

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/2/23

23 Infantry Brigade

December 1941 - January 1942

DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE  
7TH M. D.

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Unit

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form  
(adapted)

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	1 Dec		B.M. with C.O. 2/4 M G Bn visited NIGHTCLIFFS siting M G posns	
	2 Dec	p m	Bde Comd & BML visited BAGOT Hospital to interview sick personnel Bde Gp Units	
	3 Dec	a m	Bde Comd & S.C. visited 2/21 Bn & 2/4 M G Bn at WINNELLIE	
		p m	Bde Comd & B.M.L. visited Bde HQ personnel at tng.	
			B.M. visited 2/4 M G Bn	
	4 Dec	p m	WO(ii) ROSE, R.T.M., O.C. Def Pl promoted to commissioned rank as from 15 Nov 41.	
			L/Sgt FITZGERALD, A.J., Acting O/Room Sgt. also promoted to Bde Amenities Offr	
			Lieut L.C. FREEMAN, Staff Capt Learner, returned from O.T.S.	
			Bde Comd, B.M. & C.O. 2/4 M G Bn & CRE 7 MD locating M G Posts.	
	5 Dec		B.M. & B.M.L. & T.O. recce mouth HOWARD RIVER.	Bde R.O. 83 attached
				H.O. R.O. 46 "

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Statistical Secn. |||

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	6 Dec	p m	Following JAPAN's entry into war, Units warned to be on 10 hrs notice for movement to alert posns.	
	7 Dec	p m	SPARROW Force warned for embarkation. Bde I.O. recalled from 2/21 Bn.	
	8 Dec		SPARROW Force embarked on HMAT "ZEALANDIA" and HMAC "WESTRALIA" for movement to KOEPANG	
	9 Dec		GULL Force warned for embarkation.	
	10 Dec		SPARROW Force sailed for KOEPANG.	
	11 Dec		GULL Force commenced embarkation. Air raid alarm at 2240 hrs; complete blackout; tps dispersed under cover. No attack. 'All clear' sounded 0020 hrs.	
	12 Dec		GULL Force continued embarkation. M G posns sited for beach defence. 2/4 M G Bn now responsible for LEE POINT area.	HQ R.O. No 47 attached
	13 Dec		Embarkation GULL Force completed	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	14 Dec		GULL Force sailed for AMBON.	
			First batch 27 Bn AMF arrived from 4 MD to replace 2/21 Bn	
	15 Dec		Bde Comd, B.M. & L.O.1 to HOWARD RIVER area on recce.	Op Instr No 5 attached
	18 Dec		L.O.1 & I.O. to KOOLPINYAH area. Recce of area between ADELAIDE RIVER and HOWARD RIVER and SOUTH to MT DALY.	
	19 Dec		Leave parties returned from 4 MD. L.O.1 and I.O. returned from recce.	New Code Name list attached
	20 Dec		Adv party 43 Bn AMF arrived NOONAMAH	HQ R.O. 48 attached.
	21 Dec		27 Bn AMF movement from 4 MD to WINNELLIE completed.	
	25 Dec		Lt-Col BALDOCK, C.O. 43 Bn AMF arrived DARWIN, reported to Bde HQ.	
	27 Dec		L.O.1 admitted BAGOT Hospital with injured eye. Maj DAVIES,	Op Instr No 6 attached
			B.M.L. took comd of Left Sub-Sector of Fd Force. Maj CAMPBELL,	HQ R.O. No 49 "
			2/40 Bn, O.C. Right Sub-Sector. 27 & 43 Bns AMF took over	
			M G Posts from 2/4 M G Bn.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	29 Dec		2/4 M G Bn embarked on "MARELLIA"	Bde R.O. No 84 attached
	30 Dec		New Code Name list in operation.	New Code Name list attached
			<u>HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Offrs referred to in War Diary:-</u>	
		Bde Comd	Brig E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.	
		B.M.	Maj J. W. FLETCHER	
		B.M. Learner	" T. F. DAVIES	
		S.C.	Capt G. J. ARNOLD	
		S.C. Learner	Lieut J. C. FREEMAN	
		I.O.	" L. R. MARSHALL	
		L.O.1	Capt J. N. HENRY	
		L.O.2	Lieut N. S. THOMAS	
		L.O.3	" N. F. PROSSOR	
		T.O.	Capt J. W. REDWOOD	





MOST SECRET

DEF. QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

## MILITARY BOARD

ARMY HEADQUARTERS,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
17th December, 1941.S.M.16229.

Melbourne, S.C.I.

Northern Command (6) - AIR MAIL  
 Eastern Command (15) - AIR MAIL  
Southern Command (12)

Copies to:- (for information)

W. Comd. (2)	Sec. Army (2)
7 M.D. (3) - AIR MAIL	Sec. Navy (2)
8 M.D. (6) - " "	Sec. Air (2)
"G" Br. (14)	S.M.B.
"A" Br. (12)	Sec. Co-ord
"Q" Br. (3)	D. Canteens
"O" Br. (8)	Ch. Aud. D. & S.
"F" Br. (2)	War Diary
	O.C. Troops, H.M.T. "PA" (2)
	File (2)

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DESPATCH OF EMU FORCE

With reference to A.H.Q. Operation Instruction No. 27 dated 15th December, 1941, I am directed by the Quartermaster-General to advise that the following instructions are to be observed covering the embarkation of the A.M.F. personnel mentioned in Appendix I and the stores and motor transport shown in Appendix II.

2. SECURITY.

THE UTMOST SECRECY IS TO BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MOVEMENT. NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN AS THE DESTINATION NOR DATE AND TIME OF EMBARKATION. ALL THAT MAY BE DIVULGED IS THAT UNITS ARE REQUIRED FOR SERVICE AT A TROPICAL STATION.

3. ALLOTMENT OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION.

accommodation  
 Allocation of sleeping/will be arranged by A.H.Q.(Movement).

4. MOVES TO PORT OF EMBARKATION.

Detailed instructions covering movement from Commands to port of embarkation will be issued separately.

5. SHIP'S STAFF.

O.C. Troops - Lt.-Col. H. K. Ward, C.O., 53 Bn.

O.C. Troops will appoint the necessary Ship's Staff in accordance with Standing Orders A.I.F. Chapter VIII, para. 137.

NO 15712  
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6. SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

Lt.-Col. G. H. B. Black, C.O., 3 Fd. Amb.

7. Ship's Staff, Senior Medical Officer and unit advance parties (1 Officer, 1 N.C.O., 2 O.Rs. from each unit) will embark in advance of the main body on a date to be notified.

8. Documents will be prepared as shown in Standing Orders, A.I.F. Chapter VIII, para. 159.

9. Personal Kits will be carried as laid down in Standing Orders A.I.F. Chapter VIII, para. 146. Troops will change into sandshoes as soon as practicable after embarkation.

10. Embarkation Kits, A.C.F. Eastern Command will arrange to place on board transport a supply of A.C.F. Kits for all personnel to embark.

O.C. Troops will arrange distribution as soon as possible after departure from port of embarkation.

11. War Equipment, Motor Transport and Bulk Supplies.

All equipment, etc., shipped will be covered by Bills of Lading (G.964) in accordance with Standing Orders A.I.F. Chapter VIII, para. 159, sub-para. (6), packed in accordance with para. 155 and marked vide para. 147.

Separate instructions will be issued covering despatch of equipment, etc., from Northern and Southern Commands to Sydney by rail.

Reference should be made to S.M.16604 dated 16th December, 1941, regarding Unit War Equipment, Clothing and Blankets to be taken.

12. Training Stores will be issued by Eastern Command on the basis of Tables included in Standing Orders, A.I.F. Chapter IX, para. 242.

13. Stationery.

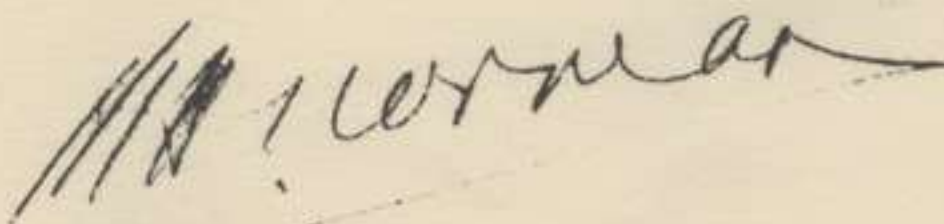
- (a) Respective Commands will supply Unit Commanding Officers with the necessary stationery for use on the voyage.
- (b) Stationery for use of O.C. Troops will be supplied by Eastern Command.

14. Prevention of Embarkation.

Attention is directed to S.O. A.I.F. Chapter VIII, para. 164, particularly in respect of dogs, pets or living mascots. Should any dogs, pets, etc., be discovered on board after embarkation, they are to be immediately destroyed.

15. Security. Eastern Command will take the necessary steps to ensure the security of the ship and wharves.

16. Please acknowledge receipt of this document on A.A.F. A.57 attached.



Colonel,  
A.Q.M.G.



## ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO H.M.T. "PA"

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel				Location	Embark
		Off	W.Os & Sgt	O.R	Total		
A817	Det. H.Q. 8 M.D.	6	-	11	17	N.Comd.	Sydney
A875	Det. 8 M.D. Sec. Int. Corps	-	-	8	8	"	"
A896	7 Fd. Coy. & 1 Reinfts.	6	9	245	260	"	"
A837	Det. 1 A.Tps. Coy. (Det. E & M Secs.)	1	-	33	34	"	"
A818	Det. 49 Bn.	15	-	24	39	"	"
A834	Det. Camp Hosp.	-	-	19	19	"	"
A880	Det. 16 Fd. Hyg. Sec.	1	4	9	14	"	"
A819	Det. 8 M.D. Coy. A.A.S.C.	1	-	29	30	"	"
A910	30 Bde. Gp. Prov. Pl.	1	3	35	39	"	"
A903	Det. 8 M.D. Dist. Accts. Office	1	-	6	7	"	"
A904	8 M.D. Postal Unit	1	3	10	14	"	"
A821	Det. 8 M.D. Dist. Records Off.	-	-	6	6	"	"
		33	19	435	487		
A912	8 M.D. Bulk Issue Petrol & Oil Depot	1	2	22	25	E.Comd.	Sydney
A900	53 Bn. and 1 Rfts.	43	67	972	1,082	"	"
A817	Det. H.Q. 8 M.D. (Chaplain)	1	-	-	1	"	"
		45	69	994	1,108		
A897	30 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.	2	2	36	40	S.Comd. (3MD)	Sydney
A913	30 " " H.Q. (Less Dets.)	4	3	48	55	"	"
A898	30 " Bde. H.Q. Def. Pl.	1	2	44	47	"	"
A899	39 Bn.	43	67	972	1,082	"	"
A905	253 Dental Unit	1	1	3	5	"	"
A906	256 " "	1	1	3	5	"	"
A907	274 " "	1	1	3	5	"	"
A835	Det. 301 Dental Unit	-	-	2	2	"	"
A908	109 Ind. Bde. Gp. Wkshop & 1 Reinfts.	2	17	103	122	"	"
A909	109 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd.Pk	1	2	17	20	"	"
A820	Det. 8 M.D. Ord. Depot	2	15	36	53	"	"
A911	23 A.A. Bty. (H.Q. and 2 x 4 Gun Stations)	8	15	185	208	"	"
		66	126	1,452	1,644		
A894	13 Fd. Regt. & 1 Rfts.	31	43	432	506	S.Comd. (4MD)	Sydney
A895	13 Fd. Regt. Sig. Sec.	1	1	34	36	"	"
A902	3 Fd. Amb. & 1 Rfts.	11	15	219	245	"	"
		43	59	685	787		
	TOTAL	187	273	3,566	4,026		

~~DELIVERIES --~~  
MEDICAL AND ENGINEERS), SUPPLIES  
TO ACCOMPANY EMU FORCE  
TO BE LOADED AT SYDNEY

ORDNANCE

Ex Sydney -

Tentage .. approx. 1,015 tons meas.

Ex Sydney and Melbourne -

Stores .. " 1,000 " "

AMMUNITION

Ex Melbourne -  
Army

	Tons meas.	Tons wt.
..	585	636

Ex Albury -  
Army

..	1,258	1,394
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Ex Sydney -  
R.A.A.F.

..	30	25
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SUPPLIES

Ex Sydney -

Reserve Rations .. approx. 2,100

MEDICAL

Ex Sydney -  
Stores

..	"	26
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Ex Melbourne -  
Stores

..	"	4
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ENGINEER STORES

Ex Sydney -  
Stores

..	"	500
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PETROL, OILS AND GREASE

Ex Sydney -

Army

5,000 x 4-gallon drums	..	125
5,000 x 44-gallon "	..	1,344
50 x 44- " "	..	14
100 x 44- " "	..	27
178 x 45- " "	..	48
15 cases each 2 x 4 gallon tins		1
50 cases each 2 x 36 lb. tins		2
		1,561

PETROL, OILS AND GREASE - Cont'd.

<u>Ex Sydney -</u>		<u>Tons</u> <u>Meas.</u>
<u>R.A.A.F.</u>		
3,455 x 44-gallon drums	..	950
138 x 44- " "	..	38
100 x 44- " "	..	28
3 x 44- " "	..	1
12 x 44- " "	..	4
2 cases	..	-
		<u>1,021</u>

GENERAL STORES

<u>Ex Sydney -</u>		
Dept. Interior )		approx. 1,300 tons meas.
R.A.A.F. )		278 tons weight
Army )		31,000 s.ft. timber.
Dept. Munitions )		

MOTOR TRANSPORT AND GUNS.

Ex Adelaide and Melbourne -

Cars, D.S.	..	1	Rail
Vans, 15-cwt., G.S.	..	21	"
Vans, 1-ton, B/S, W	..	7	"
Vans, 1-ton, B/S, C/L	..	3	"
Vans, 1-ton, G.S.	..	60	"
Lorries, 30-cwt., G.S.	..	36	"
Lorries, 30-cwt., Kitchen	..	2	"
Lorries, 30-cwt., W/Tank	..	4	"
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	..	13	"
Lorries, Ambulance	..	6	"
Carriers, M.G., L.P. No. 2	..	23	"
Tractors, Arty., L.P. 3	..	12	"
Tractors, Arty., L.P. 3A	..	4	"
Guns, 18-pr.	..	12	"
4.5 Howitzers	..	4	"
Trailers, Arty., No. 9	..	24	"
Trailers, Arty., No. 12	..	8	"
Motor Cycles	..	76	"

Ex Melbourne -

Lorry, 3-ton, B/D	..	2	Road
Lorry, 3-ton, Stores	..	4	"

Ex Sydney -

Vans, 1-ton, G.S.,	..	18	Road
Garage Trailers	..	1	"

UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT

		<u>Tons</u> <u>Meas.</u>	
<u>Ex Adelaide -</u>			
Equipment and Unit Stores, etc.	approx.	100	Rail
<u>Ex Melbourne -</u>			
Equipment and Unit Stores, etc.	"	150	Rail
<u>Ex Brisbane -</u>			
Equipment and Unit Stores, etc.	"	50	Rail
<u>Ex Sydney -</u>			
Equipment and Unit Stores, etc.	"	100	Rail

RED CROSS STORES

<u>Ex Sydney -</u>			
Bulk Stores	..	25	
Wanted On Voyage Stores	..	2	

CANTEEN STORES

<u>Ex Sydney -</u>	..	400	
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All equipment, M.T., Stores, etc., will be lifted in two cargo ships and M.C.O.(Shipping), Sydney will, in consultation with S.S.T.O. and Mr. Brady, Shaw Savill Line, Sydney, call forward this equipment, M.T., Stores, etc., as and when required by them.

Both ships will be berthed at adjacent rail berths in order that the best possible stowage can be effected by these two ships.

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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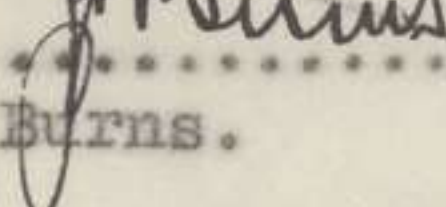
Head-Quarters, AASC SEC. GULL, WINNELLIE.  
Darwin. 9 DEC. 41

B.H.Q.  
23 Aust. Inf. Bde.,  
LARRAKAYAH.

## DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS

With reference to communication S/1/22 of the 8 Dec 41, the following Secret and Security documents are being forwarded to D.R.O., 7 M.D.

S/8/33	re Tradesman	8 Oct 41.
"	Transposition Cipher	24 Oct 41.
S/16/9	" Advance Parties "Gull" & "Sparrow" Forces.	14 Oct 41.
S/11/8	" Ext. from A.H.Q. - Intelligence Summaries	28 Oct 41.
S/11/8A"	Notes on recent voyage on a Transport to Singapore.	28 Oct 41.
SM.12372"	Army Fld. Censorship Inst. No. 7 (rev)	30 Sept. 41.
S/1/2	" Unit Censorship Mail	4 Nov 41.
S/1/2	" Unit Censorship Mail	5 Nov 41.
"	Unit Censorship Mail	8 Nov 41.
Security	23 Aust. Inf. Bde Trng. Inst. No. 17	6 Nov 41
"	Return of Personnel, Weapons, Vehicles	24 Nov 41.
S/8/29	" Leave for AIF in 7 M.D.	28 Nov 41.
S/4/27	" Movement of personnel for discharge, transfers etc. to other Comds.	6 Dec. 41
S/16/11	" Gull Force - Nominal Rolls	8 Dec. 41
S/16/1	" Weight & Measurement Unit equipment	8 Dec. 41
S/1/22	" Disposal of Documents	8 Dec. 41.

  
.....Capt.  
J.R. Burns.  
O.C.  
A.A.S.C. Section "Gull".

Copy & documents to -  
D.R.O. - 7 M.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

3/1/42

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DAWVIN 8 Dec 41

SECRET

2/14 Fd Regt  
14 A Tk Bty  
C Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
2/11 Fd Coy  
F1 Regt Sigs  
Bde Sig Sec  
2/21 Bn  
2/4 M G Bn  
23 Bde Coy AASC  
AASC Sec GULL ✓  
2/12 Fd Amb  
23 Dental Unit  
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk  
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop  
83 LAD  
88 LAD  
104 LAD

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AASC. SECTION "GULL"	
Date Received	
8 DEC 1941	
Time 1530	Hours

DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS

In the event of movement of Units to alert positions, all Secret and other documents not required with Units will be forwarded under sealed cover to D R O 7 MD.

2. One copy of list of documents will be forwarded to D R O 7 MD, one copy to this HQ and one copy retained by the Unit.
3. Please acknowledge receipt of this memo on subjoined form.



Major  
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

JH/GP

Please quote this Number when replying.

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Head-Quarters, 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Darwin, Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 8 Dec 41

SECRET

C Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
2/11 Pd Coy  
2/A Bn  
AASC Sec GULL ✓  
2/12 Pd Amb  
23 Dental Unit  
104 LAD

## WEIGHT AND MEASUREMENT UNIT EQUIPMENT GULL FORCE

Information is desired as to the dead weight and shipping tonnage of Unit equipment, stores and baggage, which will be taken by Unit overseas.

2. 2/A Bn has already submitted this information on 30 July. Can it be taken that the measurement and shipping tonnage will be the same?

*[Signature]*  
Captain  
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

AASC. SECTION "GULL"	
Date Received	
8 DEC 1941	
Time	11.20 Hours

TELEPHONE—

# Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

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Address AASC SEC. GULL, WINNELLIE.

Date 9 DEC. 41.

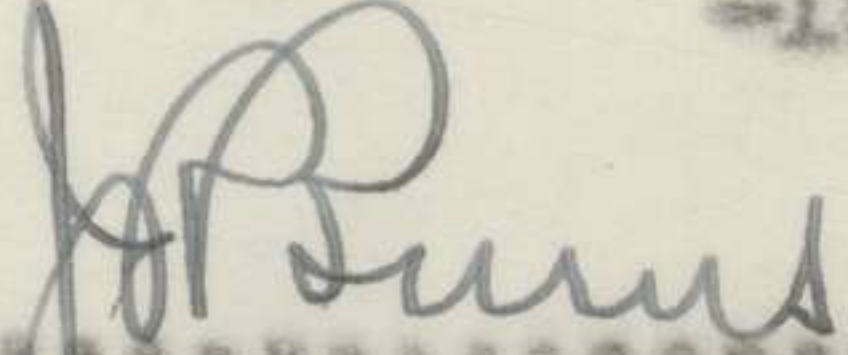
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B.H.Q.  
23 Aust. Inf. Bde.,  
LARRAKAYAH.

## WEIGHT AND MEASUREMENT UNIT EQUIPMENT

Reference communication S/16/1 dated 8 Dec 41,  
the undermentioned particulars are advised:-

- (a) Approx. dead weight of Units equipment - 2½ tons
- (b) Shipping tonnage -150 cub.ft.

  
.....Capt.  
J.R. Burns.  
O.C.  
A.A.S.C. Section Gull.

Copy to -  
2/21 Bn.



*AASC Sec "Gull"*

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NO. ....

SECRET

Copy No. *8*.....

HQ Coy  
A "  
B "  
C "  
D "  
R "  
C Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
AASC Sec "Gull"

HEADQUARTERS,  
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,  
WINNELLIE

24 Oct 41

TRANSPOSITION CIPHER

As from 0001 hrs Sat 25 Oct 41, the  
KEYWORD for TRANSPOSITION CIPHER for use within the Unit will be -  
"GALVANISED IRON" (14 letters).

2. The keyword will be promulgated to -  
ALL Offrs.  
NCO's on Coy (or equivalent) H.Q.

3. All personnel mentioned in para.2, will be  
exercised in "Transposition Cipher" and for this purpose it is in-  
tended that messages <sup>in cipher</sup> be sent to and from Bn.H.Q.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.

IO 2/21 Bn.

AASC. SECTION "GULL"  
Date Received  
25/OCT/1941  
Time *1315* Hours

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

5/8/33

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 8 Oct 41.

SECRET AND URGENT

- 2/14 Fd Regt
- 14 A Tk Bty
- B Tp 18 A Tk Bty
- C Tp 18 A Tk Bty
- 2/11 Fd Coy
- Bde Sig Sec
- Fd Regt Sig Sec
- 2/21 Bn
- 2/40 Bn
- 23 Bde Coy AASC
- AASC Sec "GULL" ✓
- AASC Sec "SPARRON"
- 2/12 Fd Amb
- 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop
- 75 L.A.D.
- 83 L.A.D.
- 104 L.A.D.

<b>AASC. SECTION "GULL"</b>
Date Received
<b>8 OCT /1941</b>
Time <u>1000</u> Hours

TRADESMEN

It would appear that the trouble on the waterfront is developing rapidly and may shortly reach a stage where it becomes necessary for the military authorities to take action to ensure that ships are unloaded and that defence stores are delivered.

2. Under these circumstances it may become necessary for this Bde Gp to supply certain tradesmen, and in order that adequate plans may be made to meet this emergency should it arise it is requested that each Unit advise this H.Q. immediately of the number of personnel on their strength who are capable of fulfilling the duties set out hereunder -

1. Locomotive crews; (a) Drivers  
(b) Firemen  
(c) Shunters
2. Pointsmen
3. Turntable drivers
4. Ry crans drivers
5. Winch drivers
6. Hatchmen
7. Slingers (in holds)
8. Checkers and Tally Clerks.

3. These figures are to be submitted to this H.Q. at the earliest possible moment and not later than 1500 hrs today. If it becomes necessary to submit these figures by telegram they will be submitted as under -

- One (a) 6-would mean locomotive drivers, 6.
- Three 10-would mean turntable drivers, 10.

In other words the serial number for the various trade groups as given above will be sent in message form by words, not figures. The number the unit is capable of supplying would follow immediately after in figures.

4. This matter is to be kept as secret as possible as it is not desired to precipitate trouble.

*Seen by [signature]  
8/10/41 0955 hrs*

*[Signature]*  
Captain  
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde.

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

Please quote this Number when replying.

Gall	41	Sec.
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Head-Quarters,  
Darwin.

A.A.S.C. Sec. Gall, Darwin.  
8 Oct. 41.

B.H.Q.

23 Aust. Inf. Bde.,

DARWIN.

## TRADESMEN.

With reference to communication No. S/8/33 of the 8 Oct. 41 in connection with the above, this unit wishes to advise that the following tradesmen are available:-

1. Locomotive crews:-
  - (a) Drivers - 1
  - (b) Firemen - 3
  - (c) Shunters - 2
2. Pointsmen -
3. Turntable drivers -
4. Ry crane drivers -
5. Winch drivers - 3
6. Hatchmen -
7. Slingers (in holds) - 1
8. Checkers and Tally Clerks. - 7

*C.E. Usher*  
.....Lieut.  
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Admin - Comd.

AASC Sec "Gull"

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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SECURITY

Head-Quarters,  
Darwin,

HEADQUARTERS,  
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,  
WINNELLIE

8 Nov 41

## UNIT CENSORSHIP OF MAILS

Unit censorship of mails (including letters, parcels, registered mail, telegrams) will commence as from 0001 hrs. Mon 10 Nov 41. This censorship has been instituted by the Military Board and affects all military personnel in 7 MD.

2. (a) All mail will be handed to Pl. Comds by 1700 hrs Mon. and Thu.
- (b) On NO account whatsoever will any mail be handed to Unit Postal clerk, or any Post Office, or any person other than an Officer of this Unit.
- (c) Registered articles will be franked and sealed in the presence of the sender or his representative, and, under Coy arrangements, an Officer will post all registered articles.
- (d) Telegrams must be approved and despatched by an Officer of the Unit.
- (e) Articles for post will not be passed unless the sender's full postal address is shown.
- (f) Personnel whose letter relates to private and family matters, may make arrangements through their Pl. Comds for an Officer of another Pl. or Coy to frank their letter.

3. Any detected instances of infringement of censorship instructions will entail disciplinary action being taken.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
Security Offr. 2/21 Bn.

### DISTRIBUTION

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|---------------------|----------------|
| HQ Coy              | C.O.           |
| A "                 | 2 i/c          |
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| C "                 | I.O.           |
| D "                 | Security Offr. |
| R "                 | War Diary (2)  |
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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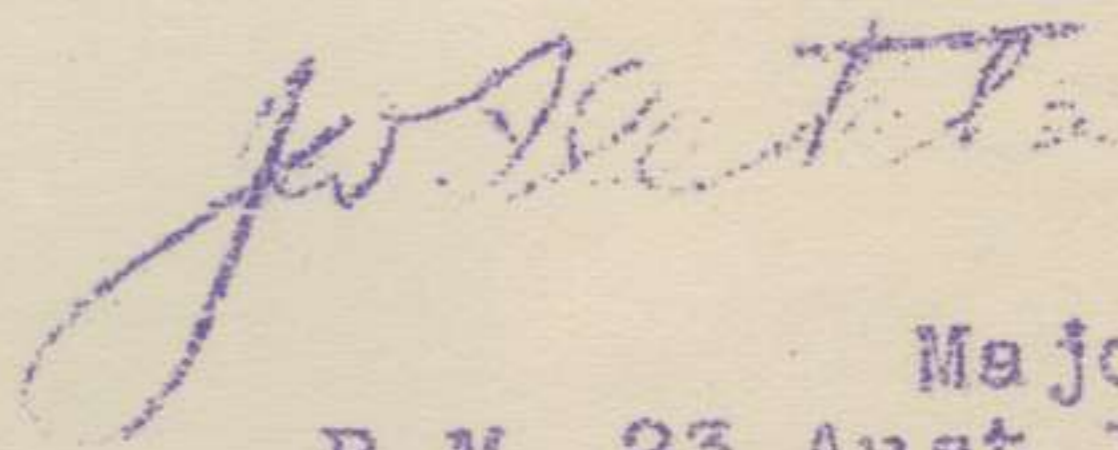
5 Nov 41.

UNIT CENSORSHIP OF MAILS

Further to our SM S/1/2 dated 4 Nov 41, it is advised that Unit Censorship of mails will commence as from 0001 hrs on Monday, 10 Nov 41.

2. With reference to Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 7 (Revised), Section 6, it is advised that no action is to be taken in regard to private diaries for the time being.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on attached AAF A57.



Major  
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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2. Copy of M.B. SML2372 - Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 7 (Revised) is forwarded herewith. This will be studied carefully by all officers.

3. Unit Censorship stamps will be issued to Units by this H.Q. on the scale of one per rifle coy or equivalent. The names of the officers within the Unit, to whom stamps are issued, will, together with the number of the stamp so issued to the officer, be advised to this H.Q. not later than 1700 hrs, 5 Nov 41. Smaller units or sub-units will not be issued with stamps but will forward their franked mail to the Unit Censor of the Unit to which they are attached from time to time.

4. With reference to Section I, para (iii) of attached Instruction, it is advised that Field Service Postcards and green envelopes are not available for use for the time being. Censorship of inward communications from within the Commonwealth is not enforced.

5. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on attached A.A.F. A57.

*J. W. Fletcher*

Major  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

M I L I T A R Y      B O A R D .S E C R E TArmy Headquarters  
Victoria Barracks  
MELBOURNE. S.C.1

30th September 1941.

S.M.12372

ARMY FIELD CENSORSHIP INSTRUCTION No. 7 (REVISED)1. GENERAL.

- (i) These instructions which cancel Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 7 of 27th February 1940, apply to all Australian Military Forces irrespective of the theatre of operations including the Australian Imperial Forces from the time of embarkation.

The instructions will not apply to the Australian Military Forces in Australia until they are engaged in active operations against an enemy within the Commonwealth, or earlier if authorised generally or in particular places.

- (ii) They embody and amplify instructions contained in the Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field (Pamphlet No. 2 - 1938). The Field Service Pocket Book (Pamphlet No. 3 - 1939) also contains references to the subject.
- (iii) The types of postal traffic with which Field Censorship is concerned are Field Service Post Cards (para 3), Green Envelope letters (para 4), ordinary letters other postal articles and Telegrams (para 5) and Diaries (para 6). The scope of Censorship includes all communications to and from all ranks.
- (iv) Private correspondence will be scrutinised, generally speaking, by one or more of the following:- Franking Officers, Unit and Base Censors and also by Home Censorship.
- (v) Infringement of Censorship instructions detected by Home Censorship will be referred back to Units for consideration and action.

2. PROCEDURE FOR FRANKING AND CENSORSHIP OF CORRESPONDENCE AND PARCELS.

- (i) All outgoing written communications, newspapers, packets, and parcels, except official correspondence, Field Service Post Cards, and Green Envelope letters, must be franked by a Commissioned officer and subsequently stamped with Unit Censor's stamp. Otherwise, they will not be accepted by the Postal Service.
- (ii) Franking will be carried out within units and formations to which the writers or senders of parcels belong or are attached.
- (iii) With regard to letters, all ranks will put their correspondence in addressed envelopes, to be left open, and will hand them to the appropriate officers.
- (iv) An officer on franking a letter will sign his name, but NOT his rank or Unit, at the end of the text of the letter. He will then seal it and again sign his name only, at the left hand bottom corner of the envelope, clear of the address. Initials are not sufficient "frank." The use of rubber signature stamps for franking letters is prohibited. He will then hand it direct to the Unit Censor and never through any other person including the writer.

- (v) A similar procedure will be followed in regard to newspapers, packets and parcels with the exception that the franking officer will sign his name only on the outside of the wrapper, in a similar position to that indicated above for an envelope.
- (vi) It is the duty of the Unit Censor to see that the mail is sealed and correctly franked by an Officer authorised to do so, before stamping it and to ensure its delivery to the Postal Service.
- (vii) Correspondence by Officers. Officers are permitted to frank their own correspondence. They must, however, realise that this is a privilege which if abused, will be withdrawn.

Where it is found necessary to withdraw the above privilege in the case of any officer, the Senior Officer of the Unit to which the offending officer belongs, shall indicate to the Unit Censor the officer who is to frank letters and parcels sent by such offending officer.

- (viii) Correspondence by other ranks. All officers are permitted to frank letters for other ranks under their immediate control.

The G.O.C. may from time to time, if he considers it necessary vary authorities of officers to frank letters and parcels.

3. THE FIELD SERVICE POST CARDS will not be franked or otherwise delayed in transit, provided that, in the case of:-

- (i) F.S. P/C Army Form A.2042, nothing has been added except the address, name of the sender, date of despatch and of the last communication received and lines erasing sentences not required.
- (ii) F.S. P/C Army Forms A.2042 A,B. and C. They have been used for the appropriate purpose.

4. (1) THE GREEN ENVELOPE Army Form W3078 is issued to the troops for the transmission of letters relating to private and family matters solely. They are sealed by the sender.

Letters contained in Green Envelopes will not be franked within the Unit but are subject to Censorship at the Base. Their issue is a privilege and the scale of issue is determined by the G.O.C.

- (ii) Troops using Green Envelopes will conform to the following regulations governing their use -
  - (a) The certificate, regarding the contents, printed on the front of the envelope, must be signed by the writer of the letter contained in it.
  - (b) The Green Envelope cannot be registered and should not be used for the transmission of valuables.
  - (c) A soldier may enclose up to three of his letters, each in its addressed ordinary envelope, in one Green Envelope. When used for more than one letter, the Green Envelope will be addressed to the Deputy Chief Censor in the Field and sealed by the writer. The covers of enclosed letters will be left open by the sender.
- (iii) Any misuse of the Green Envelope will be regarded as a serious offence. They are not to be used as a means of relieving officers of Censorship duties, and consequently pressure must not be exerted on soldiers to use them. Base Censors will report the apparent excessive use of green envelopes by any particular unit, and any important disclosure of information.



- 5. (i) Ordinary Letters are placed in addressed envelopes which must be left open to enable them to be franked.
- (ii) Parcels or packets will be left open for franking and a declaration of the contents must be placed on the outside wrapper.
- (iii) Ordinary letters or other articles to be forwarded by registered post, will be franked and sealed in the presence of the sender or his representative, who will be responsible that the contents are complete except for censored matter.
- (iv) Telegrams (where there are facilities for despatch) after being approved, will be routed through the Army Post Office nearest from the place of origin to ensure that Security considerations are being followed.

6. DIARIES.

The despatch of Diaries through the post is forbidden and they will be collected:-

- (a) before contact with the enemy or battle,
- (b) if an attack by the enemy is threatened,
- (c) at all other times, fortnightly, and transmitted through the nearest Censor's Office either to the Officer in Charge, 2nd Echelon at A.I.F. Overseas Base, or in the case of Australian Military Forces engaged in operations in the Commonwealth to the District Records Office for storing.

Diaries must be clearly marked:-

"Private diary of .....(Reg.No., Rank, Name and Unit) .....date ....."

Diaries may be recovered by their owners on application but in the case of the A.I.F., no diaries may be released except under instructions from the War Office or such other Military Authority as the War Office may determine. In Australia, the release of diaries will be authorised by A.H.Q.

Present and Past Notebooks and/or Diaries of officers are to be disposed of similarly.

7. INSTRUCTIONS TO FRANKING OFFICERS.

- (i) It is the duty of officers who frank correspondence to open, delay, and if necessary destroy any private communications or to suppress by excision any statement therein, which contravenes the Censorship Regulations.
- (ii) Censorable matter is set out in F.S. Pocket Book (Pamp No. 3 1939) in para 19 on pages 24 and 25 and should be explained to all ranks. The writer must not, in any circumstances, be informed of any action taken in regard to the censoring or franking of his correspondence.
- (iii) Particular care is required in censoring and franking correspondence addressed to men in other parts of the theatre of War, owing to the danger of such communications falling into the hands of the enemy.
- (iv) Franking officers will respect the secrecy of, and treat as confidential all information which comes into their possession in the performance of their duties, and will on no account, divulge any such information either publicly or privately except when public interest or the interests of the service requires them to make a report thereon to a superior authority. These principles of censorship are to be thoroughly and constantly brought to the notice of all Officers by C.Cs.

- (v) No remarks or comments will be written on censored or franked correspondence and, if it is necessary for military reasons that remarks should be made, they must be written on a separate sheet of paper.
- (vi) Franking officers will not pass letters that do not bear at the head the sender's full postal address. The correct postal address is -
  - Army No.
  - Rank, Name
  - Unit
  - A.I.F. ABROAD (or location of A.I.F. or AM.F. camp or area in Australia).
- (vii) The use of headed or embossed stationery is prohibited, if the location of the writer or the Unit is thereby disclosed. The use of hotel, ship or similar stationery is forbidden. No address whatever is permitted on postcards.

8. UNIT CENSOR STAMP.

- (i) This stamp is to be used only by the Officer commanding the Unit to which it has been issued, or by a commissioned officer to whom he has delegated the duty of Unit Censor.
  - (ii) The Censor's stamp is not to leave the personal custody of that officer. When not in use, it will be kept under lock and key or on the person of the officer responsible for it. The Censor's stamp is never to be used
    - (a) on unfranked correspondence or unfranked parcels, or
    - (b) until the holder is satisfied as to the authenticity of the signature of the writer or as to the contents of the parcel.
- Open or empty envelopes and spare sheets of paper must not be stamped with the Unit Censor's stamp under any circumstances.
- (iii) The Censor's stamp is to be impressed on the top left hand corner of the envelope, or of the wrapper, clear of the address.
  - (iv) Each Censor's stamp is distinguished by a number and is not transferable, but the holder of a Unit Censor's stamp is obliged to stamp the correspondence of a neighbouring unit or units not in possession of a Unit Censor's stamp.
  - (v) When it is impracticable to get it stamped, the correspondence should be tied in bundles, labelled: - "Franked correspondence from .....(unit).....and forwarded to the Base for stamping." Official correspondence must not be included in such bundles.
  - (vi) Every precaution shall be taken to prevent a Censor's stamp from being lost or falling into improper hands. Should there be imminent danger of its falling into the hands of the enemy, it should be destroyed. This can be done by stripping off and burning the rubber face.
  - (vii) The loss of a Censor's stamp will be reported by telegram to the Chief Field Censor, as well as to H.Q., A.I.F., and a report will be sent without delay explaining the circumstances. Pending the arrival of a new Censor's Stamp, correspondence will be stamped by a neighbouring Unit as outlined above, or if that is impracticable, will be forwarded to the Base for stamping.
  - (viii) Disbanded Units or those leaving the theatre of operations will return the Unit Censor stamp to the Chief Field Censor, G.H.Q.

(Sgd) James A. Chapman, Colonel.  
Director of Military Intelligence.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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SECURITY

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN.  
28 Oct 41.

SECURITY -- NOTES ON RECENT VOYAGE ON A TRANSPORT  
TO SINGAPORE.

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The attached extracts from notes submitted by an Intelligence Officer from A.F.Q., who recently proceeded to SINGAPORE in charge of reinforcements, are forwarded for your information.

2. It is requested that need for security brought out in the extracts should be impressed on all troops before they proceed overseas.

3. Please acknowledge receipt on subjoined form.

*Phelanall Hunt*  
Major  
for B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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75 L.A.D.  
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104 L.A.D.  
All Officers Bde H.Q.

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- (i) Sending ashore of letters other than through the prescribed channels.
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WET CANTEEN

In my opinion the Wet Canteen is directly responsible for certain of the problems which arise on transports. For example several men who were charged with breaches of Blackout Regulations stated that they had had a few drinks at the Canteen and had gone out on deck either totally oblivious of the fact that they were holding lighted cigarettes or entirely forgetful of the fact that smoking on deck after Blackout was prohibited.

Open portholes after Blackout may reasonably be attributed to the same cause. For example a man after having a fair amount of liquor at the Canteen may suddenly become seasick on going down to the troop-deck. If he is not sober he will most probably forget all about Security precautions, his sole aim being to get somewhere where he can be sick and also get some fresh air. He will therefore make for the nearest porthole and open it. In this connection, it is pointed out that the heat in the much overcrowded Canteen (and in the tropics the atmosphere is stifling) cause liquor to have a much more detrimental effect than when taken under normal conditions.

Wet Canteens, are, of course, picquetted but it appears to be virtually impossible to ensure that no man will obtain more than his quota of two bottles since those who are satisfied with a little can pass on their surplus surreptitiously and non-drinkers can purchase on behalf of drinkers. Further, it would require a very good memory on the part of the barman to remember who had and who had not been served among the hundreds of men frequenting the Canteen.

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WET CANTEEN

In my opinion the Wet Canteen is directly responsible for certain of the problems which arise on transports. For example several men who were charged with breaches of Blackout Regulations stated that they had had a few drinks at the Canteen and had gone out on deck either totally oblivious of the fact that they were holding lighted cigarettes or entirely forgetful of the fact that smoking on deck after Blackout was prohibited.

Open portholes after Blackout may reasonably be attributed to the same cause. For example a man after having a fair amount of liquor at the Canteen may suddenly become seasick on going down to the troop-deck. If he is not sober he will most probably forget all about Security precautions, his sole aim being to get somewhere where he can be sick and also get some fresh air. He will therefore make for the nearest porthole and open it. In this connection, it is pointed out that the heat in the much overcrowded Canteen (and in the tropics the atmosphere is stifling) cause liquor to have a much more detrimental effect than when taken under normal conditions.

Wet Canteens, are, of course, picquetted but it appears to be virtually impossible to ensure that no man will obtain more than his quota of two bottles since those who are satisfied with a little can pass on their surplus surreptitiously and non-drinkers can purchase on behalf of drinkers. Further, it would require a very good memory on the part of the barman to remember who had and who had not been served among the hundreds of men frequenting the Canteen.

The possible situation which might arise during the night call to emergency stations with even a few men under the influence of liquor must also be considered.

JH/CP

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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Head-Quarters,  
Darwin,

23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 8 Dec 41

SECRET

2 Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
 2/11 Fd Coy  
 2/21 Bn  
 AASC Sec GULL  
 2/12 Fd Amb  
 23 Dental Unit  
104 LAD

## GULL FORCE - NOMINAL ROLLS

Units will immediately prepare Nominal Rolls as far as possible. 7 MD will require, in the event of a move, the following:-

12	copies	of	A206
3	"	"	A206(a)
3	"	"	A206(b)
6	"	"	T51
1	"	"	WF47

2. Units must be able to produce these completed within 10 hrs of instructions being issued for completion.

AASC. SECTION "GULL"

Date Received  
8 DEC 1941

Time 1100 Hours

*[Signature]*  
 Captain  
 for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

18/4/27

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 6 Dec 41

SECRET

2/14 Rd Regt  
14 A Tk Bty  
B Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
C Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
2/11 Rd Coy  
2/21 Bn  
2/40 Bn  
23 Bde Coy AASC  
AASC Sec GULL ✓  
AASC Sec SPARROW  
104 LAD

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR DISCHARGE, TRANSFER, ETC  
TO OTHER COMMANDS

Ref 7 MD SM1941.

Movement of the above personnel by sea has been cancelled.

2. Those personnel fit to travel overland will probably move about 12 Dec 41. HQ 7 MD will issue instructions.

AASC. SECTION "GULL"

Date Received

6 DEC 1941

Time 1605 Hours

*[Signature]*  
Captain  
For Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

s/16/9

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 14 Oct 41.

S E C R E T

B Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
 C Tp 18 A Tk Bty  
 2/11 Fd Coy  
 Bde Sig Sec  
 2/21 Bn  
 2/40 Bn  
 AASC Sec "GULL"  
 AASC Sec "SPARROW"  
 2/12 Fd Amb  
 C.F.D. (for information)

ADVANCE PARTIES, "GULL" & "SPARROW" FORCES

AHQ has approved of numbers for advance parties as follow :-

<u>GULL</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.Rs</u>	<u>Total</u>
2/21 Bn	8	48	56
C Tp 18 A Tk Bty	-	2	2
2/11 Fd Coy	1	12	13
Bde Sig Sec	-	6	6
AASC	1	11	12
2/12 Fd Amb	1	6	7
AAPC	1	-	1
Canteen	-	2	2
Int. Corps	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>

<u>SPARROW</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.Rs</u>	<u>Total</u>
2/40 Bn	7	46	53
1 Hy Bty	1	3	4
Frt Eng	1	3	4
Frt Sigs	1	6	7
Bde Sigs	-	6	6
2/11 Fd Coy	1	4	5
AASC	1	7	8
2/12 Fd Amb	1	6	7
AAPC	1	-	1
Int Corps	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>96</b>

2. Unit and sub-unit Comds concerned will submit nominal rolls for adv parties by 17 Oct 41 to C.Os GULL and SPARROW. Personnel under control of C.F.D. will be decided on only after conferring with C.F.D.

3. Secrecy is to be maintained. Personnel will NOT be informed of their selection.

4. C.Os GULL and SPARROW will submit the completed nominal roll to this H.Q. by 21 Oct 41.

  
 Major  
 B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

AASC. SECTION "GULL"  
 Date Received  
 15/10/41  
 Time 1030 Hours



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Receipt for SECRET Documents.

Issued to HAASC Sec "GULL" Date 29 Sep 1941

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Copy No. One copy of Secret Document

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(Signed).....

*J.P. Burns*

(Appointment).....

C.O. AASC: Section "Gull" Capt.

Date 29. 9. 41

NOTES.

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2. The officer responsible for the safe custody of the document will sign the receipt.
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4. This Document supersedes....., copies of which will be destroyed by fire and a certificate of destruction rendered to the address shown below.

(To be completed and original returned immediately in a single unregistered envelope).

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

To .....

(Head-quarters Issuing Document.)

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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Head-Quarters, A.A.S.C. Sec. GULL


Darwin. 29 Sept. 41

C.O.  
2/21 Batt.  
WINNELLIE.

## ADVANCE PARTY.

The following is a list of suggested personnel, by trades, for proposed advance party;

Capt.	J. R. Burns	or	Lieut.	C. E. Usher.
S/Sgt.	STORER		(Supply Clerk)	
Sgt.	Alder		(Refrigeration Engineer)	
Cpl.	Hillian		(Baker)	
Øpl.	Laws		(Butcher)	
Cpl.	Pyers		(Cook)	
Cpl.	Dengate		(M.T.)	
Dr.	Ingram		(Dr. Mech)	
Dr.	Warn		( " )	
Dr.	Quinlan		(Dr. )	
Pte.	Bacon		(Issuer )	
Pte.	Hall		(M.T. Clerk)	

  
.....Capt.  
J. R. Burns.  
O.C.  
A.A.S.C. SEC GULL.

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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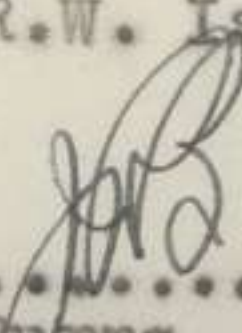
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C.O.  
2/21 Bn.,  
WINNELLIE.

## NOMINAL ROLL OF ADVANCE PARTY

With reference to Secret memo S/16/9 of the 14 Oct. 41, this unit wishes to advise the undermentioned personnel have been selected to comprise the above:-

NX.76227 Lieut. C.E. USHER - Supply Officer  
NX.56678 S/Sgt. STORER S.D. Supply clerk  
NX.41769 Sgt. ALDER K.C. Refrigeration Engineer  
NX.7305 Cpl. HILLIAN S. Baker  
NX.39656 Pte. MARDEN W.V. Baker  
NX.41939 Cpl. LAWS W. Butcher.  
NX.42145 Cpl. PYERS L.O. Cook  
NX.71262 Cpl. DENGATE N.T. M.T.  
NX.5494 Dvr. INGRAM K. Dvr.Mech.  
NX.678 Dvr. WARN C. Dvr.Mech.  
NX.973 Pte. QUINLAN A.J. Dvr.  
NX.4409 Pte. BACON R.W. Issuer.

  
.....Capt.  
J.R. Burns.  
O.C.  
A.A.S.C. Sec. "Gull".

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# Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

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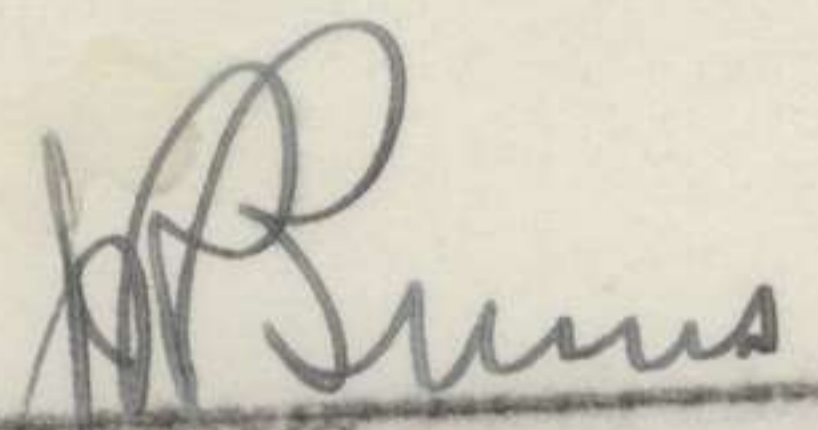
Address **A.A.S.C. SECT. GULL**  
**WINNELLIE.**  
 Date **4 DEC. 41.**

C.O.  
 21 st. Bn.  
 WINNELLIE.

## ADVANCED MAINTENANCE PARTY.

Reference the above, the following is submitted for your consideration,

Supply.	N.X.56678.	S/Sgt. Storer. Stephen Donald.
	N.X. 4409	Pte. Bacon. Roy William.
M.F.	N.X.40097.	Sgt. McLachlan. Mack Halloran.
R.A.E.	N.X.41769.	Sgt. Alder. Kenneth Charles.

  
J.R. BURNS. Capt.  
 O.C.  
 A.A.S.C. SECT. GULL.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

S/8/29

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 28 Nov 41

S E C R E T

ALL UNITS

LEAVE FOR AIF IN 7 MD

Immediately prior to the departure on home leave of such a portion of a Unit as would materially affect its fighting efficiency, such Unit will forward to this HQ a classified summary of the personnel who will be remaining in this District, and also details of weapons, vehicles, etc which are fit for service.

2. In the case of Inf Rifle Bns this summary will take the following forms:-

Classification	Offrs	W.Os.	Sgts	O.Rs.	Total
Signallers					
Mortars					
Carriers					
Pioneers					
Transport					
Cooks					
Riflemen & LMG Nos					
Intelligence					
Any other special classification					
Total					

Vehicles Serviceable (incl Carriers)

Class and Type	Number

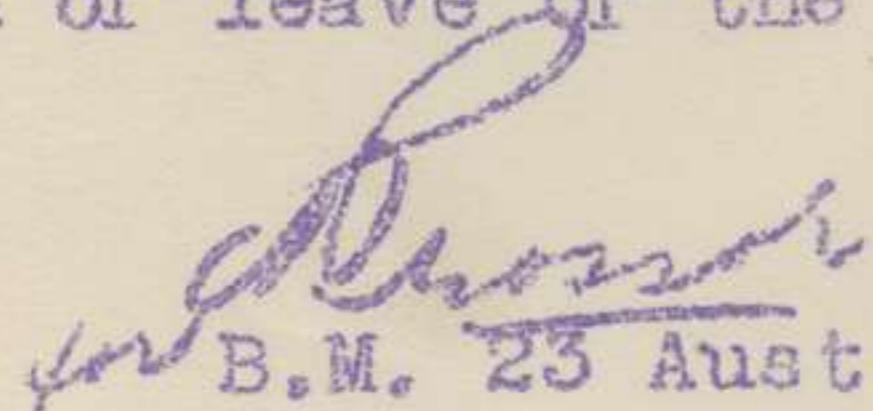
Weapons Serviceable

Type	Number

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3. Units other than Inf Rifle Bns will prepare classified lists on similar lines with necessary modifications for their particular arms.

4. This information is required so that an indication can be obtained of the effective fighting strength of that part of the Unit which will be here during the period of leave of the remainder.

  
 Lieut  
 Major  
 B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde

INTELLIGENCE SECTION,  
7 M.D.

SECRET.

24 Nov. 41.

All Units:  
                    

1. To assist in the compilation of a comprehensive Order of Battle Book, all Units are requested to completely fill in the attached Pro Forma.
2. To ensure uniformity, it is requested that:
  - (a) Weapons - This section be commenced by the entry, in the extreme left column of the smallest weapon, i.e. pistols .455 in., thence larger weapons in sequence.
  - (b) Vehicles - This section be commenced by the entry in the extreme right column of the lightest vehicles, i.e. Bicycles or Motor Cycles, thence larger vehicles in sequence.
3. All vehicles on charge to be shown whether serviceable or not. Grounded vehicles to be shown in addition in "Remarks" column.
4. Attached personnel to be shown in "Remarks" column.
5. It is further requested that the required information be submitted without undue delay.
6. Subsequent changes should be included in weekly Intelligence Report.

*J. W. Bryant*

Lieut. I(a),  
Intelligence Section, 7 M.D.

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27 NOV 1941	
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WINNELLIE

A.A.S.C. Section "Gull"

J.R.BURNS - CAPT.

ESTABLISHMENT

PERSONNEL

VEHICLES

.455.303

30  
cwt  
CVT

3      39      3      39

10

ACTUAL

.455.303

1    3  
ton ton  
CVT CVT

3      39      3      39

1    1

Three (3) O/Rs awaiting discharge. )  
 One (1) O/R hospital.                    )  
 Three (3) detached for duty            )  
 1 x 1 ton serviceable                    )  
 1 x 3 ton serviceable                    )

As at 1600 hours  
27 Nov 41.

*J.R. Burns*  
 .....Capt.  
 J.R. Burns.  
 O.C.  
 A.A.S.C. Sec. "Gull".

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECURITY

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN.  
6 Nov 41.

23 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 17

1. WEAKNESSES

Owing to the demands made by construction of defensive works, camps and roads, and to "grounding" of tpt, due to lack of spare parts, tng in the Bde Gp has inevitably suffered. It is realised that Units have tried to maintain efficiency by carrying on cadres, N.C.Os classes and specialist tng concurrently with constructional work; but recent observation of Unit tng has revealed weaknesses which must be remedied. The main weaknesses noted are:-

- (a) Unsound planning and use of weapons by leaders from Coy Comds downwards;
- (b) poor style and lack of decision in issue of orders;
- (c) carelessness in regard to protection on the move and at rest; and
- (d) failure to pass on information to tps, resulting in apathy amongst tps during tactical exercises.

Further contributing factors towards apathy are the loss of physical "hardness" so necessary to enable tps to march and fight for long periods, a falling off in march discipline, and the use of skeleton or imaginary "enemies" with resultant loss of realism.

2. REMEDIES.

(a) Unsound planning and use of weapons.

All officers and N.C.Os must study the various manuals, pamphlets and tng memoranda issued, and must be given as much opportunity as possible to put their book learning to practical use. If tps are not available TEWTS must be arranged. All 2 1/cs must be given practice in command, otherwise they will fall down on the job when their Comds are not available. A striking illustration of this was seen recently during a Coy tng exercise.

An illustration of the unsound use of weapons, also seen recently, is the use of carriers in the bush away from roads and tracks, to protect infantry. When so used, they are deprived of their mobility, and could be easily ambushed and destroyed. Their use in close country must be confined to roads and tracks, where their mobility will enable them to avoid to a greater extent the possibility of ambush.

(b) Issue of Orders

Whenever verbal orders are issued, it must be insisted that they are given in correct sequence, clearly, concisely and with decision, and that correct phraseology is used. A recent example of incorrect phrasing was the Intention para of an order, which began "We are to act as flank guard to ...." It should have begun "A Coy and att tps will protect the right flank of .. ..etc."

(c) Carelessness in regard to protection.

(1) On the move. One has seen the leading pl of a Coy, with no adv tps protecting it, moving with a sec deployed on each side of a bush track, each sec about 50x from the track. Each sec moved in single file, with one scout about 30x ahead of it. Neither scouts nor secs appeared to care whether the enemy existed or not. In such a situation, all deployments should be carried out to the limit of visibility, in order to "comb" as much of the ground as possible. Both secs should have been well extended in line and two scouts per sec should have been working ahead by bounds. In bush which is not so thick that a way has to be cut through it, it is easier for men to pick their own paths; extension of a section does not slow down movement, is not more tiring than single file, and affords greater protection to tps in rear.

It should go without saying that every man should have every sense fully alert.

(11) At rest. Pls have been seen preparing defensive posns without reference to a tactical situation. The necessity for protection from ground and air attack must always be borne in mind, and Comds must decide on measures to be taken to meet them. Such measures include mounting of L.M.Gs on AA mountings, posting of sentries, selection of alarm posts, placing of arms and equipment ready for immediate use, making of range cards, and so on. If a shortage of tps precludes the actual posting of personnel for protection, the Comd must explain to his men exactly what arrangements he would make, so that the necessity for vigilance at all times will not be forgotten.

(d) Passing on information to tps.

At a recent tactical exercise, officers expressed the view to the Bde Comd that it was not usually possible to pass on all information to tps, because so much time was taken up by recce and issue of orders in successive stages down the chain of comd. Such a view shows a lack of appreciation of the fact that only by making the Australian soldier aware of all that is happening, is it possible to make use of his characteristics of initiative resource and co-operation. At the beginning of an operation, every man must be given enough information to enable him to take an intelligent interest in it. Whenever a change occurs in the situation, that too must be passed on to all ranks. As regards the time factor in recce and issue of orders, proper planning and organisation of recce will allow of time being left for passing on information. If an operation is a deliberate one, there will be plenty of time. If a quick one, then usually the amount of information to be passed on will be small and can be imparted quickly; a sec comd can usually put his men in the picture as he is leading them along, if he has not had time to do it earlier.

(e) Physical "hardness" and march discipline.

Both can be obtained by means of route marches, or strict discipline during tactical exercises. Both are basic in regard to efficiency and must be achieved.

(f) Apathy due to lack of realism.

Whenever possible, a full scale enemy should be employed. It should help, too, to oppose coys from different Units, and to attac sub-units from other arms, as will be done in exercises during week ending 15 Nov 41. Tng expedients should be used as fully as possible, and umpires must be energetic, informed and ruthless.

3. FURTHER POINTS.

(a) Sig Pls. In order that sig personnel of Units may reach and maintain a high standard of reading and sending, it is desired that Comds relieve them of fatigue etc. duty. Constant practice is necessary to maintain a high standard.

(b) Small Arms Training. All soldiers must be exercised in small arms work regularly, to keep their muscles in trim and their weapon tng at a high standard. Muscle exercises should be given and standing and kneeling snapshots at short ranges practised - these will often be necessary in this close country. Bayonet tng, and the tng of snipers will be continued.

(c) Section Leading. N.C.Os must be refreshed in all aspects of section leading. Unit courses in this subject will therefore be continued.

(d) Unit Cadres. These have proved their value in refreshing N.C.Os and tng their understudies. The Bde Comd desires them to be continued.

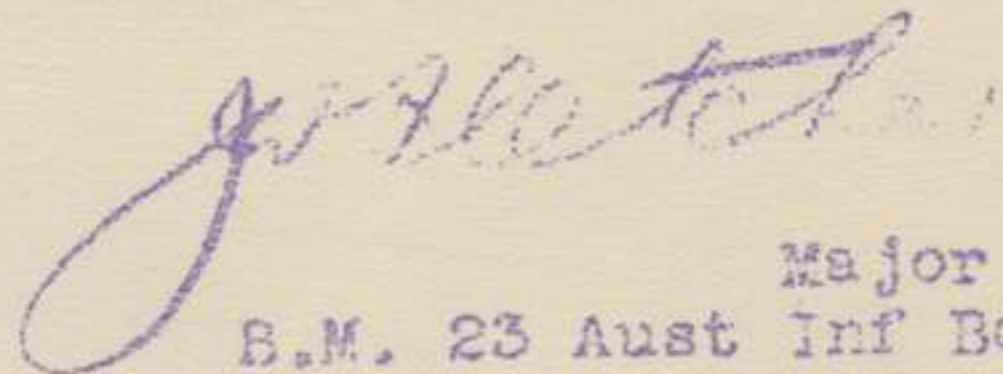
(e) Respirators. Respirators will be worn by all personnel, whether working in the office or in the field, for three periods of ten minutes each week.

4. EXTRACTS FROM 27 INF BDE TNG INSTRUCTION No. 15.

Extracts from the above tng instruction, much of which is applicable to conditions in this District, are attached hereto.

5. ENTHUSIASM.

Enthusiasm is an essential quality in instruction, and in leadership. If leaders of all grades infuse enthusiasm into all their work, they will be repaid by a corresponding lively interest in those under them.



Major  
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

2/14 Fd Regt  
14 A Tk Bty  
B Tp 13 A Tk Bty  
C Tp 12 A Tk Bty  
2/11 Fd Coy  
Fd Regt Sigs  
Bde Sigs  
2/21 Bn  
2/40 Bn  
2/4 W. G. Bn  
23 Bde Coy AASC  
AASC Sec GULL  
AASC Sec SPARROW  
2/12 Fd Amb  
23 Inf Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk  
23 Inf Bde Gp Ord Wkshop  
75 L.A.D.  
83 L.A.D.  
88 L.A.D.  
104 L.A.D.

PL AND COY IN ATTACK.

9. Too much importance cannot be laid on the necessity for improving the standard of individual leadership. Tng exercises should cultivate individual leadership and initiative. The close nature of the country will necessitate more responsibility falling on junior leaders who will constantly have to make quick decisions and assist higher comds by intelligent anticipation. This can only be achieved by conscious effort and by each leader considering and studying the other leaders and men with whom he has to work, so that he may know what to expect from them in a sudden emergency.

10. In rubber, moves will usually be along the axis of a road. It will be found that the following method of adv is usually satisfactory:

A Coy will usually have one pl as its adv gd and this pl will work with two scouts along the road far enough fwd to keep one bend ahead of the leading sec. The scouts will operate in the usual way, moving by bounds and keeping in touch with each other. Behind the scouts will come the leading sec, deployed across the road and into rubber on either side. The other two secs of the leading pl will be deployed on either side of the road acting as a screen, up to 200x on either side of the road. The other two pls in the Coy will move in rear strung out along the road. It is only necessary to keep the screen out 200x from the road as the enemy could not usually fire on the road from further out than that distance. In the case of a Bn moving along the road rear Coys would put out one or two men on each flank to watch for enemy.

11. It is desired that Coys and Pls moving out to tng will adopt the above formation.

12. The necessity for keeping contact, once it has been obtained, is particularly stressed in close country and where patrols are carried out men will never be sent singly or special tasks. Once the enemy has been located contact must be maintained otherwise he will be lost and the sub-Unit keeping contact with him must itself keep contact with the main force.

13. The principle of feeling for and working round flanks must be the constant aim of all Comds and it will usually be necessary, after locating the enemy to move out at least 150x to the flank of his position in order to surprise him.

14. A limit of exploitation will almost invariably be necessary owing to the difficulties of maintaining contact and providing intercomm. When moving fwd a Pl should always inform the Coy Comd of its line of adv and the message should be sent back by two men, not a single man.

15. The necessity for intercomm is also stressed and negative as well as positive information must be sent back at regular intervals.

16. All meals in the field will be taken in a dispersed tactical basis.

PERIMETER DEFENCE.

17. The keynote of defence in rubber and jungle must be all round defence and the principles laid down in "Tactical Notes for Malaya" Chaps III and V should be followed.

SPECIALIST TNG.

18. Sigs: These will study the blanket effect of rubber and jungle at various distances between transmitting and receiving stations and with varying types of intervening country.

19. Mortars: In view of the fact that there will be restricted vision of target and that O.Ps will often be out of sight of the mortar posn intercomm and fire direction by telephone and V/T will be practised and dets will be taught that such methods are likely to be normal procedure.

20. Carriers: In this country Carriers cannot operate off the rds in jungle and have limited mobility in rubber. They will be restricted by the deep ditches which border most main rds. The main tasks of carriers will be:-

- (a) As a means of moving reserve fire power.
- (b) For picqueting side roads.
- (c) For protection of M T convoys and harbours.
- (d) For aerodrome defence.

21. Pioneers. Pioneers will undertake simple engineering in rubber and jungle when the opportunity offers and will be practised in the construction of bridges into and in harbours. They will also be taught to improve harbours and arrange camouflage in harbours and harbour entrances. As soon as Units reach the tng camps Pnr Pls will be employed on building Bayonet Assault Courses.

22. M T Drivers: Maintenance of vehicles is more than ever necessary in this country. Units will arrange to train a spare driver for every vehicle and all drivers will be trained in the use of harbours and circuits therein, though very frequently the use of harbours will consist of backing vehicles in off the road with the nose pointing outward ready to move off. Drivers will also be trained in traffic control.

23. Regimental Polices: Arrangements are being made for the brigading for instructional purposes of R.P. Tng will be carried out by D A P M at times to be notified.

MAP READING.

24. This subject is of major importance for all personnel and especially for M T drivers.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		1
Lieutenants	3		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>3</b>

\*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).

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.
Brigadier	VX26781	LIND E.F.	29 Aust Inf Bde	Yes	
Major	NY71092	FLETCHER J.W.			
Capt	VX40601	ARNOLD G.T.		NO	On leave in S.M.O.
"	NF 223	HENRY J.N.		YES	
"	VX44788	REDWOOD J.W.			
"	VX46714	SCOTT E.T.T.		NO	On leave in S.M.O.
Lieut	VX45737	PROSSOR N.F.		YES	
"	VX45192	THOMAS N.S.		NO	On leave in S.M.O.
"	VX46440	MARSHALL L.R.		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.
Major	VX46796	DAVIES T.F.	2/40 En	17 Aug 41	On leave
Chaplain	VX46174	PAT MORE C.H.	AACD	15 Aug 41	Chaplain
"	VX52061	KENNEDY J.F.	"	15 Aug 41	

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE,

(Unit.)

5 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
(Signature of Commander.)

8 Aust Bde

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE (Unit) 5 Dec 1941 (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals	5		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	46		4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54</b>	*	* <b>9</b>

\*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.
VX 27357 L/C RANKINE	1st Lt Sec		

**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).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
<i>Armenian</i>												1			1	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
<i>CSM</i>										1					1	
<i>"I" Sgt</i>											1				1	
<i>Room Sgt</i>											1				1	
General duty personnel													14		5	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)										1	3	1	4		9	

Unit.

*[Signature]*  
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *5 Dec 41*

*8 Aust B*  
Ide., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is s

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		1
<i>B.M. Leamer</i> Captains	4		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	11		1

\*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.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>FREEMAN L.C.</i>	<i>2/21 Bn</i>	<i>15 Nov 44</i>	<i>Awarded for duty as staff officer</i>
	<i>FITZGERALD A.J.</i>	<i>2/40 Bn</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Amended off</i>
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### 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	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.
Major	VR26781	LIND E.F.	AB 23 Aust Inf Bde	YES	
Major	VR11092	FLETCHER J.W.	do.	do	
Captain	VR00001	ARNOLD G.J.	do.	NO	on leave (12)
do	VR00788	REDWOOD J.W.	do.	YES	
do	VR48714	SCOTT G.T.T.	do.	NO	on leave (12)
do	VR323	HENRY J.N.	do.	YES	
Lieutenant	VR05757	PROSSER A.F.	do.	YES	
do	VR41592	THOMAS H.S.	do.	NO	on leave (12)
do	VR44440	MARSHALL L.W.	do.	YES	
do	VR44822	FREEMAN R.J.	do.	YES	
do	VR30357	FITZGERALD A.J.	do.	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.
Major	VR44796	DAVIES T.F.	2/11/41 B	17 Nov 41	C.M. Liaison
Chaplain	VA70174	PATMORE C.H.	H.A.L.S.	15 Nov 41	Chaplain
do	VR57061	KENNEDY T.F.	do.	17 Nov 41	do.

AB 23 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)  
12 Dec 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
8 Dec 41  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BD. (Unit) 12 Dec 1941 (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	47		4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>56</b>	*	* <b>8</b>

\*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.
V127131 SPL RANKING CC	Corps Int. Sec		

**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).





# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*AB 23 Aust Lgt Bde* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
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Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....	1		
<i>2nd Lt</i> Captains .....	4		
Lieutenants.....	5		
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	11		

\*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.
<i>Chaplain</i>	PATMORE	CH A A C D	11 Dec 44	Spent 5 <sup>th</sup> week leave
<i>Co.</i>	KENNEDY	JF A A C D	13 Dec 44	Spent 4 <sup>th</sup> week leave

**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).

**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.
<i>Major</i>	VX 56881	LIND E.F.	<i>1st Lt</i>	YES	
<i>Major</i>	VX 71012	FLETCHER J.W.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>Captain</i>	VX 40601	HARDY G.J.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 44738	REEDWUD J.W.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 44714	SCOTT E.T.T.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 223	HENRY J.H.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>Lieutenant</i>	VX 45757	PROSSOR N.P.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 40940	MARSHALL L.R.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 44222	FREEHAN L.E.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 20557	FITZGERALD H.J.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	
<i>do</i>	VX 41572	THOMAS H.S.	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	

(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>Major</i>	VX 44796	DAVIES T.F.	<i>2nd Lt</i>	<i>11 Nov 41</i>	<i>8th Bn</i>

*1st Lt*  
*19 Dec 41*

(Unit.)

*[Signature]*  
*8th Bn*

(Signature of Commander.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF BDE (Unit) 19 Dec 1941 (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		2
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	49		2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>58</b>	*	* 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.
42-27357 Cpl ROBERT C. CAMPBELL	Company 1st Bn		

**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).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
<i>Reinforcement</i>																
<i>Orderly Room</i>																
<i>C.P. Sgt</i>																
<i>C.S.M.</i>																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Capt.  
 S.C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*HQ 23 Aust Lf Bde* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	11		1

\*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).

**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.
Brigadier	VX22881	LIND	EF	1823 Aust	YES	
Major	NX71092	FLETCHER	TW	do	"	
Captain	VX40601	HKNOLD	BT	do	"	
"	VX44755	REDWOOD	TW	do	"	
"	VX40714	SCOTT	EPT	do	"	
"	NX223	HENRY	TN	do	"	
Lieutenant	VX45737	PROSSOR	NF	do	"	
"	VX41592	THOMAS	NS	do	"	
"	VX41440	MARSHALL	LR	do	"	
<del>"</del>	<del>VX41432</del>	<del>ROSE</del>	<del>RTM</del>	<del>do</del>	<del>"</del>	
"	VX30251	FITZGERALD	AS	do	"	
"	VX44822	FREEMAN	LC	do	"	

(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.
Major	VX44796	DAVIES	TF	2/40 Bn	17 Nov 41	BM Liaison

18.23 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)  
26 Dec 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

H. H. Arnold  
(Signature of Commander.)  
8 Aust Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	50		14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>59</b>	*	* 15

\*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.
VX 27359 CPL C.C. RANKINE	Camp Bnd. Inf.		

**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).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks													1		1
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
<i>Orderly Room</i>													1		1
<i>F. Sec</i>													1		1
<i>Announcer</i>													1		1
<i>C.S.M.</i>										1					1
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)										1	3	1			5



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 5 Dec 41.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I NUMBER 83

By Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Comd 23 Australian Infantry Brigade Gp

DUTY UNITS 1. 23 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No 82 para 1 is amended as follows:  
WINNELLIE

Delete 'Week commencing 21 Dec 41 2/14 Fd Regt  
28 Dec 41 2/4 MG Bn'

and Substitute 'Week commencing 21 Dec 41 2/4 MG Bn'

ELECTRICAL 2.  
INSTALLATIONS  
WINNELLIE

The only unit authorised to interfere with electrical installations in WINNELLIE CAMP is 2/11 Fd Coy. This Unit will be contacted when any trouble is experienced in the electrical system of the camp or when any alterations are required.

XMAS GREETINGS 3.  
TELEGRAMS

PMG Branch have asked that Xmas telegrams shall be lodged at least 10 days before Xmas, otherwise delivery cannot be ensured by the correct date. Telegrams to be endorsed 'For delivery 24 or 25 Dec'.

SICK IN 4.  
UNIT LINES

It is understood that a number of personnel classed as not fit for duty are treated and kept in unit lines. RMOs will in future weekly reports show the average number of personnel per day classed as 'no duty' for more than 24 hrs so treated.

*[Signature]* Captain  
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

LOST Pick Helve Socket between NIGHT CLIFFS and McMINNIS on Monday 23 Nov 41, between 0830 hrs and 1100 hrs. Would finder please advise 2/14 Fd Regt NIGHTCLIFFS.

DISTRIBUTION

2/12 Fd Regt	2/12 Fd Amb	Bde Comd
14 A/Tk Bty	22 Dental Unit	B.M.
18 'B' Tp 18 A/Tk Bty	23 Dental Unit	B.M.L.
'C' Tp 18 A/Tk Bty	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	S.C.
2/11 Fd Coy	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshp	L.O.(3)
Fd Regt Sigs	75 LAD	I.O.
Bde Sig Sec	85 LAD	T.O.
2/21 Bn	83 LAD	Bde AASC Offr
2/40 Bn	104 LAD	SCL.
2/4 MG Bn	OC Darwin Town Picquet	A.O.
23 Bde Coy AASC	BAPH	HQ 7 MD
AASC Sec 'GULL'		Camp Comdt LARRAKEYAH
" " 'SPARROW'		War Diary (2) ✓
		File

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 5 Dec 41.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 46

By Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.,  
Comd 23 Australian Infantry Brigade Group

ORDERLY OFFR AND N.C.O. 1. The following roster of duties will apply on and from 6 Dec 41.

		<u>Orderly Offr</u>	<u>Orderly NCO</u>
Saturday	6 Dec 41	Capt HENRY	Sig N.C.O.
Sunday	7	Lieut PROSSOR	Cpl CURRIE
Monday	8	Capt REDWOOD	Cpl TROY
Tuesday	9	Lieut ROSE	Sig N.C.O.
Wednesday	10	Capt PARKER	Cpl CALM
Thursday	11	Lieut FREEMAN	L/Cpl BERRY
Friday	12	Lieut FITZGERALD	Cpl BUCKNALL
Saturday	13	Lieut PROSSOR	Sig N.C.O.

FATIGUES 2. Mess Orderlies are detailed as under; orderly whose name is underlined will also act as Kitchen Fatigue.

		<u>No 1 Mess</u>	<u>No 2 Mess</u>
Saturday	6 Dec 41	As detailed	ALLEN ROSS
Sunday	7	daily by	HARRIS IDLLAND L.
Monday	8	Bde Sig Sec	OSBORNE JOHNSON
Tuesday	9		SINON BLADEN
Wednesday	10		ROWBOTHAM PASS
Thursday	11		TURNBULL HERRON
Friday	12		WIR ANDREWS
Saturday	13		CLARKE HOLLAND P.

OUT OF BOUNDS 3. (a) OFFRS' MESS The area South of WELLINGTON ST and 50 yds to the EAST and WEST of the HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Offrs' Quarters, also the OFFRS' MESS, MESS KITCHEN and QUARTERS are out of bounds to NCOs and O/Rs excepting under following circumstances:-

- (i) Batmen on duty
- (ii) Fatigues or duties.

On completion of duties men will immediately leave the area and return to their own lines.

Drs waiting for Offrs will NOT enter Offrs' Kitchen unless instructed to do so.

Batmen will NOT enter Offrs' Kitchen unless in performance of duties. Nor will they mess there unless on Picquet duty.

(b) MEN'S KITCHEN The MEN'S KITCHEN is out of bounds to all personnel excepting:- CQMS, Orderly Cpl, Cooks, Kitchen Fatigues and Mess Orderlies.

Other personnel will at all times remain outside the kitchen.

When supper is served personnel will file past in an orderly line for service.

Men coming late from duty for meals will follow same procedure.

XMAS GREETINGS TELEGRAMS 4. PMG Branch have asked that Xmas telegrams shall be lodged at least 10 days before Xmas, otherwise delivery cannot be ensured by the correct date. Telegrams to be endorsed 'For delivery 24 or 25 Dec'.

-/ Promotions

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

5. To be Lieutenant  
 VX44822 A/Sgt FREEMAN L.C. - to date 15 Nov 41.  
 VX30357 A/L/Sgt FITZGERALD A.J. - to date 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 41.  
 VX46432 WO(1) ROSE R.T.M. - to date 15 Nov 41.

To be A/Cpl  
 VX42047 Pte RAFF K.B.E. - to date 5 Dec 41.

To be A/L/Cpl  
 VX31771 Pte YOUNG J.W. - to date 4 Dec 41.

SAND & GRAVEL PITS


6. The removal of sand from Sand Pit on Quarantine Rd, and the removal of gravel from Bagot Compound Gravel Pit by Military personnel is contrary to instructions and must be discontinued forthwith.

RAAF PICTURE SHOW

7. Military personnel will not attend pictures at RAAF unless specifically invited by a member of RAAF.

PETS, ANIMALS ETC.

8. Under no circumstances will tps leaving DARWIN by conveyance take dogs or pets of any description further than ADELAIDE RIVER. This becomes necessary owing to the menace of stickfast flea.

 Captain  
 for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICESSPORT

1. The notice board of Tennis Reservations, will in future be situated in the lobby underneath the Entertainments Office, Larrakeyah Barracks. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

2. Roster of matches Soccer and Hockey. It is advised that in future a roster will be posted on the notice board in the lobby underneath the Entertainments Office, at the east end of No 1 Block.

All personnel desirous of booking these playing fields will place their names on a sheet provided and any complaints or information required can be had by personal contact with W.O. ABERY at the Entertainments Office.

LOST Pick Helve Socket between NIGHTCLIFFS and McMINNS on Monday 23 Nov 41, between 0830 hrs and 1100 hrs. Would finder please advise 2/14 Fd Regt, NIGHTCLIFFS.

DISTRIBUTION:

Bde Comd	Offrs' Mess
B.M.	O/Room
B.M.L.	Secs 1, 2, 3.
S.C.	Orderly NCO
S.C.L.	CQMS
L.O. (3)	Bde Sig Sec
I.O.	War Diary (2) ✓
T.O.	HQ 7 MD
A.O.	Camp Commandant,
O.C. Def Pl	LARRAKEYAH
Bde AASC Offr	File

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 2111 1111 2111

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 12 Dec 41

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 47

By Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.,  
Comd 23 Australian Infantry Brigade Group

ORDERLY OFFR  
AND NCO

1.		<u>ORDERLY OFFR</u>	<u>ORDERLY NCO</u>
Sunday	14	Lieut MARSHALL	Cpl GAMM
Monday	15	" THOMAS	" THOMAS
Tuesday	16	Capt SCOTT	L/Cpl BERRY
Wednesday	17	Lieut SILVESTER	Cpl BUCKNALL
Thursday	18	" ROSE	" CURRIE
Friday	19	Capt PARKER	" SMITH
Saturday	20	Lieut FREEMAN	" THOMAS
Sunday	21	" FITZGERALD	L/Cpl BERRY

MESS ORDERLIES  
& KIT FATIGUES

2.		<u>No 1 MESS</u>	<u>No 2 MESS</u>
Sun 14	As detailed	GIRDWOOD	<u>BLADEN</u>
Mon 15	daily by	HATCHARD	<u>FERGUSON</u>
Tue 16	Bde Sig Sec	<u>ALLEN</u>	<u>HOLLAND L.</u>
Wed 17		<u>HARRIS</u>	<u>BUNTING</u>
Thu 18		<u>TURNBULL</u>	<u>SIMON</u>
Fri 19		PASS	<u>ROWEOTHAM</u>
Sat 20		<u>HOLLAND P.</u>	<u>JOHNSON</u>
Sun 21		ANDREWS	<u>WEIR</u>

Mess Orderlies whose names are underlined will also act as Kitchen Fatigues.

PUNISHMENT

3. VX81545 Pte McDOUGALL A.H.; OFFENCE - At LARRAKEYAH 9 Dec 41 "refusing to obey a lawful command in that he refused to carry out his cleaning duties in the manner ordered by L/Cpl BERRY, W.E.F. on the morning of 9 Dec 41" AA Sec 9 (2). PUNISHMENT - 14 days C.B.

*E. F. Lind*  
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

Bde Comd	Offrs' Mess
B.M.	O/Room
B.M.L.	Secs 1, 2 & 3
S.C.	Orderly NCO
S.C.L.	CQMS
L.O. (3)	Bde Sig Sec
I.O.	War Diary ✓
T.O.	Camp Commandant
A.O.	LARRAKEYAH
Bde A SC Offr	File
O.C. Def Pl	HQ 7 MD

*War Diary*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN. 20 Dec 41.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 48

by  
Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.,  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group

DUTY OFFICERS 1. (a) The following officers are detailed as Duty Officers on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 22 Dec 41	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE
Tuesday, 23 Dec 41	Lieut A. H. H. SILVESTER
Wednesday, 24 Dec 41	Lieut N. S. THOMAS
Thursday, 25 Dec 41	Lieut L. R. MARSHALL
Friday, 26 Dec 41	Lieut L. C. FREEMAN
Saturday, 27 Dec 41	Lieut A. J. FITZGERALD
Sunday, 28 Dec 41	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE

(b) The tour of duty will be from 0800 hrs to 0800 hrs, commencing on the day named.

(c) During normal working hours the Duty Officer will carry out normal routine staff duties and is hereby relieved of the duty of camp and barrack inspections.

(d) As from 1800 hrs each day the Duty Officer will remain in camp until relieved by the oncoming Duty Officer the following morning. He will sleep beside the telephone at Bde H.Q. Officers' Mess and will ensure that any matters of urgency are reported immediately to the appropriate member of the staff. He will advise the oncoming Duty Officer of any matters arising out of his tour of duty which may require the attention of his successor. He will submit a report in writing to the Staff Captain by 1000 hrs on the day on which he is relieved of duty as to any events on which it was necessary for him to take action during his tour of duty, such report to include details of the action taken. A Nil Return will be submitted if applicable.

(e) Duty Officers may, with the approval of the Staff Captain, arrange for another officer to substitute for them between the hours of 1800 and 2300. No substitution can be considered after that period when the Duty Officer named in Routine Orders must be on duty.

ORDERLY NOOs 2.

Monday, 22 Dec 41	Cpl TROY, J.B.
Tuesday, 23 Dec 41	Cpl RANKINE, C.C.
Wednesday, 24 Dec 41	Cpl DUNCAN, J.C.
Thursday, 25 Dec 41	L/Cpl BERRY, W.F.E.
Friday, 26 Dec 41	Cpl CURRIE, T.G.
Saturday, 27 Dec 41	Cpl EUCKENALL, N.E.
Sunday, 28 Dec 41	Cpl GAMM, L.C.

MESS ORDERLIES 3.

AND KITCHEN FATIGUES.

	<u>No 1 Mess</u>	<u>No 2 Mess</u>	
Mon 22 Dec 41	As detailed daily	<u>ISAAC</u>	BALDOCK
Tues 23 Dec 41	by Bde Sig Sec.	<u>ROSS</u>	GIRDWOOD
Wed 24 Dec 41		<u>ELADEN</u>	BUNTING
Thurs 25 Dec 41		<u>MERGUSON</u>	<u>HOLLAND, L.</u>
Fri 26 Dec 41		<u>WILLIAMS</u>	HATCHARD
Sat 27 Dec 41		<u>HARRIS</u>	ALLEN
Sun 28 Dec 41		<u>SIMON</u>	<u>HUNT</u>

Mess Orderlies whose names are underlined will also act as Kitchen Fatigue.

SICK PARADES

4. In future sick parades will be held at R.A.P. LARRAKEYAH at 0830 hrs daily. Instructions laid down in the second sub-paragraph of H.Q. R.O. No. 45 para 3 of 27 Nov 41 in connection with the procedure to be adopted will be strictly adhered to.

AIR RAID  
PRECAUTIONS

5. When air raid warning signals are given personnel must not interfere in any way with the work of Air Raid Wardens. This instruction particularly applies to personnel on leave in the town of DARWIN.

EXTRA MESS-  
ING - XMAS  
DAY (7 M.D.  
RO No. 50  
para 2)

6. Approval has been given for the expenditure of an amount not exceeding one shilling per member additional to the commuted ration allowance for extra messing on Christmas Day 1941 for personnel actually in camp, forts or garrisons on that day.

M.T.-PRESER-  
VATION OF  
PAINT WORK.  
(7 MD R.O.  
No. 50 para  
3(b) )

7. All cars D.S. with other than lacquer or other gloss finish paintwork, and all other vehicles, will not be polished with wax under any circumstances. They will be given a preservative treatment as laid down in Standing Orders for Equipment, Part I, General, No 4, Sec 16B, para 16.

SPEED OF  
MILITARY  
VEHICLES  
(7 MD No.  
26 of 17  
Dec 41)

8. With reference to speed limits of M.T. vehicles, laid down in 7 M.D. circular of 2 Oct 41, a degree of laxity has been observed in this regard. All vehicles must conform to the instructions laid down, and strong disciplinary action will be taken against any driver exceeding the limits laid down.

CAMP  
COMMANDANT

9. Lieut R. T. M. ROSE, O.C. 23 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. Defence PL is appointed Camp Commandant for 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp H.Q. and will be responsible for discipline and all internal administrative matters on Bde H.Q. This appointment to date from 16 Dec 41.

PUNISHMENTS

10. QX22046 Pte SIMON, D.J.; Offence - "Being a soldier in Camp is found beyond the limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any general garrison or other order without a pass or written leave from his C.O. in that he was in McMINN STREET DARWIN at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41." AA 15(3). PUNISHMENT - Fined £1.

NX44413 Pte JOHNSON, A.W.A.; Offence - "Being a soldier in Camp is found beyond the limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any general garrison or other order without a pass or written leave from his C.O. in that he was in McMINN STREET DARWIN at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41." AA 15(3). PUNISHMENT - Fined £1.

VX20291 Pte HATCHARD, E.T.; Offence - "Being a soldier in Camp is found beyond the limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any general garrison or other order without a pass or written leave from his C.O. in that he was in McMINN STREET DARWIN at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41." AA 15(3) - PUNISHMENT, Fined £1.

VX20291 Pte HATCHARD, E.T.; Offence - "Disobeying a General Order by improperly using a Military Vehicle to wit Vehicle No. 12956 in that he was found at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41 in McMINN STREET DARWIN with the said vehicle and was not in possession of a Work Ticket (G2) to cover movement from Unit lines after 1730 hrs on 15 Dec 41 or direct or written order from his C.O. contrary to Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles Sec 30a (AA 11) - PUNISHMENT - Fined 25/10/-.

VX25809 Pte FERGUSON, A.G.; Offence - "Neglecting to obey Camp orders in that he at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41 was in McMINN STREET DARWIN dressed only in boots and shorts contrary to R.O. No. 39 para 8 dated 19 Oct 41 directing all personnel to be correctly dressed whilst in the township of DARWIN," AA 11. PUNISHMENT - Fined 10/-.

VX25808 Pte FERGUSON, A.G.; Offence - "Being a soldier when in Camp is found beyond the limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any general garrison or other order without a leave pass or written leave from his C.O. in that he was in McMINN STREET DARWIN at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41." AA 15 (3) . PUNISHMENT - Fined £1.

PUNISHMENTS  
(Contd)

10.

VX31771 L/Cpl YOUNG, J.W.; Offence - "Being a soldier when in camp is found beyond the limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any general garrison or other order without a pass or written leave from his C.O. in that he was in McMINN STREET DARWIN at 0100 hrs on 16 Dec 41." AA 15 (3). PUNISHMENT - Reduced to the ranks.

VX45707 Pte WEIR, D.W.; Offence - "Being a soldier when in camp is found beyond the limits fixed or in any place prohibited by any general garrison or other order without a pass or written leave from his C.O. in that he was at 2½ Mile Road DARWIN at 2300 hrs on 15 Dec 41. AA 15(3). PUNISHMENT - Fined £1

VX45707 Pte WEIR, D.W.; Offence - "Disobeying a General Order by improperly using a Military Vehicle to wit Vehicle No. 5240 in that he was found at 2300 hrs on 15 Dec 41 on 2½ Mile Road DARWIN with the said vehicle and was not in possession of a work ticket (G2) to cover movement from Unit lines or direct or written order from his C.O. contrary to the Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles. See 30a) (AA. 11). PUNISHMENT - Fined £3/10/-.

*E. J. Bowald*  
Captain  
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution.

Bde Comd  
B.M.  
B.M.L.  
S.C.  
S.C.L.  
L.C. (3)  
I.C.  
T.C.

A.O.  
Bde AASC Offr  
C.C. Def Pl

Officers' Mess  
Orderly Room  
Secs 1, 2 and 3.  
Orderly N.C.O.  
C.Q.M.S.  
Bde Sig Sec  
War Diary (2)  
Camp Commandant  
LARRAKEYAH  
H.Q. 7 M.D.  
File

NOTICES

LOST. Wallet containing £5 and personal effects, either at PARAP or DARWIN Ry Sta on the evening of 19 Dec 41. Initials "R.A.S." embossed on the outside; The owner will pay £5 reward to the person returning the wallet complete with the personal effects.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN. 27 Dec 41.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 49.

by  
Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.,  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group

DUTY OFFICERS

1. The following Officers are detailed as Duty Officers on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 29 Dec 41	Lieut N. F. PROSSOR
Tuesday, 30 Dec 41	Lieut N. S. THOMAS
Wednesday, 31 Dec 41	Lieut L. R. MARSHALL
Thursday, 1 Jan 42	Lieut L. C. FREEMAN
Friday, 2 Jan 42	Lieut A. F. FITZGERALD
Saturday, 3 Jan 42	Lieut A. N. H. SILVESTER
Sunday, 4 Jan 42	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE.

ORDERLY NCO

2. The following N.C.Os are detailed as Orderly N.C.Os on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 29 Dec 41	Cpl RANKINE, C.C.
Tuesday, 30 Dec 41	Cpl TROY, J.B.
Wednesday, 31 Dec 41	Cpl DUNCAN, J.C.
Thursday, 1 Jan 42	Cpl BUCKNALL, M.K.
Friday, 2 Jan 42	Cpl CURRIE, T.G.
Saturday, 3 Jan 41	L/Cpl HERRY, W.E.F.
Sunday, 4 Jan 41	Cpl CAMM, L.C.

MESS ORDERLIES  
AND KITCHEN  
FATIGUES

3. Mess Orderlies and Kitchen Fatigues will be detailed daily as follows -

- No. 1 Mess by Bde Sig Sec
- No. 2 Mess by Bde Tpt Sec.

FIRST FIELD  
DRESSINGS

4. All ranks are instructed that First Field Dressings will, at all times, be carried in Respirator Haversack.

*Robert M. Rose*

Lieutenant  
Camp Commandant 23 Aust Inf Bde H. Q.

DISTRIBUTION.

Bde Comd	Officers' Mess
B.M.	Orderly Room
B.M.L.	Secs 1, 2 and 3
S.C.	Orderly N.C.O.
S.C.L.	C.Q.M.S.
L.Os (3)	Bde Sig Sec
I.O.	War Diary (2) ✓
T.O.	Camp Commandant LARRAKEYAH
A.O.	H.Q. 7 M.D.
Bde AASC Offr	File
O.C. Defence Pl	



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakoyah Barracks  
DARWIN. 29 Dec 41.

ROUTINE ORDERSPART 1NUMBER 84

By Brigadier E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Comd 23 Australian Infantry Brigade Group

DUTY UNIT  
WINNELLIE

1. Duty Units WINNELLIE are detailed as under -  

Week commencing 23 Dec 41	-	2/11 Fd Coy
4 Jan 42	-	27 Bn
11 Jan 42	-	2/12 Fd Amb
2. The following is a summary of the duties and fatigues to be supplied by the Duty Unit:-

PICQUET, WINNELLIE CAMP STAGE. (Bde R.O. 72 para 2)  
 A Picquet of 1 Offr 1 Sgt and 4 O/Rs will be mounted at WINNELLIE Camp Stage on the nights when the stage is in use. Picquet will mount 30 minutes before appointed time of commencement of entertainment. This Picquet will be supplied by Unit detailed as Duty Unit and will ensure that good order and discipline is maintained. Picquet will also ensure that no nuisance is committed at rear of operating box or in the vicinity of the Civic Centre and that men are made to use the latrines provided. Duty Unit will be responsible for making necessary enquiries from Y.M.C.A. representative, Mr. McPHEE, as to when the stage is being used.

WINNELLIE CIVIC CENTRE FATIGUE.  
 A fatigue of 2 men will be detailed to report for duty to Mr. McPHEE, Y.M.C.A. representative, at 0845 hrs daily. This fatigue will be responsible for removal of bottles and refuse from the Civic Centre area. For the purpose of cleaning, that area will be that enclosed by MAIN Road, ARTILLERY Road, and the road near P.O. running parallel to ARTILLERY Road and a line 75 yds south of Camp Stage. This fatigue will also be responsible for the cleanliness of the latrines provided at the Civic Centre.

WORKING PARTY E.S.B. DUMP WINNELLIE.  
 As required, Duty Unit will supply a working party, on demand, for the purpose of unloading and sorting Engr Stores at WINNELLIE. This work will obviously be of an intermittent nature, and the working party will be supplied only when asked for by CRAE 7 MD.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS, WINNELLIE CAMP.  
 For the purpose of conserving the use of MP, the following arrangements have been made. All Unit Postal Orderlies will report to Central P.O. WINNELLIE camp at 1115 hrs daily, except Sundays. One 30 cwt lorry will be supplied daily by the Duty Unit to report at the same place at the same time to transport postal orderlies to LARRAKEYAH and DARWIN P.Os. to sort and pick up mail. On Tuesday and Friday, duty unit will supply lorry to leave WINNELLIE camp P.O. at 2000 hrs to pick up air mail at DARWIN P.O., and Unit postal orderlies will report at that time.

DUTY UNIT  
(Contd)

BUS SERVICE, WINNELLIE-LARRAKEYAH.

This service has been instituted in an endeavour to conserve petrol. Units will ensure that all normal routine business is transacted per medium of the service, and C.Os. of Units will exercise a very strict control over any other vehicles proceeding to DARWIN.

The service will be provided by the Duty Unit making one 30 cwt lorry G.S. and driver available in accordance with the time-table set out below.

Route to be followed is as under -

(a) Start Point Main Rd WINNELLIE CAMP opp WINNELLIE Sig Sta

(b) Route In Main Rd VESTEYS  
Main Rd Daly St Bridge  
DARWIN P.O. Mitchell St  
LARRAKEYAH (H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde)

(c) Route Out LARRAKEYAH  
Mitchell St DARWIN P.O.  
Mitchell St - McKay St  
Gilruth's Neck  
VESTEYS  
Main Rd WINNELLIE Sig Sta

(d) Vehicles will stop at -  
VESTEYS, DARWIN P.O., H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
on all trips.

The following time-table will be adhered to -

Days	Time of Dept from WINNELLIE	Time of Dep from H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
Mondays to Fridays incl	0930 1330	1200 1600
Saturdays	0930	1200

Driver will be instructed to report at Orderly Room, H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde on arrival at LARRAKEYAH and before leaving for WINNELLIE.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

3. "Daylight Saving" will come into force throughout Australia on 1 Jan 42. Time will be advanced by one hour as from 0200 hrs on that date.

D.R.L.S. NOONAMAH

4. Commencing on Wednesday, 31 Dec 41, 43 Bn will supply one D.R. daily to operate a service between NOONAMAH and Bde H.Q. He will call at WINNELLIE signal office to collect and deliver correspondence on both inward and outward journeys. The following time-table will be observed -

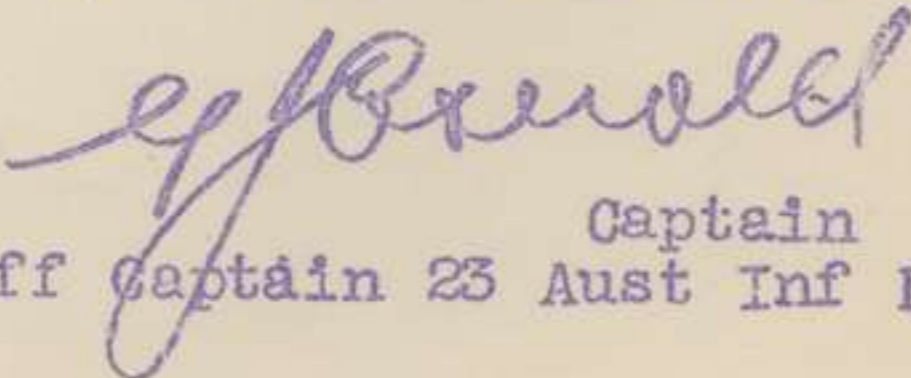
Depart		Arrive	
NOONAMAH	0945 hrs	WINNELLIE	1035 hrs
WINNELLIE	1040 "	LARRAKEYAH	1100 "
LARRAKEYAH	1500 "	WINNELLIE	1520 "
WINNELLIE	1525 "	NOONAMAH	1615 "

Midday meal will be supplied at H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

SENTENCES OF COURTS MARTIAL

5. Ref M.B.89994 of 25 Nov 41. Personnel sentenced by Courts Martial will not be embarked for service overseas before promulgation of the sentence is effected.

In any case in which it is proposed to embark for service overseas, a soldier who has been sentenced to detention and who has not completed his sentence, the sentence will be remitted or suspended on, or prior to, the embarkation of the soldier concerned.

  
Captain  
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

- LOST One hat, khaki fur, approx 2 miles beyond WINDHELLIE on main rd. Marked 'R.C.DULLEY' inside sweat band. Has colour patch of AASC 8 Div on band. Will finder please advise 23 Bde Coy AASC Vestey's.
- LOST On the night of 20 Dec 41, SX10614 Cnr J.P.GILLARD, 2/14 Fd Regt, took a Helmet Steel and Respirator, marked 'VX61274 SMITH J.A.' from a cafe in DARWIN by mistake, leaving his own, marked with his number and name, in the cafe. Exchange can be arranged by contacting 2/14 Fd Regt Orderly Room.
- LOST Missing on completion of Overland trip from ADELAIDE -  
Locked Kit-bag marked 'NX50676 BARLOW T.D.H.'  
2/12 Fd Amb Orderly Room to be advised of any information concerning same.
- FOUND 1 Helmet Steel marked 'QX6332' was found in leave truck on night of 27 Dec 41. Owner may claim same from 2/11 Fd Coy Orderly Room.

DISTRIBUTION

2/14 Fd Regt	Camp Commandant 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ
14 A/Tk Bty	B.M.
2/11 Fd Coy	B.M.L.
Fd Arty Sigs	S.C.
Bde Sig Sec	S.C.L.
27 Bn	L.O.(3)
43 Bn	I.O.
23 Bde Coy AASC	T.O.
2/12 Fd Amb	Bde AASC offr
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	A.O.
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	HQ 7 LD
83 LAD	Camp Commandant (Larrakeyah)
OC Darwin Town Picquet	War Diary (2)
DAPI 7 LD	File
Bde Comd	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

War Diary

S/3/45

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 27 Dec 41

S E C R E T

23 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 6

Copy No 24

Ref Map: DARWIN Sketch - 1 inch = 1 mile.

INFORMATION

1. 2/4 M G Bn is to embark on 29 Dec 41. 1 M G Regt ex E Comd is due under comd to replace 2/4 M G Bn about middle of Jan 42.
2. These changes necessitate immediate modifications to Opn Instr No 5. In order to avoid a lengthy list of amendments, this instr is issued to replace Opn Instr No 5, which is hereby cancelled.
3. 27 Bn is now complete in 7 MD. 43 Bn is expected to be complete on 28 Dec 41.

INTENTION

4. 23 Aust Inf Bde<sup>Gp</sup> will defend the coast from incl HOWARD RIVER (0320) to excl LUDMILLA CREEK (809147) and will attack any enemy forces who succeed in landing in 7 MD

METHOD

5. Coast line will be defended by 27 and 43 Bns, 2/14 Fd Regt and 14 A Tk Bty. It is intended that the beach defences to be held by 27 and 43 Bns will be taken over by 1 M G Regt on arrival, leaving patrols and local defence of M G posts to be done by 27 and 43 Bns. 27 and 43 Bns will take over beach defence posts from 2/4 M G Bn on the afternoon of 27 Dec 41, to be completed by 1800 hrs. Units will report to Bde HQ when taking over is completed.

M G Posts in both sub-sectors, and A Tk posts in right sub-sector will be continuously manned at half strength.

6. In the event of enemy attack, there will be no retirement from beach defences; reserves will be moved to the threatened points to stiffen resistance.
7. Sub-Sectors :-

Right - Comd, Maj R. A. CAMPBELL, 2/40 Bn.

From incl HOWARD RIVER to incl M G post at 888198  
Tps to defend - E (MG) Coy 43 Bn  
one rifle coy 43 Bn  
MGs of Carrier Pl 43 Bn  
one 18-pr gun, 2/14 Fd Regt  
one tp 14 A Tk Bty  
Det sigs 43 Bn.

Left - Comd, Major T. F. DAVIES, 2/40 Bn

From incl M G post at 886235 to excl LUDMILLA CK  
Tps to defend - E (MG) Coy 27 Bn  
one rifle coy 27 Bn  
MGs of Carrier Pl 27 Bn  
one tp and one sec 2/14 Fd Regt  
one tp 14 A Tk Bty  
Det sigs 27 Bn

8. On alert being ordered, 43 Bn will provide one rifle pl and M.C. orderly to patrol crossing over HOWARD RIVER at 093083.
9. Posts will be built as arranged verbally.

JWS

METHOD (cont)

10. Existing wire defences will be strengthened and kept in repair. Additional wire will be erected for all-round defence of posts.
11. Beaches will be watched by day and patrolled by night. When state of tide makes patrolling on foot impracticable, coast between excl MICKET CREEK and Pt 886235 will be patrolled by night in a boat held by Comd Left Sub-Sector.
12. Alert posns to be taken up on receipt of order from Bde HQ, and in accordance with movement table (App A), will be as follows :-

Beach Defence Sub-Units, as in para 7 (less personnel already in posn) - Battle Stations.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde - area SE road junc 905119.

HQ 2/14 Fd Regt - do.

2/14 Fd Regt (less HQ and Beach defence dets) -

27 Bty, vicinity X-roads 9213

28 Bty, 855153.

14 A Tk Bty (less Beach defence dets) HQ - in Bde HQ alert area. 1 tp and B Ech - 8912, NORTH of main road.

27 Bn (less beach def dets) - area NORTH of RAAF aerodrome and SOUTH of McMILLAN'S ROAD

43 Bn (less beach def dets) - NE rd junc 905134.

2/11 Fd Coy (less two secs) 9111 (NORTH of main rd)

ADM

13. (a) HQ 23 Bde Coy AASC and Wkshop 22 MILE RD CAMP 083962.

(b) Amn

A.R.H. ADELAIDE RIVER

A.R.P. 018054

A.Ps. will be opened and will remain open as ordered vicinity

Xrds 904125

Rd junc 858164

KNUCKEY'S LAGOON 935112 (Inf requirements only)

(c) Supplies

S.R.H. NOONAMAH 082880

S.R.P. 082928

Sub-sector gpd as enumerated in para 7 will be considered as individual Units as far as the issue of rations and petrol is concerned. Units in alert areas other than those detailed in para 7 will indent as usual for the whole Unit less those detached to sub-sectors.

<u>Sup Ps</u>	Right Sub-sector	Rd-track	junc	921114
	Left	"	"	887165

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	Rd junc	905119
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2/14 Fd Regt	"	"
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2/11 Fd Coy	"	"
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43 Bn	"	"
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27 Bn	"	887165
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23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	"	973075
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23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	"	"
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2/12 Fd Amb NOONAMAH CAMP	300x NORTH of ry crossing square 0887
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With the exception of 2/12 Fd Amb, guides from all Units will meet vehicles on rds 300x EAST of pts named above.

(d) Petrol

P.R.H. NOONAMAH 082880

P.R.P. 082948

P.P. WINNELLIE (EASTERN entrance) 979127. This pt will remain open.

*gwb*

ADM (cont)13. (e) Medical

A.D.S. BERRIMAH 905105  
 M.D.S. NOONAMAH 082880  
 C.Ps. 022162 (not to be opened until called for)  
 953158  
 863197  
 830169

(f) 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop PACKARDS KNOB 957084  
 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk " " "

(g) Traffic Routes Units move to alert posns vide Movement Tabl App A. Thereafter the MAIN NORTH AUSTRALIA RD will be a 2-way traffic route and the following routes will be adhered to.

Traffic into Right Sector will move via IRONSTONE LAGOON RD 921112-921132 -MICKET CR 935156-952154 then NORTH and return by same route; or for left portion thereof via QUARANTINE RD and out via McMILLAN'S and RAAF RDS.

Traffic into Left Sector QUARANTINE RD, McMILLAN'S RD, EAGOT RD.

INTERCOMN

14. Line comm direct between beach defence posts and Bde HQ opened 15 Dec 41. After receipt of alarm at Bde HQ from any beach def post, Sub-Sector HQ concerned will automatically take over line comm to its sub-units.
15. Line comm is established between Bde HQ and alert areas of Units
16. Present wireless frequencies will be maintained. Wireless silence after receipt of order to occupy alert posns
17. Units report posn HQ when occupied.
18. Appendix A to this instr will be issued as early as possible.
19. ACK.

*J. J. [Signature]*  
 Major  
 B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1140 hrs.

Issued to Sigs at 1229 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:

<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1-3	2/14 Fd Regt	14	23 In d Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk
4	14 A Tk Bty	15	Bde Comd
5	2/11 Fd Coy	16	B.M.
6	Fd Regt Sigs	17	S.C.
7	Bde Sig Sec	18	T.O.
8	2/4 M G Bn	19	Ede AASC Ofir
9	27 Bn	20	Maj T. F. DAVIES
10	43 Bn	21	Maj R. A. CAMPBELL
11	23 Bde Coy AASC	22	HQ 7 MD
12	2/12 Fd Amb	23	File
13	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	24/25	War Diary ✓
		26/32	Spare

S/3/14

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 15 Dec 41

SECRET23 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 5Copy No 25Ref Map: DARWIN Sketch - 1 in = 1 mile.INFORMATION

1. Enemy. It is estimated that approx 12 hrs warning can be given of ship movements likely to involve a landing. In certain circumstances up to 5 days' warning may be received.
2. Own Tps. (a) SPARROW Force arrived KOEPAN @ 2330 hrs 11 Dec 41.  
(b) BULL Force departed from DARWIN 14 Dec 41.  
(c) Tps under Comd :- 2/14 Fd Regt, 14 A Tk Bty, 2/11 Fd Coy less two Secs, Fd Regt Sig Sec, Bde Sig Sec, 2/4 M G Bn, 23 Bde Coy AASC, 2/12 Fd Amb less 2 Offrs 72 O.Rs., 83 LAD, 88 LAD. 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop, 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.  
(d) The following tps are expected to arrive on the dates shown :-  
300 all ranks 27 Bn 15 Dec 41  
300 " " 27 " 16 " 41  
300 AIF Personnel ex leave 19 Dec 41.  
Balance of 27 Bn, and 43 Bn in next priority.  
Movement should be completed about 27 Dec 41. It is expected that 27 and 43 Bns will come under Comd on detrainment.  
(e) 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp is responsible for operations against enemy ~~west~~<sup>EAST</sup> of line 833124 to 824130.  
(f) Frt Comd, incl 2/4 Pnr Bn and 19 Bn, is responsible for defence of DARWIN and COX PENINSULAS.

INTENTION

3. 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will defend the coast from incl HOWARD RIVER (0320) to excl LUDMILLA CREEK (809147). After arrival of 27 and 43 Bns, Bde Gp will attack any enemy forces who succeed in landing in 7 MD.

METHOD

4. Coast line will be defended by 2/4 M G Bn, 2/14 Fd Regt, and 14 A Tk Bty. 27 Bn will provide patrols. Pending arrival of 27 Bn, 2/4 M G Bn will patrol between and around def posts. M G Posts will be continuously manned at half strength forthwith.
5. In the event of enemy attack, there will be no retirement from beach defences; reserves will be moved to the threatened points to stiffen resistance.

6. Sub-Sectors :-

Right, - Comd, Capt C. CAMERON, 2/4 M G Bn.  
From incl HOWARD RIVER to incl JUNGLE CREEK (919191).  
Tps to defend - One Coy 2/4 M G Bn  
one Rifle Coy 27 Bn  
one 18 pr gun 2/14 Fd Regt  
one Tp 14 A Tk Bty  
Det Sigs 2/4 M G Bn

Centre - Comd, Maj A. E. SAGGERS, 2/4 M G Bn.  
From excl JUNGLE CREEK to excl 842212.  
Tps to defend - One Coy 2/4 M G Bn  
one Sec 2/14 Fd Regt  
one Sec 14 A Tk Bty  
two Rifle Pls 27 Bn  
Det Sigs 2/4 M G Bn

Left - Comd, Maj A. J. COUGH, 2/4 M G Bn.  
From incl 842212 to excl LUDMILLA CREEK.  
Tps to defend - One coy 2/4 M G Bn  
one Tp 2/14 Fd Regt  
one Sec 14 A Tk Bty  
one Rifle Pl 27 Bn  
Det Sigs 2/4 M G Bn

METHOD (cont)

7. On alert being ordered, 27 Bn will provide one Sec Carriers and D.R. to patrol crossing over HOWARD RIVER at 093083.
8. Posts will be built as arranged verbally.
9. Existing wire defences will be strengthened and kept in repair. Additional wire will be erected for all-round defence of posts.
10. Beaches will be watched by day and patrolled by night. When state of tide makes patrolling on foot impracticable, coast between excl MICKETT CREEK and Pt 886235 will be patrolled by night in a boat held by 2/4 M G Bn.
11. Alert posns to be taken up on receipt of order from Bde HQ, and in accordance with movement table (App A), will be as follows :-

Coast Defence Sub-Units, as in para 6 (less personnel already in posn) - Battle Stations.

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde - area SE road junc 905119.

HQ 2/14 Fd Regt - do

2/14 Fd Regt (less HQ and Coast defence Dets) -

27 Bty, vicinity X rds 9213

28 Bty, 8514.

14 A Tk Bty (less Coast defence Dets) HQ - in Bde HQ alert area.

One Tp and B Ech - 8912, NORTH of main road.

2/4 M G Bn (less three Coys) - NORTH of WINNELLIE OVAL.

27 Bn (less two Coys) - area NORTH of RAAF aerodrome and SOUTH of McMILLAN'S ROAD

43 Bn - NE rd junc 905134

2/11 Fd Coy (less two Secs) 9111 (NORTH of main road).

ADM

12. See Appendix B.

INTERCOMM

13. Line comm direct between coast defence posts and Bde HQ will open 15 Dec 41. After receipt of alarm at Bde HQ from any coast def post Sector HQ concerned will automatically take over line comm to its sub-units.
14. Line comm between Bde HQ and alert areas of Units will be completed within next few days.
15. Present wireless frequencies will be maintained. Wireless silence after receipt of order to occupy alert posns.
16. Units report posn HQ when occupied.
17. Appendices to this instruction will be issued as early as possible.
18. ACK.

Signed at 1645 hrs.

Issued to Sigs at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.

*J. B. ...*  
Major  
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No	Unit	Copy No	Unit
1-3	2/14 Fd Regt	17	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk
4	14 A Tk Bty	18	Bde Comd
5	2/11 Fd Coy	19	B.M.
6	Fd Regt Sigs	20	S.C.
7	Bde Sig Sec	21	T.O.
8-11	2/4 M G Bn	22	Bde AASC Offr
12	27 Bn	23	7 MD
13	43 Bn	24	File
14	23 Bde Coy AASC	25-26	War Diary ✓
15	2/12 Fd Amb	27-32	Spare
16	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop		



APPENDIX 'B' TO 23 AUST INF BDE OPERATION  
INSTRUCTION NO 5 DATED 15 DEC 41

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REF Sketch Map DARWIN 1 inch to 1 mile.

ADM (a) HQ 23 Bde Coy AASC and Wkshop 22 MILE RD CAMP 083962.

(b) Ann

A.R.H. MEMINNS LAGOON 065990

A.R.P. 018054

A.Ps. will be opened and will remain open as ordered vicinity

Xrds 904125  
Rd June 858164

(c) Supplies

S.R.H. NOONAMAH 082880.

S.R.P. 082928.

Subsector gps as enumerated in para 6 of Op. Inst No 5 will be considered as individual Units as far as the issue of rations and petrol is concerned. Units in alert areas other than those detailed in para 6 of Op. Inst. No 5 will indent as usual for the whole Unit less those detached to subsectors.

<u>Notes.</u>	Right Subsector Rd-track June	921114
	Centre " " " "	870164
	Left " " " "	825148

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	Rd June	905119
2/14 Fd Regt	" "	"
14 A/ik Bty	" "	"
2/11 Fd Coy	" "	"
43 Bn	" "	"

2/4 MC Bn Main Rd opp WINNELLIE OVAL 878128

27 BN RD June 870164

23 Ind Bde Cp Ord Wkshop Rd June 973075  
" " " " " Fd Pk " "

2/12 Fd Amb NOONAMAH CAMP 300x NORTH of Ry King Square 0887.

With the exception of Left Subsector and 2/12 Fd Amb Guides from all Units will meet vehicles on MAIN RD 300x EAST of pts named above.

(d) Petrol

P.R.H. NOONAMAH 082880.

P.R.P. 082948

P.P. WINNELLIE (EASTERN entrance) 879127. This pt will remain open.

(e) Medical

A.D.S. BERRIMAH 905105

M.D.S. NOONAMAH 082880

C.Ps. 022162 (not to be opened until called for)  
953158  
863197  
830169

(f) 23 Ind Bde Cp Ord Wkshop PACKARDS KNOB 957084  
" " " " " Fd Pk " " "

- (g) Traffic Routes Units move to alert positions vide Movement Table Appendix 'A' to Op. Inst. No 5, dated 15 Dec 41. Thereafter the main NORTH AUSTRALIA RD will be a 2-way traffic route and the following routes will be adhered to.

Traffic into Right Sector will move viz IRONSTONE LAGOON RD 921112-921132 - MICKETS CK 935156-952154 then NORTH and return by same route.

Traffic into Centre Sector - QUARANTINE RD, McILLANS RD, RAAF RD.

Traffic into Left Sector - BAGOT RD and return RAAF RD.

- (h) Traffic Control Control posts will be established as under:

	921112
Xrds	905119
	835128
	825126

27 Bn will man these posts.

- (i) Water Points

Right Sector	905119
Centre "	WINNELLIE CAMP 879127
Left "	825154

- (j) ACK.

*B. M. 23*  
Major  
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1718 hrs 18 Dec 41

Issued to Sigs. 1728 hrs 18 Dec 41

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No		Copy No	
1-3	2/14 Fd Regt	17	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk
4	14 A/Pk Bty	18	Bde Comd
5	2/11 Fd Coy	19	B.M.
6	Fd Regt Sigs	20	S.C.
7	Bde Sig Sec	21	T.O.
8-11	2/4 MG Bn	22	Bde AASC Offr
12	27 Bn	23	7 MD
13	43 Bn	24	File
14	23 Bde Coy AASC	25-26	War Diary
15	2/12 Fd Amb	27-32	Spare
16	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop		

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H.Q. 7 M.D.,  
3 Dec. 41.

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CODE NAMES.

1. All units are advised that S.M.1650 has been LOST by a unit in this district.
2. S.M's 1650 and 1759 are hereby cancelled as from midnight 4/5 Dec. and will be destroyed by fire.
3. New issue of CODE-NAMES will become operative as from 0001 hrs. 5 Dec..
4. Please acknowledge receipt on attached A.A.57 and return IMMEDIATELY.

BAKO	18 Fld. Battery	MAJU	23 Bde. Ind. Gp. Ord.
ZUKA	9 Army Troops		Fd. Pk.
DELU	7 M.D. M.T. Coy.	BILI	Bulk Issue Pet. & Oil
ZUTI	7 M.D. A.A.O.C. H.Q., S.O.M.E.	JAFI	2/40 Inf. Bn. (Depot.
FIKO	7 M.D. Works Office	ROTI	H.Q. R.A.A. & Fire Comd.
WOKU	7 M.D. Sigs. W/shop	KUKU	14 A.A. Battery
GELA	7 M.D. Sigs. No.1 Mobile	PUKO	1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.
VUXO	7 M.D. Sigs. No.2 Mobile	LONU	9th Works & Parks
HOKI	7 M.D. R.A.E. H.Q. C.R.E.	NELO	H.Q., 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.
TURA	22 mile Signal Stn.	MUKI	119 Aust. Gen. Hosp.
JENU	7 M.D. Survey Sec.	BUXU	No. 2 Independent Coy.
RULO	7 M.D. A.A.M.C. H.Q.	YALA	7 M.D. Ordnance Depot
KEKA	7 M.D. Sigs. Coomallie Ck.	DUJU	7 M.D. W/shop & Rec. Sec.
PUXI	2/1 Frt. Sigs. West Pt.	ZALO	7 M.D. Provost Coy.
LAFU	2/1 Heavy Battery	FELI	14 A/Tk. Bty.
NUGO	2/1 Frt. Engineers	WEJU	75 L.A.D.
NAKI	2/1 Fort. Sigs. H.Q.	GUXI	2/11 Fd. Coy.
BEJU	111 Convset. Depot	VULU	2/21 Inf. Bn.
ZONI	"B" Tp. 18 A/Tk. Bty.	HURI	2/4 M.G. Bn.
DIKO	Adelaide River Camp.	REJA	2/12 Fd. Amb.
YUNU	7 M.D. Intell. Sec.	JAKO	23 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.
FALA	H.Q., 7 M.D.	TOKI	H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Rear
WUKI	19th Bn.	KOZA	H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Adv.
GIJU	283 L.A.D.	PEKI	88 L.A.D.
VIFO	Comd. Fixed Defences	LUJO	"D" Coy. 2/40 Adelaide R.
HARA	East Battery	NUNU	2/14 Fd. Regt.
TEJA	Emery Battery	MIKA	27 Bty. 2/14 Fd. Regt.
JUKU	Darwin Fort. Coy.	BUGO	28 Bty. 2/14 Fd. Regt.
<del>RALO</del>	7 M.D. Sigs. H.Q.	WAMI	7 M.D. Sigs. KATHERINE
KAJI	A.A.S.C. "Sparrow" Force.	DAKA	11 Rec. Sec.
PURU	A.A.S.C. "Gull" Force	YEKO	83 L.A.D.
LEKA	D.A. & Q.M.G. 7 M.D.	GOMU	2/4 Pioneer Bn.
NUMI	Bde. Sec. 8 Div. Amn. Sub. Park.	VEJU	"C" tp. 18 A/Tk. Bty.

*A. L. Elliott*

Lt.-Col.,  
General Staff (Int.), 7 M.D.

ZJU

DISTRIBUTION.

2/14 Fd. Regt.	1 - 3	7 M.D. D.A.D.O.S.	77- 78
2/21 Fd. Coy.	4	" Res. M.T. Coy.	79
2/21 Inf. Bde.	5 - 6	Bulk I.P. & O. Depot	80
2/40 Inf. Bn.	7 - 9	(Adelaide River)	81
2/40 Pnr. Bn.	10	7 M.D. Records Office	82
75 L.A.D.	11	" Works	83- 85
83 L.A.D.	12	" R.A.E. H.Q. (C.R.E.)	86
2/12 Fd. Amb.	13	" Survey Section	87
23 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.	14	" A.A.M.C. H.Q.	(A.D.M.S.)
11 Rec. Sec.	15	14 Fd. Hygiene Sec.	88
H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.	16 - 35	18 Fd. Battery	89
H.Q. 7 M.D. "G" Branch	36 - 38	R.T.O. LARRAMAH	90
" " "A" "	39 - 40	2/1 Heavy Battery	91
" " "Q" "	41 - 42	2/1 Fort. Engineers	92
Dar. Fort. Coy.	43 - 45	2/1 " Signals	93
Comdr. Fixed Defences	46	111 Convalescent Depot	94
H.Q. R.A.A. & Fire	47	H.Q. Cent. Aust. L.of C.	95
Command (East Pt.)	48	A.A.S.C. "Sparrow" Force	96
East Battery.	49	A.A.S.C. "Gull" Force	97
Emery Battery	50	No. 2 Independent Coy.	98
14 A.A. Battery	51	2/4 M.G. Bn.	99
54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	52	88 L.A.D.	100
9 Works & Parks Coy.	53 - 55	"B" Tp. 18 A/Tk. Bty.	101
19 Inf. Bn.	56	"C" Tp. " " "	102
7 M.D. Intell.	57 - 66	7 M.D. Cipher Office	103
" Sigs.	67	Bde. Sec. 8 Div. Amn.	104
283 L.A.D.	68 - 69	Sub Park	105
7 M.D. W/shop & Rec.	70	23 Bde. Ind. Group Ord.	106
Sec. S.O.M.E.	71 - 75	Fd. Park	107-112.
119 Aust. Gen. Hosp.	76	Camp Commandant,	
H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.		Adelaide River	
7 M.D. Provost		Spares	

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H.Q. 7 M.D.  
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CODE NAMES

- Further to H.Q. 7 M.D. SH 1975 of 5 Dec 41.
- All units are advised that instructions have been received from A.H.Q. that 7 M.D. Signals H.Q. will retain the CODE NAME "RALO"
- Amended CODE NAMES LIST will become operative as from midnight 18/19 Dec.
- Change of designation:-  
11. Rec. Sec becomes 23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd. W/shop.
- CORRECTION: (A.O. 2.)  
ZONI 7 M.D. A.A.O.C. H.Q. to read YUEI (1. 3.)  
NAKI 2 7/1 Fort. Sigs H.Q. to read NAKI
- Please acknowledge receipt on attached A57 and return IMMEDIATELY.
- The following Unit CODE NAMES are cancelled and re-allotted as under:-

Unit	Replaces	Rebecomes	Coy.
LAFU 2 / Heavy Bty	LAFU "B" Sec. H.Q. 1/54 A.A.S.L.	LAFU "B" Sec. H.Q. 1/54 A.A.S.L.	
HUGO 2/1 Ppt. Engineers	HUGO EAST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.	HUGO EAST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.	Coy
EOKK "B" Tp. IS A/Tk. Bty	ZONI PICNIC COVE	ZONI PICNIC COVE	" "
KAJI A.A.S.C. "SPARROW" Force	FAFI BALG HEAD	FAFI BALG HEAD	" "
PURU A.A.S.C. "GULL" FORCE	PURU SWIRES BLUFF	PURU SWIRES BLUFF	" "
JAFI 2/40 Inf. Bn.	JAFI WEST ARM IS.	JAFI WEST ARM IS.	" "
WEJU 7/5 L.A.D.	WEJU CHANNEL Is.	WEJU CHANNEL Is.	" "
VULU 2/21 Inf. Bn.	VULU FLAGSTAFF	VULU FLAGSTAFF	" "
LUJO "D" Coy. 2 / 40 Bn. Ad/River	LUJO MIDDLE POINT	LUJO MIDDLE POINT	" "
VEJU "C" Tp. 18A/Tk. Bty	(unallotted)	(unallotted)	" "
BUKU No. 3 Independent Coy	(unallotted)	(unallotted)	" "

8. Amended CODE LIST now as follows:-

BAKO 16 Fld. Battery	NEJU 23 Ind. Bde. Group Ord. Fld. Park
ZORA 9 Army Troops	BILI Bulk Issue Pct. & Oil Depot
DELU 7 M.D. M.E. Coy	JAFI WEST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy
YUEI 7 M.D. A.A.O.C. H.Q. S.O.M.E.	ROFI H.Q. R.A.A. & Fire Command
PIKO 7 M.D. Works Office	KUKU 14 A.A. Battery
WOKU 7 M.D. Sigs W/shop	PUKO 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.
GEIA 7 M.D. Sigs No. 1 Mobile	LOMU 9th. Works & Parks
VUKO 7 M.D. Sigs No. 2 Mobile	MIEO H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.
HOKI 7 M.D. R.A.E. H.Q. C.R.E.	MURI 119. Aust. Gen. Hosp.
TURA 22 Mile Sig. Station	YALA 7 M.D. Ordnance Depot
JENU 7 M.D. Survey Sec.	DUJU 7 M.D. W/shop & Rec. Sec.
RULO 7 M.D. A.A.M.C. H.Q.	ZALO 7 M.D. Provost Coy.
KEKA 7 M.D. Sigs. COOMALIE Ck.	FELI 14 A/Tk. Bty.
PURI 2/1 Ppt. Sigs. WEST POINT	WEJU CHANNEL Is. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.
HUGO EAST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	GUKI 2/11 Fld. Coy.
LAFU "B" SEC. H.Q. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	VULU FLAGSTAFF Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.
NAKI 2 / Fort Sigs H.Q.	HURI 2/4 M.G. Bn.
NEJU 111 Genvet. Depot	RMJA 2 / 12 Fld. Amb.
ZONI PICNIC COVE Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	JAKO 23 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.
DIKO Adelaide River Camp	TOKI H.Q. 2 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. Rear
YUNU 7 M.D. Intell. Sec.	KOKA H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Adv.
FAJA H.Q. 7 M.D.	PEKI 33 L.A.D.
WUKI 19 Inf. Bn. (A.A.S.C.)	LUJO MIDDLE POINT Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.
GEJU 233 L.A.D. (A.A.S.C.)	
VEJU 233 L.A.D. (A.A.S.C.)	
LARA East Battery	NIDU 2/14 Fld. Regt.
MEKA 2/14 Fld. Regt.	DUGO 23 Pty. 2/14 Fld. Regt.
NAKI 7 M.D. Sigs. Katherine	DAKA 23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fld. W/shop
MEKO 33 L.A.D.	GOJU 2/4 Pioneer Bn.

/TETA

SHEET 2

TEJA	EMERY Battery	JUKU	DARWIN Fort. Coy.
RALO	7 M.D.Sigs. H.Q.	KAJI	TALC HEAD Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.Coy.
PURU	SWIRE'S BLUFF Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.Coy.	LEKA	D.A.Q.M.G. 7 M.D.
NUMI	Bde. Sec 8 Div.Amm.Sub.Park	XXXXO	27 Bn.
		YOJO	

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Lt.Col.  
General Staff (Int) 7 M.D.

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No.		Copy No.
2/14 Fld. Regt.	1-3	7 M.D. D.A.D.O.S.	73-74
2/11 Fld. Coy	4	7 M.D. Res.M.T.Coy	75
2/4 Pnr. Bn.	5	Bulk Issue Pet.&Oil Depot	
2/12 Fld. Amb.	6	Adelaide River	76
23 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.	7	7 M.D. Records Office	77
23 Ind.Bde.Group Ord. Fld.		7 M.D. Works Office	78
W/shop	8	7 M.D. R.A.E. H.Q.(C.R.E.)	79-81
H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde	9-28	7 M.D.Survey Sec.	82
H.Q. 7 M.D. "G"Branch	29-31	7 M.D. A.A.M.C. (A.D.M.S.)	83
H.Q. 7 M.D. "A"Branch	32-33	14 Fld. Hygiene Sec	84
H.Q. 7 M.D. "Q"Branch	34&107	18 Fld. Battery	85
DARWIN Fort. Coy.	35-37	R.T.O.LARRAMAH	86
Comdr. Fixed Defences	38	2/1 Fort. Sigs.	87
H.Q.R.A.A. &Fire Command		111 Convalescent Depot	88
(East Point)	39	H.Q.Cent. Aust.L of C.	89
EAST Battery	40	2/4 M.G.Bn	90
EMERY Battery	41	7 M.D. D.F.O.	91
14 A.A.Battery	42	88 L.A.D.	92
1/54 A.A.S.L.Coy	43	7 M.D. Cipher Office	93
9 Works & Parks	44	Bde. Sec.8Div.Amm.Sub.Park	94
19 Inf. Bn.	45-46	2 3 Ind.Bde. Group Ord.Fld.	
7 M.D.Intell.	47	Park	95
7 M.D.Sigs.	48-57	Camp Commandant-Adelaide River	96
283 L.A.D.	58	N?C.O. 1/c Sigs.BARROW CREEK	97
7 M.D. W/shop & Rec.Sec.		" " " BANKA BANKA	98
S.O.M.E.	59-60	" " " ELLIOTT	99
119 Aust. Gen Hosp.	61	" " " LARRAMAH	100
H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.	62-66	2 /1 Fort.Sigs.WEST POINT	102
7 M.D.Provost	67	83 L.A.D.	102
"B"Sec.H.Q. 1/54 A.A.S.L.		WEST ARM Sec.1/54 A.A.S.L.	
Coy.	68	Coy.	103
EAST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.		CHANNEL Is " " "	104
Coy.	69	FLAGSTAFF " " "	105
PICNIN COVE Sec.1/54 A.A.S.L.		MIDDLE POINT " " "	106
Coy.	70	2 7Bn.	108
TALC HEAD Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.		Spares	108-117
Coy.	71		
SWIRE'SBLUFF Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.			
Coy.	72		

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H.Q. 7 M.D.  
27 DEC. '41

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CODE NAMES

1. Further to H.Q. 7 M.D. S.M. 2042 of 16 Dec. '41.
2. Further additional CODE NAMES are included in this issue.
3. Please acknowledge receipt on attached A 57 and return IMMEDIATELY
4. CODE NAMES will become operative as from 0001 hrs Tuesday 30. Dec. 1941.
5. Amended CODE NAMES list is as follows :-

BAKO	18 Fd. Bty.	NAKA	2 A.A. Battery
ZUKA	9 Army Troops Coy.	DOGO	H.Q. A.A. Defences
DELU	7 M.D. M.T. Coy	YOJO	27 Inf. Bn
YUTI	7 M.D. A.A.O.C. H.Q. S.O.M.E.	JAFI	WEST ARM IS. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.
FIKO	7 M.D. Works Office	ROTI	H.Q. R.A.A. & Fire Command
WOKU	7 M.D. Signals Workshop	KUKU	14 A.A. Battery
GELA	7 M.D. Sigs. No. 1 Mobile	PUKO	1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy. H.Q.
VUXO	7 M.D. Sigs. No. 2 Mobile	LONU	9 Works and Parks Coy.
HOKI	7 M.D. R.A.E. H.Q. C.R.E.	NELO	H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.
TURA	22 Mile Sig. Station	MUKI	119 Aust. Gen. Hosp.
JENU	7 M.D. Survey Sec.	YALA	7 M.D. Ordnance Depot
RULO	7 M.D. A.A.M.C. H.Q.	DUJU	7 M.D. Workshop & Rec. Sec.
KEKA	7 M.D. Sigs COOMALLIE Ck.	ZALO	7 M.D. Provost Coy.
PUXI	7 M.D. Sigs. WEST POINT	FELI	14 A/Tk. Battery
LAFU	"B" Sec. H.Q. 1/54 AASL Coy.	WEJU	CHANNEL IS. Sec. 1/54 AASL Coy.
NUGO	EAST ARM IS. Sec. 1/54 AASL. Coy.	GUXI	2/11 Fd. Coy
BEJU	111 Convalescent Depot	VULU	FLAGSTAFF Sec. 1/54 AASL Coy.
ZONI	PICNIC COVE Sec. 1/54 AASL. Coy	HURI	2/4 M.G. Bn.
DIKO	ADELAIDE RIVER Camp	REJA	2/12 Fd. Amb.
YUNU	7 M.D. Intell. Sec	JAKO	23 Bde. Coy A.A.S.C.
FALA	H.Q. 7 M.D.	TOKI	H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Rear
WUKI	19 Inf. Bn.	KOZA	H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Adv.
GIJU	2 83 L.A.D.	PEKI	88 L.A.D.
VIFO	Comd. Fixed Defences	LUJO	MIDDLE POINT SEC. 1/54 AASL Coy.
HARA	EAST POINT Battery	NUNO	2/14 Fd. Regt.
TEJA	EMERY POINT Battery	MIKA	27 Bty. 2/14 Fd. Regt.
JUKU	DARWIN Fort. Coy	BUGO	28 Bty. 2/14 Fd. Regt.
RALO	7 M.D. Sigs. H.Q.	WAMI	7 M.D. Sigs. KATHERINE
KAJI	TALC HEAD Sec. 1/54 AASL Coy.	DAKA	23 Ind. Bde. Ord. Fd. W/shop
PURU	SWIRE'S BLUFF Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	YEKO	83 L.A.D.
LEKA	D.A.Q.M.G. 7 M.D.	GOMU	2/4 Pioneer Bn.
NUMI	Bde. Sec. 3 Div. Amn. Sub Park	VEJU	7 M.D. D.A.D.O.S.
BILI	7 M.D. Bulk issue Petrol & Oil Depot	MAKI	Movement control Officer

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
General Staff (Int) 7 M.D.

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2/11 Fd. Coy	4	Depot ADELAIDE RIVER	78
2/4 Pioneer Bn.	5	7 M.D. Records Office	79
2/12 Fd. Amb.	6	7 M.D. Works Office	80-82
23 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.	7	7 M.D. H.Q.R.A.E. C.R.E.	83
23 Ind. Bde. Group Ord. Fd.	8	7 M.D. Survey Sec	84
H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde	9-28	7 M.D. AAMC H.Q. (A.D.M.S.)	85
H.Q. 7 M.D. "G" Branch	29-31	14 Fd. Hygiene Sec.	86
" " "A" "	32-33	18 Fd. Battery	87
" " "Q" "	34-35	R.T.O. LARRAMAH	88
Dar. Fort. Coy	36-38	111 Convalescent Depot	89
Comd. Fixed Defenses	39	H.Q. Cent. Aust. L of C	90
H.Q. R.A.A. & Fire Command	40	2/4 M.G. Bn.	91
EAST BATTERY	41	7 M.D. D.F.O.	92
EMERY "	42	88 L.A.D.	93
14 A.A. "	43	7 M.D. Cipher Office	94
1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy	44	Bde. Sec. 8 Div. Amn. Sub. Park	95
9 Works & Parks Coy	45	23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd. Park	96
19 Inf. Bn.	46-47	Camp Commandant Adelaide River	97
7 M.D. Intell	48	N.C.O. i/c Sigs. BARROW Ck.	98
7 M.D. Sigs	49-58	" " " BANKA BANKA	99
283 L.A.D.	59	" " " ELLIOTT	100
7 M.D. W/shop & Rec. Sec.	60-61	" " " LARRAMAH	101
(S.O.M.E.)	62	83 L.A.D.	102
119 Aust. Gen. Hosp	63-67	WEST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 AASL Coy.	103
H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.	68	CHANNEL Is. " " "	104
7 M.D. Provost Coy.	69	MIDDLE POINT " " "	105
"B" Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	70	27 Bn.	106
EAST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54 AASL Coy	71	9 Army Troops	107
PICNIC COVE Sec. " "	72	43 Bn.	108
TALC HEAD Sec. " "	73	2 A.A. Battery	109
SWIRE'S BLUFF Sec. " "	74-75	Movement Staff	110-120
7 M.D. D.A.D.O.S.	76	Spares	
7 M.D. Res. M.T.			



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
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Unit HQ 23 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	1 Jan 42			Bde R.O. 85 attached
"	2 "		Air raid alarm blown 0045 hrs; no planes arrived and "All Clear" blown at 0200	HQ R.O. 50 attached
			C.Os. & Coy Comds 27 & 43 Bns attended Bde HQ to hear B.M. discuss 7 MD appreciations.	
	3 "		Report received from 2/14 Fd Regt that at 0900 hrs spotter had seen a submarine off coast. Periscope and conning tower showing.	
			7 MD "I" advised.	
	4 "	a m	B.M. and G.2 7 MD made recce MANTON DAM view defence of area. Bde Comd and L.O.3 visited Rt Sector with O.C. Maj CAMPBELL, also C.O.2/14 Fd Regt and O.E. 2/11 Fd Coy.	
		p m	L.Os. 2 & 3 visited 43 Bn NOONAMAH re tng.	
	5 "	a m	B.M. inspected posts in HOWARD RIVER area. Bde Comd inspected progress on new roads in area. L.O.3 visited NOONAMAH arrange 43 Bn send pl to guard MANTON DAM.	Memo ROLE OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP attached.

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42

To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DARWIN	6 Jan 42	a m	B.M. and Bde Comd inspected defensive works around DRIPSTONE and CASUARINA areas.		
			Three O.Rs. arrived to add to strength HQ.		
		p m	Bde Comd & L.O.3 visited JUNGLE PENIN. Continued to examine MG posns with Rt Sector Comd, Maj CAMPBELL.		
			L.O.3 admitted to BERRIMA Hospital with dengue fever.		
	7 Jan 42			Bde Comd and B.M. visited LEE PT and CASUARINE BEACH to watch 2/14 Fd Regt shoot from beach posns.	
				L.O.3 visited 43 Bn at Rifle Range.	
8 Jan 42	a m		Bde Comd inspected 43 Bn at range practice.		
	p m	Bde Comd and S.C. visited Rt Sector.			
			B.M. with RAE Offr left to site MG post at LUDMILLA BEACH.		
9 Jan 42	a m	Bde Comd inspected 43 Bn shooting at DARWIN Rifle Range.			
	p m	Bde Comd & S.C. visited 43 Bn NOONAMAH and on return journey visited Amm Sec at HOWARD SPRINGS area.			

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde .....

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 .....

To 31 Jan 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	10 Jan 42	a m	I.O. returned from Hospital	
		p m	AASC Offr and L.O.3 escorted Mr TOLRA, Photographer for Dept of Information to Antigas demonstration by Bde Coy AASC Amm Sec & thence to MG post at KINGS CK.	HQ R.O. 51 attached
			New CODE Names issued	CODE Names attached
	11 Jan 42		Bde Comd inspected Rt of LEE POINT PENEN with Maj DAVIES.	
	12 Jan 42	a m	Bde Comd and B.M. watched Fd Arty Registration shoot in LEE POINT area. L.O.3 escorted Mr TOLRA round gun posns during shoot.	
	13 Jan 42	a m	Bde Comd and S.C. visited range. Left Sector reported 5 objects floating WEST of PEANUT FARM. Turned out to be drums used by U S Navy in experiments in floating goods ashore.	HQ R.O. 52 attached
			2 i/c 19 M G Regt reported in. Arrived today.	
		p m	Bde Comd and S.C. visited hospitals.	

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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42

To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	14 Jan 42	p m	B.M. and Maj CAMPBELL inspected DRIPSTONE areas.  at 2010 hrs Left Sector reported suspicious movements of sailing vessel NORTH of LEE PT. At 2015 hrs 2/14 Fd Regt reported same vessel. 7 MD "I" Sec advised. Vessel identified as AUSTRALIAN lugger.	Bde R.O. 86 attached
	15 Jan 42	a m	C.O. 19 M G Regt reported to Bde HQ. Regt replacing 2/4 M G Bn.  L.O.3 to 43 Bn at Rifle Range.	
		p m	L.O.3 to 2/14 Fd Regt at NIGHTCLIFFS	
	17 Jan 42	a m	0020 hrs reports were received from Left Sector of lights off coast between LUDMILLA BEACH and DRIPSTONE. At 0315 hrs HQ 7 MD advised that no action would be taken and no further reports were required. New CODE Names issued	CODE Names attached.
	18 Jan 42	a m	L.Os. 1 & 2 and S.C.L. visited MANTON DAM area.	HQ R.O. 53 attached.
	19 Jan 42	a m	At 0500 hrs Left Sector reports lights out to sea. Information passed to 7 MD.	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19 Jan 42	p m	I.O. recce area CAMERON'S BEACH - MICKET CK.	
	20 Jan 42	a m	Bde Comd & L.O.1 inspected tng of 19 M G Regt at WINNELLIE;  then visited patients from Bde HQ in BERRIMA Hospital.  A Tk shoot by guns in Rt Sector.	
	21 Jan 42	a m	A Tk shoot by guns in Left Sector.	
		p m	2290 hrs report received from 2/14 Fd Regt of small stationary light WEST of NIGHTCLIFF. 7 MD advised that Naval vessel was standing off waiting to enter harbour. No further reports required. 2/14 Fd Regt informed.	
	24 Jan 42		O.C. Rt Sector & I.O. to HOWARD RIVER PENIN for recce.	
	25 Jan 42		I.O. & L.O.2 to ELIZABETH RIVER area for recce.	
	26 Jan 42	a m	Recce of EASTERN edge LEE PT PENIN by I.O.	
			Opn Inst No 7 issued.	Opn Inst No 7 attached.
			Bde Comd inspected progress of camouflaging to conceal construction of Singapore posts.	
			p m	

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Unit HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42

To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	27 Jan 42	a.m.	Capt R.L.POLGLASE temporarily attd from 2/11 Fd Coy as L.O.1 Bde Comd and L.O.2 to NOONAMAH - inspected tng.	H.Q. R.O. 54 attached.
	28 Jan 42	a m	Conference of all Unit C.Os. at Bde HQ to discuss Opn Inst No 7.	
		p m	Bde Comd & B.M.L. to A Tk shoot RAPID CK.	
			Opn Inst No 7 came into operation	Memo attached.
	30 Jan 42		Bde Comd inspected Singapore posts at LEE PT.	
			<u>Officers of Bde HQ during Month of January</u>	
			Bde Comd Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.	
			B.M. Major J. W. FLETCHER	
			B.M.Learner " T. F. DAVIES	
			S.C. Capt G. J. ARN OLD	
			S.C.LearnerLieut L. C. FREEMAN	
			L.O.1 Capt J. N. HENRY	
			L.O.2 Lieut N.S. THOMAS	
			L.O.3 " N. F. PROSSOR	
			I.O. " L. R. MARSHALL	
			T.O. Capt J. W. REDWOOD	
			AASC Offr " E. T. T. SCOTT	
			Amenities	
			Offr Lieut A. J. FITZGERALD	
			O.C. Def Pl " R. T. M. ROSE	
			A/L.O.1 Capt R. L. POLGLASE	
			Major B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde	

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*A. & S. 23rd Aust Inf Bde*  
.....(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors <i>armed</i>			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	11		

\*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).

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.
Major	421881	WIND E.F.	10219	YES	
Major	421292	FLETCHER J.H.	do	do	
Captain	424001	ARMOUR G.T.	do	do	
do	424178	GREENWOOD J.H.	do	do	
do	424177	SCOTT G.T.T.	do	do	
do	42223	HENRY J.N.	do	do	
Major	424577	BRASSER H.F.	do	do	
do	424178	FULLER H.B.	do	do	
do	424178	MARSHALL L.R.	do	do	
do	424178	FREEMAN L.L.	do	do	
do	424178	ROBERTSON R.T.	do	do	
do	424357	FITZGERALD A.J.	do	do	

(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.
Major	424176	DUNN T.T.	2402	17/1/42	BAF

10219 Unit by Bde  
2 Jan 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

Capt.  
8 Jan 42  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF BDE

(Unit) *23 Aust. Inf Bde* 19 *42* (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	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	2		2
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	45		6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>55</b>	*	* 9

\*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.
<i>VX27359</i>	<i>CC, Corps 2.5 M</i>		

**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).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks														1	1
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
<i>Armourers</i>														1	1
<i>2nd Lieut</i>														1	1
<i>C.S.M.</i>														1	1
General duty personnel														5	5
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									1	2	1	6	9		

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

Unit.

Date of Despatch *2 Jan 42*

*[Signature]*  
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*AB 23 Army by Adm* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....	1		
<i>Captain</i> .....	4		
Lieutenants.....	5		
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	11		

\*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).

**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.
Major	VX 42881	LIND ET	12th Bn	Yes	
Major	VX 41151	FLETCHER TW	do		
Captain	VX 42001	HARRIS ET	do		
	VX 40715	KENNEDY TH	do		
	VX 42114	SCOTT ET	do		
	VX 325	HENRY JN	do		
Lieutenant	VX 45737	PROSSER HF	do		
	VX 41542	THOMAS AS	do		
	VX 42440	MARSHALL LR	do		
	VX 44522	FREEMAN LC	do		
	VX 33357	PITZGERALD AS	do		

**(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.
Major	VX 44796	DAVIES TF	2nd Bn	1/11/44	B.M. General

12th Bn  
(Unit.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

9 June 1944  
(Date of Despatch.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

H.Q. 23 AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE. (Unit) 9 Jan 1942 (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals	9	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	52	3	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

\*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.
427359 Cpl RANKINE CC	Corps Lt Sec		

**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).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
<i>Armourer</i>							1	1								
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
<i>Orderly Room</i>																
<i>2 Sec</i>																
<i>Armourer</i>																
General duty personnel								3								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					1	3	4				3	2	5			

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

*9 Jan 42*

Signature of Commander.

S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*AB 23 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Bugler</i> *	1		
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....	1		
<i>Company</i> Captains .....	4		1
Lieutenants.....	5		
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	11		1

\*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).

**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.
Major	421221	LIND	2nd Inf	YES	
Major	421092	FLETCHER	TH		
Captain	441131	ARMOUR	AT		
do.	441785	REYNOLDS	TH		
do.	441714	SCOTT	TH		
do.	44122	HENRY	TH		
do.	4415737	DRAVON	TH		
do.	441112	THOMAS	TH		
do.	4416410	MARSHALL	TH		
do.	441592	FITZGERALD	TH		
do.	4415557	FITZGERALD	TH		

(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.
Major	440796	DAVIES	TH	1/10/43	attached to unit

18.23 Cont by (Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

10 Jan (Date of Despatch.)

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



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE

(Unit)

16 Jan

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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		
Corporals	7	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	45		1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>*</b> 1	<b>*</b> 1

\*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.

**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).

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
<i>Quartermaster</i>																
<i>Body Room</i>																
<i>the</i>																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

Unit.

S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Capt. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*HQ 23 Aust-Inf Bde* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Battalion</i> *	1		
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....			1
Captains .....	4		1
Lieutenants.....			
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	129		2

\*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).

**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.
BRIGADIER	VX26831	LIND	1st Lt	YES	
CAPTAIN	VX40801	ARNOLD	1st Lt	do	
"	VX44713	KEDWOOD	1st Lt	do	
"	VX46714	SCOTT	1st Lt	do	
"	4223	HENRY	1st Lt	do	
LIEUTENANT	VX41592	THOMAS	1st Lt	do	
"	VX41440	MARSHALL	1st Lt	do	
"	VX44322	FREEMAN	1st Lt	do	
"	VX30387	FITZGERALD	1st Lt	do	

**(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.
MAJOR	VX44796	DAVIES	1st Lt	11/11/41	DM LEARNER

(Unit.)

23 Jun 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

8 MUST DIV.

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

HR 23 Aust Int Reg (Unit) 23 JAN 1942 (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	50	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	60	* 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.
VA 27377 CPL RANKINE	CG Corps Int Sec		

**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).

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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(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 TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks													1		1	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														1		1
<i>Orderly Room</i>													1			1
<i>Ammunition</i>													1			1
<i>File</i>													1			1
General duty personnel								1		1						
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								1		1			3	2	5	

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 23 JAN 42

8 AUST DIV.  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*AD 23 Aug 1945* (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>BRUNNEN</i> *	1		
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
<i>SMITH</i> Captains	4		1
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
<b>Totals</b>	10		2

\*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).

**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.
BALDWIN	VX44111	LIND	EE	YES	
CAPTAIN	VX44161	ARNOLD	ET	do	
do	VX44181	REDWOOD	T.W.	do	
do	VX44214	SCOTT	ETT	do	
do	VX223	HENRY	T.H.	do	
do	VX44227	PROSSER	N.P.	do	
do	VX44242	THOMAS	N.S.	do	
do	VX44243	MARSHALL	L.A.	do	
do	VX44277	FREEMAN	L.A.	do	
do	VX30357	FITZGERALD	A.T.	do	

**(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.
MAJOR	VX44226	DAVIES	TR	11 Nov 42	B.M. Liaison
CAPTAIN	VX44185	POULIASE	RL	24 Jan 43	A.I.D.E.
LEUTENANT	VX44117	ROBE	RTM	15 Nov 42	U.C. D.I.P.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

118 23rd Aust Light Inf Bn (Unit) 30 June 1942 (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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	51	2	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>

\*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.
27259 Rpl Rammell	Corps Archer		
9425614 04 STAFF	118 23rd Aust Light Inf Bn		

**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).

118 13 *Amby Bde* Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners													1	1	
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks													1	1	
<i>Amby Bde</i>												1	1	1	
<i>Amby Bde</i>												1	1	1	
<i>Amby Bde</i>												1	1	1	
General duty personnel							2	2							
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							2	2				3	2	5	

*118 13 Amby Bde*  
Unit.  
Date of Despatch *30 Jan 42*

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 1 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDER PART I NUMBER 35

By Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp

FITTING OF WEB EQUIPMENT

1. Units will ensure that great care is taken in the fitting of web equipment. Incorrectly fitted equipment in climates such as that experienced in 7 MD, where very few clothes are worn, is a prevalent cause of serious chafing. Care must be taken that nothing is hung loosely on the equipment which would cause noise during movement.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION

2. Lt Col H.D.BARTON, C.O. 2/12 Fd Amb has been appointed S.M.O. Bde Gp and has been instructed to report periodically on the health of tps in the Bde Gp, hygiene, sanitation, cleanliness of camps and bivouacs etc, and is hereby authorised to inspect such camps and bivouacs from time to time as he considers necessary. He may depute this authority to a senior offr under his Comd.

PETROL SUPPLIES

3. Owing to the difficulty in securing supplies of petrol for current needs and to replenish amount used from reserve stocks, it has become urgently necessary to reduce the consumption of motor spirit by military vehicles to a bare minimum. Units operating M.T. are informed that petrol consumption must be drastically reduced.

RATION COM-  
PARISON W3810

4. Considerable inconvenience has been caused by the fact that Units do not comply with instructions in relation to the rendering of W3810. This return is to be available for collection on Monday morning of each week. Units will in future ensure that the return is rendered on time, correctly compiled showing the balance carried forward from the previous return and supported by the attachment of AB55 for the period concerned.

POSTAL ARRAN-  
GEMENTS WIN-  
NELLIE CAMP

5. Ref Bde R/O No 84 of 29 Dec 41 para 2. the following amendments to times are promulgated. Unit Postal Orderlies will report to Central P.O. WINNELLIE camp at 1015 hrs in lieu of 1115 hrs. Duty Unit will supply lorry to leave WINNELLIE camp P.O. at 1900<sup>hrs</sup> in lieu of 2000 hrs to pick up air mail at DARWIN P.O.

*E. J. Russell*  
Captain  
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

The Bde Comd extends to all personnel of 23 Inf Bde Gp his good wishes and New Year Greetings and those of his staff. He desires the fact to be fully appreciated that for 1942 to be a year of successful national achievement the utmost degree of purposeful personal effort will be demanded, and must be demonstrated, by all ranks. Ultimate success will be assured, but assured only, by the highest degree of training, by strict prompt obedience of comd and by tenacity of purpose. In all these it is our responsibility to prove worthy.

DISTRIBUTION 2/14 Fd Regt, 14 A/Tk Bty, 2/11 Fd Coy, Fd Arty Sigs, Bde :  
Sgt Sec, 27 Bn, 43 Bn, 23 Bde Coy AASC, 2/12 Fd Amb, 23 Bde Gp FdPr,  
23 Bde Gp Wkshop, 83 LAD, DARWIN P.O., DAPM 7 MD, Bde Comd, B.M., B.M.L.,  
S.C., S.C.L., L.O. (3), I.O., T.O., Bde AASC Offr, A.O., HQ 7MD, Bde Camp Comdt.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 2 Jan 42.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 50

by  
Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

DUTY OFFICERS

1. The following officers are detailed as Duty Officers on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 5 Jan 42	Lieut H. S. THOMAS
Tuesday, 6 Jan 42	Lieut L. R. MARSHALL
Wednesday, 7 Jan 42	Lieut L. C. FREEMAN
Thursday, 8 Jan 42	Lieut A. J. FITZGERALD
Friday, 9 Jan 42	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE
Saturday, 10 Jan 42	Lieut H. F. PROSSOR
Sunday, 11 Jan 42	Lieut H. S. THOMAS

ORDERLY NCOs

2. The following N.C.Os are detailed for duty as Orderly NCOs on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 5 Jan 42	VX45615 Cpl DUNCAN, J.C.
Tuesday, 6 Jan 42	NX24772 Cpl TROY, J. B.
Wednesday, 7 Jan 42	VX27359 Cpl RANKINE, C.C.
Thursday, 8 Jan 42	VX38891 L/Cpl BERRY, W.E.F.
Friday, 9 Jan 42	VX37001 Cpl CURRIE, T.G.
Saturday, 10 Jan 42	VX46439 Cpl BUCKNALL, M.K.
Sunday, 11 Jan 42	VX15931 Cpl CAMM, L.C.

SICK PARADES

3. Until further notice Sick Parade will be held at R.A.P. LARRAKBYAH at 0700 hrs daily.

PAYBOOKS

4. Personnel will in future ensure that their paybooks are in their possession at all times. On pay-days the paybooks will be handed in to the Orderly NCO at the morning mess parade.

All ranks will immediately check particulars of next-of-kin as entered in their paybooks. Any alterations which may be necessary will be advised, in writing, to the Orderly Room.

BOUNDS - TOWN OF DARWIN.

(7 M.D. No. 50 of 1 Jan 42)

5. (a) All Hotels in DARWIN and District are out of bounds to all Military personnel until 1400 hrs daily.

(b) KING'S CAFE and the MOONLIGHT CAFE, in CAVANAGH STREET, DARWIN, are out of bounds to all troops at all times until further orders.

These instructions will come into effect immediately and the Town Picquet is to ensure that it is adhered to.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

6. A Court of Inquiry, consisting of the following -

Capt E.T.T. SCOTT, E.D.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	PRESIDENT
Capt R.L. POLGLAZE	2/11 Fd Coy	Member
Capt G.A. TAYLOR	23 Bde Coy AASC	Member

will assemble under the orders of Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D., Commanding 23 Aust Inf Bde, at such time and place as the President may direct, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon an injury sustained by NX223 Capt J. N. HENRY, HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde, on the evening of 24 Dec 41.

The Court will, in particular, report on the following matters -

- (i) What was the nature of the injury and how was it sustained.
- (ii) Was Capt HENRY on duty or otherwise at the time ~~at~~ the injury was sustained.
- (iii) What was his rate of pay on the day of the accident.
- (iv) Was the injury due to misconduct.

Evidence will be taken on oath.

COURT OF  
INQUIRY.

7. A Court of Inquiry, consisting of the following -

Capt E.T.T. SCOTT, E.D.	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	PRESIDENT
Capt R. L. POLGLAZE	2/11 Fd Coy	Member
Capt G. A. TAYLOR	23 Bde Coy AASC	Member

will assemble under the orders of Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D., Commanding 23 Aust Inf Bde, at such time and place as the President may direct, for the purposes of inquiring into and reporting upon -

(a) an accident in which Van 1-ton No. V12956, on charge to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde was damaged on the night of 15/16 Dec 41;

(b) injuries sustained by the following personnel concerned in the accident -

VX26868 Pte FERGUSON, A.C.  
NX44418 Pte JOHNSON, A.N.A.

In particular the Court will report on the following matters -

- (a)
- (i) Was the vehicle on duty at the time of the accident
  - (ii) Was the driver on duty at the time of the accident.
  - (iii) Were Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles adhered to.
  - (iv) Was there negligence on the part of any person or persons. If so, what person or persons, and what act or acts constituted such negligence.
  - (v) What is the estimated cost of repair of the vehicle.
- (b)
- (i) What was the nature of the injuries and what was the manner in which they were sustained.
  - (ii) Were the personnel concerned on duty at the time of the accident or otherwise.
  - (iii) What were their respective rates of pay on the day of the accident.
  - (iv) Were the injuries due to misconduct.

Evidence will be taken on oath.

*Robert W. Rose* Lieutenant  
Camp Commandant HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

Bde Comd	Officers' Mess
B.M.	Orderly Room
B.M.L.	Secs 1, 2 and 3
S.C.	Orderly N.C.O.
S.C.L.	C.Q.M.S.
L.Os (3)	Bde Sig Sec
I.O.	War Diary (2) ✓
T.O.	Camp Commandant LANRAKBYAH
Bde AASC Offr	HQ 7 M.D.
A.O.	File
O.C. Defence Pl	

*War diary*

# Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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Head-Quarters, 23 Aust Inf Bde  
Darwin, Larrakeyah Barracks  
DARWIN 5 Jan 42

HQ 7 MD

## ROLE OF 23 AUST INF BDE GP

1. To provide Covering Force to prevent hostile landings on coast line HOWARD RIVER (incl) to LUDMILLA CK (incl).
2. As Fd Force to attack enemy who may succeed in landing.
3. To provide one Rifle Coy for protection of L of C, ADELAIDE RIVER.
4. Order of Battle of Bde Gp at present includes -

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde and att.  
2/14 Fd Regt  
14 A Tk Bty  
HQ and one sec 2/11 Fd Coy  
23 Fd Coy  
27 Bn  
43 Bn

Units of Supply, Maintenance, Medical, etc.

Of these Units, 27 Bn, 43 Bn, and 23 Fd Coy require at least 3 months uninterrupted tng before they can be considered fit for any operational role.

5. Advice has been received that 19 M G Regt will complete detrainment in 7 MD on 13 Jan 42 to complement these Units.

6. Role 1. Beach Defence

(a) It is necessary to dispose as essential elements for beach defence :-

As a minimum      42 M M Gs  
                         seven 18 pr guns  
                         two tps A Tk guns  
                         two rifle coys

(b) The minimum requirements to provide depth to this Beach defence involve increase of above to

48 M M Gs (one M G Regt (36 MMG) plus one MG  
                         coy Rifle Bn AMF (12 guns))  
one Rifle Bn AMF less MG Coy  
one Fd Regt  
one A Tk Bty (12 guns)

(c) From the force to be available after the arrival of 19 M G Regt the deletion of this strength to Beach Defence of rifle coy to ADELAIDE RIVER involves the reduction of strength of Bde Gp available as Fd Force, Role 2, to -

one Rifle Bn AMF (less one rifle coy)  
HQ and one sec 2/11 Fd Coy  
23 Fd Coy

7. It is submitted that with due regard to
  - (a) lateral extent of Beach Defence responsibility,
  - (b) character of terrain,
  - (c) paucity and character of road and track comns,
  - (d) difficulty of maintenance of mobility in view of (c) and WET season,
  - (e) tac tics of enemy compelling provision of depth to Beach Defence,

(2)

these tps (para 6 (c)) could well be used as local reserves, and the force available is adequate only for the role of Covering Force.

8. If HQ 7 MD appreciate that a Fd Force is necessary, either to deal with landings outside HOWARD RIVER - LUDMILLA CK area, or to attack enemy who succeed in landing in strength within that area, it is submitted that a separate Fd Force should be available in this District, of the strength of a Bde Gp, with a Cav Regt (horsed) included.

9. The wisdom of provision of one cav Regt (horsed) to operate with the Fd Force for recce and flank protection in country of this character is again stressed (see this office S/7/15 of 19 Nov 41). The opinion is repeated that despite local conditions during WET season it would be of utmost value.



Brigadier  
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET.  
S.M. 2339

H.Q.,  
7 M.D.  
17 Jan. 42.

CODE NAMES.

1. Reference to H.Q. 7 M.D. S.M.2259.
2. An additional list of CODE NAMES is forwarded herewith and will be attached to SM.2259.
3. Please accept receipt on attached A.57 and return immediately.
4. Additional CODE NAMES are as follows:-

YIFI	7 M.D. Signals	BATCHELOR
FOLU	19th Mach. Gun Regt.	WINNELLIE

A. L. Elliott

Lt.-Col.,  
General Staff (Int.), 7 M.D..

DISTRIBUTION:

	<u>Copy No.</u>		
2/14 Fd. Regt.	1 - 3	7 M.D. Survey Sec.	83
2/11 Fd. Coy.	4	" A.A.M.C.H.Q. (A.D.M.S.)	84
2/4 Pioneer Bn.	5	14 Fd. Hygiene Sec.	85
2/12 Fd. Amb.	6	18 Fd. Battery	86
23 Bde. Coy A.A.S.C.	7	R.T.O. LARRIMAH	87
23 Ind. Bde. Ord. Fd. W/p.	8	111 Convalescent Depot.	88
H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.	9 - 28	H.Q. Cent. Aust. L of C.	89
H.Q. 7MD "G" Branch	29 - 31	7 M.D. D.F.O.	90
" " "A" "	32 - 33	" Cipher Office	91
" " "Q" "	34 - 35	Bde. Sec. 8 Div. Ann. Sub. Park	92
Darwin Fort. Coy.	36 - 38	23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd. Park	93
H.Q. R.A.A. & Fire Cd.	40	Camp Commandant, ADELAIDE RIV.	94
East Battery	41	N.C.O. i/c Sigs. BARROW CREEK	95
Emery "	42	" " " BANKA BANKA	96
14 A.A. Bty.	43	" " " ELLIOTT	97
1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	44	" " " LARRIMAH	98
9 Works & Parks Coy.	45	83 L.A.D.	99
19 Inf. Bn.	46 - 47	WEST ARM IS. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.C.	100
7 M.D. Intel.	48	CHANNEL IS. " " " "	101
7 M.D. Sigs.	49 - 58	MIDDLE PT. " " " "	102
283 L.A.D.	59	27 Inf. Bn.	103
7 M.D. W/shp. & Rec.		9 Army Tps.	104
Sec. S.O.M.E.	60 - 61	43 Inf. Bn.	105
119 Aust. Gen. Hosp.	62	2 A.A. Bty.	106
H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.	63 - 67	MOVEMENT STAFF	107
7 M.D. Provost Coy.	68	Flagstaff Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.C.	108
"B" Sec. H.Q. 1/54		14 A/Tk. Bty.	109
A.A.S.L. Coy.	69	7 M.D. Ordnance Depot	110
EAST ARM Is. Sec. 1/54		H.Q., A.A. Defence	111
A.A.S.L. Coy.	70	7 M.D. Sigs. ADELAIDE RIV.	112
PICNIC Cove Sec. 1/54		23 Fd. Coy. WINNELLIE	113
A.A.S.L. Coy.	71	108 L.A.D. NOONAMAH	114
TALC HEAD " " "	72	7 M.D. Sigs. BATCHELOR	115
SWIRES BLUFF " "	73	19th MACH. GUN REG. WINNELLIE	116
7 M.D. D.A.D.O.S.	74 - 75	SPARES	117 - 130.
WEST POINT BATTERY	39		
7 M.D. Res. M.T. Coy.	76		
" Bulk Issue Petrol			
U Ord. Depot	77		
" Records Office	78		
" Works Office	79		
" H.Q. R.A.E. C.R.E.	80 - 82		



SECRET.

H.Q.,  
7 M.D.  
10 Jan. 42.

SM: 2259

CODE NAMES.

1. Reference to H.Q. 7 M.D. S.M. 2160.
2. An additional list of CODE NAMES is forwarded herewith and will be attached to S.M.2160.
3. Please accept receipt on attached A.57 and return immediately.
4. Additional CODE NAMES are as follows:-

ZIJU - 23 Fd. Coy. - WINNELLIE.  
 DUXO - 108 L.A.D. - NOONAMAH.

*[Signature]*  
 Lt.-Col.,  
 General Staff (Intell.), 7 M.D.

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2/11 Fd. Coy.	4	" Bulk Issue Petrol & Ord. Depot	77
2/4 Pioneer Bn.	5	" Records Office	78
2/12 Fd. Amb.	6	" Works Office	79
23 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.	7	" H.Q. R.A.E. C.R.E.	80 -82
23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd. W/shp.	8	" Survey Sec.	83
H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.	9 -28	" A.A.M.C. H.Q. (A.D.M.S)	84
H.Q. 7MD. "G" Branch	29 -31	" 14 Fd. Hygiene Sec.	85
" " "A" "	32 -33	" 18 Fd. Battery	86
" " "Q" "	34 -35	R.T.O. LARRIMAH	87
Darwin Fort. Coy.	36 -38	111 Convalescent Depot	88
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East Battery	41	7 M.D. D.F.O.	90
Emery "	42	" Cipher Office	91
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1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy	44	23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd. Park	93
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19 Inf. Bn.	46 -47	N.C.O. i/c Sigs. BARROW CREEK	95
7 M.D. Intell.	48	" " " BANKA BANKA	96
7 M.D. Sigs.	49 -58	" " " ELLIOTT	97
283 L.A.D.	59	" " " LARRAMAH	98
7 M.D. W/shp. & Rec. Sec. S.O.M.E.	60 -61	83 L.A.D.	99
119 Aust. Gen. Hosp.	62	WEST ARM IS. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.	100
H.Q. 7 M.D. A.A.S.C.	63 -67	CHANNEL IS. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.	101
7 M.D. Provost Coy.	68	MIDDLE PT. Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.C.	102
"B" Sec. H.Q. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	69	27 Inf. Bn.	103
EAST ARM Is. Sec 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	70	9 Army Tps.	104
PICNIC Cove Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L. Coy.	71	43 Inf. Bn.	105
TALC HEAD " " "	72	2 A.A. Bty.	106
SWIRES BLUFF " " "	73	MOVEMENT STAFF	107
7 M.D. D.A.D.O.S.	74 -75	Flagstaff Sec. 1/54 A.A.S.L.C.	108
WEST POINT BATTERY	39	14 A/Tk. Bty.	109
		7 M.D. Ordnance Depot	110
		H.Q., A.A. Defence	111
		7 M.D. Sigs. ADELAIDE RIVER	112
		23 Fd. Coy. WINNELLIE	113
		108 L.A.D. NOONAMAH	114
		SPARES	115 -124.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEHQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN 10 Jan 42HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 51by Brigadier E.F.LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade GroupDUTY OFFERS 1. The following Offers are detailed as Duty Offers on the dates set out opposite their names:

Monday	12 Jan 42	Lieut A.J.	FITZGERALD
Tuesday	13	R.T.M.	ROSE
Wednesday	14	N.F.	PROSSOR
Thursday	15	L.C.	FREEMAN
Friday	16	L.R.	MARSHALL
Saturday	17	N.S.	THOMAS
Sunday	18	A.J.	FITZGERALD

ORDERLY NCO 2. The following NCOs are detailed for duty as Orderly NCOs on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday	12 Jan 42	NX24772 Cpl	TROY	J.B.
Tuesday	13	VX27359	RANKINE	C.C.
Wednesday	14	VX38891 L/Cpl	BERRY	W.E.F.
Thursday	15	VX46339 Cpl	BUCKNALL	M.K.
Friday	16	VX45615	DUNCAN	J.C.
Saturday	17	VX15931	CAMM	L.C.
Sunday	18	NX24772	TROY	J.B.

MARKING OF CLOTHING &c 3. Attention is again directed to the necessity for more care to be exercised by personnel in regard to the marking of clothing and equipment, other than web equipment. It is to be clearly understood that no part of the web equipment is to be marked in any way but the individual's name and number is to appear on all clothing, on the respirator haversack (inside flap) and helmet steel (number only painted on inside brim).PROMOTIONS 4. To Be WO II  
VX36070 A/Sgt NASH R.A. - to date from 31 Dec 41.To be A/Cpl  
VX36749 Pte MURDOCH B.H. - to date from 8 Jan 42.OUTWARD MAIL ARRANGEMENTS 4. Until further notice outward air mail will close at Base Post Office, LARRAKEYAH, on the days and times stated hereunder:(a) FOR ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE & SYDNEY  
Monday )  
Tuesday )  
Thursday ) 1100 hrs  
Friday )

Correspondence intended for the above mails must be delivered to the Censoring Officer by 1630 hrs the previous days i.e. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday.

(b) FOR ALL STATES EXCEPT MELBOURNE & ADELAIDE  
Wednesday )  
Sunday ) 2100 hrs.

Correspondence for these mails must reach the Censoring Officer by 1200 hrs on Wednesdays and Sundays.

MOTOR CYCLES ROYAL ENFIELD 5. Units who have Royal Enfield Motor Cycles on issue will carefully note the following -(7 MD R/O 53 of 2 Jan 42)  
(a) Avoid air-locks when filling the sump  
(b) When the cycle is new the oil level will be checked every 100 miles to a total mileage of 2000 miles.CINEMA ENTERTAINMENTS 6. Until further notice, the time laid down in Standing Orders for 'Lights Out' will be put forward 30 minutes on nights when Cinema Entertainments are held. This applies to the particular camp concerned and for that evening only.

7 MD (7 MD R/O 53 of 2 Jan 42)

*Robert M. Rose* Master Sergeant

## NOTICES

LOST From Inter Church Club DARWIN on 27 Dec 41, Steel Helmet and Respirator; Field Dressing in respirator haversack, Helmet marked NX57862 with white paint on rim; identification disc att to tube of respirator stamped NX57862 A.R.GANDER. Finder please communicate with HQ 23 Bde Coy AASC.

LOST In CAFE CARRICORNIA on the night of 5 Jan 42, respirator Haversack complete with anti-dip compound, eye-shields, anti-gas ointment, field dressing and Pay Book, also Helmet steel; both Respirator Haversack and Helmet Steel were clearly marked 'VX45008 RAYNER C.W.' Finder please communicate with Orderly Room 14 A/Tk Bty AIF.

LOST In CAFE CARRICORNIA on the night of 5 Jan 42, respirator Haversack complete with anti-dip compound, eyeshields, anti-gas ointment, field dressings and Pay Book, also Helmet Steel; both Respirator Haversack and Helmet Steel were clearly marked 'VX19483 TOOSE J.W.' Bde TOOSE now holds a respirator Haversack and Helmet Steel, the haversack bearing the name 'FORD C.P.' Exchange can be arranged by contacting Orderly Room 14 A/Tk Bty AIF.

## DISTRIBUTION

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HQ 7 MD

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H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 13 Jan 42.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 52

by Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

- DRESS 1. As from 1800 hrs onwards each night, commencing Tuesday, 13 Jan 42, all personnel of HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde and K Sec Sigs 8 Aust Divn will wear long trousers, in order to afford more adequate protection against mosquito bite. Straps web supporting will be worn in place of belt. Leather belts (including money-belts) will not be worn on the outside of the trouser tops.
- BOUNDS 2. WING'S CAFE and the MOONLIGHT CAFE, CAVENAGE STREET, DARWIN are now in bounds for all troops.  
This cancels sub-para (b) of para 5, 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ R.O. No. 50 of 2 Jan 42.
- ELIZABETH RIVER - M.T. CROSSING. 3. The new flood level crossing which passes over the ELIZABETH RIVER railway bridge will not be used by M.T. vehicles, except in cases of emergency. (7 M.D. R.O. No. 2 of 9 Jan 42, para 2.)
- KAHLIN BEACH - REMOVAL OF SAND. 4. The removal of sand from KAHLIN BEACH is prohibited.
- PROMOTION 5. K SEC SIGS 8 AUST DIV. To be A/L/Cpl -  
VX31964 Sigma DUFFUS, L.J. - To date 12 Jan 42.
- PUNISHMENT 6. The following punishment has been awarded -  
TX5076 Pte BAKER, T.L. Offence - "Using insubordinate language to his superior officer, to wit, Lieut R.T.M. ROSE, at LARRAKEYAH on 9 Jan 42." Punishment - Seven days C.B.

*Robert M. Rose* Lieutenant  
Camp Commandant HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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I.O.	War Diary (2) 2✓
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 14 Jan 42.

ROUTINE ORDER      PART I      NUMBER 86

By Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.,  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

DUTY UNIT - WINNELLIE. 1. Duty Units WINNELLIE are detailed as under -

(Ref Bde R.O.  
No. 84 of 29  
Dec 41)

<u>Week Commencing</u>	<u>Unit</u>
18 Jan 42	23 Fd Coy
25 Jan 42	27 Bn
1 Feb 42	2/11 Fd Coy
8 Feb 42	19 M G Regt

RETURNS

2. One copy only of monthly A.A.F. F115 will in future be rendered to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde by Units of the Bde Gp.

EXCHANGE RATES - AMERICAN DOLLAR.

3. The Australian Government has fixed the rate of exchange of the American currency as 3.2687 dollars to the £1 Australian, and hereunder are given the Australian equivalents to American coinage at that rate -

5 cents 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; 10 cents 7d; 25 cents 1/6; 50 cents 3/-;  
75 cents 4/7; one dollar 6/1; 2 dollars 12/2; 3 dollars 18/4; 4 dollars £1/4/5; 5 dollars £1/10/7; 6 dollars £1/16/8; 7 dollars £2/2/10; 8 dollars £2/8/11; 9 dollars £2/15/-; 10 dollars £3/1/2; 15 dollars £4/11/9; 20 dollars £6/2/4; 25 dollars £7/12/11; 30 dollars £9/3/6; 50 dollars £15/8/11; 100 dollars £30/11/10.

If rates other than these are used the party concerned is liable to heavy penalty under the National Security Act.

This notice will be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.

CORRESPONDENCE.

4. Normal correspondance from Units to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be forwarded in duplicate.

CAMOUFLAGE, STEEL HELMETS.

5. All steel helmets are to be camouflaged in the following manner - Hessian from old or damaged sandbags will be adjusted so that it covers the whole outside surface of the steel helmet. In the absence of hessian some other suitable cloth may be used. The hessian may be painted with green or brown colours, but this is not necessary.

*E. F. Lind*  
Captain  
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

19 M G Regt	23 Bde Coy AASC	OC DARWIN Picquet
2/14 Fd Regt	2/12 Fd Amb	DAPM
14 A Tk Bty	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	7 M.D.
2/11 Fd Coy	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	Camp Commandant
23 Fd Coy	83 L.A.D.	L.A. DARWIN.
F Sec Sigs	108 L.A.D.	War Diary (2) ✓
K Sec Sigs	236 L.A.D.	PLIC.
27 Bn	Comd Right Sub-sector	
43 Bn	Comd Left Sub-sector	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 18 Jan 42.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 53

by Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

DUTY OFFICERS

1. The following officers are detailed as Duty Officers on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 19 Jan 42	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE
Tuesday, 20 Jan 42	Lieut L. C. FREEMAN
Wednesday, 21 Jan 42	Lieut L. R. MARSHALL
Thursday, 22 Jan 42	Lieut N. S. THOMAS
Friday, 23 Jan 42	Lieut A. J. FITZGERALD
Saturday, 24 Jan 42	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE
Sunday, 25 Jan 42	Lieut L. C. FREEMAN
Monday, 26 Jan 42	Lieut L. R. MARSHALL
Tuesday, 27 Jan 42	Lieut N. S. THOMAS

PERRY NCOs

2. The following NCOs are detailed for duty as Orderly NCOs on the dates set out opposite their names -

Monday, 19 Jan 42	VX46439 Cpl HUCKNALL, M.K.
Tuesday, 20 Jan 42	VX38891 L/Cpl PERRY, W.E.F.
Wednesday, 21 Jan 42	NX24772 Cpl TROY, J.B.
Thursday, 22 Jan 42	VX45615 Cpl DUNCAN, J.C.
Friday, 23 Jan 42	VX27359 Cpl HANKINE, C.C.
Saturday, 24 Jan 42	VX37001 Cpl CURRIE, T.C.
Sunday, 25 Jan 42	VX46439 Cpl HUCKNALL, M.K.
Monday, 26 Jan 42	VX38891 L/Cpl PERRY, W.E.F.
Tuesday, 27 Jan 42	NX24772 Cpl TROY, J.B.

*Robert M. Rose*

Lieutenant  
Camp Commandant HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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Ede Sig Sec  
War Diary (2)  
Camp Commandant LARRAKKYAK.  
H Q 7 M D  
File

*War Diary*

23 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 7

Copy No. 28

Ref Maps: DARWIN Sketch, 1 inch to 1 mile.  
DARWIN 1 inch to 4 miles.

26 Jan 42

1. This instrn supercedes Opn Instrn No 6.

Defence of DARWIN

2. Units in 7 M D are to defend DARWIN as an advanced base. Types of attack which may have to be met are -
- (a) Air bombing or shelling from the sea;  
(b) Landings, possibly accompanied by airborne and parachute tps.
3. Air bombing and shelling from the sea are to be countered by A A and Fixed Defences.

Units of this Bde Gp will take cover and man AALMG posts.

4. Defence of Fortress Sector, i.e., DARWIN PENINSULA, WEST of and incl LUDMILLA CREEK is the responsibility of Fortress Covering Force.

TPS UNDER COMD

5. 19 M G Regt and 236 LAD, 2/14 Fd Regt and 83 LAD, 14 A Tk Bty, 2/11 Fd Coy less two secs, 23 Fd Coy, F and K Secs Sigs 8 Aust Div, 27 Bn less one sec Carriers, 43 Bn less one rifle coy, 23 Bde Coy AASC, 2/12 Fd Amb, 108 LAD, 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop, 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.

INTENTION.

6. 23 Aust Inf Bde will defend coast from incl HOWARD RIVER (0320) to excl LUDMILLA CREEK (809145) and will attack enemy when place of landing is disclosed.

METHOD.

7. Coast will be divided into sectors as follows:-

- (a) Right Sector - Comd, Lt-Col D. CLARK, 19 M G Regt  
From incl HOWARD RIVER to incl 902180.

Tps to defend

19 M G Regt - HQ  
HQ Sqn  
one sqn and one tp  
one 18-pr gun 2/14 Fd Regt  
one tp 14 A Tk Bty  
one sec 23 Fd Coy  
two rifle coys 27 Bn (one pl to patrol crossing over HOWARD RIVER at 093083. M/C orderly to be attached.)

- (b) Centre Sector - Comd, Lt-Col L. K. FARQUHAR, E.D., 27 Bn  
From excl 902180 to excl RAPID CREEK.

Tps to defend

two sqns less one tp 19 M G Regt  
three 18-pr guns 2/14 Fd Regt  
one tp 14 A Tk Bty  
one sec 23 Fd Coy  
27 Bn - HQ  
HQ Coy less det sigs and one sec carriers  
one rifle coy  
one pl E (MG) Coy

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(c) Left Sector - Comd. Major S. W. STRETT, 14 A Tk Bty.  
From incl RAPID CREEK to excl LUDMILLA CREEK

Tps to defend

three 18-pr guns 2/14 Fd Regt  
one sec 23 Fd Coy  
27 Bn - E (MG) Coy less one pl  
one rifle coy less one pl  
det sigs

8. ARTY

2/14 Fd Regt less beach guns will occupy bty and tp posns as already reconnoitred. Sector Comds requiring additional arty support will call on btys as follows:-

Right Sector - 27 Bty  
Centre Sectr - 28 Bty  
Left Sector - 28 Bty.

9. BDE RESERVE

14 A Tk Bty less two tps  
2/11 Fd Coy less two secs  
HQ 23 Fd Coy  
43 Bn less one coy

10. War stations, to be occupied on receipt of order from Bde HQ, will be taken up in accordance with movement table to be issued with order to occupy war posns. Stations will be -

Tps under comd in sectors	-	as ordered by Sector Comds
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde K Sec Sigs and 108 LAD	)	SE road junc 905119
2/14 Fd Regt - Regtl HQ	-	do
27 Fd Bty - HQ and B Ech	-	vicinity Xris 9213
28 Fd Bty - HQ and B Ech	-	855153
14 A Tk Bty - HQ one tp and B Ech	-	SE road junc 905119 8912 (NORTH of MAIN ROAD)
2/11 Fd Coy (less two secs)	-	9111 (NORTH of MAIN ROAD)
HQ 23 Fd Coy	-	do
43 Bn less one coy	-	NE rd junc 905134.

OCCUPATION OF WAR STATIONS

11. Tps of sectors (para 7) will be on 8 hours notice to complete. Remainder of tps under comd will be at 10 hrs notice to complete. MG and A Tk beach defence posts in all sectors will continue to be manned at half strength until move to war stations is ordered.
12. In event of enemy attack there will be no retirement from beach defences except withdrawal of 18-pr guns which can no longer carry out their role. Such withdrawals will not be carried out while guns are able to engage the enemy without endangering our own tps.
13. Any attempted landing will be reported immediately by the quickest means to Sector and Bde HQ.
14. Beach defence posts will be completed as arranged verbally. Camouflage will be erected over all defensive works. First task in any new work will be the erection of camouflage.

*Jos*



15. Existing wire obstacles will be strengthened and kept in repair. Wire will be erected for all round defence of posts.
16. Beaches will be watched by day and patrolled by night.
17. All Units are reminded of the necessity for continual alertness and the immediate reporting of any suspicious incident. In the event of paratp landings in any locality, tps in the vicinity must take immediate and vigorous action to kill or capture them.

SECURITY DETACHMENTS

18. (a) 27 Bn - one sec Carriers for defence RAAF aerodrome.  
one rifle pl for defence of Bde HQ at war station.
- (b) 43 In - one rifle coy for defence ADELAIDE RIVER DEPOT.
- (c) Present guard at LANTON DAM is to be taken over by VDC after issue of order to occupy war stations.

ADH

19. (a) HQ 23 Bde Coy AASC KNUCKEY'S LAGOON 935112.

(b) Arm

A R H ADELAIDE RIVER  
A R P McHENNIS 035992  
A Ps will be opened and closed as ordered vicinity Rd  
junc 858164  
KNUCKEY'S LAGOON 935112 (including inf requirements)

(c) Supplies

S R H NOONAMAI 082874  
S R P 082928  
Sup Ps Right Sector Rd track junc 921114  
Centre Sector " " " 887165  
Left Sector " " " 825148  
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Rd junc 905119  
2/14 Fd Regt " " " "  
14 A Tr Dty " " " "  
2/11 Fd Coy " " 922113  
23 Fd Coy " " "  
43 Bn " " 905119  
2/12 Fd Amb 010045  
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop 973075  
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk "

With the exception of Left Sector Unit guide will meet Sup vehicles on roads at pts 300x EAST of locations given above. Left Sector guide will be at the pt named. Sup vehicles will be directed by Unit guides to D Ps which will NOT be in adv of Unit HQ.

Sector gps as enumerated in para 7 will constitute individual Units as far as issue of rations and petrol is concerned.

Units will indent as usual for the whole Unit less those detached to Sectors.

(d) Petrol

P R H NOONAMAI 082874  
P R P 082948  
P P WINDILLIE 879127 and will remain open.

- Jwb* (e) 23 Bde Coy AASC Wkshop 018035.

(f) Water

W Ps Right Sector 905119  
 Centre Sector WINDMILLIE Camp 879127  
 Left Sector 833126  
 23 Bde Coy AASC  
 and LMS 011043  
 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop 949099  
 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Rd Pk "

(g) Medical

A D S 905124  
 M D S 015047  
 C Ps 022162 (not to be opened until called for)  
 953158  
 863197  
 828162

(h) 23 Inf Bde Gp Ord Wkshop PACKARDS KNOB 957084  
 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Rd Pk " " "

(j) Traffic Routes

(i) Right Sector. In and Out traffic IRONSTONE LAGOON Rd  
 921112.

(ii) Centre Sector - In QUARANTINE Rd; OUT, RAAF Rd.

(iii) Left Sector - In BAGOT Rd; OUT, RAAF Rd.

Routes to war stations will be detailed in Movement Order  
 when issued.

Probable routes are as under -

2/14 Fd Regt - HQ-BAGOT Rd, NORTH AUSTRALIA Rd.  
 27 and 28 Btys - NIGHTCLIFFS Rd, McMILLANS  
 Rd

14 A Tk Bty - HQ and one tp - BAGOT Rd, NORTH AUSTRALIA Rd.

All other Units NORTH AUSTRALIA Rd.

INTERCOMM

20. Line comm direct from beach defence posts through Sector HQ, to Bde HQ will be established.
21. Line comm will be established between Bde HQ and war stations of Units.
22. Present wireless frequencies will be maintained. Wireless silence after receipt of order to occupy war stations.
23. Units report posn HQ when occupied.
24. Ack

  
 Major  
 B.L. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

Signed at 14.16 hrs

Issued to Sigs at 15.25 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	19 L G Regt	15	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wksh
2-4	2/14 Fd Regt	16	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Rd Pk
5	14 A Tk Bty	17	Comd Right Sector
6	2/11 Fd Coy	18	Comd Centre Sector
7	23 Fd Coy	19	Comd Left Sector
8	Fd Regt Sigs	20	Bde Comd
9	Bde Sig Sec	21	B.L.
10	27 Bn	22	S.C.
11	43 Bn	23	T.O.
12	23 Bde Coy AASC	24	Bde AASC Offr
13	2/12 Fd Amb	25	HQ 7 LD
14	108 LAD	26	File
		27/28	War Diary
		29/35	Spare

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 27 Jan 42.

HEADQUARTERS ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER 54

by Brigadier E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.  
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

DUTY OFFICERS

1. The following officers are detailed as Duty Officers on the dates set out opposite their names -

Wednesday, 28 Jan 42	Lieut A. J. FITZGERALD
Thursday, 29 Jan 42	Lieut R. T. M. ROSE
Friday, 30 Jan 42	Lieut L. C. FREEMAN
Saturday, 31 Jan 42	Lieut L. R. MARSHALL
Sunday, 1 Feb 42	Lieut N. S. THOMAS
Monday, 2 Feb 42	Lieut N. F. PROSSOR
Tuesday, 3 Feb 42	Lieut A. J. FITZGERALD

ORDERLY NCO

2. The following NCOs are detailed as Orderly NCOs on the dates set out opposite their names -

Wednesday, 28 Jan 42	VX27359 Cpl RANKINE, C.C.
Thursday, 29 Jan 42	VX37001 Cpl CURRIE, T.G.
Friday, 30 Jan 42	VX46439 Cpl BUCKNALL, M.K.
Saturday, 31 Jan 42	VX38891 L/Cpl BERRY, W.E.F.
Sunday, 1 Feb 42	NX24772 Cpl TROY, J.B.
Monday, 2 Feb 42	VX45615 Cpl DUNCAN, J.C.
Tuesday, 3 Feb 42	VX27359 Cpl RANKINE, C.C.

DRESS

3. No dress other than that on issue will be worn. In particular leather belts will not be worn outside any part of the clothing.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS - MESSING

4. When admitted to hospital personnel will take with them their personal messing utensils. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders of this order.

SWIMMING AND SUN - BAKING : PRECAUTIONS

5. Owing to the prevalence of sea lice, stone fish, blue bottles and infections such as Singapore Ear etc., salt water bathing should not be indulged in during the wet season. Where sun-baking is practised, care must be taken against over-exposure. Even dull days can cause severe burning.

BOUNDS - TOWN OF DARWIN

6. All restaurants and cafes in the town of DARWIN are out of bounds to all military personnel at all times until further notice. This instruction is necessary to ensure that foodstuffs for civilian population are not consumed by troops who have their own supply. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel contravening this order.

*Robert M. Rose*  
Lieutenant  
Camp Commandant HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE

COMFORTS

The recent issue of cigarettes, Minties, Bridd Fruit and cake, together with books, periodicals etc. was the gift of our own Bde HQ S.A.F. Auxiliary and was but another instance of their work on our behalf.

Another case of camouflage nets was also received from our auxiliary, making a total of 4 18' x 18' and 35 12' x 12' nets received to date.

DISTRIBUTION.

Bde Comd	T.O.	Orderly NCO
BM	A.A.S.C. Offr	C.Q.M.S.
BML	A.O.	Bde Sig Sec
S C	O.C. Def Pl	War Diary (2)
SCE	Officers' Mess	Camp Comdt LARRA
L.Os (3)	Orderly Room	HQ 7 M D
I.O.	Secs 1, 2 and 3	File

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde  
DARWIN. 28 Jan 42.

S/7/37

BEACH DEFENCE

As at 1800 hrs Thursday, 29 Jan 42, command of Beach Defence Sectors, as detailed in 23 Aust Inf Bde Operation Instruction No. 7 dated 26 Jan 42, will be taken over by Lt-Col D. CLARK, 19 M G Regt, Lt-Col L. K. FARQUHAR, E.D., 27 Bn, and Major S. W. STRUTT, 14 A Tk Bty.

2. Detailed instructions as to the tps to be employed at this stage were issued verbally to all concerned by the Bde Comd this morning.

3. The change-over of personnel is to be completed at the same hour.

4. Please acknowledge receipt.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major  
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

19 M G Regt  
2/14 Fd Regt  
14 A Tk Bty  
2/11 Fd Coy  
23 Fd Coy  
Fd Regt Sigs  
Bde Sig Sec  
27 Bn  
43 Bn  
23 Bde Coy AASC  
2/12 Fd Amb  
108 LAD  
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop

23 Ind Bde Gp Crd Fd Pk  
Comd Right Sector  
Comd Centre Sector  
Comd Left Sector  
Bde Comd  
B.M.  
S.C.  
T.O.  
Bde AASC Offr  
HQ 7 M.D.  
File  
War Diary (2) ✓  
Spare (7)

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HEAVY BATTERY, R.A.A. (2 6-inch Mark XI Guns)  
"SPARROW"

WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Provisional)

(1) Summary of ranks

Detail	Number
Major	1
Captain	1
Lieutenants	4
Total, Officers	6
Master gunner (3rd class) (warrant officer class II)	1
Battery sergeant-major (warrant officer class II)	1
Total, warrant officers	2
Battery quartermaster-sergeant	1
Sergeants	6
Sergeant artificer, artillery	1
Sergeant cook	1
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	9
Bombardiers (may incl 2 lance-sergeants)	13
Gunners (may include 7 lance-bombardiers)	92
Driver, M.T.	1
Total, rank and file	106
Total, other ranks	117
Total, all ranks	123
<u>Attached</u>	
A.A.M.C. - Major or Captain	1
A.A.O.C. - Armament staff-sergeant	1
Sergeant artisan	1
Total, all ranks, including attached.	126

HEAVY BATTERY, R.A.A. 2.  
 (2 6-inch Mark XI Guns)  
 "SPARROW"

A.I.F.  
 VI/1940/9/1  
 WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
 (Provisional)

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Number
<u>Trade group I</u>	
Artificer, Artillery	(a)1
<u>Trade group II</u>	
Cooks	(a)3
Instrument operators	5
<u>Trade Group III</u>	
Clerks	(a)3
Gunlayers (2 per gun)	4
Range takers	9
Tailor	1
<u>Non-specialists</u>	
Bombardiers	9
A.A.L.M.G. detachments	(b)7
Ammunition numbers	12
Batmen	2
Canteen steward	1
District gunner	1
Dial numbers	3
Gun detachments	26
Mess orderlies	3
Medical officer's orderly	(b)1
Storomen	(a)2
Telephonists	11
Trumpeter	1
Driver, M.T.	1
Total, rank and file	106

(iii) Transport

Van, 15-cwt., G.S.....1

(iv) Table of weapons (small arms) and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455 inch	(c) 10	12	60	180
Rifles, .303 inch	116	50	-	5,800
A.A.L.M.Gs. .303 inch	2	1,000	1,000	3,000

- (a) Includes, or is, a bombardier  
 (b) Includes, or is, a lance-bombardier  
 (c) Officers, master gunner, B.S.M. and B.Q.M.S. are armed with pistols.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements

Sergeant 1  
 Bombardier 1  
 Gunners 9

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FORTRESS COMPANY, R.A.E.  
"SPARROW"

WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Provisional)

(1) Summary of ranks

Detail	Head- quarters.	D.E.L. section.	Works section	Tot. Fortress Coy "Sparrow"
Captain	1	-	-	1
Lieutenants	(a)1	1	(b)1	3
Total, Officers	2	1	1	4
Mechanist quartermaster-sergeant (warrant offr class II)	1	-	-	1
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer Class II)	1	-	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	-	-	2
Company quartermaster-sgt	1	-	-	1
Mechanist staff-sergeant	-	-	1	1
Mechanist sergeants	-	2	1	3
Sergeants	-	2	-	2
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	1	4	2	7
Corporals	3	4	3	10
Sappers	4	15	8	27
Drivers, M.T.	2	-	-	2
Total, rank and file	9	19	11	39
Total, other ranks	12	23	13	48
Total, all ranks	14	(c)24	(c)14	(d)52

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Head quarters	D.E.L. section	Works Section	Total Fortress company "Sparrow"
<u>Trade group I</u>				
Draughtsman	-	-	(e)1	1
Plumber	-	-	1	1
<u>Trade group II</u>				
Electricians	-	-	(e)2	2
Carpenters	-	-	(e)2	2
Cooks	(e)2	-	-	2
<u>Instrument operators -</u>				
Searchlights	-	(f)4	-	4
Switchboard	-	2	-	2
Traversing switch	-	4	-	4
Painter	-	-	1	1
<u>Trade group III</u>				
Clerks	(e)2	-	-	2
Engine hands I.C.	-	(f)4	-	4
Technical storeman	(e)1	-	-	1
<u>Non-specialists</u>				
Batmen	2	1	1	4
Drivers, M.T.	2	-	-	2
Pioneers	-	-	3	3
Telephonists	-	4	-	4
Total, rank and file	9	19	11	39

(iii) Transport

Van, 15-cwt., G.S. 1  
Lorry, 30-cwt., G.S. 1

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	4	12	24	72
Rifles, .303-inch	48	50	2,000	4,400
A.A.L.M.Gs, .303-inch	2	1,000	1,000	3,000

- (a) Electrical and mechanical.  
 (b) Garrison engineer.  
 (c) 4 men in each section will be trained in the use of the A.A.L.M.G  
 (d) At least 1 officer and 2 other ranks will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.  
 (e) Includes, or is, a corporal.  
 (f) Includes 2 corporals.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -

Rank and file 2.



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FORTRESS SIGNALS - "SPARROW"

This unit is designed to -

- (i) Maintain all fixed signal services in the fortress area.
- (ii) Provide, operate and maintain communications between headquarters and units allotted as portion of the garrison.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Headquarters	Idle and operating sub-section	Wireless sub-section	Maintenance sub-section	Total, Fortress signals
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Lieutenant	-	-	-	1	1
<b>Total, officers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Company quartermaster-sergeant (foreman of signals)	-	-	-	1	1
Sergeants	1	1	1	-	3
<b>Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Corporals	2	2	1	2	7
Signalman	3	8	4	5	20
Drivers, M.T.	1	1	-	1	3
<b>Total, rank and file</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total, other ranks</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

<u>Trade group I</u>					
Electricians (signals)	-	-	-	(a)2	2
Fitter (signals)	-	-	-	1	1
Instrument mechanic	-	-	-	1	1
<u>Trade group II</u>					
Cooks	(a)2	-	-	-	2
Linemen (signals)	-	3	-	(a)3	6
Operators (signals)	-	(a)4	(a)5	-	9
<u>Trade Group III</u>					
Clerk	1	-	-	-	1
Despatch riders	-	(a)3	-	-	3
Draughtsman (signals)	1	-	-	-	1
Technical storeman	(a)1	-	-	-	1
<u>Non-specialists</u>					
Drivers, M.T. for - Batman driver Vehicles	1	-	-	-	1
	-	1	-	1	2
<b>Total, rank and file</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>

FORTRESS SIGNALS --  
"SPARROW"

3.

A.I.F.  
VI/1940/16/1  
WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Provisional)

(iii) Transport

Detail	Headquarters	Line and operat- sub-section	Wireless sub-section	Maintenance sub-section	Total, Fortress signals
Motor cycles	-	(b)4	-	-	4
Vans, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	1	-	1	3
Vans, 1-ton, wireless	-	-	(c)2	-	2
Lorry, 30-cwt., C.S.	(d)1	-	-	-	1
Total, vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	2	1	2	1	6

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On Man	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	(e)16	12	96	208
Rifles, .303-inch	20	25	1,000	1,500

- (a) Includes, or is, a corporal  
(b) Three for despatch riders, 1 for sergeant.  
(c) Driven by operators.  
(d) Driven by corporal storeman.  
(e) The following are armed with pistols:-

Officers	2
Company quartermaster-sgt	1
Electricians	2
Fitter	1
Lineman	6
Personnel on motor cycles	4
Total	16

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

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First reinforcements -

Rank and file 3

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A.A.S.C. SECTION - "SPARROW"

Consisting of -

- Headquarters
- Supply sub-section
- M.T. sub-section
- Field bakery sub-section
- Field butchery sub-section.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(Provisional)

(1) Summary of Ranks

Detail	Headquarters	Supply sub-section	M.T. sub-section	Field bakery sub-section	Field butchery sub-section	Total, AASC Section "Sparrow"
Captain .. ..	1	-	-	-	-	1
Lieutenants .. ..	(a) 2	-	-	-	-	2
Total, Officers ..	3	-	-	-	-	3
Warrant Officers class II (baker)	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	-	-	-	1	-	1
Staff-sergeant (butcher) ..	-	-	-	-	1	1
Staff-sergeant (clerk) ..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Sergeant	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants..	-	1	1	-	1	3
Corporals .. ..	1	1	2	1	1	6
Privates .. ..	1	3	2	2	2	10
Drivers, M.T. .. ..	3	-	16	-	-	19
Total, rank and file..	5	4	20	3	3	35
Total, other ranks ..	5	5	21	4	4	39
Total, all ranks ..	8	5	21	4	4	42
<del>Attached -</del>						
<del>P.M.C. - Sergeant (b) ..</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>1</del>
<del>A.A.C.G. - Sergeant (e) ..</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>1</del>
Total, all ranks, <del>including</del> <del>attached</del> ..	<del>10</del>	5	21	4	4	42 <del>44</del>

A.A.S.C. SECTION -  
"SPARROW"

## (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Detail	Headq quarters	Supply sub- section	M.T. sub- section	Field bakery sub-section	Field butchery sub-section	Total A.A.S.C. Section "Sparrow"
<u>Trade group II</u>						
Bakers .. .. .		1	1	(d) 3	1	3
Cooks .. .. .	(d) 2	1	1	1	1	2
<u>Trade group III</u>						
Butchers .. .. .	1	1	1	1	(g) 3	3
Clerks - supply .. .. .	1	(d) 2	1	1	1	2
Driver-mechanics .. .. .	1	1	1	1	1	(e) 2
<u>Non-specialists</u>						
Assessors .. .. .	1	2	1	1	1	2
Drivers, M.T. for-						
Batman .. .. .	1	1	1	1	1	1
General Duties .. .. .	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sanitary and water duties	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vehicles .. .. .	1	1	(f) 18	1	1	18
<b>Total, rank and file ..</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>

## (iii) Transport (≡)

~~Lorries, 30-cwt., G.S. ..~~Motor Cycle 1  
Van 15-cwt G.S. 1

## (iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Lorries 30cwt G.S (g) 10  
Lorries 5-ton G.S. 4

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch ..	3	12	18	54
Rifles, .303-inch ..	39	20	1,000	<del>1,020</del> 1,780

(a) 1 M.T. and 1 supply officer.

(b) ~~For supervision of refrigerators.~~(c) ~~For supervision of stores and ammunition.~~

(d) Includes 1 corporal

(e) Driver-mechanics are included in the total number available as drivers for vehicles.

(f) Includes 2 corporals

(g) These vehicles are also available for troop carrying purposes.

## NOTE

Repairs to the vehicles of this unit will be effected by a light aid detachment A.A.O.G.

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A.A.S.C. SECTION - "GULL"

Consisting of -

- Headquarters
- Supply Sub-section
- M.T. Sub-section
- Field bakery sub-section.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Provisional)

(1) Summary of ranks -

Detail	Headquarters	Supply sub-section	M.T. sub-section	Field bakery sub-section	Total, A.A.S.C. Section "GULL"
Captain .. .. .	1	-	-	-	1
Lieutenants .. .. .	(a) 2	-	-	-	2
Total, officers .. .. .	3	-	-	-	3
Warrant officer class II (baker) .. .. .	-	-	-	1	1
Total, warrant officers .. .. .	-	-	-	1	1
Staff-sergeant clerk .. .. .	-	1	-	-	1
Sergeant .. .. .	-	-	1	-	1
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants .. .. .	-	1	1	-	2
Corporals .. .. .	1	2	2	1	6
Privates .. .. .	1	4	2	2	9
Drivers, M.T. .. .. .	3	-	16	-	19
Total, rank and file .. .. .	5	6	20	3	34
Total, other ranks .. .. .	5	7	21	4	37
Total, all ranks .. .. .	8	7	21	4	40
<del>Attached - R.A.E. Sergeant (C) .. .. .</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>1</del>
<del>A.A.S.C. Sergeant (C) .. .. .</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>1</del>
Total, all ranks, including attached	8	7	21	4	40

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Detail	Headquarters	Supply sub-section	M.T. sub-section	Field bakery sub-section	Total, A.A.S.C. Section "GULL"
<u>Trade Group II -</u>					
Bakers .. .. .	(d) 1	-	-	(d) 5	2
Cooks .. .. .	(d) 2	-	-	-	2
<u>Trade Group III</u>					
Butchers .. .. .	-	(d) 2	-	-	2
Clerks - supply .. .. .	-	(d) 2	-	-	2
Driver - mechanics .. .. .	-	-	2	-	(e) 2
<u>Non-specialists</u>					
Issuers .. .. .	-	2	-	-	2
Drivers, M.T. for -					
Batman .. .. .	1	-	-	-	1
General Duties .. .. .	1	-	-	-	1
Sanitary and water duties .. .. .	1	-	-	-	1
Vehicles .. .. .	-	-	(f) 18	-	18
<b>Total, rank and file .. .. .</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>

(iii) Transport ( = )

~~Lorries, 30-cwt., G.S. .. .. .~~

Motor Cycle 1  
 Van 15-cwt G.S. 1  
 Lorries 30-cwt G.S. (g) 10  
 Lorries 3-ton G.S. 4

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch .. .. .	3	12	18	54
Rifles, .303-inch .. .. .	37	20	1,000	<del>1,780</del> 1,740

- (a) 1 M.T. officer and 1 Supply officer.
- ~~(b) For supervision of refrigerators.~~
- ~~(c) For supervision of stores and ammunition.~~
- (d) Includes 1 corporal
- (e) Driver-mechanics are included in the total number available as drivers for vehicles.
- (f) Includes 2 corporals.
- (g) These vehicles are also available for troop carrying purposes.

NOTE

Repairs to vehicles of this unit will be effected by a light aid detachment, A.A.O.C.

(1) Summary of ranks

Detail	"A", "B" and "C" Brigade sections each							Total, section	Total, divisional ammunition sub-mark A.A.S.C.
	Headquarters	Headquarters	1 sub-section	2 sub-section	3 sub-section	4 sub-section	1 Workshop		
Major	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Lieutenants	(a)3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
Total, officers	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Company sergeant-major (warrant officers class II)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total, warrant officers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mechanist staff-sergeants	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Sergeant - fitters	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Sergeants	-	(b)2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Total Staff-sergeants and sergeants	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	13
Corporals	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	10	31
Privates	-	2	1	1	1	1	11	17	51
Drivers, M.T.	5	33	7	7	8	7	2	64	197
Total, rank and file	6	39	9	9	10	9	15	91	279
Total, other ranks	8	41	9	9	10	9	17 (c)	95	293
Total, all ranks	12	42	9	9	10	9	17	96	300



(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Details	Headquarters	"A", "B" and "C" brigade sections (each)						Total Section	Total, divisional attunition sub-park A.A.S.C.
		Headquarters	1 sub-section	2 sub-section	3 Sub-section	4 Sub-section	Workshop		
<u>Trade Group I</u>									
Blacksmiths	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Fitters, M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a)2	2	6
Welders	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
<u>Trade group II</u>									
Carpenters	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Cooks	-	(d)3	-	-	-	-	-	3	9
Mechanics, M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	(e)4	4	12
Painters and signwriters	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
<u>Trade group III</u>									
Clerks, T.M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	(f)1	1	3
Clerks	(d)1	(d)1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Driver-mechanics (g)	-	-	1	1	1	1	(h)2	6	18
<u>Non-Specialists</u>									
Corporals i/c sub-sections	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	12
Drivers, M.T. for -									
Batmen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Batmen-drivers	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
L.M.C. detachments	-	(d)3	-	-	-	-	-	3	9
Loaders	-	(d)22	-	-	-	-	-	22	66
Motor cyclist orderlies	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	22	7
Sanitary and water duties	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Vehicles	1	(e)6	(e)7	(e)7	(e)8	(e)7	2	37	112
<b>Total, rank and file</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>279</b>

A DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION SUB-PARK,  
A.A.S.C.

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## (iii) Transport

Detail	Headquarters	"A", "B" and "C" brigade sections (each)						Total, section	Total Divisional Ammunition Sub-Park A.A.S.C.	Total, vehicles, by type
		Headquarters	1 sub-section	2 sub-section	3 sub-section	4 sub-section	Workshop			
Motor cycles	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	8	25	25
Vans, 15-cwt, G.S.	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	6
Vans, 1-ton, G.S. for - L.M.G. detachments and A.T. rifles	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Lorries, 30-cwt., G.S. for - Unit baggage and anti-gas reserved	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Unit petrol distribution	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Lorries, 30-cwt - Kitchen	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Water tank	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S. for - 25 pr ammunition	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	10	30	30
2 pr A.T. ammunition	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3
.55 inch A.T. rifle ammunition	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3
Small arms ammunition	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3
2-inch mortar ammunition	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	12	12
3-inch mortar ammunition	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	3
Grenades	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	3
Fireworks and explosives	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	3
Anti-tank mines	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	3
A.A.S.C. technical stores and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	3
Spare	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	6
Lorries, 3-ton Breakdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	3
Garage (A.A.S.C.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	3
Stores	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	3
<b>Total, vehicles (excluding motor cycles)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>102</b>	
<u>Alternate loading for 18-pr and 4.5-inch howitzer ammunition</u>										
The lorries shown as carrying 25-pr ammunition will be loaded as follows :-										
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S. for - 18 pr ammunition	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	15	15
4.5-inch howitzer ammunition	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	15	15

(iv) Allotment of vans 15-cwt G.S. and motor cycles

Detail	Vans 15 cwt G.S.	Motor cycles
<u>Headquarters</u>		
Major	1	-
Lieutenants	2	-
Motor cyclist orderly		1
<u>"A", "B" and "C" sections (each)</u> <u>less workshop</u>		
Lieutenant	1	-
Sergeant	-	1
Motor cyclist orderlies	-	2
Corporals i/c sub-sections	-	4
<u>Workshop</u>		
Mechanist staff-sergeant	-	1
Total	6	25

(v) Table of ammunition and explosives carried  
Three Brigade sections (each)

Detail	Approximate number of weapons for which provided	Scale per Weapon	Rounds Carried	Number of lorries 3-ton
Artillery ammunition				
25-pr	24	75	1800	10
or				
16-pr	16	62	992	) 10
4.5-inch howitzer	8	84	672	
Anti-tank guns and rifles				
2x2 2-pr A.T. gun	16	48	768	1
.55-inch A.T. rifle	120	50	6,000	1
Small arms ammunition				
L.M.G., .303-inch A.A.	63	600	37,800	)
L.M.G., .303-inch, ground	153	600	91,800	
Medium machine gun..303-inch	20	1,500	30,000	) 4
Rifles, .303 inch	2,500	40	100,000	
Pistols, .455-inch	470	6	2,820	)
Mortars -				
3-inch mortars, H.E.	6	42	252	) 1
Smoke	6	30	180	
2-inch mortars, H.E.	36	12	432	) 1
Smoke	36	36	2,296	
Grenades	-	-	540	1
Fireworks and explosives				
Signal pistol ammunition	100	6	600	) 1
Explosives		as approved		
Anti-tank mines -				
Active	-	-	408	1

(vi) Table of weapons and ammunition

	Number		On man or with gun	Total		Total, divisional ammunition sub,park, A.A.S.C.
	Sub- park H.Q.	Each Section		Sub- park H.Q.	Each Section	
Pistols, .455-inch	5	9	12	60	108	384
Rifles, .303-inch	7	87	20	140	1740	5360
L.M.G., .303-inch	-	1	1000	-	1000	3000
A.T. rifle, .55-inch	-	1	200	-	200	600

- (a) Are for allotment to detached sections.
- (b) 1 for loading duties
- (c) At least 1 N.C.O. and 4 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work, 1 man will be trained in first aid and the driver of the water tank will be trained in water duties in addition to the man already allotted for this purpose.
- (d) Includes, or is, a corporal.
- (e) Includes, a lance-corporal.
- (f) Is a corporal who also performs duty as storeman.
- (g) Driver-mechanics are included in the total number available as drivers for vehicles.
- (h) Drivers for breakdown and garage lorries.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base

First reinforcements

Each Section

Rank and file 2.

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AN INDEPENDENT BRIGADE GROUP  
ORDNANCE FIELD PARK

WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Provisional)

(1) Summary of ranks

Detail	Head- quar- ters	No. 1 Section (spare parts)	No. 2 section (assem- blies)	Total independent brigade group ordnance field park
Captain (ordnance officer 4th class)	1	-	-	1
Total, Officers	1	-	-	1
Staff-sergeant	1	-	-	1
Sergeant	-	1	-	1
Total, staff-serg- eants & sergeants	1	1	-	2
Corporals	-	1	1	2
Privates	3	6	2	11
Drivers, M.T.	2	1	-	3
Total, rank and file	5	8	3	16
Total, other ranks	6	9	3	(a)18
Total, all ranks	7	9	3	19
<u>Attached -</u> Infantry	1	-	-	1
Total, all ranks, includ- ing attached	8	9	3	(b)20

(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties

Detail	Head quarters	No. 1 Section (spare parts)	No. 2 Section (assemblies)	Total independent brigade group ordnance field park
Trade Group III -				
Clerk	(c)1	(d)2	1	4
Driver-mechanic	(e)1	-	-	1
Technical storemen	-	(f)6	(d)2	(g)8
Non-specialists-				
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	-	1
Sanitary and water dutyman	1	-	-	1
Drivers, M.T. for -				
Batman-driver	1	-	-	1
Vehicles	1	1	-	2
Total, other ranks	6	9	3	18
Attached -				
Cook (trade group II)	1	-	-	1
Total, other ranks, including attached.	7	9	3	19

(iii) Transport

Motor cycle	1	-	-	1
Vans, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	1	-	2
Lorry, 30-cwt, water tank	1	-	-	1
Lorries 3-ton, stores -				
Binned	-	3	-	3
Unbinned	-	1	2	3
Total, vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	2	5	2	9

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	2	12	12	36
Rifles, .303-inch	18	30	-	360
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	1	1,000	500	1,500
A.T. rifles, .55-inch	1	200	40	240

- (a) At least 1 N.C.O. and 4 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work and 1 man in first aid.  
 (b) Includes first reinforcements at 3 per cent.  
 (c) Staff-sergeant  
 (d) Includes, or is, a corporal.  
 (e) For duty in either section as required.  
 (f) Includes, or is, a sergeant.  
 (g) To be trained as drivers, M.T.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

First reinforcements for this unit are not shown separately  
(vide note (b) )