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1/8/48

BASE AND LINE OF
COMMUNICATION AREAS
(SUB)

14a Line of Communication Sub Area
Adjutant and Quartermaster General
Branch

December 1942 - February 1943



1/8/48-003B

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2116
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 42 To 10 Dec 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	1		Lt-Col Nunn, Comd 14A L of C Sub Area, returned from inspection of Larrimah and Mataranka	<i>HL</i>
	2		Normal work carried out.	<i>HL</i>
	3		Meeting held to make arrangements for Christmas festivities.	<i>HL</i>
	4		W3008 and W3009 rendered.	<i>HL</i> "A"
	5		A programme of Christmas amenities drafted and approved by Lt-Col Nunn. Evening meal on Christmas Day to be a joint affair and attended by all ranks of this Headquarters.	<i>HL</i>
	6		Day of rest. R.C. Church Service held at 121 AGH at 0800 hrs. Major Stone reported for duty with "A" & "J" branch - detached from Area Comdt Katherine.	<i>HL</i>
	7		Normal work carried out. Consolidation of reports from Adm Comdts prepared for Comd's Conference.	<i>HL</i>
	8		A party of 6 from this HQ departed on shooting trip for two days.	<i>HL</i>
	9		Col Bryceason ADOS, visited this HQ. Col Coleman AASC also visited this HQ. Lt-Col Nunn and Major Jacobs DADMS 14A L of C Sub Area visited 111 Aust Con Depot.	<i>HL</i>
	10		Col Coleman inspected Area.	<i>HL</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2112
(adapted,)

H. 100M 2142

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 11 Dec 42 To 15 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	11		Capt Donaldson Staff Capt "Q", admitted 121 AGH. Major Stone carrying out duties of Staff Capt "Q".	<i>JS</i>
	12		W3008 and W3009 rendered	<i>JS</i> "B"
	13		Day of rest.	
	14		Normal work carried out. Consolidation of reports from Area Comdts prepared for Comd Conference.	<i>JS</i>
	15		Lt-Col Munn and Major Jacobs DADMS, departed for Larrimah. Mr. Cartwright YMCA Representative, rang ref Christmas hampers which are now being sent from Alice Springs in lieu of by sea. Major Hendry went to Pt Katherine checked and completed arrangements for AIF Medical examination. Major Simpson and Lieut Ditchburn called and discussed AIF matters with Major Hendry. Major Hunter and Major Costelloe rang and discussed troop movements. Major Hendry rang Major Tippet, Adm Comd Larrimah and Lt-Col Munn who arrived at Larrimah. Capt Hyde I.M.S. called and discussed with Major Stone the matters regarding refrigeration Larrimah and Pine Creek. Mr. Cartwright called and discussed with Major Hendry the arrival of Christmas hampers and distribution of same - matter well in hand.	<i>JS</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2:75
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 2/41

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 16 Dec 42 To 21 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	16		Heavy rain fell in the evening and Katherine River rose $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet, thus endangering the pumping plant at this HQ.	<i>[initials]</i>
	17		Further heavy rains and the river continues to rise.	<i>[initials]</i>
	18		Major Hendry left for Adelaide River 0800 hrs and discussed various "A" matters with A.A.C. P.T. Force. held demonstration of water filters etc at Katherine during afternoon. W3008 and W3009 rendered. Re use and Ry bridges for road traffic	"D" "C"
	19		Major Hendry DAA & QMG returned from Adelaide River. At 1400 hrs all personnel of HQ 14A L of C Sub Area engaged in camp improvement work in preparation for wet.	<i>[initials]</i>
	20		Day of rest. River still rising, necessitating the moving of the pumping plant. Mr. Cartwright and Sgt Meadows called re distribution of Christmas hampers. Sgt Hannell and Sgt Pearce arrived HQ Katherine Area and expect to give 3 recitals.	<i>[initials]</i>
	21		Lt-Col Mann carried out inspection of MTF Det Barracks. Army Educational Service Sgts called and discussed reports and recitals by Sgts Hannell and Pearce. Owing to rise of river, pumping plant out of commission, tank only used for cooking purposes. VX39020 Capt R.E. Donaldson rejoined unit - marched in from 121 AGF. Lieut March 2 I/c Contoons visited this HQ.	<i>[initials]</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2115
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

N. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 22 Dec 42 To 28 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	22		Lt-Col Munn returned from visit to NTF Det Bks 2200 hrs. Mr. Noble Manager N.A. Railways telephoned re use of Railway bridge by motor vehicles. Is being used - concerned about accidents. Contacted Provost R.S.M., states control not yet being exercised but plan is drawn up. Use of railway bridge not yet warranted by river height. Will report to Mr. Ditchburn DAPM and bridge will be policed.	
	23		"Working Bee" to complete arrangements for wet weather. Heavy rain fell in late afternoon. River still rising. Arrangements in hand for use of railway bridges when flooded rivers necessitate.	
	24		W3008 and W3009 rendered	"E"
	25		Christmas Day. Day of rest. Comforts Fund Christmas hampers issued to troops. All Officers and other ranks had Christmas dinner in mens mess and was followed by organised entertainment (Music etc.) Church services were held at 121 AGH for all denominations. Christmas dinner a great success.	"F"
	26		Boxing Day - Organised sports in the afternoon. Only duty personnel worked. Capt R.E. Donaldson admitted to 121 AGH.	
	27		River rising rapidly - pumping plant shifted to higher levels twice during the day.	
	28		River appears to be remaining at same level. Major Jacobs visited Pine Creek. Mr. Cartwright YMCA Representative, together with Mr. Gibbs YMCA Commissioner and Mr. T. Brown NT Force YMCA Representative visited Lt-Col A.W. Munn.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2178
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

M. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 29 Dec 42 To 31 Dec 42

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Army Form W.3000
(page 1)

(Adapted)

(Unit) 19-- (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.[illegible]

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
101	Private	John J. Smith	1st Infantry	Present
102	Private	James E. Jones	1st Infantry	Present
103	Private	Robert L. Brown	1st Infantry	Present
104	Private	William H. White	1st Infantry	Present
105	Private	Charles F. Black	1st Infantry	Present
106	Private	Thomas G. Green	1st Infantry	Present
107	Private	Richard D. Gray	1st Infantry	Present
108	Private	Joseph A. Hall	1st Infantry	Present
109	Private	Samuel B. King	1st Infantry	Present
110	Private	David C. Lee	1st Infantry	Present
111	Private	George E. Miller	1st Infantry	Present
112	Private	Frank J. Moore	1st Infantry	Present
113	Private	Edward K. Taylor	1st Infantry	Present
114	Private	John F. Wilson	1st Infantry	Present
115	Private	Robert H. Young	1st Infantry	Present
116	Private	William L. Adams	1st Infantry	Present
117	Private	Charles M. Baker	1st Infantry	Present
118	Private	Thomas N. Carter	1st Infantry	Present
119	Private	Richard O. Evans	1st Infantry	Present
120	Private	Joseph P. Foster	1st Infantry	Present

11 Dec 42

— W 3008 + W 3009 —

— Week ending 4 Dec 42 —

— Appendix "A" —

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

... (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

[illegible]

Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(1) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

[illegible]

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

(Date of Despatch)

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

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3009
(page 1)
(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment including attached.	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	2	
Corporals	3	8	2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	8	21	2
TOTALS	16	31	3

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		2, Ldg. Operator	11th Ldg. Coy
		1 Driver	do do
		1 Warrant Officer	do do
		1 MT Driver	283 LAD
		1 MT Driver	14th Ldg. Coy
		4 Gun Bdy.	29 Aust. Imp. Coy.
		1 Surgeon	24 Aust. Imp. Coy.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit & Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
DX851	Plt C	MURRAY D	121 HCH	
1X5554	Lt Col	YOUNG CW	do do	
V22225	Plt C	BOYER K J	do do	

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(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boltermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radlographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppermiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telexcope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Millers		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanisers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Dental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Gun Bdy.	1							
Trainers	1							
Storeman	1							
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	3						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

11th Ldg. Coy. 11 Dec 42
Unit.

Signature of Commander.
N. T. Force

Date of Despatch 11 Dec 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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— W3008 + W3009 —

— Week ending 12 Dec 4v —

— Appendix "B" —

... (Unit)

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Officers JOINED during week.

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(1) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

(Date of Despatch)

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

COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS

C.70/42

KATHERINE, N.T.
16th December, 1942.Use of Decked Railway Bridges for
Rail and Road Traffic.

The railway bridges at Elizabeth River, Adelaide River, Fergusson River, Katherine River and King River have been decked so that when the road crossings at these rivers become impassable road traffic may cross the rivers via the railway bridges. This will not be resorted to until road crossing at any of these points becomes impassable. If it comes to a railway employee's knowledge that a road crossing at any of these points has become impassable he must immediately advise this Office and the nearest Station Master by telegram in order that arrangements may be made to conduct road traffic over the railway bridge.

Before a railway bridge is used for both road and rail traffic arrangements will be made to station guards on the bridge to regulate the traffic and suspend road traffic on the bridge for the passage of trains.

Temporary arrangements are to be made for railway employees to regulate traffic over the bridges until Military Guards are obtained to take over from them. Military guards will be drawn from Provost personnel stationed at Winnellie, Noonamah, Adelaide River, Pine Creek, Katherine and Larrimah.

The following instructions must be observed in regulating traffic over these bridges:-

The admission of road traffic on to railway bridges will be controlled by guards by means of slip rails at the approaches to bridges. The bridges will be opened to road traffic when not required for the passage of trains.

The guards will block back road traffic and clear bridges one quarter of an hour before the due passage of a train over the bridge. They will require to keep in close touch with the nearest Station Master who will direct them as to the times the bridges are to be kept clear of road traffic for trains. In this connection guards will:-

At Elizabeth River, Communicate with the Station Masters, Darwin and Southport by means of a portable telephone.

At Adelaide River, Receive their instructions from the Station Master, Adelaide River.

At Fergusson River, Communicate with the Station Masters, Pine Creek and Horseshoe, from telephone in fettlers' camp Fergusson.

At Katherine River, Receive their instructions from the Station Master, Katherine.

At King River, Communicate with the Station Masters, Katherine and Maramboy, by means of a portable telephone.

Before opening the bridge for road traffic the guards at Elizabeth River, Fergusson and King Rivers must exhibit a red flag by day and a red light by night on the right hand side of the railway track, as seen by the driver of an approaching train, 800 yards from each end of the bridge. At Adelaide River a signal will be erected outside the northernmost facing points leading into the Military sidings at Adelaide River North. After obtaining the Station Master's permission to open the bridge for road traffic the guard will place the signal at Adelaide River North at danger before opening the bridge for road traffic.

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At Katherine, after obtaining the Station Master's permission the guard must place a red light by night or a red flag by day on the right hand side of the line 800 yards from the Northern approach to the bridge.

One quarter of an hour before the due arrival of any train or at times as directed by the Station Masters under whose supervision they are working, guards must close bridges to all road traffic, close the slip rails controlling the entrance to the bridge and after they are satisfied all road traffic over the bridge is clear and stopped they are to replace the red lights or red flags where exhibited with green lights or green flags. If the Adelaide River Bridge is cleared for a southbound train the signal at the north end of Adelaide River North siding is to be lowered to the "all right" position. Guards will verbally report to the Station Masters, Adelaide River and Katherine, when the Adelaide River and Katherine bridges have been cleared for north bound trains.

Should a train approach a bridge and a danger signal be exhibited the driver must bring his train to a stand and whistle for the bridge to be cleared. The whistle code for this purpose will be :-

One long, one short, one long blasts.

On hearing this signal the guard must immediately clear the bridge and block all road traffic. After the road traffic has been blocked they must then signal the train to proceed by exhibiting a green flag by day or a green light by night.

V.J.S. Noble.
Manager.
North Australia Railway.

Issued to staff generally.

Bdc. Dipp. Area. etc. with which unit is serving

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— W3008 & W3009 —

— Week Ending 18 Dec 52 —

— Appendix "D" —

... (Unit)

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

[illegible]

Bank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
X				
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Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt			
1st Lt			
39020			

[illegible]

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

(Date of Despatch)

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

(1) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

[illegible]

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
	100-11	WILLIAM J. BROWN	1st	1941	1st
	100-12	JOHN D. SMITH	2nd	1942	2nd

[illegible]

(Date of Despatch)

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

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— Week Ending 24 Dec 4v

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted)
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Rank	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		5
Captains	4	1	
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	810	1	5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
1st Lt	Donnyson RE	Infantry	22/11/42	Transferred to 1st Lt

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(I) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
1st Lt	1011	Donnyson RE	Infantry	Yes	

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
1st Lt	1011	Donnyson RE	Infantry	22/11/42	Transferred to 1st Lt

(Date of Despatch)

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

25 Dec 44
H.Q. 14a L of C Sub Area

XMAS 1942

Menu

Toasts

Programme

AH! FILL THE CUP, WHAT BOOTS IT TO
REPEAT
THAT TIME IS SLIPPING UNDERNEATH
OUR FEET.

APPEND 'F'

MENU (WE HOPE)

With compliments of Shields, Wong & Co.

Candidates are warned against attempting too much, too early. All courses are compulsory.

1. SOUP
Consomme Imaginee
2. ENTREE
Baked York Ham
Soldiers' Delight
(Bully Beef Stew)
3. POULTRY (Perhaps)
Seasoned Roast Game with
Breadcrumb Sauce
(At least 10 seasons guaranteed)
4. ROAST
Roast Beef, Potatoes,
Pumpkin, Carrot, Beans
(Au Saison)(Oh Hell!)
5. SWEETS
Xmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
Apple Jelly Delight and Cream
Preserved Fruit and Cream

Xmas Cake

Coffee

Savouries

TOAST LIST

with sundry diversions

1. THE KING
2. THE ALLIED LEADERS
What we mean by this toast.
L/Sgt. Babb

ITEM - Subalterns

3. OUR UNIT
For we are jolly good fellows.
Comd. Lt.Col. Nunn

ITEM - Officers' Topical Song

Community Singing Comd. L/Sgt. Babb
Don't worry about the key,
we'll bring down the house

4. ABSENT FRIENDS
Major Hendry

ITEM - Sgts. Mess

5. OUR CAMP STAFF - Lt. Hicks

Responded to by S/Sgt. Meckler

ITEM - Camp Staff

INTERVAL

Cool Drinks - Scones - Savouries

There was a Tavern in the Town,
But now they've closed the darn
 thing down,
 But cheer up Boys
Trot out your hoarded beer
We'll drink together once a year.

Far from our homes through War's
 hard fate,
There's still some Bully on the
 plate,
Still glows the pipe
Still pass the tales and jokes,
Here's to a bunch of happy Blokes.

So roar the merry chorus forth,
Next year we'll be much further
 North,
There's Christmas Pud
Enough for every man,
Next year we'll make them in Japan.

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14A L of C Sub Area
29 Dec 1942

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HQ NT Force

REPORT FOR DRC BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA.

Except where mentioned in this report the position as disclosed under various heads in the Nov report remains unchanged. It will be noted from this report that nearly all difficulties mentioned concern local administration as matters of general administration are felt to be better known to Headquarters through the Services.

1. DISCIPLINE AND PROVOST.

- (a) Discipline is reasonably good but Provost short staffed and without vehicles to provide efficient road control.
- (b) RAAF particularly are not conforming to local rules and speeding by RAAF vehicles cannot be controlled locally as reports to APM and thence through APM RAAF have to be made before action is taken by the unit.
- (c) Control of road traffic on railway bridges by Provost Coy as directed by APM is considered to unduly tax resources of the Coy. To fully police the 3 bridges would entail full time duty for 15 NCO's. It is considered that warning notices alone should be sufficient to warn drivers of their responsibility. Bridges are Ferguson, Katherine and King.
- (d) A special report was made on conditions at NTP Detention Barracks - they are commendable.

2. AREA STAFFS AND REINFORCEMENT

This Headquarters has no reservoir from which to fill and maintain Area and Staging Staffs. The promotion of at least 4 O.R.s to commissioned rank will be sought. It is now considered that "A" Branch of this Headquarters should be allowed to exercise its discretion to a limited extent in drawing O.R. staff from 28 Aust Employment Coy and from "B" Class personnel at NTP AND.

At present "A" Branch of this Headquarters has to refer each individual case to HQ NT Force and results are not being obtained.

Maintaining of Larrimah Strengths is very important as the Area is working to capacity and staffs are being overworked to maintain this efficient centre.

Pine Creek continues efficient to the extent of special mention, but Katherine and Kataranku are barely managing to carry out their functions due to officer casualties and temporary filling of posts.

The practice of placing the unwanted officer in this L of C will not give results equal to promotion of our own leading NCO's.

3. STAGING

There appears a likelihood of increased movement and during the wet there may be a 'pile up' of troops at either Katherine or Larrimah. Half the accommodation at Larrimah is now occupied by overseas troops and more cooks are still required - a school for cooks has been proposed for Larrimah.

At Katherine, staging demands on Area Commandant are increasing and the H.Q. for a type C Camp cannot cope with it. This has been brought to notice of "A" and "Q" Branches.

At Kataranku the staging of small convoys has become a regular event and H.Q. for type C Camp at this centre is also too small in cooks and duty men. Recommendation to this effect was made in my A683/33 of 5 Nov 42.

APPEND "G"

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REPORT FOR DEC BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA.

4. LABOUR

The position due to Chinese (total 49) although poor types is at the moment satisfactory, but it is stressed that as detachments of 29 Aust Employment Coy are moved, an equivalent increase in the 28 Aust Employment Coy is necessary.

The work of W.O. Mitchell at Larrimah in building up a really first class employment platoon is worthy of special comment.

It is still uneconomical to hold detachments of both Employment Coys at each centre.

5. ENGINEERING

Extra works authorisations during the month, again results in works being in arrears.

CRE staff is now functioning efficiently and more responsibility being accepted by the Sub Area.

Water supply at Larrimah has given considerable concern. More bores are necessary.

The rapid rise of the Katherine river has raised difficulties which are being met, but irregularities will continue due to the vagaries of the river until bores are available.

Road problems due to the season are increasing but as CE handles this work direct with Mech Equip Coy, this Headquarters has no local resources to deal with problems. The American Road at Katherine requires attention as traffic is increasing and the road badly washed.

6. SIGNALS

Signal Communications are improving rapidly due to increased personnel, more telephone connections and better lines.

It is however lamentable that this Headquarters and the O.C. No 2 Coy L of C Signals (the senior Signal Officer in this Sub Area) are left in ignorance of the Signal plan and proposals. Telephones are still being installed without prior advice to this Headquarters. O.C. No 2 Coy advises that instructions are at times received by Signal masters from CSO which conflict with General Staff Instructions

7. MOTOR TRANSPORT

The present position of vehicles and spare parts is worse than last month due to many vehicles being grounded following inspections. A big improvement has been made in training and maintenance which will eventually be reflected when drivers obtain vehicles to maintain. Improvement in LAD facilities are being made but have not as yet borne fruit. Vacancies at Bde Schools for drivers are being utilised. The shortage of vehicles is not seriously affecting the performance of the main general administration functions of the L of C, the effect being felt worst in local administration.

8. HEALTH

Health in the Area is good. Hospitals well organised and staffed.

The 111 Aust Con Depot, due to small numbers, sent there, is now carrying a big overhead in its staff which exceeds the patients. It is possible that Hospitals could discharge more men to the depot in lieu of a tendency to hold men until ready for discharge to units. It has been reported that Chinese unit at Larrimah may be a source of malaria. DADMS is investigating. A small outbreak of Dengue at Pine Creek has again occurred.

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REPORT FOR DRG BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA.9. AMENITIES

G.Os have been outspoken about certain canteen and supply matters and a special report was made at their request to the G.O.C.

More work by the Aust Educational Service would be appreciated. This Headquarters feels a lack of contact with this Service and needs a representative on the Headquarters or to pay frequent visits.

The provision of £165 from G.O.C. Amenities Fund was greatly appreciated and will be used to advantage.

10. ARMY FARMS

These are being commenced and camps erected without plans of areas coming to this Headquarters. O.C. Farms has been asked to visit this Headquarters and supply details. In one case a farm and camp has been commenced in an area previously set aside for recreation and swimming centre.

11. SUPPLY

Ice and refrigeration at Katherine has been the main problem, CRE and supply officer having great difficulty in keeping up supplies. Butcheries are not working smoothly and Supply Officer has had difficulties in keeping supplies to hand. Lieut Hicks work has been extremely heavy and tackled always with cheerfulness. Promotion of this officer has been recommended several times.

12. SURVEY AND MAPPING

A Survey party arrived but due to the necessity for the party to post the main road, has not as yet commenced on extending maps. It is hoped that the party will return in the new year.

13. INTELLIGENCE.

Having no Intelligence Officer, the G.S.O. 3 handles what he can of the work but comment in Nov report is still applicable. P35 Officer assists "G" in this matter.

14. TRAINING

This is expected to be boosted in January by the loan of a training cadre from HQ NT Force.

15. PLANNING

The expected increase of RAAF personnel, the possibility of N.T. Force School moving to this area, the increases being made at FSD all indicate that this Sub Area is working on plans different from those originally given to this Headquarters.

It is requested that a summary of future proposals including depot holdings be outlined for my information.

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ NT Force (2)
Comd 14A L of C Sub Area (1)
"A" "Q" Branch (1)
War Diary (2)✓

 Lt-Col.
Comd. 14A L of C Sub Area.

Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.
14A L of C Sub Area,
31 Dec 42.

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Head-Quarters,
Darwin,

POSTING OF OFFICERS - 14A L OF C SUB AREA.

1. To take effect as soon after 1 Jan 43 as can be arranged the following new postings will be made.

2. Officers will appreciate that owing to being short staffed and due to the number of cases of sickness occurring, it may be necessary for changes to be made at short notices. It is also desirable that all officers of this HQ have a working knowledge of the 4 different Adm Centres.

3. MATARANKA.

Capt Graham ex N.A.O.U. to take over from Capt McArthur, as Acting Adm Comdt.

Capt Martin to take up position of Camp S.O. & Q.M. after handing over to Capt Paterson.

Lieut Wicks remains at Mataranka pending transfer to R.A.A.F.

4. KATHERINE.

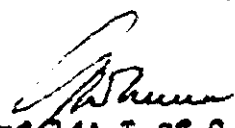
Capt Paterson to take up duties as A/Adm Comdt Katherine.

Capt McArthur to move to Katherine and act as Camp Staff Officer and Q.M. after handing over to Capt Graham.

5. PINE CREEK.

Major Smith to move to Pine Creek and take over duties of Acting Adm Comdt from Capt Paterson.

Lieut McKeown to remain at Pine Creek as Camp S.O. & Q.M.

 Lt. Col.
Comd 14A L of C Sub - Area.

Distribution.

Area Comdt, Pine Creek.
Area Comdt, Katherine.
Area Comdt, Mataranka.
Area Comdt, Larrimah.
Capt Graham.
Capt Martin.
Lieut Wicks.

HQ NT Force.
Comdr. 14A L of C
War Diary (2)

APPEND H

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES - 14A L OF C SUB AREA

Period 5 Dec 42 to 26 Dec 42.

	KATHERINE	LARRIMAH	PINE CREEK	MATARANKA	AIR STAGING KATHERINE	TOTAL
Number cooked meals provided officers in transit	96	902	164	82	91	1335
Number of cooked meals provided ORs in transit	745	31191	366	613	38	32953
Officers accommodated over night	49	340	44	20	54	507
ORs accommodated over night	223	11564	78	108	19	11992
Number of Education lectures delivered	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of official concerts at Camp HQ	1	-	3	1	-	5
Picture shows held	11	14	-	7	-	32
Beer issues per head	3	4	4	5	-	16
Number of cases before Area Comdt	2	2	-	-	-	4
Number of Courts of Inquiry	-	1	1	2	-	4
Court Martials held in Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases of pilfering reported	-	4	1	2	-	7
Number of motor accidents reported	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of charges laid by Provost	-	18	-	1	-	19
Number of complaints re Rations	-	10	-	-	-	10
Tons of wood cut and supplied	590	33	39	176	-	838
Total wood reserve held for wet	722	69	270	92	-	1153
Total letters through A.P.O. for Area	186569	22058	13280	39799	-	261706
Number of troops moved Northward from Area	339	2217	29	564	-	3149
Number of troops moved Southbound from Area	218	1024	27	124	-	1393
Rail tonnage unloaded by Labour Coy	1022	1359	137	767	-	3285
Rail tonnage loaded by Labour Coy	34	4303	13	384	-	4734
Extra transport required from 107 G.T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of troops in Area evacuated to Hospital	158	120	8	179	-	465
Personnel evacuated south under Category 'A'	11	-	-	-	-	11

APPEND "I"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 1008 2/42

Unit HQ 14A I OF C SUB AREA

Date and Time.—From 1 JAN 43 To 8 JAN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	1		Only duty personnel worked. Sports Meeting held at 2/1 Aust M.E.C. Sportsground. Very successful.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	2		Normal work resumed. W5002 & W5003 rendered	<i>[Signature]</i> "A"
	3		Day of rest.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	4		Lt. Col G.W. Nunn Comd 14A I of C Sub Area, and Major J.G. Hendry DAA 8 MG 14A I of C Sub Area, left to inspect Mataranka and Larrimah Areas. Capt R.E. Donaldson Staff Capt "Q", discharged from 121 A.G.S. and returned to this Hq.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	5		Normal duties carried out. Major H.S. Jacobs DADMS 14A I of C Sub Area left for Alice Springs.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	6		Lt. Col G.W. Nunn and Major J.G. Hendry returned from Mataranka and Larrimah. Col E. Sleeman-Anderson representing 2MG arriving Larrimah 7 Jan 43	<i>[Signature]</i> "B"
	7		Weather hot and sultry. Capt D. Dexter 2/2 Aust Ind Coy ex Timor visited this Hq for Movement Order to LHQ	<i>[Signature]</i>
	8		Weather very humid. Normal duties carried out.	<i>[Signature]</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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M. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 9 JAN 43 To 14 JAN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	9		Capt Mancarrow Catering Officer, visited this HQ. Colonel E. Sleeman-Anderson, and Major Hunter "AQMG" NT Force visited this HQ. W3008 and W3009 rendered	942 "C"
	10		Day of rest. Col E. Sleeman-Anderson and Major Hunter left for Pine Creek at 1100 hours. Major H.S. Jacobs returned from Alice Springs.	944
	11		Lt.Col G.W. Nunn left Katherine 1400 hours for HQ 12 Aust Div. Col Thompson ex Fortress Comd Darwin stayed overnight this HQ	942
	12		Brigadier Bierwirth Brig i/c Administration, Colonel Toyer CE NT Force, Lt.Col Larkine AQMG (M), and Capt McNicoll Staff Officer NT Force, passed through on way south. Stayed overnight. Lt.Col Shephard "A2" 12 Aust Div visited this HQ.	942
	13		Lt.Col Nunn returned from HQ 12 Aust Div at 1235 hours. Swimming Parade at 1615 hours. Nominal Roll of successful applicants for Air Crew RAAF received from HQ NT Force	944
	14		Normal duties carried out. Weather hot and very sultry. W3008 and W3009 rendered	944 "D"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time. — From 15 JAN 43 To 22 JAN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	15		Heavy thunderstorm started approx 1200 hours. Lt.Col G.W. Nunn visited Pine Creek and returned. Arrangements in hand for supplying hot water to 2/11 Aust Fd Regt and 2/14 Aust Fd Regt as they pass through our Area. The latter being relieved by the former.	
	16		Musketry practice for Dec and Jan carried out. River rising due to yesterdays rain.	
	17		Day of rest.	
	18		Major General J.E.S. Stevens Commanding NT Force visited this HQ arriving 1800 hrs. Was met at Pine Creek by Lt.Col G.W. Nunn.	
	19		Major General J.E.S. Stevens left with comd Lt.Col G.W. Nunn for Mataranka and Larrimah. Weather hot and very humid.	
	20		Normal duties carried out.	
	21		Major General J.E.S. Stevens arrived at Katherine 1230 hours. Lunched at Admin HQ Katherine. Lt.Col Nunn returned to this HQ at approx 1800 hours. W3008 & W3009 rendered	
	22		Normal duties carried out.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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M. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L of C Sub Area

Date and Time.—From 23 JAN 43 To 31 JAN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	23		Pumping plant broke down and was repaired by 2230 hrs 23 Jan 43.	
	24		Day of rest. Heavy thunder storm at night. Capt Cutcliffe GSO III HQ 14A L of C Sub Area departed Katherine 1915 hours for inspection Pine Creek.	
	25		Major J.G. Hendry visited Mataranka and Larrimah to inspect area.	
	26		Capt Cutcliffe GSO III arrived back at HQ 14A L of C Sub Area.	
	27		Lt.Col E. Bryson ADOS NT Force and Capt Hellstrom LHQ visited this HQ and discussed Census of Warlike Stores problems with Lieut L. Mercer DADOS HQ 14A L of C Sub Area. Major Hendry returned from inspection of Larrimah and Mataranka. Heavy thunderstorm started approx 2100 hours. Capt Cutcliffe left at 1915 hours for Mataranka and Larrimah to carry out unit inspections.	
	28		W3008 & W3009 rendered. Major Nixon from NTF ARD visited this HQ	"F"
	29		Pumping plant out of order, complete breakdown. New pump installed by 1 Aust Fd Coy and in working order by 2300 hours.	
	30		Capt Cutcliffe returned from Larrimah.	
	31		Day of rest. Report for Jan 43 by Comd 14A L of C Sub Area render to Hq NT FORCE.	"G"

Summary of activities 6 -- 14A L OF C SUB AREA

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(Unit) 2-10-4 19 4 (Date)

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	11	4	
TOTALS	18	4	5

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3000.

Part B. Other Banks attached from other Corps.[illegible]

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

[illegible]

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 25-12-45

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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APPEND A.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A—STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment)
	A I F / A M F.		
1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
2 Majors	2		
3 Captains	2		6
4 Lieutenants	4	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
10 Totals	9	2	6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit/Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut				
Sgt	WILLIAM W. K.	A.D.S.	23 Dec	E/C ...

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit/Corps	Date	Cause
1st Lt V12450	HOWARD S. R. R.	Honorable S. O. 100-1	1918	Discharged to 100-100.
1st Lt V12696	MURKIN R. R.	Honorable S. O. 100-1	1918	Discharged to 100-100.

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

[illegible]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

[illegible]

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
<i>Capt</i>	<i>814597</i>	<i>DAVID TYNE RICH</i>	<i>NTC/2 Sigs</i>	<i>10 Dec</i>	<i>1st Lt. 16 Sigs</i>
<i>MAJ</i>	<i>US5037</i>	<i>STEVE M. H.</i>	<i>1st Cavalry Div</i>	<i>6 Dec</i>	<i>Staff Officer</i>
<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>287407</i>	<i>JOHN RICH W. H.</i>	<i>HYCS</i>	<i>23 Dec</i>	<i>Communications Officer</i>

(Unit)

(Date of Despatch)

(Signature of Commander)

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

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4 Jan 1943
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INSPECTION OF L OF C

Col E. SLEEMAN-ANDERSON, representing the QMG, will be arriving at LARRIMAH on Thursday 7 Jan. His itinerary will be approx as follows:

Thu	7 Jan	-	LARRIMAH
Fri	8 "	-	MATARANKA
Sat	9 "	-	KATHERINE
Sun	10 "	-	PINE CREEK.

Please prepare all depots for this inspection.

(Signed) Ian Hunter Maj
AQMG

COPY: HQ 14A L of C Sub Area.

APPEND["]E

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut. Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	4	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Total	10	2	5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
CAPT	Donaldson R E	Staff	10/10/41	Transferred

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Donaldson R E	Staff	10/10/41	Transferred

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt	Donaldson R E	Staff	Transferred

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(I) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJ	W117	W. H. C. W.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
MAJ	V149321	J. C. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
MAJ	S12257	T. E. H. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
CAPT	N1231	C. E. L. H. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
CAPT	H12327	M. A. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
CAPT	S12327	D. E. H. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
CAPT	N12328	M. A. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
CAPT	N12329	M. A. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41
CAPT	V139020	D. E. H. S. H. S.	Staff	Yes	10/10/41

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
MAJ	S12327	S. T. H. S. H. S.	Staff	10/10/41	Transferred
MAJ	S12327	M. A. S. H. S.	Staff	10/10/41	Transferred

(Unit)

(Date of Despatch)

(Signature of Commander)

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

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APPEND "C"

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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19 . . . (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

[illegible]

Notes--(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Traders or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch_____

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

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

[illegible]

Rank	Name	Service Corps	Date	Cause
Private	Brown, J.E.		1908	
Private	Brown, W.L.		1908	
Private	Brown, J.C.		1908	

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

[illegible][illegible]

(Signature of Commander)

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

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Append D

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1		2		3	4
Detail.		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
	W.Os. Class I.				
1	W.Os. Class II.				1
	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
2	Staff Serjeants	2			
6	Serjeants	2	3		1
13	Corporals	3	7		3
27	Troopers, Privates, &c.	10	12	1	
	TOTALS	17	29	1	5

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3000.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.[illegible]

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdr. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bollermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		3	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signalers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linemens			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linemens, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Massours			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, A.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toonmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanica			Millwrights			Vulcanisers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farrriers			Painters					
<i>RT Driver</i>		1	<i>X Transfered to ...</i>					
<i>Household Help</i>		1	<i>... ..</i>					
<i>Gen Services</i>	1		<i>... ..</i>					
			<i>150</i>					
			<i>1</i>					
			<i>1</i>					
Totals (to agree with Columns 2 and 4 of Part A.)	1	5						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch 14.12.23

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

4 (Unit) 19 (Date).
(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	2		2
Corporals	3		3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	11		
TOTALS	17		6

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		3000	12th Lancers
		1	12th Lancers
		1	12th Lancers
		1 BOWD	12th Lancers

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
52026	Sgt	SPINKS L D	12th Lancers	12th Lancers
52027	Sgt	BUTCHER J	12th Lancers	12th Lancers
52028	Sgt	HARRISON J	12th Lancers	12th Lancers
52029	Sgt	TUNES E T	12th Lancers	12th Lancers

**PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W. 3009.**

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (b)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (b)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (b)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Workers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		3	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Massours			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
NTL		1						
Domestic BROS		1						
C. G. M. S.		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		6						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Date of Despatch

21 June 43

Bde., Dtn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

W/ 300 8 & W/ 300.9

for week ending

21 Jan 43.

Appendix "E"

W/ 300 8
W/ 300.9

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
:	N-1-F	N-14-F	
:			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3	1	
Captains	2		6
Lieutenants	5	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	9	3	6

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT. N280571	EARL T.	1493 B. 116	16 Jan	1493 B. 116 1520000 entitled by 1875 Arms 1007
MAJ. YAN4231	STONE M. W.	1493 B. 116 Arms	18 Jan	1493 B. 116 1520000 entitled by 1875 Arms 1007

Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

[illegible]

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

[illegible]

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 4th L. C. Sub Area (Unit)

25 Jan 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
WE W.Os. Class I.	Att AME		
1 W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		
6 Serjeants	2 2		2
13 Corporals	4 7		2
27 Troopers, Privates, &c.	10 18		
48 TOTALS	17 27	1	5

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		3 ORG Sg Operators	NT L/C Sup
		1 OR DRIVER	HQ NTF
		1 BOWO	13 ORG Sg Coy
		1 S/Sgt acting Lums	NTF Canteens

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
58126	Sgt	SPINK L.O.	HQ 4th L.C. Sub Area	121 A.G.H.
520740	Pte	BERNARDI A.	do do	121 A.G.H.

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(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reliefs, Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reliefs, Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reliefs, Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radlographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			RANGE TAKERS		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		3	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Lincesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Lincesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Massurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farrars			Painters					
M.T. Drivers		1						
Stearman Drivers		1						
General Duties		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	5						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HOYAL Suburban

Date of Despatch 28 Jan 43

list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

W. J. Long *by* *for*

Signature of Commander.

11 FORCE

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

W 3008 & W 3009

for week ending

28 Jan 43

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Officers JOINED during week.

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

APPEND "G"

14A L of C Sub Area
31 Jan 43

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HQ NT Force

REPORT FOR JAN 43 BY COND 14A L OF C SUB AREA.

1. GENERAL.

January has been notable for smooth working generally of this Sub Area. Results of the work of the past 6 months are visible. Discipline is good and new units such as 11 Aust Workshops & Parks Coy and 310 L.A.D. already indicate better service. The only real problem is that of reinforcements and reliefs. In practically every case where work is slow or inefficiency appears it is due to shortage of personnel. Morale is higher than in the past and troops being better cared for by their officers.

2. "Q" PROJECTS

All essential projects have now been approved and delay in completion is due to lack of men rather than materials.

3. MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Position has been very much improved due to the activity commenced in December by AEME and by the fullest use of maintenance schools which should continue.

4. WATER SUPPLIES

Position improving. Chlorination of Repor and Katherine. Supplies are being commenced.

5. FARMS AND LAND PROJECTS.

2000 acres were surveyed by Survey Section for Mr. Hely of CSIR whose report on grass project has gone to ADST. As all farm sections except one at Adelaide River are now in this Sub Area, it is suggested that the Headquarters of the Farms Unit should be at Katherine. This would facilitate local administration of the seven sections which lack Military background.

6. AUST EDUCATION SERVICE

The small staff of this service should if possible, be augmented and correspondence study fostered, on the grounds that the man who is studying is entertaining himself, his morale is high and he is a good influence.

7. AMENITIES.

The cinematograph is by far the most important requirement. At least 2 or 3 equipments would be a sound investment for this Sub Area. Lt. Col Penman expressed agreement and desire to help.

8. STAGING

Larrimah has felt the strain of bigger troop movements. The personnel problem is still acute. A cooking school has temporarily relieved the pressure but on cessation of this school a completely new staff for the cookhouse is necessary. Proposed movements warrant a purge of this W.E. and the selection of a good team.

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REPORT FOR JAN 43 BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA (continued)

9. STAFF

Comment in previous reports re staff and establishments still applies. It is a matter for concern that too many officers fall ill and there are no understudies. Increased War Establishment for Headquarters 14A L of C Sub Area is a real need. Increase of Katherine and Larrimah War Establishment from Type "C" Camp to Type "B" is sought.

10. ROAD TRANSPORT.

The suggestion is offered that a regular daily road transport convoy should replace much unit travelling, such as Provost road patrol Hospital laundry, 83 P.O.D. deliveries, Ice and meat trucks. Unit transport has not been watched as carefully as it should be, due to the shortage of "A" ^{and} Provost staff to analyse TCF data.

11. TRAINING.

The Cadre provided is doing excellent work. Reports indicate keenness of all students and appreciation of good instruction. All officers possible were sent to L of C Officers Refresher Course. Cadre system is suggested as the real solution for training L of C units and it is hoped it may continue beyond the present time allotted.

 Lt-Col.
Comd. 14A L of C Sub Area.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES - 14A L OF C SUB AREA

Period 2 Jan to 30 Jan 43

	KATHERINE	LARRIMAH	PINE CREEK	MATARANKA	AIR STAGING KATHERINE	TOTAL
Number cooked meals provided officers in transit	267	2887	148	175	170	3647
Number of cooked meals provided ORs in transit	1225	61133	461	668	114	63601
Officers accommodated over night	84	998	35	30	92	1239
ORs accommodated over night	337	21339	147	209	62	22094
Number of official concerts at Camp HQ	2	-	1	1	-	4
Picture shows held	15	15	2	6	-	38
Beer issues per head	3	2	3	2	-	12
Number of cases before Area Comdt	10	4	2	-	-	16
Number of Courts of Inquiry	1	1	1	4	-	7
Court Martials held in Area	15	-	-	-	-	15
Number of cases of pilfering reported	-	5	3	-	-	8
Number of motor accidents reported	-	-	-	1	-	1
Number of charges laid by Provost	6	18	-	5	-	29
Number of complaints re Rations	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tons of wood cut and supplied	180	35	-	187	-	402
Total wood reserve held for wet	922	69	245	108	-	1344
Total letters through A.P.O. for Area	259197	28741	26499	42805	-	353242
Number of troops moved Northward from Area	614	4267	67	967	-	5915
Number of troops moved Southbound from Area	511	2499	91	60	-	3161
Rail tonnage unloaded by Labour Coy	875	1351	183	1150	-	3359
Rail tonnage loaded by Labour Coy	241	6312	170	771	-	7494
Extra transport required from 107 G.T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of troops in Area evacuated to Hospital	279	219	23	249	-	770
Personnel evacuated south under Category 'A'	18	5	-	-	-	23

APPEND "H"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L OF C SUB AREA

Date and Time.—From 1 FEB 43 To 8 FEB 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	1		Lt. Col G.W. Munn Comd 14A L of C Sub Area departed for inspection of Maturanka and Larrimah.	<i>Hab</i>
	2		Lt. Col G.W. Munn returned to Headquarters at 1830 hours	<i>Hab</i>
	3		Day overcast, steady rain started approx 0930 - expect heavy rains this month. Letter to HQ MT Force re improvements & Aust Personnel Staging Camp.	<i>Hab</i>
			Bush Fire Protection	Appendix "A" "B"
	4		W3008 and W3009 rendered.	"C" <i>Hab</i>
			Adm Instr No. 48 re medical examination and Evacuation of Non-effectives	"D"
	5		Major Watson Chief Signal Officer, Mr. O'Grady PMG and Mr. Sampson PMG, arrived this Headquarters for evening meal and stayed overnight, proceeded to Larrimah 6 Feb 43.	<i>Hab</i>
	6		Major J.G. Hendry DLA & PMG, departed on recce of Area. Unit training carried out from 1400 hours to 1715 hours.	<i>Hab</i>
	7		Day of Rest	<i>Hab</i>
	8		Adm Instr No. 49 distributed re Ordnance Stores & procedure	"E" <i>Hab</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

M. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L OF C SUB AREA

Date and Time. - From 9 FEB 43 To 15 FEB 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	9		Capt L.M. Cutcliffe GSO III HQ 14A departed for No.4 Junior Staff Officers School Brisbane. Major J.G. Hendry returned and resumed duties.	<i>Hub</i>
	10		Lt. Col G.W. Munn Comd. departed for Mataranka and Katherine at 1000 hrs, purpose to take up matter of staff with Area Comdts. Returned 1930 hrs.	<i>Hub</i>
	11		Major J.G. Hendry departed for Adelaide River to discuss various matters with HQ NT Force. W3008 and W3009 submitted	<i>Hub</i>
	12		Lt. Anderson Salvage Officer 14A called to introduce Lt. Thompson who is replacing the former. Interviewed by Comd 14A and Major M.N. Stone, "Q" Officer, HQ 14A L of C.	<i>Hub</i>
	13		FIRE ORDERS - HQ 14A L OF C SUB AREA Small Arms Training carried out by personnel of this HQ from 1400 hrs to 1715 hrs.	"G" <i>Hub</i>
	14		Day of Rest. Sgt Leslie and Cpl Hickford left to go to Training Cadre (9 day course). Party of fourteen from this HQ went and explored caves approx 14 miles south along the Mataranka road.	<i>Hub</i>
	15		Major Limbrick Army Education Service called and interviewed Major Hendry. Major Limbrick introduced Lieut Parkinson Army Education Service who will be attached at 121 AGH, but will carry on duties of Army Education Officer for the Sub Area.	<i>Hub</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118-
(adapted.)

M. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L OF C SUB AREA.

Date and Time.—From 16 FEB 43 To 23 FEB 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	16		Lt.Col Nunn departed on visit to Rear HQ NT Force. Major Stone departed on visit to Larrimah and Mataranka. Light rain fell throughout the day. All buildings cleared of grass.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	17		Lt.Col Nunn returned to this HQ from visit to Rear HQ NT Force. Capt Stubbs and Capt Marsh Canteens Officers stayed overnight. Capt Coutts arrived to be Acting GSO III in the absence of Capt Cutcliff who is away at School.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	18		Major Stone returned from lecture tour and inspection of Mataranka and Larrimah Areas. W3008 and W3009 submitted.	H
	19		Sgt Dunsford returned from Weapon Training School and resumed duties.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	20		A working bee took the place of the regular training parade.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	21		Day of Rest. Padre General Brook and Senior Chaplain Milligan had lunch at this HQ.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	22		Major Jacobs DADMS 14A L of C Sub Area left for Adelaide River. Weekly Returns rendered. Pleasant day.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	23		Lt.Col Nunn visited Pine Creek Area and returned same day. Picture show "Next of Kin" shown.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118--
(adapted.)

M. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 14A L OF C SUB AREA

Date and Time.—From 24 FEB 43 To 28 FEB 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KATHERINE	24		Major Jacobs returned from visit to Adelaide River. Lt.Col Nunn left on visit to Larrimah Area with Capt Coutts.	<i>Hub</i>
	25		W3008 and W3009 submitted Lt.col Nunn returned from visit to Larrimah Area with Capt Coutts. Sporting Activities.	I J <i>Hub</i>
	26		LHQ Eng Team (Jungle Warfare), Lt.col Wolfenden and Capt Dickenson visited this HQ and stayed overnight. Shooting practice held at Katherine range. Light rain through night.	
	27		Day overcast. Heavy rain fell during the afternoon. Arrangements in hand for a Sports Meeting at Manbulloo on Sunday 28th. Lt.Col Baldock, Admin Comdt Larrimah arrived to stay for week end. Administration Instruction No.50 — DISCIPLINE.	<i>Hub</i>
	28		Medical Board. Heavy rains and flooded rivers forced cancellation of Sports Meeting at Manbulloo.	K L <i>Hub</i>
			REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 43 BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA	M
			RECORD OF ACTIVITIES "A" BRANCH - 1 FEB - 28 FEB 43	N
			SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES - 14A L OF C SUB AREA 2 Feb to 27 Feb 43.	O

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3 Aust CRE (Works)
Adm Comdt Larrimah
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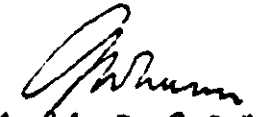
LARRIMAH STAGING CAMP.

1. Following on C.O.C.'s visit to this camp and subsequent inspections by Comd 14A I of C Sub Area and the new Commandant Lt.Col Baldock, there are a number of matters on which action is required to put this camp on a sound basis.

- (1) Staff The filling of the M.R. is necessary, cooks especially. Camp staff understrength is further depleted by the necessity for staff to assist in works which are normally engineer problems. Lieut Weiss at present C.O. may be replaced by Lieut Humphry in the near future. A number of men of very poor type on staff of this camp need replacement.
- (2) Works Lt.Col Baldock considers the camp buildings and appointments leave much to be desired in comparison with camps further South which have been built by engineers for the specific purpose of staging and the following list is submitted.
 - (a) Refrigeration. Mobile refrigerators from 11 I of C Sub Area camps should now be available as it is understood fixed plants have been put in.
 - (b) Electric light. The delay in wiring messes, YMCA, canteen, orderly room, has been referred to Capt Hyde who can give no date for completion.
 - (c) Cement floors. These are essential in big messes with only a small staff to maintain hygiene. The equivalent of 6, 60'x 20' floors are required.
 - (d) Tables. Hurdles instead of tables are at present in use for 32 tables in 1 hut. From the hygiene point of view these should be covered with flat iron (galvanised). The P.H.O. recommends this, but for some time past the iron has not been available. 30 extra tables movable have been ordered but no date for delivery can be given.
 - (e) Trains. This is quite unsatisfactory and a new system to connect up messes and kitchen is essential.
 - (f) Officers' & Arts' Messes. Suitable sculleries are necessary. Connected to main drain.
 - (g) Mess Messes. Lt.Col Baldock is very keen on these being made completely fly proof with baffle trap entrances.

2. 3 Aust CRE (Works) has been asked to deal with these matters and other minor ones at the camp, but owing to priorities laid down by CH is unable to put engineer labour on the work.

3. It appears that if this camp is to be improved in the near future, that it will be necessary for HQ NT Force to give the work a priority over the many jobs which are at present awaiting engineer attention and while Lt.Col Baldock can supply unskilled labour it is essential that the whole job be designed and closely supervised by an Engineer officer.


Lt-Col.
Comd. 14A I of C Sub Area.

Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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Head-Quarters, 14A L of C Sub Area,
Darwin, 3 Feb 43.

APPEND B

HQ NT Force.

Adm Comdt, Pine Creek Area.

Adm Comdt, Katherine Area.

Adm Comdt, Mataranka Area.

Adm Comdt, Larrimah Area.

} for information

BUSH FIRE PROTECTION.

1. It is noted that grass at Mataranka and Larrimah is approaching the stage where it will burn and unless heavy rains occur bush fires may occur in the near future.
2. It is proposed that this HQ will issue instructions regarding fire protection but before doing so a policy directive is requested from HQ NT Force.
3. It is desired to make clear the responsibility of each Depot O.C. in relation to the Area Comdts general responsibility and it is suggested that no grass fires either controlled or uncontrolled should be lit without prior notice to the Area Comdt who is otherwise not aware of whether smoke rising is controlled or uncontrolled.
4. Satisfactory fire-break systems depend largely on a bulldozer being available to each Area Comdt by means of which perimeter firelines would be put round depots and depots given the duty of of burning between double breaks.

As there are a great many miles of firelines required it is desirable to commence this work forthwith.

It is suggested that each Area Comdt should have available a water truck and knapsack sprays for use as a central fire brigade to be called out if required by Depots.

 Lt. Col.
Comd 14A L of C Sub - Area.

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APPEND "C"
14A L OF C SUB AREA
ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 48

4 Feb 1943

MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND EVACUATION OF NON-EFFECTIVES.

1. This Instruction cancels HQ 14A L of C Adm Instn No. 43.
2. The special functions of a General Detail Depot are set out in GRO A334 (c) and no provision exists for GDDs in MT. The use of the designations Katherine GDD and Larrimah GDD will cease.
3. A soldier considered by his CO or by a Medical Officer to be unfit for service in MT may be examined by any two Medical Officers with a view to determining his medical fitness or otherwise for service in MT. Until such time as a Medical Board is established the OC unit should submit to the nearest Medical Officer a report regarding the soldier concerned and state fully the disabilities which in his opinion make a medical examination necessary.
4. The Medical Officers examine the soldier and prepare a Medical Certification PRO FORM A (2 copies) which are sent to DADM3 14A L of C Sub Area together with parts 1 & 2 of AAF D2. If the Pro Forma states that the soldier is "Fit for service in MT in other than a Field Unit" and the DADM3 concurs, the unit will be informed accordingly and directions will be given by DAA 14A L of C Sub Area for his transfer if necessary.
5. If the Pro Forma states that the soldier is "Unfit for service in MT" and the DADM3 concurs therewith and with the finding expressed on AAF D2, HQ 14A L of C Sub Area will:-

- (a) send the D2 and 1 copy of the Pro Forma to the unit or to the Hospital at which the soldier is located and authorise the unit or hospital to evacuate the soldier to GDD in the L of C Area in which the soldier was enlisted.
- (b) notify Records Office R 3.1.1. of C Area sending 1 copy of the PRO FORM A.
- (c) notify the L of C Area to which the soldier is to be evacuated.

NOTE: On no account will the soldier concerned be evacuated until authorised by this HQ.

When authorised the unit or hospital concerned will:-

- (1) Submit Casualty Return showing the soldier "Classified unfit for service in MT, marched out to GDD....."
L of C Area Date.....authority....."
- (2) Arrange movement with RTO and prepare a Movement Order in triplicate which will be endorsed:-
 - (a) "Service Dress, Greatcoat and underclothing not issued" or as the case requires.
 - (b) Rations for move to Larrimah have been issued.

Unit or hospital concerned will ensure that the following documents accompany the soldier:-

- (a) Nominal Roll of Draft
- (b) Copy of Casualty Return above-mentioned.
- (c) Field Medical Card and envelope AAF 3118 and 3118a
- (d) AAF D2 with Medical Certificate and Pro Forma attached.
- (e) Issue Card - clothing and necessaries AAF 3200 (if held)
- (f) Issue and Receipt Voucher for transfer of equipment AAF 31033
- (g) Field contact sheet AAF 3120 or 3121 (if any)
- (h) Dental Record Card AAF 15033
- (i) Pay Record Card AAF 7140
- (j) Leave Record Card AAF 464
- (k) Camp Issue Card AAF 312a
- (l) Personal History Sheet AAF 4240

If available. If not
available include memo
to that effect.

[Signature] Lt-Col.
Comd. 14A L of C Sub Area.

For distribution see over.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO.48

DISTRIBUTION LIST 'C'

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S Aust CRE (Works)	6
HQ Pine Creek Area	1
HQ Katherine Area	1
H.A.O.U.	1
FTF Stationery Unit	1
HQ 28 Aust Employment Coy	1
HQ Mataranka Area	1
NT Force A.R.D.	1
HQ Larrimah Area	1
S Aust Personnel Staging Camp	1
D.A.D.M.S.	7
D.A.P.M.	3
NY Sec F.S.S.	1
D.A.D.O.S.	6
Comd	1
A.A.S.C.	2
IG Branch	1
Camp Comdt	1
War Diary	2
File	1

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(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Signature
NT FORCE

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

File No. of C Sub Case (Unit) 4 Feb 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. ATTACHMENTS	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		3 ORG Sig Operations	AT LHC SIGS
		1 OR DRIVER	HA MTF
		1 BWO	13 UIC STORES COY
		1 OR Surveyors	4th Inf Ft Suro. Coy

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for week ending

4 Feb 43

APPEND 'D'

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HQ 142 L of C Sus Area (Unit)

WE.

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Officers JOINED during week.

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

14Q 14-16 LJC Sub Area
(Unit.)

4 FEB 43

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

MT FORCE

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

APPEND "E"

War Diary

14A I OF C SUB AREA. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.49

8 Feb 43

ORDNANCE STORES AND PROCEDURE.

This instruction consolidates a number of previous instructions and cancels Administrative Instruction No.4 of 6 June 42. To assist training of QM and QMS, lectures will be held at each centre following on the study of this instruction.

1. Submission of Indents

A comprehensive survey of indents submitted by all units, reveals that a very high percentage are either returned to units or amended by DADOS staff to show more details.

2. DADOS staff is not intended as a medium for re-writing indents nor can the Ordnance Depots be held responsible for delays caused by the submission of incorrect indents.

3. Care taken by unit QM's will save endless work and unnecessary delay. The full co-operation of units in this matter will be appreciated.

4. Indents may in future be returned to units if any of the following errors occur:-

- (a) Omission of C.O's certificate in case of indents for replacement of clothing (I certify that the stores included on this indent are required for the replacement of clothing etc., rendered U.S. through fair wear and that all U.S. articles have been withdrawn at the time of issue of replacement items. A charge has been raised in all cases of unfair wear.)
- (b) E2a extracts must be submitted.
Indents are only submitted when stores are required to replace those which have already been issued, and in such cases must be endorsed "MAINTENANCE."
- (c) When indents are submitted for replacement stores the G.1033 must be submitted with it.
- (d) Only one section of the vocab. to appear on each indent.
- (e) Incorrect nomenclature - see W.E.T.
- (f) All appropriate columns on the indent must be completed.
- (g) Indents cannot be accepted for controlled stores. Application must be made in writing to 'G' Branch R.T. Force.
- (h) Not on W.E.T., or authorised by any other known authority. A memo must be submitted setting out the reasons why such stores should be held.
- (i) To be drawn from Engineers.
- (j) To be drawn from AASC.
- (k) To be drawn from AAMC
- (l) Not signed by an officer.

5. Returns.

For instructions regarding Census of Warlike Stores, M.T Vehicle Census, Submission of R.T. Casualty Returns, see Appendix "A", "B", and "C".

- DISTRIBUTION LIST "C"

for Major.
DAA & QMG HQ 14A I of C Sub Area.

MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES RETURNS.

8 Feb 43

APPENDIX "A".

The authority for the compilation and submission of the above Return is GRO 379/42. This Return is to be submitted by every unit whose HQ is within 14A L of C Sub Area, one copy only being required. Return will be rendered to show position as at 1400 hours on the 20th of each month, and will be despatched by 0900 hours on the 21st direct to DADOS 14A L of C Sub Area. The return will show the following information in respect of each item shown on the Master Cards held by the unit:-

- (1) Name of unit.
- (2) Unit strength as at date of Return.
- (3) Number of AAF E2 or AF G1098 under which unit is working.
- (4) Authority for holding any items in excess of quantity authorised.
- (5) Establishment of items on Master Cards authorised even though no items are actually held.
- (6) Total number actually in possession of unit as at 20th of each month.
- (7) Where any variation occurs in the quantity of equipment held between current return and the last return submitted, this is to be explained by the following abbreviations:-

- (a) D.E.A. - destroyed by enemy action.
- (b) H.O. - handed over to another unit.
- (c) I - issued to unit since last return
- (d) O.R. - at Ordnance for repairs.
- (e) R. - returned to Ordnance.
- (f) R.S.O. - returned serviceable by Ordnance.

- (8) Where captured or alternative pattern weapons or equipment are held in lieu of British or Australian service type equipment and such weapons are not shown on any schedule A-N in unit Master Cards, full details will be appended to the unit return slips.
- (9) Where stores are shown on the Master Cards under a general heading, it is essential that the mark and number of service pattern equipment held be clearly indicated.
- (10) The registered number of all artillery pieces and carriages will be quoted in a separate memo but attached to the unit return. Once this information has been supplied, it need not be repeated in subsequent returns.
- (11) The return will be signed by the C.O.
- (12) The census will operate continuously and units are requested to give the above matters their closest attention. It is to the units own interest to see that this return is rendered correctly as it is the only way of bringing unit holdings up to entitlements. W.E.T's should be kept posted up to date and opposite each item of controlled stores, the Serial Number as shown on the Master Cards should be inserted in red ink. Some items of Controlled Stores appear in the Appendices of unit W.E.T., i.e., compasses magnetic pocket in Kits Tools Electricians, and Protractors Rectangular Ivorine in Sets Instrument Drawing.

The W.E.T. is the supreme authority for entitlements. Where no W.E.T. exists, W.E. shall be used in conjunction with E.500's. M.B.I's and S.N's are also forms of authority and will be quoted as authorization for holding any item in excess of entitlement. Stores on loan must appear on return of unit to which they are on charge.

A physical stocktaking should be carried out periodically as returns compiled from ledgers have proved incorrect in many instances. Where no authority can be quoted for items held in excess of entitlements, such excess will be returned to the nearest Ordnance Depot forthwith. Attention is drawn to such items as Bren and Lewis Guns which are alternative items and entitlement should not be claimed for both types.

Units are requested to send their returns in on time to permit DADOS staff to prepare their consolidation for submission to HQ. Units will requisition for supplies of Unit Return slips from NTF Stationery Unit.

P.T.O

SUBMISSION OF M.T. CASUALTY RETURNS G.52's.

8 Feb 43

APPENDIX "C".

Vide GRO 0.18/42. Many units are failing to render G.52's thereby causing endless confusion in the keeping of M.T. Census Cards. This form will be used by units:-

- (1) whenever a vehicle is received.
- (2) whenever a vehicle is transferred either to another unit or to workshop.

G.52's shall be rendered in duplicate to DADOS 14A L of C within 48 hours of receipt or transfer of vehicle and shall contain full particulars as set out in the form. The year of manufacture shall also be included.

2. Units are particularly requested to see that this GRO is strictly complied with.

APPENDIX "B"

- This census will operate concurrently with the existing census of warlike stores and will apply to all mechanical vehicles held by units at 1400 hours on the 20th of each month.

Units holding AA3C vols	4 copies.	2 copies to D4D03	Disposal 14A L of C
		2 copies to ADS	T NT Force
all other units	2 copies.	2 copies to D4D03	14A L of C

UNIT.....Number of War Establishment
applicable to unit.....

ARMY NO	MAKE	TYPE	MAKERS MODEL SERIES	YEAR OF MANUF.	IF VEHICLE RECD SINCE PREVIOUS CENSUS, FROM WHOM RECEIVED
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2. The above copies of Unit Return Slip 25-9(a) together with pro-formas will be dispatched by 0900 hours on the 21st of each month and units are requested to see that the completed returns are dispatched at the stipulated time in order that D.DOS staff can compile the consolidated returns with the minimum delay.

- (1) Name of Unit

- (111) Number of vehicles of each type held. Every care should be taken to see that G.3. types are not confused with 7.3. models. Reference to GRC 0.70 should enable all vehicles to be correctly classified and entered opposite Series Number pertaining to that type on the Unit Return Slip.

(1v) Vehicles on loan should only appear on the return of the unit to which they are on charge.

- When submitting pro-formas, units are requested to list all P/O's first, then vehicles in order of capacity starting with the lowest capacity.

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(page 1)
(Adapted)

Serial 1/42

Copy No 6

HO 142 N.C. Subarea (Unit) 11 Feb 1943 (Date).

WE 18/07/0

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1		2		3	4
Detail.		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
WE	W.Os. Class I.	101	101		
	W.Os. Class II.				
	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
	Staff Serjeants	1			
	Serjeants	3	2		1
13	Corporals	4	8		1
27	Troopers, Privates, &c.	12	15	3	
42	TOTALS	20	28	3	3

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>	
		500 Sig Operations	NT L & C SIGS
		100 DRIVER	40 NTF
		1000	13 Old Storage Coy
		100 Survivor	1000 FA Survivor Unit

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Serial 7/43
HQ 14th L/C Sub area Unit.

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(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)

**PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W. 3009.**

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masscur			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Mixers			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Shortman DADOS		1						
General Duties	3							
Totals (to agree with Columns 2 and 4 of Part A.)	3	3						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ 14th L/C Sub area Unit.

Date of Despatch

11 Feb 43

Signature of Commander.

N T FORCE

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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for weeks ending

11 Feb 43

APPEND "F"

12448 PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Officers JOINED during week.

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

A-7. 2011 10/11

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

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

(Signature of Commander.)
NT force
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

12 Feb 45

APPEND "G"

1. General.

All ranks will be fully aware of the danger of fire and of the resultant loss therefrom. Damaged and lost equipment means resultant loss of efficiency. The danger of grass fires during the coming dry season will be fully cognizant to all.

2. Precautionary measures.

- (1) All grass will be cleared and kept cleared 10 feet from tents and 20 feet from buildings and incinerators. CQMS will be responsible for clearing around kitchens, mess huts, "Q" Store and showers. CSM will be responsible for clearing around offices. Occupants will be responsible to A/Camp Commandant for their own tents.
- (2) Lanterns and naked lights will NOT be permitted in unoccupied tents. Ensure that matches and cigarette butts are extinguished before being thrown into tins. A tin with sand for cigarette butts and matches will be provided by the occupants in each tent. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who fail to use these.
- (3) No fires will be lit within the camp bounds at any time except in authorized places.
- (4) All grass fires will be piqueted for a period of 12 hours after extinction.

3. Fire Rendezvous

- (1) The fire rendezvous will be the area central to the four office buildings.
- (2) A/Camp Comdt will be responsible that the following equipment is obtained and maintained at fire rendezvous.

Rakes - 6, buckets 1 - 6, beaters - 6, shovels - 6.

In addition sand boxes and chemical extinguishers (where available) will be placed in each building.

4. Fire fighting organization

- (1) Fire piquet will consist of all personnel occupying "G", "A", whether on duty in office or in unit lines.
- (2) Fire parties will be organized as under.
 - (a) Party to bring up fire equipment required by fire piquet and to assist generally.
Batmen under CQMS.
 - (b) Water supply party, AASC officers and DADOS and staff.
 - (c) Salvage party to consist of DAIMS and staff

5. Action in case of fire

- (1) On outbreak of fire the person discovering same will raise the alarm by voice and a continuous ringing of the alarm gong.
- (2) Fire piquet and all officers and other ranks in camp will report to fire rendezvous.
- (3) The piquet will move from rendezvous under orders of senior present with fire equipment to the fire.
- (4) The senior NCO or officer present at the fire will take charge and direct operations.

(2)
FIRE ORDERS - HQ 14A L OF C SUB AREA

5. Action in case of fire (continued)

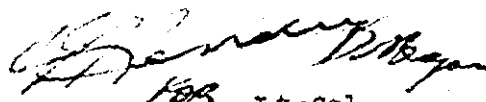
- (5) Water duty man will man pump and ensure that tank is kept filled.
- (6) All officers and other ranks in Camp other than fire picquet will remain at rendezvous until ordered by senior officer to proceed to the fire or to return to duties.

6. Action after fire.

A/Camp Commandant will be responsible for return of all equipment and for immediate report to Comd on losses incurred and for maintenance of 12 hour picquet.

7. Fire Officer.

A/Camp Commandant is appointed Unit Fire Officer and will be responsible for implementing details of MT Force Adm Instrn 58.


for Lt-Col.
Comd. 14A L of C Sub Area.

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Break to 8/13 ^{over King} **FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.** (page 1)
Copy to 6 18th Airborne Div (Unit) 18 July 1945 (Adapted) (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE 14/04/81 13 ALK

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	515	615	
W.Os. Class II.		—	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	—	—
Serjeants	5	—	1
Corporals	5	—	—
Troopers, Privates, &c.	13	—	—
TOTALS	528	—	2

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		HITLER HEART:	
		LOP ² Sig operation	MT High Signal
		LOS ² Signal	High MT post
		LOS ² O V O	LOS ² Signal Corp

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be Added as required in spaces provided.

448 14-32 Jc Sub-Force
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 18 Feb 1951

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

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for week ending

18 Feb 43

APPEND "H"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit state how employed.
1st Lt 1/25/51	441575	NUNN C W	1st Lt	Yes	SAF
MAJ 1/25/51	441421	STONE N C	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	JACOB H S	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	ANDERSON T C	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	WALKER H W	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	LEWIS A E	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	HILKS C A	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	MENGER L A	1st Lt	Yes	
1st Lt 1/25/51	441421	GRAY F J	1st Lt	Yes	AMF

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Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
CAPT	7X63 CUTCLIFFE LM.	HQ 4A Lt-C Sub Area	1 Aust Army Y Unit's STAFF OFFICE School BRISBANE

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VA 139	Corrigan R	K. Amos 1st Bn	17 Feb	1st Bn 3rd Div 1st Bn 3rd Div Capt Corrigan - 1st Bn

14. February 1953
(Date of Despatch.)

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(page 1)

(Adapted)

FINAL No Submission (Unit) 25 Feb 19.03 (Date).

(To be furnished by ²all units and all Headquarter units.)

	1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.				
W.Os. Class II.				
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
Staff Serjeants	1			
Serjeants	4	1		1
Corporals	6	8	1	1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	12	14		1
TOTALS	23	23	1	3

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		10th Cavalry	
		3rd Regt. Cavalry	1st Lt. Regt. Cavalry
		1st Regt. Cavalry	1st Lt. Regt. Cavalry
		1st Regt. Cavalry	1st Lt. Regt. Cavalry

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(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Signature of Commander _____

Date of Despatch 25 Feb 43

Bde., Dvsn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

W3008 & W3009

for weeks ending:

25 Feb 43

APPEND 'I'

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (including attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3	1	
Captains	1		
1st Lieutenants	3	2	7
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	8	3	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Capt	CUTCHER, J. M.	1st Lt. Col.	1st Lt. Col. 1st Army Division Sub Area 1st of the School
			Rhobane

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(1) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ/1st Lt.	WAIST	MUNN B. W.	1st Lt.	YES	A.F.
MAJOR	VAH4221	STONE N. M.	1st Lt.		
CAPT/MAJOR	VAH3032	JACOB S. S.	1st Lt.		
MAJOR	SE11078	HENDRY J. G.	1st Lt.		
1st Lt.	VAH4221	PRICE H. W.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	VAH4221	BRIEN H. E.	1st Lt.		
"	VAH4221	HICKS C. M. K.	1st Lt.		
"	VAH4221	MEXLER L. A.	1st Lt.		
"	VAH4221	EARL T. J.	1st Lt.		

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	VAH4221	CUTCHER, J. M.	1st Lt.	1st of 650th	1st of 650th

H. M. L. (Unit.)

25 February 43
(Date of Despatch.)

H. M. L. (Signature of Commander.)

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

APPEND J

Distribution List '3'
Copy to HQ MT Force.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

1. The allotment of prize money for sporting activities was granted by G.O.C. as the result of this HQ submitting a strong case representing that such assistance would stimulate sports activities.
2. It was expected the amount asked for would be largely absorbed by Christmas Meetings. Partly due to late advice of the allotment of prize money, and as a result of the cessation of swimming activities occasioned by the rise of rivers, the amount expended was less than anticipated.
3. Efforts to promote and maintain sporting activities should be revived. Committees should be re-vitalised. Excellent results can be achieved by arranging carnival sports meetings. The first essential is a lead by Os C Units, the next an enthusiastic live wire committee.
4. Boxing events were popular. Interest in this direction could be revived. Much can be done by organising boxing classes at which novices should be encouraged. Prizes could be offered for novices showing the most consistent improvement over a period etc. This could be a responsibility of an area committee which should offer assistance to units by organising experienced boxing instructors and by arranging regular area boxing contests and exhibitions.

Inter unit cricket matches, hockey matches etc should be fostered.

5. Carnival sports meetings can be gingered up and made entertaining by interspersing with athletic events, such items as are listed hereunder-

Stunt Tableaus on trucks - prize to best and most original. Best individual humorous turnout. Musical Chairs (riders on bicycles), Horse races, potato races, obstacle races, sack races, blind wheelbarrow race (1 blindfolded pusher, 1 passenger), events for Aborigines, Fl competition (Fl drill), demonstration of wire crushing by Fl.

Arrange for Canteen and cool drinks booth facilities on the sports ground.

6. Tatloid sports could be organised giving special attention to the type of events, including teams relay races, teams 75 yards sprint, teams tunnel ball. Tatloid sports have the advantage that all personnel may participate. Careful detailed organisation is essential, uniformity in dress; points for team discipline.
7. Officers have many demands on their time, nevertheless each officer should regard it a part of his duty to stimulate and engage in sports activities. It is desirable and important that all ranks as far as possible participate or have a definite interest in such activities.
8. Following the receipt of this letter, Adm Comdts respective areas will convene a meeting of Os C units with the object of implementing the recommendations contained herein. His efforts can be successful if he has the enthusiastic co-operation of O.C.s units. It is suggested that two committees in each area might be advantageous viz:-

- (1) An area supervising committee comprising C.O.s and Os C units.
- (2) An executive committee drawn from officers, other ranks and YMCA representatives.

Each unit doubtless has its own sports officer and unit sports committee which would co-operate with the area executive committee.

9. Of the total of £165 allotted to this Sub Area, the expenditure to date on prizes is only \$58. It is unlikely that this Sub Area will be permitted to retain the balance indefinitely, thus early action in the direction indicated is also desirable from the purely financial aspect.

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10. This letter is addressed to all units having Headquarters in 14A L of C Sub Area. Committees are recommended to specially assist detachments whose Headquarters are not in the area.

11. A brief report on progress ~~will be submitted~~^{by} Comdts on or before 12 Mar 43.

[Handwritten signature]
Lt. Col.
Comd 14A L of C Sub - Area.

APPEND.

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WAR DIARY

14A L OF C SUB AREA
ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 50

HQ 14A L of C Sub Area
27 Feb 43.

DISCIPLINE.

1. PROVOST CORPS. Cases have occurred in which officers and O.Rs have failed to assist the Provost Corps in carrying out their duty.

All ranks must realise that the Provost Corps has important duties in maintaining order and economy, and plays an important part during operations. The following extracts from AMR & O 385 - 386 as recently amended will be published in all unit R.O.

"385 (1) A Provost Marshall, an assistant Provost Marshall or any member of the Aust Army Provost Corps, may arrest and detain for trial, any officer or soldier liable to arrest."

"386 (2) soldiers notwithstanding they are of superior rank shall obey orders as given by the Military Police or by a member of the Aust Army Provost Corps."

(3) "Officers of whatever rank shall comply with the directions of a Provost Marshall, an assistant Provost Marshall, or an Officer of the Aust Army Provost Corps."

2. AREA COMMANDER POWERS For the purpose of discipline, an Area Commandant is a C.O. in the terms of AMR & O 389 and commands detachments within his area. (389 (5) specially applies).

Within an area having an Area Comdt, a detachment will not constitute a corps - (see AMR & O 389 (3)) and all charges will be referred to the Area Comdt as C.O.

An Area Comdt below Field Rank will exercise only the powers of a Coy Comd, but will refer to Comd 14A L of C Sub Area all cases in which he considers such powers are insufficient. Increased powers for a particular case may be sanctioned by Comd 14A under AMR & O 422. In respect to a charge laid by Provost Corps or by Area Staff, the Adm Comdt may direct that it be remanded to Adm Comdt or higher authority.

Powers of C.O.

A unit (except a unit having a C.O.) or det situated in an area administered by an Adm Comdt is not a "detachment" constituting a Corps under the meaning of AMR & O 389 (3). Thus the powers of Os C of those units or dets are limited to those of a Coy Comd. The fact that the officer commanding a unit or det has Field Rank does not of itself invest him with the powers of a C.O. See AMR & O 394 (4). Thus for example Os C of RAE Corps so located, even though of Field Rank, exercise only the powers of a Coy Comd and will remand to:-

(a) CRE 5 CRE (Works) in the case of "Katherine Area" or areas where Adm Comdt is below Field Rank.
(AMR & O 394 (4) applies.)

3. DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY OF MEMBERS. Attention is particularly directed to GRO A2E 1943 and especially to Sub Para (4) which deals with deductions for loss or damage of Government Property.

"A C.O. will not award stoppages of pay in excess of £5 but whenever it appears that a greater penal deduction than that amount should be awarded he will apply for a Court Martial."

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4. NOTES ON ADM-OF-DISCIPLINE-ON WAR SERVICE PART 1 & II

All officers will note particularly that due to amendment to AMR & O 1937 the abovementioned pamphlet (as printed) is in places not incorrect and should not be quoted as an authority - although it remains a useful guide. For example:-

A private soldier only is deprived of his headgear during the investigation of a charge. An NCO is not.

The Powers of a C.O. are amended in several particulars viz:-

- (1) The offender having no right to elect trial by Court Martial may be fined up to £5 in addition to the list set out on page 18 (Authority AMR & O 418 (5)).
- (2) The limitations of offences with which a C.O. may deal without reference to higher authority (pages 18 and 19 of pamphlet) are considerably widened (See AMR & O 409 (1)).

In addition it should be noted that a C.O. if directed by higher authority in terms of AMR & O 409 (4) may, subject to the Accused's right to elect trial by Court Martial, deal summarily with any offence against the A.A., D.A., and AMR & O, but may not exceed the powers set out in AMR & O 418 (2). It should be noted that in such case in respect to private soldier a fine not exceeding £5 may be inflicted.

DISTRICT COURTS MARTIAL. AUTHORITY TO CONVENE.

The Comd 14A L of C Sub Area is an Officer authorized to convene District Courts Martial (Authority Gazette No. 107 of 8 April 1912 HQ NT Force letter L30 (31)).

John Lt-Col.
Comd 14A L of C Sub Area.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ NT Force (6) (including Heads of Service)
All units and dets 14A L of C Sub Area

HQ 2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty

HQ 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy

HQ NT 1 of C Signals

HQ 11 Aust Sup Pers Coy

HQ 12 Aust Fd Bakery

HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Butchery

HQ NTF BIPOD

HQ 14A L of C Sub Area (6)

HQ 107 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

HQ 1 Aust Farm Unit A.A.S.C

HQ 12 Aust Mob Laundry

HQ 2/7 Aust Dental Unit

HQ 53 Aust Fd Amn Depot

HQ 5 Aust Movt Control Group.

HQ 13 Aust Salvage Unit

HQ Aust Army Education Service

8 Aust Fd Censorship Section

Aust Defence Cn

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APPEND L

HQ 14A L of C Sub Area
27 Feb 43

MEDICAL BOARD.

1. A Medical Board will operate at the centres and on the dates as shown hereunder.

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time to commence.</u>
PINE CREEK	65 Aust Camp Hospital	8 MAR 43	1400 hours
KATHERINE	Adm Comdt to arrange	9 MAR 43	0930 hours
MATARANKA	Adm Comdt to arrange	10 MAR 43	0930 hours
LARRIMAH	Adm Comdt to arrange	11 MAR 43	0930 hours.

PERSONNEL OF BOARD.

- 2 Medical Officers ~~1 E.M.T. Specialist~~
1 "A" Officer if detailed.
2 other ranks.

The following will assist the Board

TO BE SUPPLIED BY

PINE CREEK	1 Medical Officer 2 Orderlies for urine testing	65 Aust Camp Hospital.
KATHERINE	2 Medical Officers (including Capt Moyling) 1 E.M.T. Specialist 1 Optician 2 Orderlies for urine testing	121 A.G.H. NOTE: 1 Medical Officer, 1 E.M.T. Specialist, and Optician to proceed with Board to Mataranka & Larrimah.
MATARANKA	1 Medical Officer 2 Orderlies for urine testing	42 Aust Camp Hospital.
LARRIMAH	1 Medical Officer 2 Orderlies for urine testing	45 Aust Camp Hospital.

2. Adm Comdt Pine Creek will arrange to supply 2 clerks.
3. Adm Comdts Katherine, Mataranka and Larrimah respectively will:-
- arrange to supply 3 clerks and 3 directing NCOs who will attend full time and must be fully instructed as to duties (Units having a preponderance of candidates may be directed to supply these clerks and NCOs)
 - arrange suitable accommodation for conducting the examinations.
 - Provide stationery, tables, chairs, forms, buckets etc and availability of water.
 - If an "A" officer is not already a member of the Board, detail an officer to supervise, and to attest personnel found eligible for enlistment in AIF. This officer will be responsible for the proper preparation of and safe custody of the appropriate documents.
 - Arrange for personnel for examination to be paraded to board in groups of 25 at intervals of approx 1 hour.

4. QUARTERING OF PERSONNEL.

TO BE PROVIDED BY

PINE CREEK	8 MAR 43 (Midday meal)	65 Aust Camp Hospital
KATHERINE	8 MAR 43 Medical Officers & driver	121 A.G.H.
	"A" Officer (if detailed)	Adm Comdt Katherine
(MATARANKA)	9 MAR 43 All personnel of Board	Adm Comdt Mataranka
(LARRIMAH)	10 MAR 43 All personnel of Board	Adm Comdt Larrimah

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MEDICAL BOARD (continued)

KATHERINE 11 MAR 43 Medical Officers & Driver 121 A.G.H.
(or 12 Mar 43
if Board not "A" Officer (if detailed) Adm Comdt Katherine
completed
11 Mar 43)

5. TRANSPORT

Transport for 2 M.Os (and "A" Officer if detailed) will be
supplied by 3/13 Aust Rd Ambulance. Transport for additional Board
personnel to proceed from Katherine, to be arranged by HQ 14A I of C
Sub Area.

J. G. Hendry
Major.
DAM 2: 2MG HQ 14A I of C Sub Area.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ NT Force
DADHS 14A I of C Sub Area
C.C. Medical Board
"A" Officer Medical Board
HQ Pine Creek Area
HQ Katherine Area
HQ Wataranka Area
HQ Larrimah Area

121 A.G.H.
65 Aust Camp Hospital
42 Aust Camp Hospital
45 Aust Camp Hospital
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APPEND M

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14A I of C Sub Area
1 Mar 43

HQ NT Force

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 43 BY CMD 14A I OF C SUB AREA.

1. GENERAL.

Smooth working of the Sub Area continues, but as work increases, it is evident that personnel for depots, staffs, and labour are insufficient and the loss of Engineering Coys results in inability to complete works by due dates.

Although training has had a revival for officers and NCOs, time does not permit effective training for O.Rs.

2. DISCIPLINE.

While discipline is reasonably good, inconsistency of punishments is very apparent and a directive is being issued to clear up anomalies and more clearly define powers of OCs, det Comd, and Area Comdts.

3. MEDICAL.

A very satisfactory situation. Health good, water chlorination in hand, hospitals working smoothly and works at hospitals proceeding as well as resources permit. Hygiene is good in spite of shortage of personnel. Capt Docher while acting as RMO Larrimah did particularly good and energetic work.

4. STAGING

Larrimah staging is improving but works still incomplete. Troops in transit are being used to good advantage. Investigation of facilities and proposals for Mataranka, Katherine and Pine Creek are being made. There appears to be a whispering campaign about Staging Camp conditions at Larrimah, but this is without serious foundation as inquiries prove.

5. SUPPLIES, RATIONS

Rations are good and complaints have been less than at any time in the past. Individual complaints at Larrimah have on occasions been traced to people who had not actually been at the meal mentioned.

6. TRANSPORT.

320 L.A.D. Katherine and 236 L.A.D. Larrimah are to be complimented on catching up leeway. Old vehicles, however, need constant attention and the withdrawal of either of these L.A.D's would quickly result in a pile up of work.

An L.A.D. for Mataranka will shortly be established.

Vehicle maintenance has been vastly improved by schools held. AASC officers have been given permission to drive vehicles and it is considered that this should be reviewed with regard to each vehicle for which a driver can be found.

Road transport. As mentioned in last report, is still being studied and has been instituted for Pine Creek - Katherine.

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REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 43 BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA (continued)

7. ABORIGINES

Efforts are still being made to form settlements at Larrimah and Pine Creek where the labour is much required. Health Officer is meeting difficulties in contacting nomadic natives and settlements containing both workers and their dependents are considered preferable. The Native Affairs Department is difficult to contact and it is felt could be doing more to assist.

8. AMENITIES.

Cinematograph breakdowns have emphasized the necessity for more equipment.

Sports Meetings have not been developed as was expected and approximately £100 still remains from GOC's grant for prizes. A further effort is being made to encourage sports and boxing.

In these matters a great deal depends on an active Adm Commandant - Capt Paterson is to be commended for successful organising efforts at Pine Creek and now at Katherine.

9. STAFF

Staff still presents a problem. It is anticipated Major Hendry will be moved to Hospital - a serious loss.

A suitable O.C. for Staging Camp has yet to be found.

Two officers are awaiting decision on adverse reports.

Vacancies for 3 Lieutenant Quarter-Masters are still unfilled.

Lieut. O'Brien has been strongly recommended for a Junior

Staff School.

Lt. Col Munn expects to leave for J.O.O.T. School about 20 Mar 43.

Major Jacobs is not in satisfactory health.

It is hoped War Establishments for Larrimah and Katherine Areas will be increased to type "B" camps.

10. WET SEASON.

No serious effects were noted until the rains of 27/28 Feb when damage and some dislocation has occurred. At date of writing it is too early to assess results of this flood.

The Katherine river rose to within 12 feet of top of Railway Bridge and demonstrated the importance of bores for water supply as opposed to river pumps.

11. TRAINING.

A big improvement is apparent in NCOs due to schools Winnellie and to local schools completed, by WT Force Training Cadre. In addition a number of L of C officers did a refresher course. Unfortunately, the average training of other ranks is less than 2 hours per week and it cannot be said that other ranks are trained soldiers.

Unless a direction is given that specific times are to be allotted to training, depots argue that they can do no training owing to pressure of work and shortage of personnel. This Headquarters cannot issue such a direction as it would conflict with depot work and it is desired that each service be asked to set out times for their detachments and advise this Headquarters so that coordination can be effected. (See WT Force Operational Instruction No. 40).

To get full value of training ammunition, it is desirable to appoint a full time range and marksmanship instructor for each centre who would be responsible to G.S.O.III for carrying out of training instructions and for ensuring proper use of ammunition.

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REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 43 BY COMD 14A L OF C SUB AREA (Continued)

11. TRAINING (Continued)

D & M Schools and Cooking Schools have been held with a marked result. A further D & M School is necessary for 50 to 60 Drivers as the vacancies which are available at Bde or other schools are insufficient to cope with requirements.

A lecture tour by an Officer who has been in close fighting with Japanese would be appreciated. This would encourage training in which L of C officers display a lack of interest.

An impromptu talk to officers by Lt. Col Wolfenden and Capt Dickinson of LHQ Jungle Warfare Team, stimulated a remarkable interest.

12. CEMETERIES.

Are in need of attention by Graves Maintenance Sections whose visit to this Sub Area is expected early in March. It is thought that a more effective maintenance of cemeteries would be attained if a representative of Graves Registration Section was stationed at this HQ.

13. RELIEF 18 MONTHS NT SERVICE PERSONNEL.

The delay in relief of 18 months service personnel in this Sub Area is still causing dissatisfaction. On 27 Jan 43 HQ NT Force advised LHQ had instructed 12 replacement personnel would be dispatched forthwith. These have NOT arrived to date. IN ADDITION the following numbers are OVERDUE for relief (figures ascertained up to Dec 31).

<u>Period of NT Service up to 28 Feb 43.</u>	<u>Number of personnel.</u>
2 years and over	5
23 months	1
22 months	8
21 months	8
20 months	2
TOTAL	24

The above relate only to personnel of HQ 14A L of C, Area Staffs and Staging Camp. Figures for Service Units are not available as this HQ has not been informed of replacements effected.

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ NT Force
Comd 14A L of C Sub Area.
"A" "G" Branch.
War Diary (2).

[Signature] Lt. Col.
Comd 14A L of C Sub - Area.

RECORDS OF ACTIVITIES "A" BRANCH - 1 FEB - 28 FEB 43
NUMBER OF COMMUNICATIONS.

	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
Aborigines	4	4
Appointments	6	2
Cooks & Caterers	8	6
Complaints	-	-
Civilians	2	1
Court of Inquiry convened by this Hq	7	14
Court of Inquiry convened by Area Hq	21	19
Discipline	27	18
Discharge	13	10
Enlistments	17	16
Hygiene	11	3
Hirings	1	1
Leave application	23	28
Leave approved	19	15
Leave not approved	12	8
Legal	1	1
Medical	19	10
Orders & Inst.	23	11
Personnel	59	60
Promotions	14	10
Policy & Directives	6	10
Pay & Allotment (claims)	7	5
Post & Telegraph	9	9
Returns	11	10
Reinforcements	2	3
Relief 18 months	12	8
Reports	12	14
Statistics	3	
Transfers & Postings	44	41
Welfare	41	23
Genl- Courts Martial convened 14A	5	
Courts Martial arranged 14A	9	
TOTAL	446	367

APPEND "N"

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES - 14A I OF C SUB AREA

Period 2 Feb to 27 Feb 43.

	KATHERINE	LARREMAN	PINE CREEK	MATARANGLA	AIR STAGING KATHERINE	TOTAL
Number cooked meals provided officers in transit	186	2505	120	145	210	3264
Number of cooked meals provided ORs in transit	2952	37548	293	444	82	41319
Officers accommodated over night	64	868	18	59	105	1109
ORs accommodated over night	760	15274	32	84	41	16191
Number of official concerts at Camp HQ	1	1	2	-	-	4
Picture shows held	12	1	2	4	-	19
Beer issues per head	1	2	1	1	-	4 1/2
Number of cases before Area Court	8	4	-	-	-	10
Number of Courts of Inquiry	4	1	-	1	-	6
Courts Martial held in Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases of pillaging reported	-	2	-	-	-	2
Number of motor accidents reported	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Charges laid by Provost	-	3	-	15	-	18
Number of complaints re rations	-	1	1	-	-	2
Tons of wood cut and supplied	150	23	18	13	-	209
Total wood reserve held for use	925	22	237	60	-	1244
Total letters through A.P.O. for Area	133427	17100	20053	33453	-	263036
Number of troops moved Northward from Area	403	2935	36	223	-	3597
Number of troops moved Southward from Area	361	2334	23	91	-	2709
Rail tonnage unloaded by Labour Coy	1507	2203	332	393	-	4741
Rail tonnage loaded by Labour Coy	103	3733	239	798	-	6959
Extra transport required from 1st A.P.O.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of troops in Area evacuated to Hospital.	129	103	2	98	-	337
Personnel evacuated south under Category 'A'	3	1	-	-	-	4

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