 18			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
4. (Contd)							
	Bontikoe	61055	Grey Grey Grey		10 cases	10000 rds .303in Ball SA	
	"	"	"		2 cases	1000 rds Stripless Belt .303in Ball	
	"	"	"		5 cases	10000 rds Ball 9mm SAA	
	"	"	"		2 cases	Bombs ML 2in Mortar	
	"	"	"		5 cases	Grenades Hand 36M	
	"	"	"		1 case	Shells QF 2 pdr Tk A	
	"	"	"		4 cases	Cart 380in Revolver	
	"	"	"	D3	Wooden Case	Base Ball Eqpt	
<u>Damaged in Transit</u>							
	Bontikoe	61055	Grey Grey Grey	Q480	" "	Saws Hand 26-in 1 Pliers sidecutting and combination 7-in 8 prs Hammers Carpenters Claw 1-lb 8 ozs 1	Missing articles from case listed under (g)
	"	"	"	Q586	" "	Sprayers Hand small 10	"
	"	"	"	M1	" "	Mortars	1 Periscopes Pocket No 1 missing from chest.
	"	"	"	M2	" "	Mortars	"
	"	"	"	Q568	" "	Sprayers hand small 10	Repairable by LAD

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
5. <u>2/6 Aust Inf Bn - Lost in Transit</u>							
	Bontikoe	61056	Grey Buff Grey	B51	Wooden Case		144 Batteries Dry Lamps Electric
	"	"	"	B73	" "		12 Saws Hand, 20 Wire Cutters 1 Rod Bren, 1 Gal Linseed Oil, 1 tin Oil M80.
	"	"	"	B88	" "		12 Axe Handles
	"	"	"	B90	" Grate		Lamp Glasses
	"	"	"	B121	" Case		7 Vickers Belt Boxes
	"	"	"	B122	" "		150 Shell Dressings
	"	"	"	B156	" "		10 Brooms Bass
	"	"	"	B110	" Crate		20 Face Dishes
	"	"	"	B146	Bundle		2 Tables Folding F.S.
	"	"	"	B69	Wooden Crate		20 Water Containers
	"	"	"	B155	" Case		1 Case Traywood
	"	"	"	B134 B138	B138 "))	Shirts JG, Trousers JG, Socks.
	"	"	"	BHQ	" "		25 Bren Mags, 2 Boxes Bren Mags 1 Wallets Spare Parts, 1 Holdall Bren, 1 Bren Barrell Spare.
	"	"	"	(A)	Red Cross Tin		Flannalette Bandages
	"	"	"	S74	Loose		3 Reels 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles Assault Cable
	"	"	"	S28	Wooden Case		10 Batteries
	"	"	"	Y1	Broken Case		Bren Mags - JG Shirts

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
5. (Contd)							
Bontikoe	61056	Grey Buff Grey	Y8	Wooden Case	23 Pick Heads	Boots	
"	"	"	W	Hession Bag	3 Axes Hand,	24 Shovels entrench,	28 Machetes
"	"	"	V	" "	5 Axes Pick,	2 Shovels entrench,	7 Machetes
"	"	"	X	" "	6 Pick Helves,	10 shovels entrench,	24 Machetes
"	"	"	Z	Normal Container	1 Box Mag Bren		
Thomas Corwin	"	"	B7	Wooden Case	4 Storm Proof Alladin	3 Tillys,	1 Handi, 3 Lamps Pressure,
"	"	"	B152	7 cases	Mosquito Nets		
"	"	"	BHQ	Wooden Case	1 Primus - Lamp Pressure		
<u>Damaged in Transit</u>							
Thomas Corwin	61056	Grey Buff Grey	CS2	Pannier	36 Watches GS		Lock broken off pannier missing stores listed under (g)
Bontikoe	"	"	Z1 to Z6	Normal Containers	6 Hammers Claw, 3 squares, 3 Saws Hand, 4 Carpent. Levels 5 Tinnon Saws, 2 Dividers, 1 Planes 10", 1 Saw Sets, 8 Chisels, 15 Bits Wood, 2 Braces, 3 Carpent. Rules, 1 Plane 14", 3 Oil Stones, 6 Axes Hand, 4 Pliers, 6 Files.		Locks broken off boxes, missing stores listed under (g)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
6.	<u>2/7 Aust. Inf Bn - Lost in Transit</u>						
	Mexico 61057	Grey Red Grey	HQ-Q13	Wooden Case		Sheets W/Proof 12x12 1, Ropes toggle 50, Ladies Cooks 3, Spoons gravy 2, Knives cooks 3.	
	"	"	A25	Wired		Tables 2	(Crated)
	"	"	B3	Sig Pannier		Telescopes Signalling 3	
	"	"	A85	Wooden Crate		Reels Cable (empty) 8	
	"	"	HQ-Q3 - 3	" Case		Clinometer Mortar Mk IV 1.	Missing
	"	"	HQ 3 - 4	" "		Cans Oil 1	"
	"	"	HQ3 - 6	" "		Axes Hand 6	"
	"	"	HQ3-18	Hession Bundle		Shovels GS 7	
	"	"	HQ4 - 18	" "		Shovels GS 8	
	"	"	-	" "		Handspike 1	
	"	"	HQ 5 - 3 HQ 5 - 5)	Chests Wooden		Kits Tool Carpenters 2 (Complete)	
	"	"	HQ5 - 12	Wooden Case		Vice 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 1, Vice 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 1, Cordage 100 fms	
	"	"	HQ5 - 15	" "		Emery Wheel (complete) 1	
	"	"	BHQ 76	" "		Ropes toggle 58	
	"	"	DA4	" Crate		Mags Bren 9, Axes hand 6, Wedges steel 3, Pegs ARS 8.	
	"	"	DA 13	Hession Bag		Shovels entrenching 8	
	"	"	DA 18	Wooden Crate		P I T A 1.	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
6. (Contd)							
	Mexico	Q1057	Grey Red Grey	-	1 Bag		Shovels Entrenching; Machettes 6.
"	"	"	"	B13	Hessian Bundle		Axes Hand 6
"	"	"	"	Q1A	Wooden Case		Axes hand 6, Machette 28, Cutters folding 8
"	"	"	"	Q11A	" "		Saws folding 9
"	"	"	"	Q13A	Hessian Bundle		Pick heads 11
"	"	"	"	A121 A122 A225 A303	Wooden Crate		Helmets Steel
"	"	"	"	A185 A186	Hessian Bundle		Buckets 13"
"	"	"	"	A313	Wooden Case Normal Container		Mosquito Gloves Boxes Int GPO (filled)
"	"	"	"	A1A A2A	Wooden Crate		Containers Cooks
"	"	"	"	A20A A22A	" "		Kettles camp oval
"	"	"	"	A51A	" Case		Pans frying rectangular
"	"	"	"	A63A	Wired		Stands Cooking 5
"	"	"	"	A74A	Wired		Stoves Fowler 1
"	"	"	"	A101A	Wooden Case		Forks cooks 31, Ladles cooks 12, Spoons gravy 10, Bowls Hand 8, Knives cook 12" 10
"	"	"	"	RF	Cases		Canteen Goods

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
6. (Contd)							
Mexico	61057	Grey Red Grey		-	Normal Containers	Cartridges S A	
"	"	"		-	" "	Shells 2-pr AP	
"	"	"		-	" "	Bombs Mortar	
"	"	"		-	" "	Grenades	
<u>Damaged in Transit</u>							
Mexico	61057	Grey Red Grey		HQCQ1	Security Box	Machette 1,	Missing stores listed under (g)
"	"	"		HQQ23	Wooden Case	Rods cleaning Bren 2, Map wings Box GPO 2, Axes hand 2, Axes felling 1.	"
"	"	"		A67	Sig Pannier	Pliers Comb 14 prs, Screw- drivers 2.	"
"	"	"		HQ2 - 8	Instrument Container	Covers No 12 RF 2,	"
"	"	"		A374	Wooden Case	Spanners Adjustable crescent type 2, Hammers engrs ballpane 1, Planes smoothing 1.	"
"	"	"		BHQ 75	Wooden Case	Glasses magnifying 2, Compasses proportional 1, Rules small scale 2, Protractors rectangular 1, Knife desk 1.	"
"	"	"		A227	Hession Bundle	Bags water 36-gal 2	"
"	"	"		A86A		Stoves soyer	1 damaged

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15 Dec 44

17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 7

Maj I H McBRIDE,
2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref maps: NANU EAST 1:63360
NANU WEST 1:63360
SUAIN WEST 1:63360

INFM

1. Enemy

(a) Known enemy posns in the TONG area to date are as follows:-

- (i) at least 30 occupying YAPOMBIL
- (ii) approx 40 occupying SAHIK (V376111)
- (iii) approx 40 occupying EAST village of YAMBES gp (V354088)

The last named force has endeavoured twice to dislodge our tps from their posns in WEST village of YAMBES gp (347089).

(b) 14 enemy were reported to have moved from SOMLEF on 12 Dec 44 and present whereabouts are NOT known.

(c) ANGAU report dated 1 Dec 44 stated a minimum of 200 enemy were based in PEREMBIL villages area. This force was patrolling from time to time in varying str to SAHIK, YAMBES villages, DUMAH villages and MUSTIBILIM. This infm is considered accurate. Enemy parties mentioned in subpara (a) are considered to be part of this force.

2. Own tps

(a) 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn are occupying TONG area. Disposns are as follows:-

TONG: Sqn HQ plus A Tp
YAMBES: (V347089) B Tp with OP established.
YASILE: C Tp less two secs
KUMBUM: two secs C Tp with OP established

An OP has also been established at V347150.
TONG and YAMBES are occupied as def localities.
YASILE and KUMBUM are occupied only as patrol bases.

(b) On relief in TONG area 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn are moving to MANUIR area (V420192).

(c) ANGA U are maintaining a permanent det at TONG, Capt COLE comd.

3. Gen - Issued separately.

TASK IN GEN

4. (a) You will relieve 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn at TONG with two rifle coys plus a small HQ increment.

(b) The composition of your force will be:-

HQ increment	-	Of an Adjnt, QM, RQMS, and 7 service and maint personnel
Bn Int det	-	1 offr 10 OR
Bn Sig det	-	1 offr 17 OR
Bn Pnr det	-	10 OR
Bn Med det	-	1 offr 8 OR
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec and one Pigeon Loft	-	7 OR
Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	1 OR
Two rifle coys 2 det mov		11 ORs.

(c) You will answer directly to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde for the tactical employment of this force. Your comd will be designated PIPER FORCE.

5. Mov - AITAPE - TONG

The mov will be carried out in three stages.

Stage 1

(a) AITAPE - YAKAMUL by MT.

The necessary vehs to tpt your force will report 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 161200I. The journey to YAKAMUL is 2 hrs.

(b) Native carriers will be available at YAKAMUL at 170600I for portorage of stores to TONG (see para 14).

Stage 2

BASE CAMP - NIALU

Stage 3

NIALU - TONG

TASKS IN PARTICULAR

6. (a) You will be responsible for patrolling ^{WEST} ~~EAST~~ of NORTH - SOUTH line through MUSU V410071 and SOUTH of line incl NIALU V320207 excl AUN CREEK to junc with AMOK RIVER V350196 thence along AMOK RIVER to creek junc V391158 thence along creek to 41 grid line.
- (b) You will patrol SOUTH to the area MIMBIOK V200070 - YAUOTONG V268061 and destroy any enemy along the track between these places.
- (c) You will patrol SOUTH and est a base at MUSIMBE V350053.
- (d) When a base at MUSIMBE is established, patrol to the EAST and est a base at MUSU.
7. When a base is established at MUSIMBE the main base may be moved to that area subject to the requirement of keeping TONG as a staging post on the L of C. Before moving the main base fwd, it will be ensured that the TONG area is completely cleared of the enemy.

8. (a) You will render **sitreps** daily (made up to 1000I) at 1100I and such special **sitreps** as considered necessary.
- (b) Your **patrolling programme** and intentions will be signalled to this HQ by 1800I on preceding day.

AIR

9. You will implement **aggressive air strikes** with preference most Southerly and South Westerly areas to drive the enemy Eastwards.
10. Direct air sp will be available to you on application through this HQ. The system of demanding is:-
- (a) Calls for strikes will be made through HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. When a request for the following day is granted, it can NOT be cancelled unless a message to that effect is received by this HQ, NOT later than 2100I on the day prior to the strike.
- (b) Tac R aircraft may be communicated with daily by RT or panel signals.
- (c) Daily, a number of **BEAUFORT** aircraft will fly over your base to give close sp if required. The aircraft may be communicated with by RT or ground panels. They will be informed where to bomb or told that no sp is required, in which case they will bomb a secondary target pre-arranged with 6 Aust Div.
- (d) In view of the presence of friendly natives at TONG and EAST of that area, you will request targets only after consultation with **ANGAU** rep.
- (e) Time limit after which NO strike will be made will be included in the request.

ADM

11. Sups

- (a) **PIPER FORCE** will move from **YALAMUL** carrying 2 days rations on the man.
- (b) One days rations will be collected from **AMSC** at **NIALU**.
- (c) Native carriers will carry five days native rations for 160 natives.
- (d) Rations as per subpara (a) will be drawn from **DID** **AITAPE** on 16 Dec 44 by Force Comd.

12. Amn

- (a) Force will move with 10 rounds per man, 2 full mags Bren, 2 full mags Owen, 1 Grenade 36M.
- (b) Amn now held at **TONG** will be allotted by mutual arrangement between Force Comd and Comd 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn.
- (c) Required holdings at **TONG** to be maintained are set out as Appx A.
- (d) HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will be advised daily by sig of amn held -
- (i) with force
- (ii) by **AMSC** det **TONG** as at 1800I on preceding day.

13. Maint

- (a) Maint to TONG will be by air under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Unfilest of a dropping ground in vicinity of MANUIR 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn will be responsible for the fwd carry of rations and amm from TONG.
- (c) Det AASC 6 Aust Div (3 personnel) is located at TONG.
- (d) Anticipated holdings at TONG as at 17 Dec 44 are as follows:-

Rations

- (i) European rations - 6 days SWPA for 300 personnel.
 - (ii) Native rations - 3 days for 300 natives.
- Holdings NIALU - 460 SWPA rations.

Amm

.303 bandolier	38000
.303 carton	19500
.303 carton (CP)	3400
9 mm	97000
Grenade 36M 4 sec	480
Grenade 36M 7 sec	220
Grenade WP	35

- (e) Force Comd will advise Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde daily of number of rations held -
 - (i) with Force
 - (ii) by AASC det TONG, as at 1800 hrs on previous day.

14. Native carriers

- (a) 30 natives now at TONG will be placed at your disposal by OC ANGAU.
- (b) 160 natives available at YAKAMUL at 170600I will be used for carrying following stores:-

5 days native rations for 160 natives	-	50
two No 22 WP sets	-	48
one Pigeon Loft	-	8
Force stores and eqpt	-	54

- (c) On arrival TONG these 160 natives will come under comd 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn for their move to MANUIR area.

15. Stores

Force stores for move by native carriers will move with tps to YAKAMUL. Tpt will be supplied by Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde.

16. Med

- (a) RMO 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and RAP det will accompany Force to TONG.

(b) Evacs

- (i) By native carrier line (provided from natives at TONG) to YAKAMUL thence by MP to MDS 2/7 Aust Fd Amb (V060460).

(ii) Additional natives for **urgent** evacs may be obtained by liaison with **Capt COLE, TONG.**

(d) Malarial precautions

- (i) Full anti-malarial precautions will be observed.
(ii) All personnel in TONG area will take two atebirin tablets per day.

17. Blankets

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will arrange for blankets to be dropped by air at TONG.

18. Accn

- (a) Personnel will carry tents shelter half.
(b) Some native huts are available and further huts are under constr at TONG.
(c) Necessary cooking eqpt will be carried with Force.

19. Canteen

- (a) Arrangements will be made for canteen dry goods to be dropped at TONG by air.
(b) Detailed instrs will be issued separately.

20. Postal

- (a) As for para 19 above.
(b) Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit (1 OR) will move to TONG with Force.

21. L of C YAKAMUL - TONG

L of C with staging posts at BASE CAMP and NIALU will be established under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

INTERCOMN

22. HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde remains present location.

23. Wireless

- (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will provide you with a det and two No 22 sets, one for rear link and one for ground to air.
(b) Frequency for air comms is 4885 Kc.

24. Pigeons

A pigeon loft based on TONG will remain and come under your comd.

25. Codeword Ground to air: PIPER

ACK

Signed at: 1530

Issued by:

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M J Moten
Brig
(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	5	-
6 Aust Div	6	1
BM	7	-
SC	8	1
Sig O	9	-
File	10-11	2
War Diary	12-13	2

SCALE OF AMN RES TO BE HELD AT TONG

Serial	Type	Quantity
1.	303 BDR	12500
2.	303 CIN	9000
3.	303 BALLIST	1296
4.	303 TRAC	2000
5.	303 INC	2000
6.	9 MM	48000
7.	380 REV	72
8.	1 IN ILL	80
	1 IN SIG RED	40
	1 IN SIGRN	40
9.	36 GREN HAN 4 SEC	3600
10.	36 GREN RIF 7 SEC	864
11.	77 GREN WP	900
12.	68 GREN 303 RIF	300
13.	63 GREN SMOK	450
14.	2 MOR HE	570
	2 MOR SMOK	126
	2 MOR ILL	54
	2 MOR ONE RED	30
	2 MOR ONE GRN	30
15.	3 MOR HE	320
	3 MOR SMOK	64

Subject:-

ESTABLISHMENT OF TONG L of C

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Ref Q 326
18 Dec 44

Ref 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 7 dated 15 Dec 44

2. The following instructions are issued re the initial staffing and equipping of TONG L of C.

3. Initially a staging post capable of handling small parties and casualties will be established at BASE CAMP (V277267) and NIALU (V 318208) and a coffee stall at jeephead (V355264)

4. The Staging Post at BASE CAMP and the coffee stall at jeephead will be established on Wednesday 20 Dec 44, and will be staffed as follows :-

(a) BASE CAMP

VX 7427	Pte BEATON G.A.	i.c.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
VX 7001	Pte MATTHEWS G E	Cook	" " " " "
QX 43148	Ptc YOUNG J.	Gen Duties	" " " "

(b) JEEPHEAD

TX 1965	Pte KIRKWOOD R.G.	i.c.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
QX 39624	Ptc SCHIFFKE E.F.		" " " " "

(c) above personnel will move to respective sites, departing HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 0500 hrs 19 Dec 44

(d) Personnel will move with full marching order and carry two days rations.

(e) One OR 17 Aust Inf Bde "I" Sec will accompany party

5. Stores and Equipment will be provided as follows:-

(a) BASE CAMP

Primus Stoves	1	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Kettles Camp Oval	6	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Ladles Cook	1	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Knives Cook	2	(1 HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (1 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Tins Mess	20	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Mugs Enamel (or Pannikin)	20	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Dishes Baking	1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Tents Shelter Halves	20	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Nets Mosquito	6	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Shovels G.S.	3	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Picks 4 1/2 lb	3	(1 2/5 Aust Inf Bn (1 2/6 Aust Inf Bn (1 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Axes Felling	2	(1 2/5 Aust Inf Bn (1 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Hammers	1	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Lamps Hurricane	2	(1 2/5 Aust Inf Bn (1 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Nails lbs Assd	4	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Medical Supplies		HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

(b) JEEPHEAD COFFEE STALL

Tent 12X14	1	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Tents Shelter Halves	8	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Containers Cooking 8 gall	1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Kettles Camp Oval	3	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Tins Mess	6	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Mugs Enamel	25	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Stoves Primus	1	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Lamps Hurricane	2	(1 HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (1 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

(c) Stores and equipment as above will be delivered to "Q" Store - HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde by 1100 hrs 19 Dec 44

6.

SUPPLIES

(1) The following supplies will be made available for camps as under :-

(a) BASE CAMP

1 days rations for 150 personnel
Kerosene 8 galls
Malarisol 2 "
Expense Stores

(b) JEEPHEAD

2 days rations for 25 personnel
Expense Stores
Kerosene 8 galls
Malarisol 2 "

(ii) Above supplies will be collected by Bde QMS on 19 Dec

7.

CARRIERS

(1) As no native carriers are available and it is desired to have post working as soon as possible, carrying parties will be provided as under. Personnel will travel "light" to enable carriage of 12/15 lbs of stores. Personnel will return to unit lines approx 1800 hrs 21 Dec 44

2/6 Aust Inf Bn 1 Oftr 3 NCOs 40 OR

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 1 Oftr 2 NCOs 25 OR

(ii) Above personnel will be collected at Unit lines at 0800 hrs 20 Dec 44, and will be moved to YACMUL by MT

(iii) Lt W H QUILTY HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will be in command of party

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

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Subject: GEN INFM - TONG area

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War Diary (2)

Spare (2)

1. Ref 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 7 of 15 Dec 44.

2. Herewith memo giving gen infm of the TONG area.

K C Clarke Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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GEN INFM - TONG Area

(Issued with 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 7)
of 15 Dec 44

Ref maps: SUAIN WEST 1:63360
NANU WEST 1:63360
NANU EAST 1:63360

1. TONG Village(a) Topography

Village is situated in low ground on the SOUTH side of the YASUAR MISSION feature. Hy jungle surrounds the village.

(b) Approaches

Main track YASUAR MISSION to KULBUM runs through village.

(c) Huts

Village consists of a few native huts, all in very poor condition.

2. YASUAR MISSION(a) Topography

(i) Mission is situated on a saucer shaped feature and overlooks neighboring villages to WEST, SOUTH and EAST from RINGIN to SAHIK. Numerous ridges hide many valleys, but only a few villages, viz WIM in EAST, also BBLA unseen.

Native tracks mainly follow ridges with some crossings through gullies. YASUAR MISSION is clear of foliage, but other ridges are heavily timbered on valley sides - only a few open kunai patches on ridges or native gardens on slopes.

Native villages can be identified by clump of coconut palms in vicinity of huts on ridges. On clear days observation extends to other side of SLEPIA VALLEY although indistinct. Observation from YASUAR MISSION feature points to MUSILBILUM being area suitable for fwd base, thereby commanding country WEST and SW of YASUAR MISSION.

YAMBES RIDGE appears to command all country SE of YASUAR MISSION.

SAHIK ridge commands all country SE of YASUAR MISSION.

Country NORTH and NE of YASUAR MISSION is very rough.

YOURANG	is	5 hrs	march	from	YASUAR MISSION
YAMBES	"	6 "	"	"	" "
SAHIK	"	1 day	"	"	" "

(ii) The feature provides a natural def area.

(iii) The Mission is surrounded by hy jungle.

(b) Approaches

(i) Track leads SOUTH down steep slope to TONG.

(ii) Track to MELBU leaves NORTH end of feature.

(iii) Camp site is protected against snipers by the saucer shaped feature.

(c) ANGAU

(i) Capt COLE has his HQ at the Mission.

(ii) Natives

Permanent duties YASUAR MISSION	-	60
L of C SAs	-	30
Police boys	-	14
Track work and carrying parties	-	350
Native recce system	-	50

(d) Water

There is NO water on top of feature. Water must be carried approx 1/4 mile from streams at the bottom of the feature.

(e) Supps

(i) There is a dropping ground 300 yds by 75 yds on top of the feature.

(ii) A det of MASC has established a DID and is responsible for rec of rations and amm. Rec is 80-90%.

(f) Med

(i) Very few mosquitos and sand flies in the area. NO malaria or dengue fever has been reported.

(ii) Nights are cold and blankets required.

3. TRACK INFO. on L of C

TRACK REPORT ON HARECH RIVER L OF C TO YASUAR MISSION

Ref maps: SUAIN WEST 1:63360 3-4 Dec 44
MANU WEST 1:63360

Route: YAKAMUL MISSION along HARECH RIVER to ref V312222 to NIALU - KASAM (MUNUSUM) - SERANGEL - YASUAR MISSION

Time: With native carriers to carry packs the route takes approx 16 hrs; tps in full marching order 3 days.

Guides: The track is easy to follow, well defined, and guides are unnecessary.

Stage 1

On leaving the Mission the track follows a sandy creek bed, swampy in patches through sac sac and pit pit for approx 1 hr - good going.

Track then enters river bed of the HARECH and the going becomes progressively more difficult. After another hr the river flows through a steep sided gorge. This gorge continues as far as the upper HARECH.

The river bed is strewn with boulders and going is strenuous. The river is crossed continually throughout its entire length. River averages up to 10 yds in width and up to 2 1/2 ft in depth, flows at a rate of 5-6 knots.

Crossings are NOT difficult but because of the rate of flow, care is necessary to maintain a footing.

Land slides which have deposited large boulders in the stream bed make going progressively more difficult.

5 hrs after leaving the Mission the BASE CAMP is reached. This camp is sufficient to bivouac approx one coy. Good water.

Stage 2

BASE CAMP to V312222 to NIALU - time 5 hrs.

From the BASE CAMP the track becomes progressively more difficult for 3 hrs. Then improves to fair going along the stream bed of the Upper HARECH.

This continues for an hr until V312222 reached where the track leaves the stream bed.

A short stiff climb and then down hill to NIALU over a muddy track which is being corduroyed.

NIALU provides a good staging camp for some 150 tps.

A small quantity of provisions is maintained there and water and firewood are kept up by the village natives.

Stage 3

NIALU - KASAM - SEKANGEL - YASUAR MISSION.

Leaving NIALU the track climbs steeply for 3 hrs; the going is very hard over a muddy track (corduroying is in progress and should improve the track condition considerably).

Track is then down hill to KASAM 3 hrs from NIALU.

KASAM is small village with NO facilities for staging.

Leaving KASAM the track ascends sharply, the track is well corduroyed into steps. Going is fair.

SEKANGEL is reached 1 hr later (large clean village which could be used as a staging camp if necessary - NO huts).

From SEKANGEL going is good with a short stiff climb into YASUAR 1 hr later.

Walking times for tps in marching order are estimated to be as follows:-

YASUAR to BASE CAMP	7 hrs
BASE CAMP to NIALU	7 "
NIALU to TONG	8 "

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12 Dec 44

6 AUST DIV ADM ORDER 7

(To be read in conjunction with 17 Aust Inf
Bde Op Instrs 4 & 5)

GENERAL

1. One Coy 17 Aust Inf Bde less one pl plus dets, strength 80, is relieving 2/9 Aust Commando Sqn less two tps at KAMTI by 131200I.
2. One pl 17 Aust Inf Bde plus dets, strength 40, is relieving one tp 2/9 Aust Commando Sqn at PALAURU by 131200I.
3. One Coy 17 Aust Inf Bde less two pls, strength 40, is establishing patrol base at YAPUNDA NOT later than 15 Dec 44.

SUPS

4. KAMTI

- (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde will take over approx 2100 rations at present at KAMTI.
- (b) 160 SWPA rations will be delivered, by 17 Aust Inf Bde, prepared in native carrier loads, to jeep head Z924508 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- (c) Escorts for carrier train will be provided by 17 Aust Inf Bde.

5. PALAUURU

- (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde will take over approx 1000 rations at present at PALAUURU.
- (b) 80 SWPA rations will be delivered by 17 Aust Inf Bde, prepared in native carrier loads, to jeep head V055464 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- (c) Escorts for carrier train will be provided by 17 Aust Inf Bde.

6. YAPUNDA

The force at YAPUNDA will be maintained by air under arrangements of 6 Aust Div.

AMN

7. 17 Aust Inf Bde will take over amn as follows:-

(a) KAMTI

.303 ctn	16340
.303 bdr	6000
9 mm	66530
Grens 4 sec	306
" 7 sec	336
" 63 Smoke	45
" 77	45

(b) PALAUURU

.303 bdr	2450
9 mm	13600
Grens 4 sec	182
" 7 sec	36
" 63 Smoke	40
" 77	10
Cart Sig Illum	12

(c) YAPUNDA

First line carried on the man.

MED

8. Evac by native carrier, when available, to jeep head otherwise under arrangements 17 Aust Inf Bde.

NATIVE CARRIERS

9. Allotted 17 Aust Inf Bde each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for carrying to:-

- (a) KAMTI - 48 natives
- (b) PALARAU - 24 natives
- (c) In addition 16, 28 and 48 natives are allotted for use on Wed 13 Dec 44 only for carrying wireless sets respectively to KAMTI, PALAURU and YAPUNDA.

10. 17 Aust Inf Bde will liaise direct with ANGAU as to time and place of reporting of the above natives.

11. The natives carrying the wireless set to YAPUNDA will remain there until further notice. Other two parties will return to AITAPE area on completion of carry.

ACCN

- 12. (a) Huts as available in areas.
- (b) Tents shelter half will be carried by all personnel.

ACCN STORES

13. 17 Aust Inf Bde will take over stores as follows:-

	<u>KAMTI</u>	<u>PALAUHU</u>
Cookers portable No 1	1	-
Kettles camp oval	6	4
Containers cooking 3 gal	8	1
Ladles cooks	4	2
Cans water 2 gal	8	1
Rega sprays	2	1
Picks	2	1
Shovels	4	1
Axes felling	4	1
Cans billy 7 qts	1	2

14. Similar quantities of stores will be handed over to 2/6 Aust Cav Commando Regt under mutual arrangements.

POSTAL

15. Under arrangements 17 Aust Inf Bde.

CANTEEN

16. Under arrangements 17 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at *1530 I*

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 AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 6

Lt-col P K PARBURY,
2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref maps: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
AITAPE WEST 1:63360

INFM

1. Enemy

NO enemy are known to be in the area.

2. Own Tps

2/6 Aust Inf Bn have a patrol base at KMITI and patrols WEST to YALINGI RIVER, see 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 4 Appx A.

TASKS

3. (a) To recce track AITAPE 897552 - TELIA 793570 - AROP VILLAGES 653627 - WARAFU VILLAGES 590619 - RAMU 535587 - track junc 588489 - NENGLAN 623580 - WOM 2 763470 - BES 806466 - KMITI 889420 - TADJI 935520.
- (b) Part of force to recce track MALOL 738580 - track junc 721469 - WOM 2 - track junc 805489 - PULTAJUL 669541 - AITAPE.
- (c) Subparas (a) and (b) above are amplified by Trace P att.
- (d) The total str of the party incl MO and med orderlies will NOT exceed 30.

4. Patrol Reports

- (a) On completion of the recce, render a patrol report which will incl -
- (i) Presence of enemy
 - (ii) Attitude of natives
 - (iii) River crossings carried out
- (b) With reference to MALOL LAGOON and the sector 614609 - WARAFU VILLAGES on the SISSANO LAGOON:
- (i) Gen nature, e.g. swampy, presence of sandspits, etc
 - (ii) Suitability for use as a harbourage for small craft
 - (iii) Depth of water 20 yds from shore
 - (iv) It is NOT intended that a detailed recce of the mouth of the SISSANO LAGOON be made.

- (c) Police boy guides will be made available by ANGAU and will report with native carriers.

ADM

5. Sups

- (a) To be carried on man - 3 days SWPA
- (b) To be carried by native carrier - 7 days SWPA
10 days Native
- (c) Rations as above will be drawn by unit on 11 Dec 44 and packed in boyloads of 30 lbs and then delivered to ANGAU No 2 Compound by 121200I.
- (d) Tpt for delivery of rations from unit to ANGAU No 2 Compound will be supplied under arrangements AASC 6 Aust Div.
- (e) Additional rations required during recce may be collected on demand from res rations held by det 2/6 Aust Inf Bn at KMTTI.

6. Arm

Normal "carried on man or with gun scale" will be carried.

7. Med

- (a) One MO and 2 OR 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will accompany the recce party. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will liaise direct with 2/2 Aust Fd Amb in this regard.
- (b) Material for bush stretches will be carried on scale to be decided by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Tpt

AASC 6 Aust Div will provide the following tpt:

- (a) That referred to in para 5(d) above.
- (b) 4 x 2½ ton 6x6 vehs to ANGAU No 2 Compound at 130600I.
- (c) 2 x 2½ ton 6x6 vehs to 2/7 Aust Inf Bn at 130600I.
- (d) Vehs as per subparagraphs (b) and (c) above will carry personnel, native carriers and rations as far as possible along the beach rd to the WEST of AITAPE.
- (e) Bde TO or Sjt will accompany vehs to destination and return to AITAPE area.
- (f) Full anti-malarial and scrub typhus precautions will be observed.

9. Water

Outfits Individual Water Sterilizing will be carried and used by all personnel.

10. Stores

All pl stores, tools and cooking gear will be carried on the man. NO native carriers are available for this purpose.

11. Native Carriers

110 native carriers will be supplied by ANGAU from No 2 Compound on 13 Dec 44.

ACK.

Signed at: *SIBOOI*

Issued by: *L.O.*

Charles ...
Brig
(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

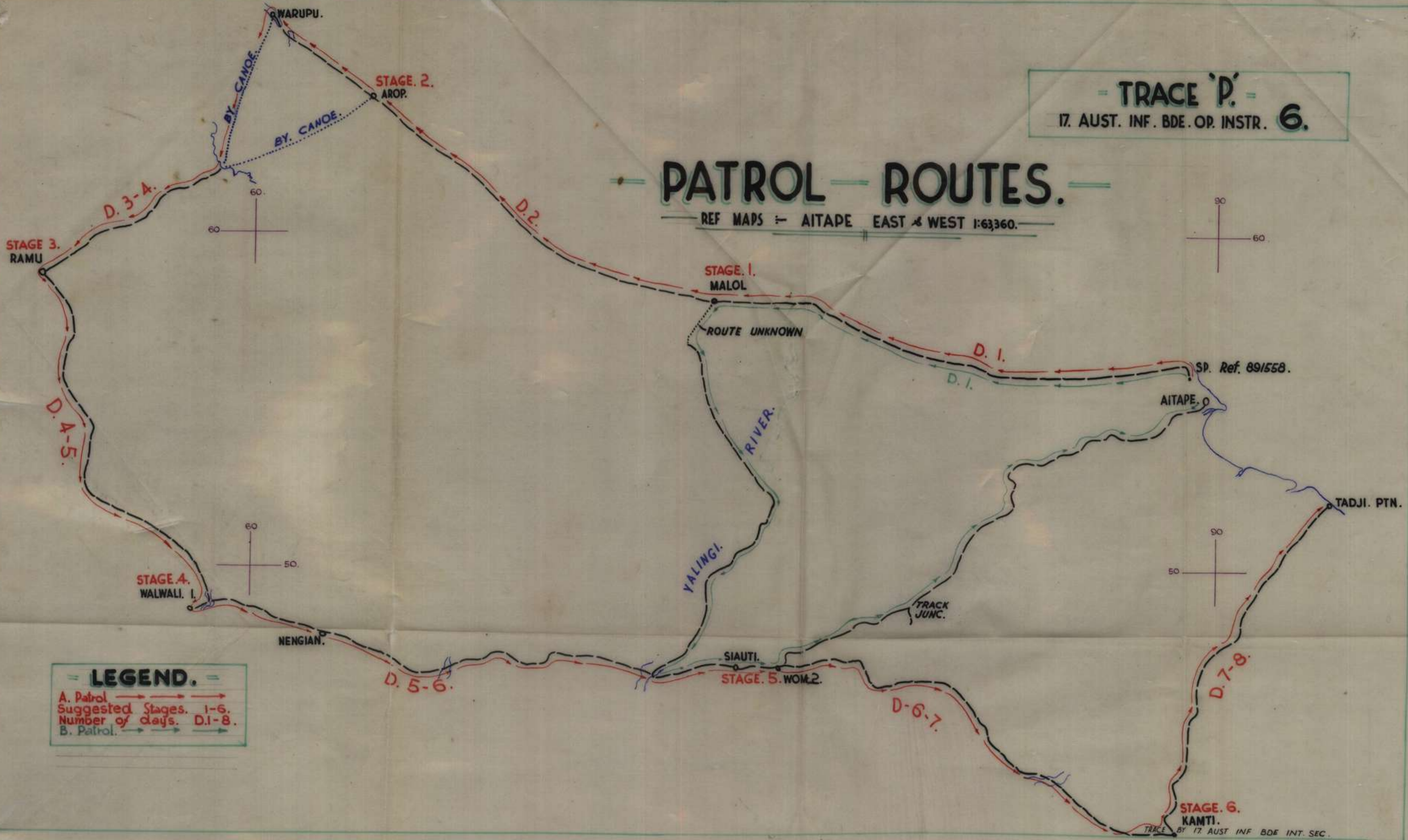
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17. AUST. INF. BDE. OP. INSTR. 6.

PATROL ROUTES.

REF MAPS :- AITAPE EAST & WEST 1:63360.



LEGEND.
 A. Patrol → → →
 Suggested Stages. 1-6.
 Number of days. D.1-8.
 B. Patrol → → →

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1.7 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 5

Lt-col A W BUTTROSE,
2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref maps: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
SENO EAST 1:63360
MANU WEST 1:63360

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Nearest known enemy force is 30 Japs reported on 3 Dec 44 to be at KUMBUM (V258122).
- (b) One unarmed Jap was observed PALAURU area 31 Oct 44.
- (c) No enemy have been reported in YLPUNDA area.

2. Own Tps

- (a) A Tp 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn are at PALAURU.
- (b) ANGANU member plus 12 police boys has patrol base at YLPUNDA.

3. Gen - Issued as Appx B.

TASK IN GEN

- 4. You will est patrol bases at PALAURU and YLPUNDA with one coy less one pl, total tps incl Sigs and med orderlies etc, NOT to exceed 80.

TASKS IN PARTICULAR

- 5. (a) (i) You will relieve 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn at PALAURU by 131200I with one pl and est there a patrol base.
- (ii) Total str of party incl Sigs, med orderly etc NOT to exceed 40.
- (iii) The force allotted will carry out the patrol programme att as Appx A.
- (iv) Patrol routes as per Trace P att.
- (v) Route AITAPE - PALAURU see Appx B PALAURU area para 2 (b) (i).
- (vi) The object of the patrols will be to ascertain if there is any enemy mov.
- (b) (i) You will est a patrol base at YLPUNDA with Coy HQ plus one pl, time of arrival NOT later than 151900I.

15 Dec 44

- (ii) Total str of party incl Sigs, med orderly etc NOT to exceed 40.
- (iii) The force allotted will carry out the patrol programme att as Appx A.
- (iv) Patrol routes as per Trace P att.
- (v) Route MITAPE - KAMTI - YAPUNDA see Appx B Y.PUNDA area para 2 (b) (i).
- (vi) The object of the patrol will be to ascertain if there is any enemy mov.
- (vii) ANGU patrol based on YAPUNDA, see Appx B para 1 (c), will be available to Coy comd to assist in patrolling programme.
- (viii) Two guides will be reporting to KAMTI evening 13 Dec 44 P.L. URU to act as guides to YAPUNDA

ADM

6. Sups

- (a) Rations held at P.L. URU will be taken over from A Tp, 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn.
- (b) Sups for P.L. URU det will be delivered to unit on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for breaking down into 30 lb boy loads.
- (c) Sups will be delivered to jeephead at V055464 together with escort of 1 NCO and 6 OR at 0600I on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for onward mov. to P.L. URU by native carrier line.
- (d) Native carriers will be provided under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (e) Tpt for escort and sups from unit lines to jeephead and for native carriers will be provided under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (f) Escort for native carrier line will be supplied by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
- (g) A res of at least 300 rations will be maintained.

7. Arm

Following S.M. held at P.L. URU will be taken over from A Tp 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn:

.303 bandolier	2,450
9 mm	13,600
Grenades hand 4 sec	182
" rifle 7 sec	36
" smoke 63	40
" hand 77	10
Cartridges sig illum	12

8. Med

- (a) Aid post to be established under unit arrangements.

(b) Evac

- (i) By native carrier line to jeephead when available thence by MT under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (ii) Otherwise under unit arrangements.

(c) Mosquitos are numerous and shirts will NOT be removed.

(d) Strict anti-malarial and scrub typhus precautions will be observed.

9. Accn

All personnel will carry tents shelter half.

10. Accn Stores

Following accn stores will be taken over from 2/9 Aust Cav Sqn:

Kettles camp oval	4
Container cooking 3 gal	1
Cans billy 7 qt	2
Ladles cooks	2
"Rega" spray complete	1
Axe felling	1
Shovel GS	1

Similar quantity of stores as above will be handed over to 2/6 Sust Cav (Cdo) Regt AITAPE area by 140900I under mutual arrangements.

11. Postal

Mail will be delivered by carrier line escort.

12. Canteen

Canteen dry goods will be delivered with sups. NO beer will be sent out to det; sups may be held at unit HQ until personnel are relieved.

YAPUNDA

13. Sups

- (a) Det at YAPUNDA will be maintained by air droppings under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) A res of at least 300 rations will be maintained.

14. Amn

Normal first line amn will be carried.

15. Med

- (a) Aid post will be established under unit arrangements.
- (b) Evac under unit arrangements to KMTI thence by native carriers to jeephead at Z924508 thence by MT under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

16. Aecn

- (a) Huts for approx 50 personnel are available.
- (b) All personnel will carry tents shelter half.

17. Aecn Stores

Normal cooking gear and tools for det will be carried.

18. Postal

By native carrier line escort to P.L.AURU thence by weekly patrol.

INTERCOMM

- 19. (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will est WT sta at P.L.AURU and Y.PUNDA.
- (b) All stas will est comms at 0800I, 1200I, 1600I, 1900I daily and remain in comn for one hr.
- (c) Trencode cypher will be used.
- (d) Despatches P.L.AURU - AITPE by carrier line escort.
- (e) Despatches Y.PUNDA - P.L.AURU by contact patrols and police boy.

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Signed at: 1700 hrs

Issued by: LO

M J Moten
for. Brig

(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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Appx A to 17 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instr No. 5.

PATROL PROGRAMME

Serial No	From	To	Str	Date Out	Date In	Remarks
RP 1	PALAUURU	NEGIA RIVER (Z977411)	3 OR	D plus 1 Thence every third day	D plus 1	Contact with patrol from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will be made at Z977411.
RP 2	PALAUURU	AFUA	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 1 Thence every seventh day	D plus 2	Contact will be made with Coy 2/8 Aust Inf Bn at AFUA.
RP 3	PALAUURU	YAPUNDA	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 2 Thence every seventh day	D plus 7	
RY 1	YAPUNDA	TIMINUP	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 2 Thence every seventh day	D plus 5	If there are any signs enemy mov to WEST coy comd may patrol to BINARA at own discretion
RY 2	YAPUNDA	Y.K.WOR -	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 2 Thence every seventh day	D plus 7	Route as shown by Trace F

D Day for patrols from PALAUURU will be 14 Dec 44.

D Day " " " YAPUNDA " " 16 Dec 44.

PALAUURU AREA1. PALAUURU CAMP (OUTPOST 42)(a) Topography

Camp is situated on EAST bank of DRELIP CREEK at VO77357 ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr EAST of PALAUURU village) astride the PALAUURU - AFUA track. Creek frontage incl in the camp area is approx 600 yds, area could accomodate three inf coys. The surrounding country is flat and swampy, with the mountain ranges approx 4 miles to the SOUTH. Camp is bounded by heavy jungle. Cane grass is growing in the creek bed at the SOUTH end of the camp.

(b) Approaches

Track from PALAUURU runs into the camp from the WEST, and continues through the camp to the EAST to AFUA. Track is a footpad with fairly firm surface.

(c) Huts

There are NO native huts in area. Bush huts have been constructed by 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn for adm and store requirements.

(d) ANGAU

There is NO ANGAU rep, nor any natives stationed in this area. A new CHINAPELLI village is being est however at approx VO15418.

(e) Water

DRELIP CREEK flowing NORTH has a stream of good clear water 30 ft wide and 1 ft deep. Banks are 4 ft high and stream fast flowing.

(f) Booby Traps

NO booby traps have been found.

(g) Supplies

Carrier lines normally take one day trip. In bad weather or after rain, line will proceed only as far as CHINAPELLI in one day where stores are left for the night. Natives return to AITAPE and proceed with stores from CHINAPELLI to PALAUURU the following day.

Suitable dropping ground which has been approved by Air Maintenance Sec is situated NW of camp in DRELIP CREEK bed. Area is flat, 300 yds long by 75 yds wide, and covered with cane grass. It has NOT been used. There are NO native fruits in area. American rations are scattered throughout area but are being collected, in order to prevent use by any Jap party which may come into the area.

(h) Medieal

Rats, flies and jungle insects are numerous.

2. Topography of Area

(a) Main track times -

LEMIENG MISSION to PALAURU	4 hrs.
PALAURU to AFUA	7 "
PALAURU to ASIER	12 "
PALAURU to YAPUNDA	15 "

(b) Track Infm

(i) LEMIENG MISSION to PALAURU VILLAGE

VO55464 to CHINAPELLI - track could easily be made jeepable (?) Time 2 hrs. CHINAPELLI to PALAURU CAMP good going - time 1 hr. Whole track affected by rain quite considerably.

(ii) PALAURU - DRELIP CREEK

Track from MALO CREEK VO48332 to DRELIP CREEK VO70341 has NOT been found.

(iii) PALAURU - AFUA

Track narrow and muddy with high vegetation on either side to KORONAL CREEK. Sig wire runs along good track from KORONAL CREEK to AFUA and / or DRINIUMOR RIVER.

Times - PALAURU - KORONAL CREEK	3½ hrs.
KORONAL - AFUA	3½ "

Track from CHALOAR CREEK at V103339 to DRELIP CREEK VO73339 has NOT been found.

, (iv) PALAURU - YAPUNDAPALAURU - FEATURE 1620

Time 2 hrs. Follows well defined track along MALO CREEK to VO36307, then over mountain to WILJUM CREEK. Track over mountain very steep, 2 hrs climb. WILJUM CREEK to feature 1620 ft. Follow creek bed to VO43276. Creek approx 150 - 200 yds wide, going very rough. Track then follows up steep razor back 2 hrs climb.

FEATURE 1620 ft to ASIER

Well defined track, steep descent to MALUMNA CREEK then follow creek bed to junc MAREMRI CREEK at VO59234, then up hill to ASIER. Time 6 hrs.

ASIER - YAPUNDA

Well defined track, Old Mission building, suitable dropping ground at VO64215. PAITJOMGIULA is known by natives in area as SIBLUNGA. Track through MARKUMBER to KUMUL RIVER then along river bed to YAPUNDA. Time 3 hrs.

(v) PALAURU - NIGIA RIVER via CHINAPELLI - APUN CREEKPALAURU - CHINAPELLI

Track is well defined but inclined to swampiness. Time 1 hr.

CHINAPELLI - APUN CREEK

Track strikes APUN CREEK at V034388. APUN CREEK is 50 - 60 ft wide and normally 2 - 3 ft deep but rises rapidly and is impassable when flooded. Time $\frac{1}{4}$ hr.

APUN CREEK - SUIRI CREEK

Track is swampy and slow going in wet weather. SUIRI CREEK is normally 2 - 3 ft deep but rises very rapidly and is impassable when in flood. Time 1 hr.

SUIRI CREEK - WILJUM CREEK

Follow SUIRI CREEK NORTH for 70 - 80 yds then pick up track on WEST bank. Track is swampy and slow going, varies according to weather. Time 1 hr.

WILJUM CREEK - NIGIA RIVER

Travel 75 yds NORTH along WILJUM CREEK then pick up track. Line runs whole length of track. Track is well defined but over swampy ground. At Z982414 track crosses small creek, (NOT shown on map) width 12 ft normal depth 2 ft but when flooded is at least 6 ft deep, very muddy and difficult to cross. Track disappears for last 200 yds before reaching NIGIA RIVER - time $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

YAPUNDA AREA

Little infm ref YAPUNDA and surrounding area is available as yet.

1. YAPUNDA CAMP(a) Topography

Camp is situated on KUMUL RIVER and is entirely suitable for occupation by own tps. Area is hilly and vegetation mainly thick rain forest. Height of camp is approx 900 ft.

(b) Approaches

All available infm is given in track infm.

(c) ANGAU

ANGAU member is WO II ^{KAAD} who has 12 police boys under comd, and a number of natives. ANGAU patrols are operating amongst the natives of the WEST PALEI, EAST PALEI and northern MAI MAI districts.

(d) Water

An ample supply is obtained from the KUMUL RIVER.

(e) Booby Traps

NO booby traps are known to have been laid.

2. Topography of Area

(a) Main track times -

YAPUNDA - YIRKON	3½ hrs.
YAPUNDA - YAMBIL	8-10 "
YAPUNDA - YOULPA	3 "
YAPUNDA - SENGI	5½ "
YAPUNDA - WURO	7 "
YAPUNDA - WINBE	7½ "
YAPUNDA - MONANDIN	7 "

(b) Track Infm(i) KAMTI to YAPUNDA

First stage via PAIWI (1½ hrs) to REST HOUSE (Z962322) total time being 5 hrs.

From REST HOUSE track proceeds along LIPAN RIVER bed to LIPAN CREEK and along creek to Z992293 to Z990277. Caution must be exercised NOT to be caught in LIPAN CREEK from junc Z996302 to Z990277 in the event of rain, which causes creek to rise approx 6 ft in 20 mins and become a raging torrent. From Z990277 track crosses MT WAKUL and then follows ULIEPA CREEK to KUMUL RIVER and thence to YAPUNDA.

Time from REST HOUSE to YAPUNDA is 6½ hrs.

Whole route from KAMTI to YAPUNDA is good going and easily followed.

(ii) YAPUNDA - PALAURU

Along KUMUL RIVER bed to ULIPA CREEK junc Z999215 then along creek bed to Z988246, then over MT WAKUL to LIPAN CREEK, then down LIPAN CREEK to LIPAN RIVER to Z975327 then EAST to WULO CREEK at Z984325 followed creek to junc at Z996330, down creek to Z993353 then EAST to WILJUM CREEK, to MALO CREEK, SUIRI CREEK, APUN CREEK, CHINAPELLI, PALAURU.

Times - YAPUNDA - Z988246	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.
Z988246 - LIPAN CREEK	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr.
LIPAN CREEK - Z965322	1 hr.
Z965322 - WILJUM CREEK	8 hrs.
WILJUM CREEK - MALO CREEK	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr.
MALO CREEK - SUIRI CREEK	$\frac{1}{4}$ hr.
SUIRI CREEK - APUN CREEK	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr.
APUN CREEK - PALAURU	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr.

Total 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.

MESSAGE FORM

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If liable to be intercepted or fall into
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17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 4

Lt-col F G WOOD,
2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Ref maps: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
 AITAPE WEST 1:63360
 SENO EAST 1:63360
 SENO WEST 1:63360

INFM

1. Enemy

NO enemy mov in KAMTI area has been reported for at least two months.

2. Own Tps

2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn less two tps are at present occupying KAMTI.

3. Gen

Issued as Appx B.

TASK

4. (a) You will relieve 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn less two tps at KAMTI by 250800I with one coy less one pl and est there a patrol base.
- (b) Total str of party incl Sigs, med orderly etc, NOT to exceed 80.
- (c) The force allotted will carry out the patrol programme att as Appx A.
- (d) Patrol routes as per trace P att.
- (e) The object of each patrol will be to ascertain if there is any sign of enemy mov.

ADM

5. Sups

- (a) Rations held at KAMTI will be taken over from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn.
- (b) Sups for KAMTI det will be delivered to units on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for breaking down into 30 lb boy loads.
- (c) (i) Sups will be delivered to jeephead at Z924508 together with escort of 1 NCO and 6 OR at 0600I on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for onward mov to KAMTI by native carrier line.
- (ii) Escort will be provided by 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.
- (d) Tpt for sups and escort from unit lines to jeephead and native carriers will be provided under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

(e) A res of at least 300 rations will be maintained.

6. Arm

SAA as under held at KAMTI will be taken over from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn

9 mm	66,530
.303 carton packed	16,340
.303 bandolier	6,000
Grenades 4 sec	306
" 7 sec	336
" 63 Smoke	45
" 77	45

7. Med

- (a) Coy aid post under unit arrangement.
- (b) Evac by native carrier line to jeephead when available otherwise under unit arrangement.
- (c) Mosquitos are numerous and shirts will NOT be removed.
- (d) Strict anti-malarial precautions will be observed.

8. Accn

- (a) Huts are available for adm purposes, but are NOT suitable for tp accn.
- (b) Tents shelter half will be carried by personnel.

9. Accn stores

Following accn stores held at KAMTI will be taken over from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn:

Cookers Portable No 1 complete	1
Kettles camp oval	6
Containers cooking 3 gal	8
Ladles cooks	4
Cans water 2 gal	8
"Rega" sprays complete	2
Picks	2
Shovels GS	4
Axes felling	4

Similar quantity of stores as above will be handed over to 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt AITAPE area by 140900I under mutual arrangements.

10. Native labour

40 native carriers under comd of ANGAU rep are stationed at KAMTI for use fwd of KAMTI. These native carriers are for use of coy comd as required.

INTERCOMN

11. (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will est WT sta at KAMTI with a link to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Despatches by carrier line escort.

AGK

Signed at: *Woolah*

Issued by: *LO*

M J Moten Brig

(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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Appx A to
17 Aust Inf Bde
Op Instr No 4.

PATROL PROGRAMME

D Day - 14 Dec 44.

Serial	From	To	Str	Date Out	Date In	Remarks
RK 1	KAMTI	NIGIA RIVER (Z977411)	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 1	D plus 1	Contact will be made at Z977411 with patrol from PALAURU. Patrol will be despatched three days
RK 2	KAMTI	YALINGI RIVER	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 1 D plus 14	D plus 3 D plus 17	Via AITERAP, WOM 2
RK 3	KAMTI	NUNSI	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 1 (or as soon as practicable) D plus 20	D plus 9 D plus 29	Via PAIWI - AUSI - Z846327 - NIGIA RIVER - Z875276 - Z884266 - WINBE - AUANG - NUNSI and return by same route.
RK 4	KAMTI	NUNSI	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 10 D plus 30	D plus 19 D plus 39	Via PAIWI - AUSI - YINUTE MISSION - MT BOLWOK - PORUBETTI CREEK - NOPAN RIVER - NUNSI.
RK 5	KAMTI	LUPAI	1 NCO 6 OR	D plus 4 D plus 18	D plus 13 D plus 27	Via AITERAP - NEW LAVAITI - SEYUM - LUPAI and return via NEW LAVAITI.

GENERAL INFO

1. KANTI VILLAGE

(a) Topography

Village is situated on hill 400 ft in height, and overlooks neighbouring country. The hill falls away steeply on the NORTH and EAST slopes. 200 yds to the WEST is a knoll approx 375 ft high.

Heavy jungle surrounds the area except on the WEST side where a small kunai patch exists.

Area suitable for bivouac is quite adequate for an inf coy.

(b) Approaches

(i) Main track AITAPE - KANTI enters village up steep slope of HILL 400. An alternative track to AITAPE joins the above track approx 20 yds from edge of village.

(ii) Track to NIGIA RIVER leaves SOUTH end of village then bears EAST.

(iii) Track PAIWI - REST HOUSE (2962322) YAFUNDA and AUSI - YINUTE MISSION leaves WEST side of village and turns SOUTH. Track to RAIHU RIVER and AITERAP leaves this track 8 minutes out from KANTI.

(c) Huts

There are 15 huts in the village. Two are occupied by ANGAU, five are used by natives passing through the village, two are empty and remainder are at present occupied by 2/9 Aust Cav Coe Sqn, but NOT as seen for tps.

(a) ANGAU

ANGAU member is WO II FARR. Police boys pass through only. Natives live at the neighbouring village of KAPOAM and are controlled by ANGAU.

Village of MARNGE is in process of reoccupation.

(e) Water

There are three water pts.

(i) Creek 6 ft wide 1 ft deep, 300 yds NW on AITAPE track at bottom of HILL 400. Good running water but suitable only for washing.

(ii) Small stream spanned by two logs 100 yds SOUTH of creek mentioned in sub-para (i). Suitable for drinking water only.

(iii) Small seepage stream 200 yds SOUTH of KANTI, down steep bank. Suitable for drinking water only.

(f) Cables

Atmospherics are reported to be bad generally after 1900I
Unused cables exist between KANTI and AITAPE and KANTI and PALAURU.

(g) Booby Traps

US tps booby trapped area but NO plan was made. NO booby traps have been encountered by our own tps since relief of US tps on 27 Oct.

(h) Supplies

A suitable dropping ground has been prepared and approved, on knoll 200 yds to SW of KAMTI but has NOT been used.

Coconuts and betel nuts are only available native fruits.

(i) Medical

Mosquitoes and other pests such as rats, flies and jungle insects are plentiful.

2. Topography of Area(a) Main Track Times

TADJI PLANTATION to KAMTI	- 5 hrs
KAMTI to AITERAP	- 5 "
KAMTI to WOM 2	- 6½ "
KAMTI to YALINGI RIVER	- 7½ "
KAMTI to AUSI	- 6 "
KAMTI to YINUTE MISSION	- 10 "
KAMTI to HUNSI	- 21½ "
KAMTI to NIGIA RIVER (via WAITANAH CREEK)	- 4 "
KAMTI to CHINAPELLI	- 8 "
KAMTI to PALAURU	- 9½ "
KAMTI to REST HOUSE (Z962322)	- 5 "
KAMTI to YAPURDA	- 13 "

(b) Track Infm

(i) AITAPE - KAMTI Track from AITAPE to RAIHU RIVER comparatively good mainly through dense jungle and over flat country.

From RAIHU to KAMTI track very muddy and over broken country which makes going difficult after heavy rain. Numerous creeks, which are all fordable. Time for journey 5 hrs.

(ii) KAMTI - AITERAP KAMTI to RAIHU RIVER time 2½ hrs. Hard going across broken country along razor back ridges. Track itself is good with few creeks which are all fordable.

RAIHU to AITERAP via KERASUAN HILBES time 2½ hrs. Heavy going across broken country. Numerous creeks all of which are fordable.

(iii) AITERAP - WOM 2 Track steep to AITON CREEK - ½ hr - AITON CREEK - WOM 2 muddy, slow going, 1 hr. WOM 2 - YALINGI RIVER. Excellent going, corduroy and dry. 1 hr.

(iv) KAMTI - AITERAP - WOM 2 - YALINGI RIVER - WANINGI - LUPAI - NSW LAVAITI - KARATI - AITERAP - KAMTI

KAMTI - AITERAP Hard going across broken country along razor back ridges. Track itself is good but crosses many creeks all of which are fordable. Time 5 hrs.

AITERAP - WOM 2 Track is steep to AITON CREEK and then muddy to WOM 2, very slow going. Time 1½ hrs.

WCM 2 - YALINGI RIVER Excellent going, corduroy and dry.
Time 1 hr.

YALINGI RIVER - WANINGI Track follows YALINGI RIVER SOUTH, crossing river many times. WANINGI VILLAGE is on EAST side of river NOT on WEST as shown on map. Time 3 hrs.

WANINGI - LUPAI Track follows along YALINGI RIVER, crosses often, river 2 to 3 ft deep in normal conditions. Time 3½ hrs.

LUPAI - NEW LAVAITI Old but clear track, few creek crossings. Time 6 hrs.

NEW LAVAITI - KARATI Easy going along well defined track -
½ hr.

KARATI - AITERAP Track crosses feature at 2771387 NOT on EAST side as indicated on map. Excellent OP on TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS from this feature. Track leads to creek junc 2765425 then along WAM CREEK bed to 2797432 in preference to track shown on map. From WAM CREEK steep climb to UTANGUNI then down to AITERAP. Time 9 hrs.

AITERAP - KANTI As for (1)

(v) KANTI - NUNSI via PAIWI, AUSI, YINUTE MISSION

KANTI to AUSI Track in fair condition, time 6 hrs.

AUSI to YINUTE MISSION Track overgrown and could NOT have been found without native guide. Time 4 hrs.

Return trip from YINUTE MISSION to KANTI, 6 hrs. Both WENO CREEK and NIGIA RIVER impassable when in flood.

YINUTE MISSION - MT BOLWOK - FORUBETTI CREEK - NOPAN RIVER - WANDAKIN CREEK - NUNSI - AUANG - WINER - FOR 2864266 - 2875276 - NIGIA RIVER - 2846317 - AUSI

Track on map does NOT exist owing to earth tremors several months ago. New track taken by patrol. New track to WENO CREEK, steep down grade, then very steep climb to MT BOLWOK, time 7 hrs.

MT BOLWOK - NOPAN RIVER Extremely steep down grade 1½ hrs, would be very difficult going in opposite direction.

NOPAN RIVER - junc WANDAKIN CREEK Track follows river bed. Much wading necessary. Stream is fast flowing, average width 10 yds. Frequent narrow gorges. Time 2 hrs.

Junc WANDAKIN CREEK - NOPAN RIVER to NUNSI Track along WANDAKIN CREEK bed. Width of stream average 10 yds, bed 50 yds. Depth from 2 ft to 3 ft. Track to 2844207 excellent going, time 1 hr. From 2844207 track to NUNSI muddy and slippery, steep climb, time 1 hr.

(vi) AUSI - NIGIA RIVER - 2875276 - 2864266 - WINER - AUANG - NUNSI

AUSI - NIGIA RIVER Good surface. Time 1 hr.

NIGIA RIVER - 2853292 Track follows stream bed, width of stream 15 yds, bed 50 - 150 yds, depth 3 - 6 ft. Going fairly easy. Time 3 hrs.

2853292 - 2875276 Track easy going.

2875276 - 2864266 Track slippery. Time 2 hrs.

2884266 - WINER Easy gradient, unused for some time, surface excellent, time 7 hrs.

WINER - AUANG Steep fall to WAMBI CREEK, then steep climb to AUANG.

AUANG - NUNSI Easy gradient except for last half hour where track becomes slippery. Steep drop. Time 2 hrs.

(vii) KANTI - NIGIA RIVER via WAITANAH CREEK

4 hrs. Track fair going over ridges with two steep hills between WAITANAH CREEK and CREEK at 2935424. WAITANAH CREEK is perennial.

(viii) KANTI - PALAURU via NIGIA RIVER, WILJUM CREEK, SUIRI CREEK, APUN CREEK, CHINAPELLI

Track from KANTI to NIGIA RIVER soft and muddy, time 4½ hrs.

NIGIA RIVER to WILJUM CREEK Track commences 25 yds down stream, line runs whole length of track. Track follows river for 400 yds then disappears for 200 yds in square 29842. From this pt is well defined. At 2982414 track crosses small creek (NOT shown on map) width 12 ft normal depth 2 ft, flooded at least 6 ft, very muddy and difficult to cross. Time 2½ hrs.

WILJUM CREEK - SUIRI CREEK Travel 75 yds down stream to pick up track. Time 1 hr.

SUIRI CREEK to APUN CREEK Track commences 70 - 80 yds down stream. WILJUM, SUIRI, and APUN CREEKS are 50 ft wide and normally 2 - 3 ft deep, but flood very rapidly, up to 5 ft in 30 mins. All creeks impassable when in flood. Country from NIGIA RIVER to PALAURU is flat and inclined to swampiness. Time 1 hr. Time in normal circumstances NIGIA RIVER to PALAURU 4½ hrs.

Additional times -

NIGIA RIVER - APUN CREEK 1 hr.
APUN CREEK to CHINAPELLI ½ hr.
CHINAPELLI to PALAURU 1 hr.

3. Villages

WOM 2

200 men, good water supply, clean village. YALINGI RIVER is fast flowing, approx 25 yds wide 3 ft deep.

NEW LAVAITI

Also known as NEW MAIO. Friendly natives, good recovery from dropping strip 2773364. Good water supply 400 yds from village. Very few mosquitoes.

Dropping Ground Recce

Location - NEW LAVAITI AREA ref 2773364
Ground cleared - 100 yds x 60 yds.
Possible extension - 300 yds
Estimate work required - 20 natives for 2 days.
Estimate recovery - 100%
Area suitable for stores - native huts in village.
Bivouac site - 100 yds away, water 50 yds away.
Obstacles to air approach - TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS 7 miles away, otherwise NIL.
Prevailing winds - unknown
Local conditions - ground mist until 1000 hrs.

KARATI

Locally known as OLD PLACE.

WALINGI

Located on EAST bank of YALINGI RIVER NOT WEST side as shown.

AUSI

Village overgrown, gardens useless.

YINUTE MISSION

Overgrown, consists of approx 20 huts. Mission in good pose for OP overlooking eastern side of TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS and coast.

HUNSI

Dirty, mission huts unused for considerable time. Green bananas, few paw paw, pit pit, limes in limited quantity.

AUANG

Clean, well kept mission huts, water available, food as for HUNSI.

WINSI

As for AUANG.

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

BRIG M J MOTEN

COMD 17 AUST INF BDE

Serial 35

8 Dec 44

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121. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL LINES AND SIGNAL CABLE

- (a) Unauthorised tee-ing-in of telephones on signal lines is seriously interfering with line communications. There will be NO tee-ing-in on any line without the prior authority of the formation or unit maintaining the line.
- (b) Many cases have occurred of signal lines being cut, particularly EAST of the NIGIA RIVER. The main cause has been carelessness when felling trees. Action will be taken to ensure that signal communications are NOT interfered with in this way.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

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122. IMPROPER DESTRUCTION OF SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

Attention is drawn to First Aust Army Routine Order No A261 repeated hereunder:-

1. No member will, without authority, destroy, remove or otherwise interfere with (whether by cutting, discharging firearms at, or otherwise) any insulators or signal cable.
2. Application will be made for the trial of offenders by Court Martial.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

123. REMITTANCES OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH

First Aust Army Routine Order A263 is repeated hereunder:-

1. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending remittances to residents in Australia as Christmas gifts.
2. It is accordingly desired that personnel make remittances as early as possible.

3. Remittances forwarded through AAPC channels and received by the District Accounts Office New Guinea, on or before the 10th December 1944, will be paid by the 23rd December 1944.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

124. INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS WITH EXPLOSIVES AND LIVE AMN

First Aust Army Routine Order A258 is repeated hereunder:-

1. Members of the public have been killed or seriously injured recently as a result of handling explosives and live ammunition which either:-
 - (a) have been taken or sent home by members of the forces as souvenirs; or
 - (b) have been negligently left in places to which the public has access.
2. To prevent a recurrence of such accidents, the following instructions will be observed strictly.
3. (a) Unless acting in the course of his military duties or unless so authorised by or under the National Security (Firearms and Explosives) Regulations, a member of the AMF will not have in his possession or deliver or transmit to any person any bomb, shell or other explosive or live ammunition of any kind.
 - (b) All units will take vigorous action to ensure that members comply with the terms of this paragraph.
4. (a) When any member serving outside Australia and Tasmania is to return to Australia or Tasmania, his kit and baggage will be inspected thoroughly, prior to his embarkation or emplaning, to ensure that he is not in possession of any explosives or live ammunition of any kind other than such as may be necessary in the course of his military duties.
 - (b) His kit will again be inspected thoroughly at any LTD from which he is to be released on leave prior to his being so released.
5. (a) Units will ensure that all prescribed safety precautions for the handling and storing of explosives and live ammunition are carefully observed.
 - (b) Explosives and live ammunition used for training purposes will be carefully safeguarded.
 - (c) Under no circumstances will explosives or live ammunition of any kind be left unguarded in any place to which members of the public have access.
 - (d) In areas where training with explosives and live ammunition is carried out, the utmost care will be exercised to ensure that all blinds are searched for and destroyed in accordance with the prescribed safety regulations.
6. If a member is charged with an offence against this order, a summary of evidence will be taken and an application submitted to superior authority for trial by court martial.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

125. OUT OF BOUNDS

(a) ADOS Dump is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks and may not be visited by unit personnel without approval of ADOS, vide para 19 6 Aust Div Adm Instr No 31 of 2 Oct 44.

(b) In cases where units are to collect Ordnance Stores, Issue Orders will first be obtained from ADOS 6 Aust Div.

(c) Disciplinary action will be taken against any further offenders in this respect.

126. DISCIPLINE - AUST PERSONNEL ATTENDING US CINEMAS

Cases have occurred recently of Australian personnel leaving US Cinema areas in an extremely filthy condition, in that beer bottles, cigarette packets and other rubbish has been left on the ground. This is an unforgivable abuse of American hospitality by Australian troops and Unit Comds are to take immediate action to ensure that this offensive behaviour does not recur. Failing this the privilege of attending US Cinemas will be withdrawn from all Australian troops.

(To be republished in all Unit Routine Orders)

127. RANK OF ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANTS

Attention is directed to GRO A436/44.

128. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.
2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.
3. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

129. SUPERANNUATION ACT 1922-43 : MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF AMF

Attention of all PMF personnel will be directed to GRO A438/44.

130. INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDANTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS

1. The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for rebates of tax in respect of a taxpayer's dependants resident in Australia.
2. Where a member of the AMF has married while serving overseas, rebates may be claimed in respect of his wife, and of any children of the marriage, even if they are residing overseas. Such persons are, for this purpose, deemed to be domiciled in Australia.

3. No rebate will be allowed in respect of other dependants residing outside Australia.
4. GRO F.377/1944 is cancelled.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

131. ANGAU - APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO DISTRICT SERVICE

- (a) Ref GROs dated 15 Sep 44 and 17 Nov 44.
- (b) Closing date for receipt of applications at LHQ has been extended to 31 Dec 44.
- (c) Any additional applications will be submitted to reach HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde NOT later than 18th December 1944.

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

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

R C - Mass 0830 hrs 10 Dec 44 - Chapel - 2 Bn 172 Inf Regt
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O P D - To be notified.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the following goods received from ACF and distributed to personnel of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (incl attached) on 25 Nov 44:-

39 2-oz tins tobacco
39 pkts cigarette papers
39 cakes toilet soap
78 razor blades.

2. Receipt is acknowledged of the following goods received from ACF and distributed to personnel of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (incl attached) on troop ships recently:-

11 Nov 44 SS "MEXICO" - 16 Comforts parcels
24 Nov 44 MV "DUNTROON" - 198 " "
1 Dec 44 SS "THOMAS
CORWIN" 22 " "

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17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 3

Lt-col A W BUTTROSE, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Lt-col F G WOOD, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Maj G S COX, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

1. All available infm has been issued to units.
2. 6 Aust Div is responsible for maintaining contact with the enemy and for protecting TADJI airfd.
3. 17 Aust Inf Bde with under comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less two coys) and with in sp 2/1 and 2/2 Aust Fd Regts will occupy the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) - see sketch.
4. The present disposns of 6 Aust Div should provide adequate warning (a minimum of two days) of any large scale enemy attack on the MLR. The probability of small enemy raiding parties attempting to penetrate the MLR with a view to destroying our installations, aircraft, gun posns, etc will be continuous and no warning whatever can be expected. The need for continuous vigilance by our fwd posts is emphasised.
5. The MLR will be divided into three sectors with bdys as shown on the att sketch. The responsibility for the def of each sector will be:
 - Western sector - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 - Centre sector - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
 - Eastern sector - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
6. 2/3 Aust MG Bn will place one MG coy in sp of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, 2 pl 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, 1 pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. CO 2/3 Aust MG Bn will be responsible for coordinating the MMG plan of all MMGs in the MLR with particular ref to the bdys between units.
7. ARTY - A def fire plan will be prepared and issued by Bde but unit comds will suggest any targets required in their sectors.
8. The following principles will apply in the constr of def localities within the sectors:
 - (a) The MLR will be the line along which the enemy's attacks will be definitely stopped.
 - (b) The MLR will be occupied by a series of strongly prepared def localities of approx a rifle coy str.
 - (c) Within these def localities all pls will be mutually supporting and at least one pl will be earmarked as a res for local counter attack.
 - (d) Where it is necessary to detach a pl to hold some vital ground it must be supported by the fire of neighboring coy localities, mortars and arty. Where possible this will also apply to pls detached as outposts or to standing patrols.

- (e) As far as practicable coy def localities will be mutually supporting, but where owing to the extensive front to be covered this is not feasible, the gaps between these localities will be covered by -
 - (i) the siting of the res coys
 - (ii) MMG fire
 - (iii) active patrolling between localities.
 - (f) Economy in the number of def localities on the MLR is essential in order that adequate reserves are available for the conduct of the def battle.
 - (g) Res coys will be sited generally in rear of the MLR and will add depth to the def. They will not be committed to the holding of any vital ground which if abandoned for the purpose of launching a counter attack would jeopardise the MLR.
 - (h) Res coys will not be sited primarily to protect a Bn HQ but Bn HQ and B Ech areas will themselves be constructed into def localities capable of all round def.
9. OUTPOSTS - Fwd of the MLR a series of outposts will be established each of not more than one pl. They will be sited-
- (a) to give early warning of attack
 - (b) to deny the enemy suitable forming up posns
 - (c) to protect fwd OPs
 - (d) to cover the manning of the MLR.
- These outpost posns will be strongly constructed and capable of protracted def. They will be withdrawn only on the order of the Bn Comd, and the tps must have a prepared posn to which they withdraw.
10. PATROLS - Apart from the normal routine patrols fwd of and between def localities, separate instrs will be issued covering deep patrolling.
11. BDE RES - Each bn will be prepared, when called upon, to place one rifle coy plus 2 dets mortars and one sec MMGs at the disposal of the Bde Comd as a Bde res.
12. FD WORKS-
- (a) Fd works will be constructed in the following priority:
 - (i) Siting and constr of weapon pits.
 - (ii) Clearing lanes of fire for all weapons.
 - (iii) Constr of OPs.
 - (iv) Completely wiring in all pl and coy def localities.
 - (v) Connecting of weapon pits and development of FDLs.
 - (vi) Clearing of all undergrowth fwd of FDLs up to a depth of 150 yds.
 - (vii) Improvement of routes to FDLs.
 - (viii) Tactical wiring fwd of and between def localities. (Complete wiring plan will be submitted to Bde HQ for approval before this work is commenced.)
 - (b) Generally, existing bunkers constructed by US forces will not be used, but new posts built. The materials in the existing bunkers can be utilised.
 - (c) Where existing bunkers would afford suitable enemy fire posns they will be dismantled.

13. BOOBY TRAPS - Plans for the booby trapping of certain areas fwd of and within the MLR will be prepared and submitted for approval. Traps will NOT be laid until an attack is imminent or when ordered by this HQ.
14. LOCALITIES TO BE SELF CONTAINED -
All FDLs will hold their ground whether or not they have been bypassed by an enemy attack. They will therefore be prepared to maintain not less than five days sups of food, water, amn and med requirements in each FDL.
15. ADDITIONAL DEF LOCALITIES -
Comds of each sector will indicate whether there are additional localities within their sector which they consider should be held in order that representation may be made for their occupation by div tps.
16. MANNING OF OUTPOSTS AND MLR -
These will be manned continuously by a "skelèton" garrison.
17. Frequent tests and practice in the occupation of the defs and the counter attack role of the res coys will be carried out.
18. The constr of the defs will commence immediately and should be completed in each sector within three weeks from the time of commencement.

ACK

Signed at: *osuo hms*

Issued by:

M J Moten Brig
(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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NEW GUINEA JOURNEY

By Brig M J MOTEN CBE. DSO. ED. Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

I have just returned from an interesting hike to T-----, a small native village on the south side of the T----- mountains. The party accompanying me comprised Maj Logan of Divisional Staff, Lt "Taffy" Welch from Bde HQ Staff, an escort of 1 NCO and 5 others, three batmen (including the inimitable Tommy Tucker) and four cooks who were to be left at staging camps en route to provide hot meals for troops who would follow us over the next few days.

We went some miles east along the coast towards W----- in a jeep and on arriving at Y-----, stayed over night as guests of a W. Aust Battalion. Next morning at daylight we set off walking due south, an hours march (all distances here are measured in terms of time) to Y----- mission station where we picked up nine Hanakas to carry our supplies and gear - "catchem cargo" - and two native police boys to guide us to our destination.

Our party now grown to 27 persons moved off up the bed of the H----- River which twisted and turned to the foothills and then entered a deep narrow gorge. This we were to follow for the next two days. The hard sandy river bed made easy walking where the stream had spilled itself over the flats and coastal swamps before entering the sea, but as we progressed further inland and the river banks were more clearly defined and the waters more restricted, we crossed and recrossed what became a fast flowing river and at times our only means of progress was by wading up the river itself for hours at a time.

Fortunately there had been no rain for several days and the water at most was three feet deep. At the end of the second day of our trip, a torrential rain storm pelted down without warning and troops following us a days march behind were caught by the fast rising flood waters and many of the men were swept bodily down stream. Were it not for the help of the native boys who went quickly to their rescue some of our loads would undoubtedly have been drowned. Some were badly knocked about and a considerable quantity of stores, arms and equipment were lost. The losses, however, were made up a few days later by the RAAF parachuting replacements to the troops struggling up the slippery mountain slopes below.

Very tired we made camp the end of the first day at a village, deserted by the natives when the Japs first came into this area and still unoccupied. Then followed the cleaning of rifles, a bath in the river and a change into some dry clothing heavily treated with an oil preparation as a protection against scrub typhus, a hot meal prepared by the cooks, the posting of sentries and then we tried to get some sleep. The corrugated bamboo bunks thickly covered with ferns and other greenery, and hastily prepared by the natives on our arrival were hard and uncomfortable and in any case most of us were too tired for sleep.

We were away again before sunrise next morning and patiently slogged up this fast flowing stream for another six hours meeting no sign of human existence. Thirty minutes walking then ten minutes halt to "catchem wind" and so on throughout the day.

The native police boys were marvellous the way they shepherded us across the difficult places. They are magnificent physical specimens mostly recruited from among the Sepik River headhunters. Intelligent patient and gentle as children they show no trace in their make up of their former pastimes.

Our journey so far had taken us well up into the mountains. All the way up river we were steadily climbing. We clawed our way up small waterfalls and cataracts and when this was not possible, left the river and clambered over the high boulders

and hung tenaciously to the narrow ledges on the sides of the gorge. From time to time we plunged along a jungle path leading away from the river which doubled back to meet us a little further on.

By midday we had left the river and started to climb in earnest. It had commenced to rain heavily by now and our way was made more difficult by the greasy slopes of mud which made footholds hard to find. Two hours later we had climbed to the top of the ridge thoroughly soaked by the rain and exhausted by our efforts. This brought us near the end of the trail for the day as a short walk along the top of a narrow razor-back ridge took us to N-----, a small native village normally inhabited by about eighty people. The war, however, had caught up with them and all the able bodied "boys" had been recruited to "catchem cargo" for the army, leaving only the oldmen (larpoons buggor-up finish), the marys, the monkeys (young boys) and the picannies to look after the gardens and keep the home fires burning.

The Luluai or headman (usually a hereditary chief) and the Tultul (a government appointed official) who speaks good "pidgeon", met us at the entrance to the village, having learnt of our pending arrival by their own bush "telegraph". Unknowingly we had been under observation for some hours and our progress accurately reported. The Luluai escorted us in state through the village where grinning teeth shone in the darkened doorways of windowless huts. We were taken to the house Kiap (pronounced Kee-ap) or the house erected for and used only by visiting government administrative personnel. Kiap means in a sense - government and its derivation lies somewhere around "the people who wear the cap".

Despite the fact that the war had imposed food restrictions by the government taking away its breadwinners, these hospitable people wanted to give us fruit, paw paw, coconuts and bananas, but we politely but firmly refused.

I explained to the Luluai as best I could that "plenty soldier three pela undred" would be passing through his village in the next few days and could he "fixem house saesae alsem soldier catchem sleep". The old boy called to another village across on the next ridge and soon the drums were carrying the message further into the mountains. By morning, boongs and marys were streaming in from all directions, some carrying timber or sas sas or Kunda vine and soon they set to work with much chatter and vigour to "fixem" house. Many of them had apparently forgotten to bring their clothes but that didn't appear to cause them any embarrassment and we afterwards learned that by nightfall "the house im e finish" and the first of our tired troops to arrive that afternoon slept under shelter.

In this little outpost of empire live two Australian soldiers whose job it is to collect and guard supplies of food which are dropped from the air by the RAAF, so that troops passing through may be decently fod with hot meals before commencing the next and most difficult part of the journey. We left two of our cooks to assist them with this feeding problem.

Over the next stage one really gets down to the climbing business with a vengeance. Steps cut into the mountain side are laced with timber and as you toil upwards hour after hour, little wonder that your knees tremble, your heart pounds like a steam hammer, your mouth gets hot and dry and your clothes dri with perspiration. You go through mentally the items in your pack and your pockets and note the things you'll leave home next time or discard before you take another step. It rained most of the morning but we felt warm despite the altitudes we were reaching. We kept plodding one foot in front of the other knowing that once we stopped it would be hard to get going again.

Feeling very sorry for ourselves we arrived about midday at the village of M----- where a halt was called to boil the billy and make tea. There again the bush telegraph had announced our coming and the Luluai was waiting to greet us. After a short pause we were off again. Tea does revive you. We had by now crossed to the south side of the mountains and our way lay along the easier slopes of the far side. We passed through S-----, a bigger and cleaner village than anything we had previously met and as the recruits of native labour had not yet created a local manpower problem we accepted and enjoyed the coconuts and bananas the grinning unclothed people thrust upon us. Another hours walking brought us to T---- and our destination.

Until the advent of our troops Capt Cole of ANGLU and a handful of native police boys had been hanging on to this speck on a map. Twice marauding bands of Japs in search of food had driven them off and burnt their huts and only recently Cole and his party had returned to carry on with the job of observing and reporting Jap movement. Sympathetic natives travelled days to bring Cole news of Jap activity. An endless stream of boonge came in to "make talk belong Kiap". His influence spreads many days journey beyond his official territory. Natives come in to "make court" about their tribal disputes, their hunting and trading problems and their matrimonial triangles. From what I have seen I judge their standards of morality and fair dealing are much higher than most of their white skinned brothers (and sisters). Cole distributes rough justice, food and tobacco impartially and maintains the prestige of the white man and the government in places where these things really matter.

All next day was spent in collecting information which would help us in our future operations. Native tribesmen came from remote districts to pass on what they knew. Some brought their kinsmen, weird, ferocious looking beings with their foreheads shaven and richly decorated with shells and beads while their hair at the back was long and plaited. Some looked on white men for the first time and no doubt thought us queer cattle. Most had pierced their noses and ears with the tusks of the pig and adorned their bodies with disfiguring scars of tribal patterns. Others, old in the ways of war asked for grenades so that they could settle a few private scores of their own and "Japan men kill'em o die". Some brought in a cord of plaited human hair with numerous knots tied in it. Each knot accounted for a Jap and the method of disposing of him was graphically described. Some came to collect their wages in coin, food or tobacco or to "make paper" (enter into contract) to work for the Kiap for two years. Each had implicit trust in the Kiap and knew that he would get just treatment. All were eager to help us drive the Jap from this territory.

The Japanese in the area shot the natives on sight, they burnt his villages, robbed and destroyed his gardens and killed his pigs. When the Japs first appeared the natives, warned of their approach, "went bush" but now they confidently return and rebuild their village where we have reestablished control.

My mission completed I set out on the following morning with a depleted party for the return journey. A handful of our troops under Major Ian McBride had arrived before we moved off and all that day we passed tired troops but with cheery grins struggling with their heavy packs along the mountain trail. Some had been cut off from their fellows by the swollen river and had made camp until the water subsided. They now pushed forward to catch up with their mates and by nightfall should all be at T----- where they will have at least one days rest before moving on again.

The track back was no less difficult than outgoing, but already some organisation was being established along the route. Additional accommodation, cook houses, hot showers for troops in transit either way were being prepared at the staging posts. Separate huts to stage casualties on their way back to the coast were in course of construction and in the next few days would be staffed by medical orderlies. Coffee stalls manned by Salvation Army and YMCA personnel were functioning at out of way places. A jeep track into the foothills has been located and would be improved, and as far inland as they could proceed, a fleet of jeeps awaited our return and cut two hours walking off the end of our journey. Back along the coast road we sped to our camp where we were greeted by a bumper Christmas mail, the greatest moral booster that people back home can provide. The administrations of a barber, a chiropodist and a masseur, a hot bath and some clean clothes helped me look back on the trip more kindly.

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0 100 SECRET (.) SITREP 10 to 231130 I (.) PIPER FORCE (.)
 disposns (.) YASUAR (.) FORCE HQ plus two pls (.) YAMBES (.)
 coy less one pl (.) YASILE one pl A coy (.) YAPOMBIL one pl A
 coy (.) MERINGE standing patrol one sec A Coy (.) SONGAIEN OP
 5 ORs A coy (.) LAUNG V376091 standing patrol C coy (.)
 231600 I patrol from YAMBES report MUSIMBE MUSIMBILIM
 DRKIKER clear of enemy (.) DIAHINGA is correct name for
 MUSIMBE (.) 231740 I patrol from YAPOMBIL to YAUATONG via
 YASE KOP RIVER ALBULUM and return via HAULO V264063 KOP RIVER
 YASE report track and village clear of enemy (.) natives
 YAUATONG reported enemy withdrew from NANAHANG to MIWHAK (.)
 TAG R (.) 211030 I MUSIMBILIM considerable activity in gardens
 and signs of occupation (.) AIR (.) 211130 I 4 BEAUFORTS
 bombed SAHIK MUSIMBILIM (.) native reports 23 Dec (.) SAHIK
 8 enemy killed as result air strike 211130 I (.) following air
 strike MUSIMBILIM 211130 I enemy estimated 30 to 40 withdrew
 to PEREMBIL area V3908 via DRKIKER (.) SUPARI area V5706 (.)
 party JAPS stripped gardens killed and ate 2 natives during Nov
 (.) during same period natives killed 12 JAPS (.) KANTI PALAURU
 YAPUNDA (.) SITHOR (.) patrol ALAURU KANTI 23 Dec NIL report (.)

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party enemy str unknown (.) PELNANDU V423057 (.) gardens to SE
of village foraged by japs from EMUL V437042 each morning (.)
MIHWAK evac by enemy 23 dec reliability B2 (.) natives throughout
report NO enemy now WEST of grid 31 (.) WAPIL (.) 260600I 4 pl
2/5 bn plus det 2/2 fd amb left enroute to TONG all infm

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2/2 Aust Fd Amb

Originator's No.0119 SECRET (:) sitrep 14 to 271300I (:) PIPER FORCE (:) MIMAU V392058 (:) 250500I patrol attempted attack 30 JAPS on ridge 500 yds SE of village but enemy withdrew (:) MISINAU V378065 (:) 261400I fighting patrol to MISINLU returned (:) police boy reported village occupied by 20/30 JAPS living in 4 huts centre of village also 60 in surrounding bush who move to village for rations only (:) JAPS in village dug in with at least 2 LMGs (:) air strike 25 dec ~~NOT~~ effective JAPS evacuated prior to attack returning on completion (:) some huts destroyed (.) 26 dec (:) NANUNUM V385082 reported by patrol to be clear (:) PEREMBIL V393078 (:) 261130 I a irstrike on target (:) some enemy remained village during strike remainder went bush (:) disposns now PIPER FORCE HQ plus 15 pl YASAUR (:) A coy HQ plus 8 pl YOURANG 7 pl MUSIMBILIM 9 pl NANAANG C coy less 15 pl YAMBES with standing partol LUANG V376091 5 OR SONGAIEN OP native reports (:) 23 dec ~~MIWHAK~~ MIWHAK V321025 evacuated by enemy who moved to DUMAN area V349033 where were attacked by natives results unknown (:) police boys report NO JAPS now WEST of MUSINGIK V348043 confirmed by our patrols (:) 25 dec ~~party~~ party JAPS reported as 1 offr 29 OR attacked by natives vicinity SISANGOM creek V365040 some cas inflicted (:) PEREMBIL (:) police boy reports 29 killed 17 wounded as result air strike 24 dec ~~but~~ but estimated 50 JAPS still on feature (:) SAHIK V375110 25 dec (:) 12 JAPS with one sick in huts all infm

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O 128 SECRET (.) sitrep 16 to 291300I (.) 28 dec (.) MUSINAU
subjected to harassing fire by 3 in mortar during afternoon
and night 28/29 dec (.) natives report enemy withdrew during
shelling and returned afterwards (.) police boy reports further
5 JAPS buried as result of ambush 271100I at V36800I making total
killed by patrol 15 (.) patrol to report on air strike MUSINAU
27 dec unable to ascertain effect (.) natives report 7 huts
destroyed (.) JAPS withdrew down SOUTH and SW slopes PEREMBIL during
strike 27 dec all informed

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 143 SECRET (.) SITREP 22 to 040800I (.) 2/5 AUST INF BN (.)
disposns as at 031200I (.) YAMBES bn HQ B coy (.) NABALEM V388064
C coy less three secs (.) LUAINO V376091 two secs C coy (.) SAHIE
V376111 one sec C coy (.) MUSINAB A coy plus one det 3 pl less
9 pl (.) DRUKIKER 4 pl 9 pl (.) 030945I PERAMBIL engaged by mortar
3 in from NABALEM (.) 031645I PERAMBIL occupied by two pls C coy
(.) one enemy killed by mortar fire located (.) 031715I enemy force
estimated 40 counter attacked (.) attack repulsed (.) one enemy
6 killed own one wounded (.) 031715I fighting patrol to contact
enemy BELIHANU V485059 due in 031600I NOT yet returned (.) recon
patrol DRUKIENI MUSINSILIM DUMAH MUSENDAI MOINYAR MUSENG APER
TIMINSER and return by same route report NO enemy seen (.) natives
informed patrol enemy in str BAROM A469995 BALATA V483063 WAKUN
A478995 (.) air (.) PERAMBIL (.) strikes 2 and 3 Dec reported
accurate (.) ASILING (.) strike 3 Dec several huts destroyed by
incendiaries incl one containing SAA

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

2/5 2/6 2/7 AUST INF BN rear 2/5 AUST INF BN
2/2 AUST PD REGT 2/2 AUST PD AHB

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 206 SECRET (.) SITREP 25 to 061300 I (.) 2/5 AUST INF BN (.)

Jan
5 ~~sec~~ (.) patrol observed 6 JAP sentries on ridge vicinity
LOWER PEREMBIL V397077 3 JAPS in village (.) also 4 sentries
ASILING V405075 (.) 051800I and 060415I mortar and MG harassing
fire on LOWER PEREMBIL end ridge (.) air (.) 051015I PRINANDU
V425058 all bombs on target some huts destroyed (.) native
reports (.) 60 to 70 JAPS LOWER PEREMBIL (.) 60 JAPS ASILING
(.) 30 JAPS SAMASAI V415066 (.) enemy parties str unknown
WALENDE V410115 SUMUL V394111 (.) change in dispcens 6 ~~sec~~ (.) *JAN*
B coy less 11 pl BANIK V385111 (.) all infm

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 1331	R.	BN
Time Cleared		

Signed

Signed *Hej*

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 70

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator 2/7 Aust INF BN	Date—Time of Origin 011630Z <i>011730Z</i> <i>JAN.</i>	Office Date Stamp 573
TO	17 Aust INF BDE (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions 88Y	GR 61

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I17 O SECRET O ref map SURVEY
1 to 25000 O 011100Z. "D" Coy and 9 pl
"A" Coy. moved out M.H.R. O "D" Coy. completing
construction M.H.R. disposes coy HQ and
18 pl 973483 O 16 pl plus det
mortars AND SEC. + MMG. 973485.
O 17 pl 972483 O 7 pl "A" Coy.
taking over outposts at 971483 O
974475 O 985474. "B" Coy. sec
returned to 010486

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Signed	Signed		

I 7/28

SECRET

2/5 AUST INF BN

DEC

Location Reprt No 3

as at 131800 I

Ref Map AITAPE 1/25000 : SENO EAST 1/63360 AITAPE. EAST. 1/63360

Serial No	Sub - Unit	Area	Map Ref	Remarks
1	Bn H. Q	WAPIL	011483	
2	A. Coy	"	011483	
3	B Coy less two Secs.	"	011483	
4	No 2 sec. B Coy	NOR	026479	
5	No 7 " "	WAPIL	011473	
6	C. Coy	"	011483	
7	H. Q Coy	"	011483	
8	D Coy No 4 Sec	"	099476	one Det en route
9	D Coy less No 4 Sec	"	-	KAMTI 2889419

by sub units down to pls. - Secs if separated from their

J. N. Pitts

IO 2/5 AUST INF BN

I 7/27.

SECRET

LOCATION REPORT 2/6 AUST INF BN

13 Dec 44

Ser No.	Sub Unit	Area	Map Ref	Remarks
1.	C coy 2 & 24		955498	To prepare defences <i>move out daily.</i>
2.	A coy 7 pl			To relieve B tp 2/9 Sqn
3.	P1 HQ 1 & 5		953497	
4.	1 sec		964489	
5.	1 sec		923508	
6.	1 sec		916528	

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Location Report No 3

Secret.

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Ref Map AITAPE AREA
— 1:25000 —

as at 171500 I.

Ser. No.	Sub. Unit.	Area	Map Ref.	Remarks
34.	Bn H.Q.	WAPIL.	010486	
35	A Coy	"	"	
36	B. "less 80cc	"	"	8 sec on M.L.R. at 985474.
37	C "	"	"	
38	D Coy ^{less 115} less 16 pl	"	"	2 sec on M.L.R. } 4 sec 971483. 5 sec 974475
39	16 pl	West of Aitape	as per patrol schedule	on patrol R3(a) as per advice of Bae
40	HQ Coy.	WAPIL	010486	

I 1/31.

W. G. King

2/7 Aust Inf Bn I 7/25
 Location Report No. 1 as at 051800Z.

SECRET
Dec

Ref Map. AITAPE AREA 1:25000.

Div. No.	Sub. Unit.	Area.	Map. Ref.	Remarks.
1	Bn HQ.	Wapil	010486	
2	A. Coy.	Wapil	010486	
3	B. Coy.	Tadji 'Drome	985474	Pls biv. with Coy HQ.
4	C. Coy	do	991479.	
	less 13, 14, 15 pl	do		
5	13 pl HQ	do	992478	
6	14 pl	do	990478	
7	15 pl	do	991477	
8	D. Coy	do	997477	16 ^{pl} 18 pl biv with Coy HQ.
	less 17 pl	do		
9	17 pl HQ	do	972483	
10	4 sec	do	974476	
11	5 sec	do	971483	
12	6 sec	do	984474	
13	HQ Coy	Wapil	010486	
14	B. Coy 2/9 Aust Coy	Wapil } adjacent to a entrance Dept. as closed	954498	
15	less 1st Coy		962492.	
16	less 1st Coy		976510	
17	less 1st Coy	976528		

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SERIAL NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR	REF NO.	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
29	16/11	6 Div	17 Bde	160800Z		0 1060	RESTRICTED. (1) procedure for move EAST of DRINIUMOR river laid down in awo 1027 of 1016151 has not been followed by some units (1) any party NOT in possession of requisite pass issued by this HQ of 19 Aust Inf Bde will forthwith NOT be permitted to cross the river (1) passes are obtainable in any quantity by units engaged on essential tasks EAST of DRINIUMOR river all info.	
30	21/11	17 Bde	2/7, 2/5, 2/6 2/3 MG. bn	211030I		06	RESTRICTED (1) addresses will in future NOT approach 6 AUST DIV or any other units under this bde direct (1) correct chain of command through this HQ will be observed.	
31	21/11	17 Bde	2/7 bn	211329		07	RESTRICTED (1) GOC 6 AUST DIV will inspect 2/7 bn and Bde HQ on Sat 25 Nov 44 (1) time will be advised	
32	21/11	6 Div	17 Bde	211300 I.		0 1103	RESTRICTED (1) a pm mine caused cas YAKAMUT 20 Nov (1) other mines known to be DRINIUMOR area but unlocated (1) warn all pws (1) units mark any located mines + report to RAE.	
33	25/11	17 Bde	6 Div	251240I		0 8	RESTRICTED (1) ref 6 Aust Div 01139 of 2510301 acts.	

Serial No.	DATE	FROM	TO	TOO	TO R	REF No	SUBJECT	SHEET 3.	SECTION
23	29/11	17 Bde	6 AVST DIV	29/1030 I		I 1	SECRET in MLR manned as follows (1) C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn has 15 pl plus Ctp 2/10 Aust Cav Coy (1) depots (1) Coy HQ 2 99 8474 13 pl HQ V015474 1 sec V032477 2 sec V015474 (3 sec V006467 14 pl HQ Z 971482 4 sec Z 974474 5 sec Z 969483 6 sec Z 985472 Ctp 2/10 Cav Cde HQ HQ Z 950497 7 sec Z 959492 8 sec Z 915526 9 sec Z 924507		
24	29/11	19 Bde	17 Bde	29220 I		0 31	SECRET (1) HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde class present location 301200 i opens ANOPAP V164423 at 301200K all informed.		OGP
25	29/11	6 Div	17 Bde	291700 I		0 1178	SECRET (1) receipt 22 to 291500 I (1) received		
26	20/11	6 Div	17 Bde	30 - I		0 1186	SECRET (1) receipt 23 to 301500 I (1) received		
27	2/12	17 Bde	6 Div	020915 I		0 18	RESTRICTED (1) ref yaws 95I 18 (1) stamps held by units show (1) AB 17 Aust Inf Bde 1-902 (1) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn i/c 3862 2/16 Aust Inf Bn NIL (1) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn 2-971 and 3742,		
28	29/11	17 Bde	2/5, 2/6 2/3 MG. Bn	291545 I		0 15	RESTRICTED (1) ref FIRST AUST ARMY INT INSTR No. 6 monthly return of pws engaged in Int duties (1) return required this HQ 301200 I.		

SERIAL No.	DATE	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR	REF No	SUBJECT	SHEET 2	
								ACTION	TAKEN
12	22/11	6 Div	17 Bde	221730 I		0 1114	SECRET (.) visit 15 to 221500 I (.) received.		
13	23/11	6 Div	17 Bde	231645 I		0 1123	SECRET (.) visit 16 to 231500 I (.) received.		
14	24/11	6 Div	17 Bde	241645 I		0 1134	SECRET (.) visit 17 to 241500 I (.) received.		
15	25/11	17 Bde	2/7 br adw HQ 2 pl " " 2/5"	250730 I		07	SECRET (.) operational cond AIR TAPES passed to 6 AUST DIV at 260001 I.		
16	24/11	6 Div	17 Bde	240900 I		07126	SECRET (.) operational cond AIR TAPES passed to 6 AUST DIV at 260001 I. all inform.		
17	25/11	6 Div	17 Bde	251700 I		0 1142	SECRET (.) visit 18 to 251500 I (.) received.		
18	26/11	6 Div	17 Bde	261630 I		0 1149	SECRET (.) visit 19 to 261500 I (.) received.		
19	27/11	6 Div	17 Bde	271645 I		0 1158	SECRET (.) visit 20 to 271800 I (.) received.		
20	27/11	17 Bde	2/7 br (tp 2/10 cov (cond) opr.	270700 I		0 9	RESTRICTED (.) as from 270800 I C to 2/10 AUST CAV (cd) SQN will come under commd 2/7 br.		
21	28/11	6 Div	17 Bde	281115 I		0 1167	SECRET (.) visit 21 to 281500 I (.) received.		
22	28/11	2/7 br	17 bde	281110 I		T 10	SECRET (.) LOGSTAT of C Coy & all sp. 2/10 AUST CAV CDO SQN @ 281000 I (.) Coy HQ 998474 (.) 13 pl HQ 015474 (.) 10 pl 032477 2 sec 015474 3 sec 000467 (.) 14 pl HQ 971482 4 sec 974474.5 sec 969483 6 sec 985472 (.) C Troop 2/10 AUST CAV CDO SQN - HQ 950497 7 sec 959492 8 sec 915525 9 sec 924507		

SERIAL No.	DATE	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR	REF No.	SUBJECT	SHEET(1) ACTION TAKEN
1	16/11	6 DIV	17 Bde	161700I		01067	SECRET(1) msg 9 to 161500I(1) received.	
2	17/11	6 DIV	17 Bde	171615I		01072	SECRET(1) msg 10 to 171500I(1) received.	
3	18/11	6 DIV	17 Bde	181730I		01081	SECRET(1) msg 11 to 181500I(1) received.	
4	19/11	17 Bde	6 Div	191805I		02	RESTRICTED(1) Adv HQ 17 Bde opens 011488 at 200800I.	
5	19/11	6 Div	17 Bde	191600I		01090	SECRET(1) msg 12 to 191500I(1) received.	
6	19/11	6 Div	17 Bde	191900I		01093	SECRET(1) ref msg 12 of 191600I(1) delete from first line of text setup 19 to 191500I all info.	
7	20/11	6 Div	17 Bde	201645I		01100	SECRET(1) msg 13 to 201500I(1) received.	
8	20/11	6 Div	17 Bde	202100I		95E 9	RESTRICTED(1) ref 95I 8 202000I(1) for 211600I read 231600I.	
9	20/11	6 Div	17 Bde	202000I		95E 9	RESTRICTED(1) party 1 off 50R. 2/7br will receive area bounded by following line from 210800I to 211600I. line at N161A runs from mouth to track at 978413 to junction track + grid line 970417 thence along grid line 97 to MLR.	
10	20/11	Adv HQ 17 Bde	2/7 br Adv HQ 2/5 br " " 2/6 br " " 2/3 NG BN	201815I		03	restricted (1) Adv HQ 17 Bde opens 011488 at 200800I.	
11	21/11	6 Div	HQ 17 Bde	211600I		01106	SECRET(1) msg 14 to 211500I(1) received.	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

130 / 62 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/11/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 124 9 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 760 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
1	-	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels					
3	1	-	2	Majors					
9	2	-	7	Captains	1	1	-	-	-
20	-	11	31	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
39	3	11	41		1	1	-	-	-

	DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.			42							42
	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	1944	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL	1944	

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).
		NIL	

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

116 62 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/11/1944 4 2/6 AUST INF BN

W.E. 11 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1	•	•	1	W.Os. Class I.					
6	•	•	6	W.Os. Class II.	1 AACQ	•	•	1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
5 NR	1	•	4	Staff Sergeants					
32 NR	1	•	31	Sergeants	9 Sea	8	•	1	NR
67 NR	5	•	62	Corporals	8 Appn	6	•	2	NR
658	•	73	731	Troopers, Privates, etc.	14 "A"	19	5	•	•
				Civilians counting as O.R.	for				
769 NR	7	73	835	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2	32 detail	33*	5	4	NR*

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	868									868
B(1)										
B(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for completion 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	Hq 6 AUST DIV (unit recreation hut orderly)			2	On leave		
				5	Not accounted for ex leave		
1	Hq 17 AUST INF BDE (Batman to Chapl)			1	OLD ECH and RECORDS		
				7	Hq 17 AUST INF BDE		
				20	Advance Party		
				1	6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT		
				2	LHQ SCHOOL OF MECH (Mob Wing) (Staff)		
				2	AVL		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/6 AUST INF BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 25/11/1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 11 / 1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, 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 Menial			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangotakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				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				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							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

SEE APPX "A" ATT

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.E. 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 NOV 44
Date of Despatch

Wood
Command 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

Date: 25 Nov 44

WE - 11/120/3

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE Gp 1</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	2	-	1	•
<u>TRADE Gp 11</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6	•	•	•
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1	•	•	•
Int Duties	Cpl	2	2	•	•	•
Int Duties	Pte	7	7	•	•	•
Signallers	Cpl	4	4	•	•	•
Signallers	Pte	22	21	1	-	•
Machinist Wood	Pte	-	1	-	1	•
<u>TRADE Gp 111</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1	•	•	•
Clerk	Sgt	2	2	•	•	•
Clerk	Cpl	6	6	•	•	•
Clerk	Pte	4	3	1	-	•
Elect Repairer	Pte	1	1	•	•	•
Rangefinder	Pte	4	5	•	1	•
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1	•	•	•
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	2	1	-	•
Tailor	Sgt	1	1	•	•	•
Tailor	Cpl	1	1	•	•	•
Dvr Mech	Pte	-	19	-	19	•
Shoemaker	Pte	-	1	-	1	•
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO(1)	1	1	-	-	•
CSM	WO(11)	5	5	-	-	•
RQMS	WO(11)	1	1	-	-	•
QMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1	-	•
Pl Sgt	Sgt	25	24	1	-	•
Batman	Pte	35	42	-	7	•
Dvr MT	Cpl	1	3	-	2	•
Dvr MT	Pte	11	11	-	-	•
Gen Duties Mess	Pte	3	3	-	-	•
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5	-	1	•
LMG Rfn	Cpl	36	29	7	-	•
LMG Rfn	Pte	361	361	-	-	•
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	4	-	2	•
MMG Nos	Pte	20	34	-	14	•
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1	-	•
Mortar Nos	Pte	68	77	-	9	•
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	-	-	•
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1	-	•
Pioneers	Pte	28	35	-	7	•
Regt Police	Sgt	1	1	-	-	•
Regt Police	Pte	6	6	-	-	•
Storemen	Pte	6	6	•	•	•
Stretcher Bearers	Sgt	1	1	-	-	•
Stretcher Bearers	Cpl	2	2	-	-	•
Stretcher Bearers	Pte	18	25	-	7	•
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4	-	-	•
Tk A Gun Nos	Pte	15	23	-	8	•
Water Duties	Pte	2	2	-	-	•
TOTAL CARRIED FWD		769	835	14	80	-

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfte Required
Total brought fwd		769	835	14	80	-
<u>ATT BY WE</u>						
<u>AANC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Med Orderly	Pte	1	2	-	1	-
<u>AACC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AEME</u>						
Armourer	Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Armourer Trade Gp 1	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
Fitter Gun Trade Gp 1	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
Mech MV Trade Gp 11	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AAPG</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Pay Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AACO</u>						
Caterer	WO(11)	1	-	1	-	-
Cooks	Sgt	5	3	2	-	-
Cooks	Cpl	5	3	2	-	-
Cooks	Pte	13	14	-	1	-
TOTAL		801	868	19	86	-

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE

<u>TRADE Gp 1</u>						
Armourer	Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Armourer	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
Fitter Gun	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
<u>TRADE Gp 11</u>						
Machinist Wood	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
Mech MV	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
<u>TRADE Gp 111</u>						
Dvr Mech	Pte	-	19	-	19	-
Shoemaker	Pte	-	1	-	1	-

F. G. Wood Lt col
(F G WOOD)

25 Nov 44

Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
9 50
/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 12 4 / 194 4 (Unit)

W.E. 11 12c 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10			
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
1	1	-	-		*								
1	1	-	2	*									
1	1	-	7	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1	-	-	-				
		12	32	Majors									
			1	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
3	3	12	42			1							
		DETAIL	A	A.B.	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.	43	-									43
		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.
VX84958	Lt	CONNOR F.X	FAA Regt1 Trg School	26/11/44	MR & FS Wing
VX45382	Lt	EVANS R	LHQ Gas Sch	26/11/44	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX4741	Lt	WORLE, H.J	Rear Party 2/7	Fn 25/11/44	Remain M'Land
VX9418	Lt	BUTLER, W.G	" " "	" 25/11/44	" "
VX102911	Lt	WHITTAKER, F.J.T	" " "	" 25/11/44	" "

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 2 12 4 / 194 4.

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 2/12/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj	NX3576	COX	G.S	Adm Comd	Yes		
"	VX237	NELSON	St.E.D	2 1/c	"		
"	VX4740	WALKER	K.R	O.C.Coy	"		
Capt	VX4740	WALKER	K.R	O.C.Coy	"		
"	VX4621	ARNOLD	E.	"	"		
"	VX3829	LAVAR	H.L	"	"		
"	VX35458	BAIRD	V.C	2 IC	"		
"	VX42593	ROOKE	A.N	O.C	"		
"	VX21826	SEARES	E.C	O.C	"		
T/Capt	VX18511	TROON	J.	ADJT	"		
"	VX109160	BENNETT	R.L	QM	"		
lt	QX19345	DUFFY	G.E	Pl.Comd	"		
"	TX2870	RICE	J.E	2 1/c Coy	"		
"	VX16067	WILES	J.E	2 IC Coy	"		
"	VX5552	EDWARDS	A.D	Pl.Comd	"		
"	WX8970	FLEMING	W.A	I.O.	"		
"	NX30055	DARRYL	L.J.	Pl.Comd	"		
"	NX68151	HERROD	J.E.I.	"	"		
"	NX101652	EDWARDS	O.L	"	"		
"	VX16557	TYRES	B.W.E	"	"		
"	QX2142	LEWIS	H.W	"	"		
"	QX39201	BOYD	P.A.	"	"		
"	VX14520	HUMPHREY	C.W.	"	"		
"	QX23090	CLEWS	G.W.	"	"		
"	NX114115	CUTLER	B.L	T.O	"		
"	SX9095	HORNBY	J.H.	Pl.Comd	"		
"	WX28842	JOSE	R.G.	"	"		
"	NX11606	MURRAY	R.H.	"	"		
"	SX4240	BOWDEN	L.F.	"	"		
"	VX4963	BUTTON	R.W	Sig Off	"		
"	NX136180	WALCH	R.F.	Pl.Comd	NO LO 17 Bde		
"	VX84958	CONNOR	F.X	"	Yes		7/10/44
"	VX81731	WILCOCK	R.S.	"	"		
"	VX109224	KELLY	G.K.	"	"		
"	VX22253	LANG	R.	"	"		
"	NX114150	GODDARD	O.C.	"	"		
"	VX12682	NEWTON.	T.E.	"	"		
"	VX29647	SWAN	C.H.G	"	"		
"	VX45382	EVANS	R.	"	"		
"	NX3823	GERRARD	R.D.	"	"		
"	NX129603	BURNS	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX108478	KILPATRICK	W.J.	"	"		
CAPT	VX101992	PEARSON	C.M.I	2 IC Coy	Yes		
"	NX77377	PETERSON	B.H	RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	VX90116	O'KEEFE P.G.	AA Chd	6/4/44	Chaplain
Mr	B3/323	TAIT, J.	Sal Army	28/6/44	Phil Rep

2 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

(G.S.COX) Signature of Commander
Adm Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 12 4 2/7 Bn /194 (Unit)

W.E. 11 12e 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				2 3 4 5				6 7 8 9 10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE				
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 NR	1	-	-	W.Os Class I								
1 NR	1	1	6	W.Os. Class II					1			
2 NR	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts								
1 NR	1	-	35	Staff Sergeants								
23 NR	23	-	44	Sergeants				2 1 1 2	6	-	3	3 NR
41	41	39	654	Corporals				1 1 1 9	12	4	-	-
				Troopers, Privates, etc				2 1 18	21	7	-	-
				Civilians counting as O.R								
69	69	40	740	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				AACC AAC AAC AAC AAC	40	11	3	3 NR

Detail	A	B 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	780										780
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	6 Aust Div Amenities			2	17 Bde		
1	17 Bde				AACC		
3	A.E.M.E			1	17 Bde		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/7 BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 2 12 4 /194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 / 12 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.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			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				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				Wiveman							
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							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively			*

SEE APPENDIX "A"

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

2 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

(G.S. COX) Signature of Commander
Adm Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Maj

DETAILS OF SURPLUS AND DEFICIENT NCOs.

1. Woll acting RSM

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

1. CQMS rear details

1. Recommendation for CQMS to be submitted to Higher Formation.

23 Cplx. LMG & RIFLEMEN submitted to higher Formation for approval.

1. RQMS remaining behind rear party.

W. J. ...

APPENDIX "A"

Date 2 December 44

2/7 AUST INF BN

W.E. 11/12c/3

TRADE	Rank	W.E	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1	-	1 NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Cpl	2	1	1	-	1 NR
" "	Pte	7	7	-	-	-
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	-	2 NR
"	Pte	22	29	-	7	-
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Clerk	Sjt	2	2	-	-	-
"	Cpl	6	3	3	-	3 NR
"	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Equipment Rep'r	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Rangefinder	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	3	1	2	-	2 NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
"	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	-	1	-	1 NR
CSM	WO11	5	6	-	1	-
RQMS	WO11	1	-	1	-	1 NR
CQMS	s/Sjt	5	3	2	-	2 NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	24	1	-	1 NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35	-	-	-
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1	-	1 NR
" "	Pte	11	11	-	-	-
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3	-	-	-
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
LMG/RIFLEMEN	Cpl	36	23	13	-	13 NR
" "	Pte	361	324	37	-	37 NR
MMGs Nos	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
" "	Pte	20	19	1	-	1 NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1	-	1 NR
" "	Pte	68	76	-	8	-
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	-	-	-
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1	-	1 NR
"	Pte	28	40	-	12	-
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Storemen	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
" "	Pte	18	22	-	4	-
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	3	1	-	1 NR
" " "	Pte	15	23	-	8	-
Water Duties	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
		760	740	69	40	69

TRADE	Rank	W.E.	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total Brought Forward			769	740	69	40
ATTACHED BY W.E.			-	-	1	1
<u>A.A.M.C</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1	-	-	
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1	-	-	
Med Orderly	Sjt	1	1	-	-	
"	Pte	1	2	-	1	
<u>A.A.O.C.</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1	-	-	
	Pte		1	-	1	
<u>A.A.P.O.S</u>						
POSTAL duties	Sjt	1	1	-	-	
<u>A.A.P.C.</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1	-	-	
"	Cpl	1	1	-	-	
<u>A.A.C.C</u>						
Caterer	Woll	1	1	-	-	
Cooks	Sjt	5	2	3	-	
"	Cpls	5	9	-	4	
"	Pte	13	18	-	5	
Total			801	780	72	51
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.</u>						
<u>TRADE GROUP 1 etc.</u>						
Armourer	Sjt	1	1	-	-	
" TG-11	Pte	1	1	-	-	
FITTER GUN-TG1	Pte	1	1	-	-	
Total			3	3	0	0
2 Dec. 44						
Total			804	783	72	51

C. E. Brown
 Maj
 (G.S.COX)
 Adm Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
 Water Duties

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

Rear details 17 Aust Lf Bn

25 Nov

For Action

TO

HQ 17 Aust Lf Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

J. [Signature]

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means { except

_____ } Wireless

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

[Signature]

Signed

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/194 (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
	1		1375	* Lieut.-Colonels * Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										17		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	EX 2839	MOTON	H J	Comd	Yes		
T/Maj	VX 37109	CLARK	K C	Inf	"		
T/Capt	VX 5460	BOLGER	W P	SC	"		
Capt	VX 117100	WREST	J R	SC(I)	"		
T/Capt	PX 0054	JOHNSON	L C	T O	"		
T/Capt	VX 7856	MARSDEN	H H	I O	"		
T/Capt	HX 76085	BLACKSTONE	J W	BASCO	"		
T/Capt	VX 27088	COUGHLIN	H T	L O	"		
Lt	HX 165115	WILLS	W J A	L O	"		
Cb pt	EX 13513	LEE	W F	Legal	"		
Lt	VX 41600	WITLEY	A G	Ednc	"		
Lt	VX 57807	GALLAGHER	S R	Amcn	"		
Lt	VX 5108	MOONIE	H S	B O C	"		
Lt	HX 134801	BRANDER	I R	Hyg	"		
		WALLACE					
Chaplain	EX 26140	XXXXXXXXXX	W H D		No	det 2/5 Bn	
"	EX 19124	RICHARDSON	D J T		"	" 2/6 "	
"	VX 90116	O'KEEFE	P G		"	" 2/7 "	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	VX 133180	WALCH	2/7 Bn	2/10/44	acting IO

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[Signature]
Signature of Commander. Bde

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

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			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				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				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							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

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

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday

Group I	Grade	Description	Group II (cont.)	Grade	Description	Group III (cont.)	Grade	Description	Total	
									Present	Reinforcements
GROUP I	Sgt	Company Sergeant Major	GROUP II	Sgt	Company Sergeant Major	GROUP III	Sgt	Company Sergeant Major	1	1
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
		Company Sergeant			Company Sergeant			1	1	
GROUP I	Platoon Sergeant	Platoon Sergeant	GROUP II	Platoon Sergeant	Platoon Sergeant	GROUP III	Platoon Sergeant	Platoon Sergeant	1	1
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		Platoon Sergeant			Platoon Sergeant			1	1	
		GROUP I			Squad Leader			Squad Leader	GROUP II	Squad Leader
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
Squad Leader	Squad Leader		1	1						
GROUP I	Private		Private	GROUP II		Private	Private	GROUP III		
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		Private	Private		1		1			
		GROUP I	Private		Private		GROUP II		Private	Private
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					
Private	Private			1	1					

NOTE - (a) If rank other than private is involved the details on back.
 (b) Reinforcements of grade and rank will be added as required in space provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.S.M.W.S. concerned the details on back.
 (d) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on back by insertion of "Reinforcements".
 (e) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on back of form. The words "Reinforcements" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.
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APPENDIX "A"

DATE

Trade	Rank	E	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	RFTs Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Draughtsmen "I"	Cpl	1	1			
" " "I"	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Int Duties	S Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	2	2	1		NR
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Clerks	WOii	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	2		1	
"	Ptes	2	3		1	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOii	1	1			
CMS	S Sjt	1	1			
Batman	Ptes	13	11	2		NR
Orderlies	Ptes	9	10		1	
General Dutymen	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	2	7		5	
Mess Corporal	Cpl	1	1			
Syg Dutyman	Pte	1	1			
Water "	Pte	1	1			
Storeman	Pte	1	1			
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	8	9			
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AACHD Batman Dvrs	Ptes	3	3			
<u>AASC</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Batman	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAMC-Medical Orderly</u>						
Cpl	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AALC-Clerk</u>						
Batman	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC-</u>						
Ammunition Examiner	Sjt	1	1			
Batman Dvr	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAME</u>						
Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
Fitter MV	Pte	1	1			
Mechanic MV	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Cooks	Cpl	1	1			
"	Ptes	2	4		2	
<u>AA Amenities</u>						
Clark	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AA Education</u>						
Clark	Sjt	1	1			
<u>TOTAL</u>		69	77	3	11	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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Q / 51 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 12 / 1944 2 / 7 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12e / 3. OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5						6	7	8	9	10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.				Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
-	-	-	1	*											
2	2	-	1	*											
1	1	-	7	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC				1	-	-	-			
-	-	12	32	Majors											
			1	Captains											
				Lieutenants											
				Quarter-masters											
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.											
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.											
3	3	12	42						1						
				DETAIL	A	B.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.	43	-									43
				E.(1)											
				E.(2)											

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 69	Lt-col	PARBURY, P.K.	31/51 Aust Inf Bn.(AIF)	4/12/44.	Auth Land-forces MS100765 of 21 Nov. 44

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX237	Maj	NELSON, St.E.D	LHQ TACT SCH	4/12/44	Auth 17 Aust Inf Bde
VX4740	Maj	WALKER, K.R.	104 CCS	8/12/44	

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 9 / 12 / 1944.

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 9 / 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	NX69	PARBURY	P.K.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	NX8576	COX	G.S.	2 IC	"		
Capt	VX4621	ARNOLD	E.	O.C.	Coy Yes		
"	VX3829	LAVER	H.L.	O.C.	Coy "		
"	VX35458	BAIRD	V.C.	2 IC	Yes		
"	VX42593	ROOKE	A.N.	O.C.	Coy Yes		
"	VX21826	SEARES	E.C.	O.C.	Coy Yes		
T/Capt	VX18511	TROON	J.	ADJT	yes		
"	VX109160	BENNETT	R.L.	QM.	"		
Lt.	QX19345	DUFFY	G.E.	Pl.Comd	yes		
"	TX2870	RICE	J.E.	2"IC	Coy "		
"	VX16067	WILES	J.E.	2 IC	" "		
"	VX5552	EDWARDS	A.D.	Pl.Comd	"		
"	WX8970	FLEMING	W.A.	I.O.	"		
"	NX30055	DARRYL	L.J.	Pl.Comd	"		
"	NX68151	HERROD	J.E.I.	"	"		
"	NX101652	EDWARDS	O.L.	"	"		
"	VX16557	TYRES	B.W.E.	"	"		
"	QX2142	LEWIS	H.W.	"	"		
"	QX39201	BOYD	P.A.	"	"		
"	VX14520	HUMPHREY	C.W.	"	"		
"	QX23090	CLEWS	C.W.	"	"		
"	NX114115	CUTLER	B.L.	"	"		
"	SX9095	HORNBY	J.H.	"	"		
"	WX28842	JOSE	R.G.	"	"		
"	NX111606	MURRAY	R.H.	"	"		
"	SX4240	BOWDEN	L.F.	"	"		
"	VX4963	BUTTON	R.W.	Sig Offr	"		
"	NX138180	WALCH	R.F.	Pl.Comd	No	LO 17 Bde	7/10/44
"	VX84958	CONNOR	F.X.	Pl.Comd	yes		
"	VX81731	WILCOCK	R.S.	"	"		
"	VX109224	KELLY	G.K.	"	"		
"	VX22253	LANG	R.	"	"		
"	NX114150	GODDARD	O.C.	A/ADJT	"		
"	VX12682	NEWTON	T.E.	Pl.Comd	"		
"	VX29647	SWAN	C.H.G.	"	"		
"	VX45382	EVANS	R.	"	"		
"	NX3823	GERRARD	R.D.	"	"		
"	NX129603	BURNS	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX108478	KILPATRICK	W.J.	"	"		
CAPT	VX101992	PEARSON	C.M.I.	2 IC	Coy		
"	NX77377	PETERSON	B.H.	RMO	"		

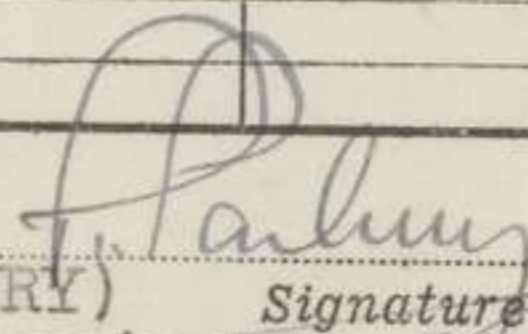
PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
XX					
CAPT	VX90116	O'KEEFE, B2G.	AA Chd	6/4/44	Chaplain
Mr	B3/323	TAIT, J.	Sal.Army	28/6/44	Phil Rep.

9 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

(P.K. PARBURY)



Signature of Commander

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Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 12 / 1944 .

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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			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				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				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											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
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Date of Despatch

(P. K. PARBURY)

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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M / 100 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 12 / 1944 2/5 AUST INF B (Unit)

W.E. 11/120 3 OFFRS 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS 1 O.R's. 32 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.																																												
	3	8	1 3 5 28 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters (Capt) A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.G.	1																																															
Nil	3	8	38			1			Nil																																												
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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.																																											
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 45245	Capt	MARTIN W.	INQ Tact Sch HEENLEIGH	3/12/44	Instructor
VX 58968	Lt	TAYLOR J.M.	104 CCS	7/12/44	Placed on "X" list
VX 73751	"	KETTLE L.A.	104 CCS	7/12/44	" " " "

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

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

2/5 AUST INF BN Unit

(Serial No.) 108

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/12/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	SX 1434	BUTTROSE	A.W.	CO	YES		
Maj	NX 101313	DARLING	G.C.	2 IC	#		
"	VX 44812	McBRIDE	I.H.	Coy Comd	#		
"	VX 2910	MACLEAN	J.S.	"	#		
Capt	NX 128779	BOAG	T.C.	"	#		
"	TX 708	WALTERS	V.M.	"	#		
"	VX 3347	CAMERON	L.A.	"	#		
"	VX 50348	FRY	G.McK	" 2 IC	NO	LHQ Tactical Sch	5.12.44
"	VX 3361	McNALLY	J.	XXX	YES	Awaiting Posting	
"	VX 54531	KEMPTHORNE	J.K.	QM	#		
Lt	QX 21235	HODGE	E.	Adjt	#		
"	QX 12255	STARK	D.H.	Adjt	#		
"	VX 29262	PITTS	B.H.	IO	#		
"	NX 119434	CASSIDY	J.	TO	#		
"	NX 81909	BELL	L.S.	Sig O	#		
"	NX 107991	HATTON	J.A.	Pl Comd	#		
"	VX 142258	PLETT	J.J.	"	#		
"	NX 79097	CONDON	S.J.	"	#		
"	NX 128785	RICHARDS	D.J.	"	#		
"	NX 128787	BOURNE	E.W.	"	#		
"	VX 3358	LIND	W.A.T.	"	#		
"	VX 5382	MILES	C.H.	"	#		
"	XXX 5751						
"	WX 55345	LEONARD	W.M.	"	#		
"	VX 9203	McBRIDE	G.A.	"	#		
"	NX 138179	SIMKIN	M.B.	"	#		
"	VX 9703	JOHNSTON	J.M.	"	#		
"	QX 6681	DONELLY	A.R.	"	#		
"	VX 28106	ROBINSON	B.L.	"	#		
"	NX 43530	SIMPSON	R.W.	"	#		
"	VX 5298	CAIDWELL	W.K.	"	#		
"	VX 4249	GILBERT	H.A.	"	#		
"	VX 44809	STEWART	R.M.	"	#		
"	QX 37231	HELLBRON	S.W.	"	#		
"	VX 89095	ANDERSON	N.W.	"	#		
"	NX 3943	FLYNN	N.P.	"	#		
"	VX 117347	GRIMES	W.L.	"	#		
"	VX 1017	REEVE	E.R.	"	#		
"	VX 44365	COLLIER	V.M.	"	#		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE							
Capt	NX 100094	BUSBY	H.	RMO	#		

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 30365	TAYLOR V.J.	2/4 ADU	11.9.44	
Mr	B 505	CARTER W.G.	YMCA	28.3.44	YMCA Representative
Chapl	SX 26146	WALLACE W.H.	AA Ch D	11.2.43	Padre

DEC - 9 1944
Date of Despatch

W. W. Buttrose Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander
(A. W. BUTTROSE)
Commanding 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

M708 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/12/1944 2/5 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 3 OFFRS. 330 B's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

769
32
33 - 801

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				POSTED STRENGTH.				SURPLUS TO W.E.				DEFICIENT W.E.				REINFTS. REQUIRED.																			
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	W.Os. Class I.				W.Os. Class II.				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.				Staff Sergeants.				Sergeants.				Corporals.				Troopers, Privates, etc.				Civilians counting as O.R.				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.							
N11	3		1																																								
			6																																								
N11	1		31																																								
N11	12		55																																								
	5		65																																								
N11*	18	N11	75																																								

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.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A										
B(1)	787									787
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	AA Amenities (6 Aust Div)		
3	2/4 Aust Dental Unit		
1	17 Aust Inf Bde		
6			

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Det duty 2 Echelon		
6	ARL		
7	Det for Duty 2/22 Fd Pk Coy		
3	" " " 2/4 Aust Malaria Control Unit		
17			

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 12 / 1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Benters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddlefree makers		
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers						Radlographers			Stevedores		
Computors						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers			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			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					
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks					
Grinder, Precision			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply					
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers					
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors					
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks					
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals					
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.					
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics					
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.					
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*

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

(A. W. BUTTROSE)
 Commanding 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander

AUTHORIZED PROMOTIONS 6 AUST DIV 28/10/44 SUBMITTED TO DRO

VX 1807 L Cpl McKAY G.K. to be A/Cpl

NX 128111 L Cpl CATTERALL R. " " "

NX 79329	Pte	HILL	G.W.	"	"	"			
NX 136087	L Cpl	WINTLE	K.A.	"	"	"			
VX 53886	Pte	MADDEN	F.	"	"	"			

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTION HELD UNTIL ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION
SUBMITTED TO 6 AUST DIV 9/12/44**

VX 6807	L Cpl	McKAY	G.K.	to be	A/Sjt				
QX 28549	L/Sjt	McGREEVY	F.B.	"	"	"			
VX 3338	Pte	HAYES	V.J.	"	"	A/Cpl			
VX 61256	L Cpl	KETELS	G.A.	"	"	"			
VX 53425	L Cpl	MRAKIN	R.J.	"	"	"			
QX 32924	L Cpl	SIMMONS	G.E.	"	"	"			
VX 76707	L Cpl	MONAGHAN	L.P.	"	"	"			
WX 13524	Pte	CARLSEN	A.W.	"	"	"			
NX 166483	"	ALLAND	K.J.	"	"	"			
VX 52869	L Cpl	REED	S.W.	"	"	"			
NX 153463	L Cpl	TRUSKETT	S.A.	"	"	"			
VX 38653	Pte	PRETTY	N.F.	"	"	"			

TOTALS OF COLUMNS
LISTED * TO APPEAR
WITH COLUMNS 1 AND 7
AND 1 AND 10 OF PART
A. RESPECTIVELY.

CARRIED FORWARD

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(d) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.B. payments are desired by insertion of W.L. in col. "Remarks Required."
(e) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of W.L. in col. "Remarks Required."
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Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

Commanded by Lt Col
A. V. BUTTRESS
10/12/44

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APPENDIX 'A' (CONTD)

TRADE	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RFTS REQUIRED
TOTALS						
Brought forward		769	751	22	4	Nil
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE						
<u>AAMC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Med Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
	Pte	-	1		1	
<u>AA POST S</u>						
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AAPC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WO 11	1	1			
Cooks	Sjt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	16		3	
		801	787	22	8	Nil

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE

Gp 11 Driver Operator	1)	Included in LMG R/men
" 11 Painter	1)	
" 111 Driver Mech	6)	
" 111 Gunlayers	2)	

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DATE OF DESPATCH

SIGNATURE

A. W. Buttrose Lt.-Col.
 (A. W. BUTTROSE)
 Commanding 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 9 DEC 44

UNIT 2/5 AUST INF BN

WE 11/12C/3 with amendments 1-2-3-4(33 & 769)

TRADE	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RFTS REQUIRED
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	2		1	
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	2		1	See Reverse AFW
" "	Cpl	2	2			3009 Table "E"
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	22	22			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	5		1	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Rangemaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO 1	1	1			
CSM	WO 11	5	5			
RQMS	WO 11	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	5			
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	24	1		See Reverse AFW
Batmen	Pte	35	35			3009 Table "A"
Dyrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	24	12		See Reverse AFW
" "	Pte	361	353	8		3009 Table "A"
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortars Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1		1		See Reverse AFW
" "	Pte	6	6			3009 Table "A"
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher						
" Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" " "	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTALS Carried forward 769			751	22	4	Nil

Date 9 Dec 44

2/7 AUST INF BN

W.E. 11/12c/3

TRADE	RANK	W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RFTS REQUIRED.
<u>TRADE GROUP 1.</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 11.</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1	-	1 NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Cpl	2	1	1	-	-
" "	Pte	7	7	-	-	-
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	-	2 NR
"	Pte	22	29	-	7	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 111.</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Clerk	Sjt	2	2	-	-	-
"	Cpl	6	3	3	-	3 NR
"	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Equipment Rep'r	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	3	1	2	-	2 NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
"	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO1	1	-	1	-	1 NR
CSM	WO11	5	6	-	1	-
RQMS	WO11	1	-	1	-	1 NR
CQMS	s/Sjt	5	3	2	-	2 NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	23	2	-	2 NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35	-	-	-
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	11	15	-	4	-
Gen Duties (mess)	Pte	3	3	-	-	-
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	23	13	-	13 NR
" "	Pte	361	324	37	-	37
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
" "	Pte	20	19	1	-	1 NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1	-	1 NR
" "	Pte	68	76	-	8	-
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	-	-	-
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1	-	1 NR
"	Pte	28	40	-	12	-
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Storemen	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
" "	Pte	18	22	-	4	-
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	3	1	-	1 NR
" " "	Pte	15	23	-	8	-
Water Duties	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
		<u>769</u>	743	70	44	70

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 12 4 17 / 19 66 / 194..... (Unit)

W.E. OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10							
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
	1		1	1 BRIGADIERS * 3 CHAPLAINS * Lieut.-Colonels 1 Majors 7 Captains Lieutenants 5 Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	2		17													
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										17		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

Unit

17 Aust Inf Bde

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/13/44 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	OX 9299	MOTY	H J	Quar	Yes		
T/Maj	VX 37109	CLARK	K C	BM	"		
T/Capt	VX 5460	BOLGER	W P	SC	"		
Capt	VX 117108	HIRST	J R	SC(L)	"		
Capt	VX 7396	WILSON	H M	I O	"		
T/Capt	VX 8054	JOHNSON	L C	I O	"		
Capt	MX 76385	BLACKSTONE	J W	BASCO	"		
T/Capt	VX 27088	GOUGHLAN	H T	LO 1		with rear details	
Lt	MX 18511	WILLS	W J A	LO 2	Yes		
Capt	OX 18513	LEE	W F	Legal	"		
Lt	VX 41869	WHITLEY	A G	educ	"		
Lt	VX 67807	GALLACHER	S H	Amen	"		
Lt	VX 5108	MOODIE	H S	B O C	"		
Lt	MX 134981	BRANDER	I R	Hyg	"		
Chaplain	OX 36146	WALLACE	W H D		No	det 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	OX 19194	RICHARDSON	D J T		"	det 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	VX 90113	O'KEEFE	P G		"	det 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	VX 138130	WALCH R F	2/7 Bn	2/10/44	acting LO 3

W.P. O'Keefe
Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

FR / 51 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 12 / 1943 HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			8	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			2	Staff Sergeants					
			4	Sergeants					
		1	11	Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
	3	10	55	Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	3	11	74	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					*

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

** 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.P.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A										
B(1)	74									74
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.
6	2/6 Bn			6	Rear Details		
2	2/7 Bn			1	2/5 Bn		
				1	2/6 Bn		
				1	2/7 Bn		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 12 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, 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				Eangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				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				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							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowrifer				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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

DETAILS OF NCOs BY TRADE

Unit

NO 17 JUNE 1947

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

WE POSTED STRENGTH

	WE					POSTED STRENGTH				
	WOi	WOii	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	WOi	WOii	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl
Draughtsmen "Int"					1					1
Duties "Int"				1	1				1	1
Clerks		1			1		1		2	
Transport				1					1	
Driver MT					1					1
Mess Cpl					1					1
General Duties					1					1
CSM		1					1			
CQMS			1					1		
		2	2	1	6		2	2	1	7
SERVICES										
AASC-Clerk					1					1
AALS-Clerk					1					1
AAES-Clerk				1					1	
AAAS-Clerk				1					1	
AAOC-Amn Examiner				1					1	
AAMC-RAP ORDERLY					1					1
AACC-Cooks					1					1
		2	2	4	10		2	2	4	11

Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 1 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.

CARRIED FORWARD

CARRIED FORWARD

CARRIED FORWARD

NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in the WOi or WOii are added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on return by location of N.C.O. in col. "Reinforced".
(e) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on return by location of N.C.O. in col. "Reinforced".
(f) Where any request or mention is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
9 / 52 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 2/7 A.I.B. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 269 OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10								
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					Rein'fts Required.			
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.					
2 NR	2	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels	AANC	1							
1 NR	1	-	1	Majors									
-	-	11	7	Captains									
			31	Lieutenants									
			1	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
3	3	11	41			1							
		DETAIL	A	I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	42										42
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/7 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 16 / 12 / 1944

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 16 12 4 / /194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	NX55	PARBURY	P.A.	C.O.	yes		
Major	NX3576	COX	C.S.	2 IC	"		
Capt	VX4621	ARNOLD	B.	OC Coy	"		
"	VX3829	LAVIN	H.L.	"	"		
"	VX35459	BAIRD	V.C.	"	"		
"	VX42538	ROOKE	A.H.	"	"		
"	VX21226	SEARS	B.C.	"	"		
"	VX101992	PEARSON	G.M.I.	2 IC Coy	yes		
T/capt	VX18511	TROON	J.	ADJT	yes		
"	VX109160	BENNETT	R.L.	CM	"		
Lt	OX19346	DUFFY	G.B.	P1 Comd	yes		
"	VX2870	RICE	J.R.	2 IC Coy	"		
"	VX16067	WILKS	J.E.	"	"		
"	VX5552	EDWARDS	A.D.	P1 Comd	"		
"	WX9970	FLEMING	W.A.	I.O.	"		
"	NX30055	DARRYL	L.J.	P1 Comd	"		
"	NX68151	HERROD	J.R.I.	"	"		
"	NX101652	EDWARDS	O.L.	"	"		
"	VX16557	TYRES	B.W.S.	"	"		
"	OX2142	LEWIS	H.W.	"	"		
"	OX39201	BOYD	P.A.	"	"		
"	VX14520	HUMPHREY	C.W.	"	"		
"	OX23090	GIENS	C.W.	"	"		
"	NX114115	GUTHRIE	B.L.	"	"		
"	SK9095	HORNEY	J.H.	"	"		
"	WX28242	JOSE	R.G.	"	"		
"	NX111606	MURRAY	R.H.	"	"		
"	SK4240	BORDEN	L.F.	"	"		
"	VX4968	BUTTON	R.W.	Sig Offr	"		
"	NX150100	HAIGH	R.F.	P1 Comd	no	L.O 17 Bde	7/10/44
"	VX34052	CONNOR	F.A.	P1 Comd	yes		
"	VX21731	WILCOCK	R.S.	"	"		
"	VX10224	HELBY	G.A.	"	"		
"	VX22253	LANG	R.	"	"		
"	NX114150	GODFARD	O.C.	A/ADJT	"		
"	VX12632	NEWTON	T.E.	P1 Comd	"		
"	VX29847	SWAN	C.H.S.	"	"		
"	VX45392	EVANS	R.	"	"		
"	NX3822	GERFARD	R.D.	P1 Comd	"		
"	NX122806	BURNS	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX103478	KILPATRICK	W.J.	"	"		
CAPT	WX77377	PETERSON	B.H.	RMO	"		

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	VX90116	O'BRIENE P.C.	6/4/44	AA and	Chaplain
Mr	B3/323	TAIT, J.	3rd Army	28/6/44	Phil Rep.

16 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

(P.K. PARBURY)

Signature of Commander

Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Lt-col

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/1944 2/7 A.L.B. (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE					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 NR	1	-	2	W.Os Class I						
1 NR	1	1	6	W.Os. Class II						
2 NR	2	-	3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts		1				
				Staff Sergeants						
4 NR	4	-	28	Sergeants	2	1/1/2	6	-	3 NR	
28 NR	28	-4	43	Corporals	1/1	1/9	12	4	-	
44	44	43	657	Troopers, Privates, etc	2/1	1/8	21	7	-	
				Civilians counting as O.R						
80 NR	80	48	737	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAAC AAAC AAAS AAAC AAAC		40	11	3 NR	

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		CMF		A W A S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
		A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
* * 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	777	-									777
	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	6 Aust Div Amenities			1	2/22 Fd Pk Coy		
1	17 Bde			1	(AACC) 2/4 Mal. Cont. Unit		
				2	2/4 Mal Cont. Unit		
				2	17 Bde		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/7 BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 16/12/1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				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				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											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively			

SEE APPENDIX "A"

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

ATTACHED BY W.E.

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

16 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

P. E. Parbury
Signature of Commander
Lt-(P. E. PARBURY)
Comd 277 Aust Inf

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

DETAILS OF SURPLUS AND DEFICIENT NCOs

- 1. WOII acting RSM
- 1. CQMS rear details
- 1. Sjt acting CQMS (submitted to higher formation for approval)
- 1. RQMS rear details
- 1. Sjt (sig) submitted to higher formation for approval
- 1. Sjt (mortar) submitted to higher formation for approval
- 2. Sjts deficient result voluntary relinquishment by 2 Pl Sjts
- 2. Cpls submitted for approval to be Pl Sjts
- 28. Cpls submitted to higher formation for approval
- 4. Cpls surplus - steps to be taken to revert these in coming week, to conform with WE.

Carried Forward

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15 Dec 44

Date of Report

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

A16 / . 64 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 2/6 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 3 . OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 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.		WE Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
1	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels								
3	NR	1	2	Majors								
9	NR	1	8	Captains	1	AAMC	1	-	-			
20	-	10	30	Lieutenants								
				Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
33	NR	2	41		1		1	-	-			
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).		DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	42									42
		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	1944	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date	CAUSE.
PX	15 Lt	MASON	J E 2 NG INF BN	1944	transferred Authority: 17 AUST INF BDE A1561 of 10 Dec 44

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/6 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 16 / 12 / 1944.....

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 2/6 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11, 120 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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	
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		WE or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required.	
1	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.							
6 NR	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.		1 AACC	-	-	1	NR	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.							
5 NR	1	-	4	Staff Sergeants							
32 NR	1	-	31	Sergeants		9 See	7	-	2	NR	
67 NR	8	-	59	Corporals		8 Appx	6	-	2	NR	
658	-	53	711	Troopers, Privates, etc.		14 "A"	17	3	-	-	
				Civilians counting as O.R.		for					
769 NR.	11	53	811.	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		32 detail	30.	3	5	NR	

Detail	A.I.P.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	841									841
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	HQ 6 AUST DIV (Unit recreation hut orderly)			4	On leave		
				1	QLD ECH and RECORDS		
1	HQ 17 AUST INF BDE (Batman to Chapl)			7	HQ 17 AUST INF BDE		
				29	REAR PARTY		
				1	6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT		
				1	LHQ SCHOOL OF MECH (Mob Wing) (Staff)		
				1	AWL		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/6 AUST INF BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested 16 / 12 / 1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/ 12/1944 .

Table with 15 columns: 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. Rows include various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc.

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.G. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back. (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required". (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch 16 Dec 44

Lt Col (F G WOOD) Comd 2/Sgt Major I Coy

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

11 / 109 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 (Unit)

W.E. 1203 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 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.							
	4	9	3 4 29 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters (Capt) A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	4416	2										
Nil	4	9	37			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.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	39											
				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.
VX 38968	Lt	TAYLOR J.M.	104 CCS.	12.12.44	Disch from 104 CCS
VX 48670	Capt	GEER H.S.	2/2 AGH	7.12.44	" " Hospital
SX 19025	"	McPHEE J.M.	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	11.12.44	Attached for Duty

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 128779	Capt	BOAG T.C.	104 CCS	10.12.44	Hospital
SX 1434	Lt Col	BUTTROSE A.W.	104 CCS	12.12.44	"
VX 3361	Capt	McNALLY J.	HQ Qld L of C	2.12.44	Sec as CSO II Trg

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

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

2/5 AUST INF BN

Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj	MX 101315	DARLING	G.C.	2IC	YES		
"	VX 44612	McBRIDE	I.H.	Coy Comd	"		
"	VX 2910	MACLEAN	J.S.	"	"		
Capt	TX 708	WALTERS	V.M.	"	"		
"	VX 3347	CAMERON	L.A.	"	"		
"	VX 48670	GEER	H.S.	" 2IC	"	Rear Party	
"	VX 50340	FRY	G.Mck.	"	NO	LHQ Tactical School	5.12.44
"	VX 54531	KEMPTHORNE	J.K.	QM	YES		
Lt	OX 21235	HODGE	B.	Adjut	"		
"	OX 12255	STARK	D.H.	A Adjut	"		
"	VX 29262	PITTS	B.H.	10	"		
"	MX 119434	CASSIDY	J.	TO	"		
"	MX 81909	BELL	L.S.	Sig O	"		
"	MX 107991	HATTON	J.A.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX 142256	FLETT	J.J.	"	"		
"	MX 79097	CONDON	S.J.	"	"		
"	MX 123735	RICHARDS	D.J.	"	"		
"	MX 128787	BOURNE	E.W.	"	"		
"	VX 3358	LIND	W.A.T.	"	"		
"	VX 5382	MILES	C.H.	"	"		
"	MX 35345	LEONARD	W.M.	"	"		
"	VX 9203	McBRIDE	G.A.	"	"		
"	MX 158179	SIMKIN	M.B.	"	"		
"	VX 9703	JOHNSTON	J.M.	"	"		
"	OX 6687	DONELEY	A.R.	"	"		
"	VX 29106	ROBINSON	B.L.	"	"		
"	MX 43530	SIMPSON	R.W.	"	"		
"	VX 5298	CALDWELL	W.R.	"	"		
"	VX 4249	GILBERT	H.A.	"	"		
"	VX 14089	STEWART	R.M.	"	"		
"	OX 37231	HILLERON	S.W.	"	"		
"	VX 39095	ANDERSON	H.W.	"	"		
"	MX 3043	FLYNN	H.P.	"	"		
"	VX 117347	GRIMES	W.L.	"	"		
"	VX 1017	REEVE	E.R.	"	"		
"	VX 44365	COLLIER	V.M.	"	NO	Detached - Escort for Stores	
"	VX 58968	TAYLOR	J.M.	"	YES		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE							
Capt	MX 100094	BUSBY H.	H.	RMO	YES		
"	MX 19025	McPHEE	J.M.	RMO	"		

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 30365	TAYLOR V.J.	2/4 ADU	11.9.44	Attached for Duty
Mr.	B 505	CARTER W.G.	YMCA	28.3.43	YMCA Representative
Chapl	MX 26146	WALLACE W.H.	AA Ch D	11/2.43	Padre

DEC 16 1944

Date of Despatch

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

(A. W. BUTT ROSE)

Commanding 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/1944 2/5 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II / 129 3. OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769+ OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 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.							Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.										
			5	W.Os. Class II.										
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.										
			5	Staff Sergeants										
Nil			31	Sergeants						2	1	1	5	
Nil	15		52	Corporals						1	1	1	5	
28			647	Troopers, Privates, etc.						2	1		16	
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
28	16		741	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						5	2	1	2	27
										1	1	1	3	37
										1	1	1	1	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	778									778
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	AA Amenities		
1	17 Aust Inf Bde		
3	2/4 Aust Dental Unit		
6		.	

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Det for Duty	2	Echelon
4	ARL		
3	Det for Duty	2/4	Aust MCU
4	" " "	2/22	Aust Pd Pk Coy
12			

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

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

SEE APPENDIX "A" ATTACHED

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16 / 12 / 1944 .

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

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.

DEC 16 1944

Date of Despatch

(A. W. BUTT ROSE)
Commanding 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Signature of Commander

AUTHORIZED PROMOTIONS 6 AUST DIV 28/10/44 SUBMITTED TO DRO

VX 1807 L cpl MCKAY G.K. to be A cpl

Serial No.	Grade	Name	Initials	Remarks	Signature	Date
NX 123111	L cpl	CATTERALL	R.			
NX 79329	Pte	HILL	G.W.			
NX 136087	L cpl	WINTLE	K.A.			
VX 53886	Pte	MADDEN	F.			
RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTION HELD UNTIL ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION						
SUBMITTED TO 6 AUST DIV 9/12/44						
VX 6807	L cpl	MCKAY	G.K.	TO BE A sjt		
QX 28549	B sjt	McGREEVY	F.B.			
VX 3338	Pte	HAYES	V.J.	A cpl		
VX 61256	L cpl	KETELS	C.A.			
VX 53425	L cpl	MEAKIN	R.J.			
QX 32924	L cpl	SIMMONS	G.E.			
VX 76707	L cpl	HONAHAN	L.P.			
WX 13524	Pte	CARLSEN	A.W.			
NX 166483	Pte	ALLAN	K.J.			
VX 52869	L cpl	REED	S.W.			
NX 153463	L cpl	TRUSKETT	S.A.			
VX 38653	Pte	PRETTY	N.F.			
VX 39744	Pte	CAMPBELL	A.B.			
SUBMITTED THIS DAY						
CARRIED FORWARD						
CARRIED FORWARD						
CARRIED FORWARD						

ATTACHED BY W.L.

NOTES—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized grades or specialties not included in list will be added in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. parties are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on report by insertion of "N.R." in col. "Remarks 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.

Signature of Commander

DEC 16 1944
Date of Despatch

UNIT 2/5 AUST INF BN

Date 16 DEC 44

WE 11/12C/3 with amendments 1-2-3-4 (33 & 769)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Plts required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pto	1	2		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	2		1	
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	22			
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	5		1	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
NON SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
P1 Sgts	Sgt	25	24	1		
Batmen	Pto	35	35			
Dyrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pto	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pto	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pto	4	4			
LMG/Riflomon	Cpl	36	21	15		
" "	Pto	361	346	15		15
MMG Nos.	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pto	20	20			
Mortars Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pto	68	68			
Orderlies	Pto	32	32			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pto	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sgt	1		1		
" "	Pto	6	6			
Storemon-Stretcher	Pto	6	6			
" Boarers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pto	18	18			
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pto	15	15			
Water Duties	Pto	2	2			
TOTAL carried forward 769			741	32	4	15

APPENDIX 'A' (CONTD)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rpts required
Total brought forward		769	741	32	4	15
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>A.A.M.C.</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pto	1	2		1	
<u>A.A.O.C.</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte		1		1	
<u>A.E.M.E.</u>						
Armourer	Sgt	1				
" " TG1	Pte	1				
Fitter Gun TG1	Pte	1				
<u>A.A. Post S.</u>						
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>A.A.P.C.</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>A.A.C.C.</u>						
Caterer	WO11	1	1			
Cooks	Sgt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pto	13	16		3	
		804	778	32	9	15

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.

Gp	II	D.O.	1)	Included in LMG R/men
"	"	PAINTER	1)	
"	III	Driver Mech	6)	
"	III	Gunlayer	2)	

DATE OF DESPATCH

DEC 16 1947

SIGNATURE

A. W. Buttrose
 Lt.-Col.
 (A. W. BUTTROSE)
 Commanding 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Asd

WE - 11/12C/3

Date; 16 Dec 44

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE Gp 1</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	2	-	1	-
<u>TRADE Gp 11</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1	-	-
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Int Duties	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
Signallers	Cpl	4	4	-	-	-
Signallers	Pte	22	21	1	-	-
Machinist Wood	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
Int Duties	Pte	7	7	-	-	-
<u>TRADE Gp 111</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Clerks	Sgt	2	2	-	-	-
Clerks	Cpl	6	6	-	-	-
Clerks	Pte	4	3	1	-	-
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Rangetakers	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Storeman Tech	Pte	3	2	1	-	-
Tailor	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Tailor	Cpl	1	-	1	-	-
Dvr Mech	Pte	-	19	-	19	-
Shoemaker	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO(i)	1	1	-	-	-
RQMS	WO(ii)	1	-	1	-	-
CSM	WO(ii)	5	5	-	-	-
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1	-	-
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	24	1	-	-
Batmen	Pte	35	42	-	7	-
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	3	-	2	-
Dvrs MT	Pte	11	11	-	-	-
Gen Duties Mess	Pte	3	3	-	-	-
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5	-	1	-
LMG Rfn	Cpl	36	27	9	-	-
LMG Rfn	Pte	361	341	20	-	-
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	4	-	2	-
MMG Nos	Pte	20	35	-	15	-
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1	-	-
Mortar Nos	Pte	68	74	-	6	-
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	-	-	-
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1	-	-
Pioneers	Pte	28	39	-	11	-
Regt Police	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Regt Police	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Storemen	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Stretcher Bearers	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Stretcher Bearers	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
Stretcher Bearers	Pte	18	25	-	7	-
Tk A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4	-	-	-
Tk A Gun Nos	Pte	15	23	-	8	-
Water Duties	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
TOTAL CARRIED FWD		769	811	39	81	-

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		769	811	39	81	-
<u>ATT BY WE</u>						
<u>AAMC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Med Orderly	Pte	1	2	-	1	-
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AAPS</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Pay Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WO(ii)	1	-	1	-	-
Cooks	Sgt	5	3	2	-	-
Cooks	Cpl	5	3	2	-	-
Cooks	Pte	13	15	-	2	-
TOTAL		801	841	44	84	-

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE

<u>Trade Gp 11</u>						
Machinist Wood	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
<u>Trade Gp 111</u>						
Dvr Mech	Pte	-	19	-	19	-
Shoemaker	Pte	-	1	-	1	-

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F. G. Wood
 Lt col
 (F G WOOD)
 Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

W.E. 11/12c/3

TRADE	RANK	W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RFTS REQUIRED
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
BLACKSMITH	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1	-	4 NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Cpl	2	1	1	-	1 NR
" "	Pte	7	7	-	-	-
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	-	2 NR
"	Pte	22	29	-	7	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Clerk	Sjt	2	2	-	-	-
"	Cpl	6	3	3	-	3 NR
"	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Equipment Rep ^r	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	3	1	2	-	2 NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
"	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO1	1	-	1	-	1 NR
CSM	WO11	5	6	-	1	-
RQMS	WO11	1	-	1	-	1 NR
CQMS	S/Sjt	5	3	2	-	2 NR
Pl Sjt	Sjt	25	22	3	-	3 NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35	-	-	-
Dvrs MF	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	11	15	-	4	-
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3	-	-	-
Hyg "	Pte	4	4	-	-	-
IMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	17	19	-	19 NR
" "	Pte	361	321	40	-	40
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2	-	-	-
" "	Pte	20	19	1	-	1 NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1	-	1 NR
" "	Pte	68	76	-	8	-
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	-	-	-
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1	-	1 NR
"	Pte	28	40	-	12	-
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Storemen	Pte	6	6	-	-	-
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
" "	Cpl	2	6	-	4	-
" "	Pte	18	22	-	4	-
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	3	1	-	1 NR
" " "	Pte	15	23	-	8	-
Water Duties	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
		769	737	80	48	80

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

FR 58 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **16 12** /19**44** HQ **17 Aust Inf (Ad)**

W.E. **11** / **2** / **4**. OFFRS. **19** O.R.'s. **66** + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1				2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
	1		1 3 1 7 6	* BRIGADIER * CHAPLAINS Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	1		18													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 16 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	18									18		
				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.
VX 35629	Lt	ASHTON T W	LHQ Tactical School-BEEMLEIGH	2/12/44	Marched in on completion of course.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/1944. Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	SX 2229	MOTTEN	H J	COMD	YES		
T/Maj	VX 37109	CLARK	K C	RM	YES		
T/capt	VX 5460	BOLGER	W P	SC	"		
Capt	VX 117103	HIRST	J R	SC(L)	"		
Capt	VX 7856	MARSDEN	H M	I O	"		
T/Capt	TX 6054	JOHNSON	L C	T O	"		
Ex/Capt	NX 76385	BLACKSTONE	J W	BASCO	"		
T/Capt	VX 27088	COUGHLAN	H T	L O 1		with rear details	
Lt	NX165115	WILLS	W J A	L O 2	Yes		
Lt	VX35689	ASHTON	T W	L O 3	"	with rear details	
Capt	QX 18513	LEE	W F	Legal	"		
Lt	VX 41669	WHITLEY	A G	Educ	"		
Lt	VX 57807	GALLAGHER	S R	Amcn	"		
Lt	VX 5108	MOODIE	H S	B O O	"		
Lt	NX 134861	BRANDER	I R	Hyg	"		
Chaplain	SX 26146	WALLACE	W H D		No	det 2/5 Bn	
"	QX 19124	RICHARDSON	D J T		"	" 2/6 Bn	
"	VX 90116	O'KEEFE	P G		"	" 2/7 Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	VX 138180	WALCH R F	2/7 Bn	2/10/44	acting LO

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

S.C. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/ 12/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.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			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				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				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							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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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Signature of Commander

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DETAILS NCOs BY TRADE

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/12/1944

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

DUTY	TRADE	PRESENT STRENGTH					POSTED STRENGTH				
		WOI	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl	WOI	WOII	S/Sjt	Sjt	Cpl
raughtsmen	I					1					1
Duties	I			1					1		1
Clerks			1						1		2
Transport					1					1	
Dvr MT						1					1
Mess Cpl						1					1
General Duties						1					1
CBM			1							1	
COMS				1						1	
SERVICES											
ASC											
AAAS-Clerk						1					1
AAOC-Ann Examiner						1					1
AAMC-RAP Orderly									1		1
AACC-Cooks						1					1
TOTALS			2	2	4	10		2	2	4	11

NOTES—(a) If any other than private is involved the details on back.
(b) Authorized trades as specified and included in list will be added as required in notes provided.
(c) Where A.W.A. and A.R.W.A. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where personnel are detailed on terms of transfer by movement in N.M. in col. "Reinforce Required".
(e) Where reinforcement not needed note accordingly on terms of transfer by movement in N.M. in col. "Reinforce Required".
(f) Where any request of personnel is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

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APPENDIX "A"

DATE 16 Dec 44

Trade	Rank	E	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	RFTs Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Draughtsmen "I"	Cpl	1	1			
" " "I"	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Int Duties	S Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	2	1	1		NR
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Clerks	WOii	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	2		1	
" "	Ptes	2	3		1	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOii	1	1			
CMS	S Sjt	1	1			
Batmen	Ptes	13	11	2		
Orderlies	Ptes	9	10		1	
General Dutymen	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	2	11		9	
Mess Corporal	Cpl	1	1			
Eyg Dutymen	Pte	1	1			
Water "	Pte	1	1			
Storeman	Pte	1	1			
Tpt Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	8	10		2	
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AACHD Batmen Dvrs	Ptes	3	3			
<u>AASC</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Batman	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAMC-Medical Orderly</u>						
Cpl	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AALC-Clerk</u>						
Batman	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC-</u>						
Amputation Examiner	Sjt	1	1			
Batman Dvr	Pte	1	1			
<u>AMM</u>						
Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
Fitter MV	Pte	1	1			
Mechanic MV	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Cooks	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	2	3		1	
<u>AA Amenities</u>						
Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AA Education</u>						
Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
<u>TOTAL</u>		66	78	3	15	

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APPENDIX "A"

DATE

8 Dec 44

Trade	Rank	19 - 66	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	RFTs Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Draughtsmen "I"	Cpl	1	1			
" " "I"	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Int Duties	S Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	2	1	1		NR
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Clerks	WOii	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	2		1	
"	Ptes	2	3		1	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOii	1	1			
CMS	S Sjt	1	1			
Batmen	Ptes	13	11	2		NR
Orderlies	Ptes	9	11		2	
General Dutymen	Cpl	1	1		2	
" "	Ptes	2	6		4	
Mess Corporal	Cpl	1	1			
Msg Dutyman	Pte	1	1			
Water "	Pte	1	1			
Storeman	Pte	1	1			
Tot Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Ptes	8	10		2	
<u>SERVICES</u>						
AACHD	Batmen Dvrs	Ptes	3	3		
<u>AASC</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Batman	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAMC-Medical Orderly</u>						
Cpl	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AALC-Clerk</u>						
Batman	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC-</u>						
Amunition Examiner	Sjt	1	1			
Batman Dvr	Pte	1	1			
<u>ALME</u>						
Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
Fitter IV	Pte	1	1			
Mechanic IV	Pte	1	1			
<u>COOKS</u>						
Cooks	Cpl	1	1			
"	Ptes	2	3		1	
<u>AA Amenities</u>						
Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AA Education</u>						
Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
TOTAL		66	74			

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OPERATIONS DIARY

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Sheet No. 89.....

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or event	Remarks. Action Taken
498	11/11		2/6 br	101620 K	110800 K	I 59	RESTRICTED (1) by location statement 11 Nov 44 (1) all Coy AM adm PM sport	
499	11/11		2/5 br	101750 K	110800 K	I 61	RESTRICTED (1) Location statement for 11 Nov (1) morning adm (1) afternoon BDE SPORTS	
498	12/11	near detail 6 Aust Div	2/5 br near detail 6 Aust Div	12	—	0612	SECRET (1) following offrs this HQ moved from present loc 114000K to bond L03 sig 0	
499	12/11		2/6 br	121700 K	121735 K	I 59	RESTRICTED (1) by location statement 13 Nov 44 (1) A Coy see 7 pl encounter attack MOUNTAIN VIEW area (1) B Coy tactical route march MOUNTAIN VIEW area pm weapon by br area (1) C Coy weapon by br area (1) D Coy duty (1) HQ Coy specialist pl by br area.	
500	12/11		2/5 br	121730 K	121800 K	I 63	RESTRICTED (1) loc stat for 13 Nov (1) all top vicinity camp area.	
501	14/11	2/5 2/7 Bms infor Lt Col Wood				0615	ref 6 Aust Div 0935 re filling of diggings (1) units will complete all refilling in dig areas by 151800K + render to this HQ a certificate stating that work has been completed.	

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OPERATIONS DIARY

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Sheet No.....

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
493	10/11	rear details 6 Asst Div		100815K		0613	restricted (C) ref your 0928 (C) number of vacancies required for LHO for school for next 6 mths (C) two A wing eight B wing	
494	10/11		8/6 Bn.	091700K		I 58	restricted (C) trig locstat 10 NOV 44 (C) A coy duty coy (C) B coy weapon trig M2 EY rifle for practice shot (C) C coy route march via HERBERTON EVELYN and quarry rd to 342990 along MILL CR to 34035 then return to camp (C) D coy route march MT HIPIPAMEE GUM TREE HILL area (C) HQ Coy pl trig in area.	
495	10/11		8/5 Bn.	091755K		I 60	restricted (C) locstat for 10 NOV (C) A coy morning route march (C) afternoon coy lines (C) B coy all day route march (C) remainder vicinity camp area.	
496	10/11	6 ainst div		100850K		0600	secret (C) adv HQ 17 aust inf bde will close at present loc and reopen new loc 151800K (C) rear HQ remain present loc until further notice.	
497	10/11	6 ainst div		100850K		0610	secret (C) following offers this HQ moved from present loc to 091800K (C) S.C.(L) Aug 0.	

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489	8/11		2/6 Bn	081600K		157	A coy am. weapon trg near coy lines 1400 to 1630 demo see tactics @ B coy am. demo see tactics coy area fm. weapon trg coy area @ Coy area. demo see tactics fm. weapon trg DSMG PITA @ PITA to be fired on 200yd range @ HQ coy specif trg Bn area	
490	9/11	2/116 LAD, 9d Pl, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns, Sig Sec		09130K		0608	SECRET @ First Aust Army Instr 4721 of 6 NOV advises that until further instr following will apply @ Units of 6 Aust Div on arrival operational area will use unit address of 3 Aust Base Sub area @ this also applies to portion of units arrived operational area @ This instr refers ONLY w/ ONLY official correspondence + signals through normal sig channels.	
491	9/11	adv 6 Aust Div		091500K	091600K	0615	restricted @ for msg KC CLARKE @ refer A @ message recd 59 states bot has and note B plus 18 @ A1 and attached Z2 Z3 511	
492	10/11		rear details 6 Aust Div	090930K	100855K	0928	restricted @ please advise by 10 NOV number of vacancies required for next 6 months for LHQ tactical school A7 B wings.	

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485	8/11		2/6 br	071665K	080800K	I56	RESTRICTED (1) A coy AM pl + weapons try near coy lines 0800 to 1630 organised sport (1) B coy assault course 0845 to 0945 (1) 1000 to 1220 fun odds + spoons pl or attack 1400 to 1600 organised sport (1) C coy 0800 to 0900 coy parade (1) 0900 to 1000 lecture by Educator Off for rec. hut 1. N 1000 to 1215 pl + acc attacks MOUNTAIN VIEW AREA (1) 1400 to 1630 organised sport (1) D coy 0845 to 0930 lecture ambushes 0930 to 1100 ambushes coy area 1.1 1100 to 1230 discussion CAB 1400 to 1600 organised sport 1.1 H6 coy special try in br area.	
486	8/11		17 Bch JW School	071500K	080920K	JWS	RESTRICTED (1) intend to have booby trap demonstration Thursday 9 Nov morning (1) also exposures similar as requested NOT to Land (1) please expedite so that delivery made NOT later than 1600L. 8 up.	
487	8/11		2/5 br	072100K	080920K	I58	RESTRICTED (1) location statement for 8 NOV 44 (1) coy security coy line	
488	8/11		2/5 br	081700K		I59	LOCSTAT for 9 NOV all coy vicinity camp area.	

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481	8/11	17 bde jungle road school 2/5 2/6 2/7/8		071745K	080800K	0607	SECRET (1) 17 aust inf bde sq 0606 of 071630K is cancelled (1) 17 bde jungle road school will close at 080800K (1) students will return to units by 081000K (1) staff will return by 081300K (1) C/P 17 bde jungle road school will ensure that all stores are returned to units + will submit certificate to that effect or completion (1) (1) will be provided under arrangements (1) 17 Bde + will report as follows to school just for students at 080815K (seconds for staff + stores 091100K (1) CI will withdraw all props etc from students + staff and return to HQ 17 bde (1) ack.	
482	8/11		2/7 br	071400R	080800K		RESTRICTED you 0436 + 0606 of 1 nov ack.	
483	8/11		2/6 br	071700K	080800K	0283	SECRET (1) ack you 0436 + 0606	
484	8/11		2/5 br	071700R	080800K	0350	SECRET (1) ack you 0436 + 0606	

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475	7/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn into -6 div		061525 K		0605	RESTRICTED @ ref sig @ sig will continue along lines 17 aust inf bde sig instr no 29 @ syllabus to reach this HQ by 090900K.	
476	7/10		2/5 bn	061915 K	070800K	I 57	RESTRICTED @ loc stat for 7 nov @ all coys vicinity coy lines.	
477	7/10		2/7 bn	061650 K	070800K	I 117	RESTRICTED @ ref your I 90 @ LOCSTAT of coys 7 nov @ A coy sig 357082 @ B coy duty @ C coy rifle range RAE @ D coy camp area @ HQ coy BN area.	
478	7/10		2/6 bn	061700 K	070800K	I 55	RESTRICTED @ sig location report 7 nov @ A coy AM lecture fire orders PM see sig fd fms near coy lines @ B coy march coy dep from overnight water track area @ C coy duty coy @ D coy AM weapon sig @ PM fd craft coy sig area @ HQ coy 4 pl IRVINEBANK range practice rounds specialist sig bn area.	
479	7/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		071000 K		0606	RESTRICTED @ approval has been given for 21 aust inf bde to use portion of 6 Aust div sig area EAST of MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA rd and NORTH of 07 grid from 23-30 NOV incl.	
480	7/10		2/7 B	071435 K	071520 K	I 118	RESTRICTED @ ref your I 90 @ locstat of coys 8 NOV @ A coy morning RAE range afternoon spot @ B coy camp area & spot @ C coy duty coy @ D coy morning RAE range afternoon spot @ HQ coy training in camp area & spot.	

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469	06/11	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		060820K		0604	ref map PALMERSTON 1 in @ EVELYN HIGHWAY closed until 12 noon between 444946 & 437973 @ detour very bad.	
470	6/11		6 Dis	051200K		651500	ref map PALMERSTON 1 in @ EVELYN HIGHWAY closed until 12 NOV between 444946 & 437973 @ detour very bad.	
471	4/11		2/7 Bn	041400K	04130	I115	LOCSTAT coy 50 at @ all coys in camp area	
472	4/11		2/5 Bn	041800K	041810	I67	LOCSTAT 5 NOV @ Bn church parade	050830K
473	6/11		2/7 Bn	051440K	060800K	I116	RESTRICTED (1) ref your I go LOCATION STATEMENT of coy 6 Nov (1) A coy duty (1) B coy range RAE (1) C coy route march to 417079 CRATER via MOUNTAIN VIEW (1) D coy square 3607 (1) HQ coy Br area.	
474	6/11		2/6 Bn	051900K	060800K	I54	RESTRICTED (1) location report 6 Nov (1) A coy AM promptie compass PM compass marches coy area (1) B coy AM individual try PM Jd craft fire orders weapon try coy lines (1) C coy AM rice and fighting patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW area (1) D coy throwing 2/7 Bn range PM rice + fighting patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW area (1) D coy all day route march KABAN AREA (1) HQ coy operational pl by coy area.	

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465	3/11		2/7 bn	021700K		I 113	RESTRICTED (1) Locstat for 3 Nov (1) A coy trig in camp area (1) B coy route march from camp to rd junc 400015 to 392998 to 323023 thence to camp (1) C coy duties & trig in camp area (1) HQ coy 7 numbers 1, 4, 5 pls route march to CRATER 406078 return (1) remainder special trig in camp area	
466	3/11		2/7 bn	031500K		I 114	up four I 90 (1) Locstat of 3 coys & Oct (1) all coys in bn area.	
467	4/11		2/5 bn	051700K	040800K	I 56	RESTRICTED (1) Locstat for 4 Nov (1) adm and sports	
468	4/11		2/6 bn	031625K	040800K	I 53	RESTRICTED (1) trig location report 4 Nov (1) A coy AM discussion pl def posn adm coy lines PM organised sport (1) B coy HAP weapon trig adm coy lines PM organised sport (1) C coy am report trig coy lines PM sport (1) D coy AM lecture pl draft & adm PM organised sport (1) HG by AM adm PM organised sport.	

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462	2/11	2/5 2/6 2/7		021455K		9 603	<p>RESTRICTED () following arms will be delivered to RQMS 2/7 aust inf bn 05-1000K for use of 17 aust inf bde jungle school () 2/5 aust inf bn 2 in mortars paraphs 12 grenades 63 smoke 24 36 M grenades 7 av 144 cartridges postal rd 6.303 blank 500 () 2/6 bn 2 in mortar smoke 18 grenades No 71 12.303 blanks 500 () 2/7 bn 36 M grenades 4 sic 240 303 SA Ball 5,000 9mm 5000.</p>	
463	2/11		2/5 bn	021630K		I 55	<p>RESTRICTED () LOCSTAT for 3 nov () all coys vicinity camp area () bn sports afternoon</p>	
464	3/11		2/6 bn			I 52	<p>RESTRICTED () trg location report 3 nov () A coy range practice all day area 30 yd range () B coy AM pl trg PM fd craft area coy lines () C coy patrols area jungle trg area and return to camp () D coy pl def pos area MOUNTAIN VIEW () HQ Coy 1 pl route march 2 pl range practice area LANCELOT RANGE 3 pl route march 4 pl two sec 5 pl att C coy</p>	

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455	2/11	Tac School BEENLEIGH		011055K		0599	RESTRICTED (1) please fwd report capt S & CAMERON Roll Browing	
456	2/11		2/5 bn	011745K	011805K	I54	RESTRICTED (1) Locstat for 2 Nov all coy security camps area	
457	2/11		2/6 bn	011740K	012005K	I51	RESTRICTED (1) trg location report 2 Nov (1) A coy all day comms and occupation pl def passes MOUNTAIN VIEW area (1) B coy AM sic shooting 30yd range PM lectures coy lines (1) C coy AM march to jungle trg area PM patrols (1) D coy all day comms and occupation pl def passes MOUNTAIN VIEW area (1) H coy all day 2 pl MMG shoot IRVINEBANK 4 pl and two secs 5 pl with C coy remainder coy specialist by Coy Lines	
458	2/11		2/7 bn	011600K	011725K	I112	RESTRICTED (1) ref your I 96 LOCSTAT of coys 2 Nov (1) A coy trg op area 33081 B coy duty C coy trg area D coy routes march camps along HERBERTON AHERTON 6340038 of CRATER 408077 thence to jungle edge 382092 to 355078 to camp	

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							to camp HQ copy sig pl in area MNG pl route march camp to 337070 to 319074 to 318067 to 297069 to end of rd 316028 to creek junction 313055 to rd at 324038 then on mag bearing 13° to 337070 (1) MNG pl. bag in area TKA pl kg in low area Pm pl route marked as PUNMNG pl source.	
459	2/11	2/5 2/6 2/7br		020930K		0600	RESTRICTED (1) ref carriers mag 05MNG this item will be deleted from index (1) it will be replaced by basic pouches large.	
460	2/11	2/5 br		021330K		0601	RESTRICTED (1) ref this HQ G401 of 28 Oct use 200yd range opposite HQ 6 AUST DIV is cancelled for 3+6 Nov.	
461	2/11	2/5 br 2/6 2/7		021330K			RESTRICTED (1) ref this HQ G401 of 28 Oct mortar 3 in range allotted as follows 2/5 br 6 and 8 Nov 2/6 br 9 and 10 Nov.	