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56 Infantry Battalion

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WAR DIARY

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- 1 May 43 - C Coy on GERALDTON CLASSIFICATION RANGE carrying out Bren Practices. D Coy on duty - Offrs out on T.E.W.T. - B Coy on miniature range firing preliminary bren practices.
- 2 May 43 - B Coy on GERALDTON CLASSIFICATION RANGE carrying out Bren practices - HQ Coy on duties, remainder in camp - Offrs out on T.E.W.T.
- 3 May 43 - A Coy on GERALDTON CLASSIFICATION RANGE firing Bren Practices B Coy on Route March and carrying out Map Reading and compass work with sec. attack in afternoon. - C Coy on leave. - D Coy preparations for Bren practices on Range - HQ Coy Mortar Pl & A.Tk Pl on miniature range firing preliminary bren practices and remainder of Coy on leave.
- 4 May 43 - A & B Coys on Rest Day. HQ Coy on Bren work making preparation for Range Practices and map reading. C Coy on route march - Practice of concealment. Bren Handling and A/A work fixed line - Tk.A Rifle Field Signals, Bayonet work.
- 5 May 43 - A Coy on compass march and Recce reports.
B Coy - bren work and maintenance and Tk hunting.
C Coy - observation march - deployment on way back with Fd Signals - bren on fixed lines & stoppages. Lecture on C.A.B. - 20 men on miniature range under Lieut J.C. McDonald.
D Coy - Cleaning and maintenance of bren guns. Gas & Respirator drill for 1½ hrs. Quick decision exercises.
HQ Coy - on classification range firing bren practices.
- 6 May 43 - D & HQ Coys on Rest Day.
A Coy - Bren on fixed lines. Gas & Respirator Drill - Personal Decontamination and decontamination of arms. Fire Control Orders on Landscape Targets. Recapitulation.
B Coy - Bren and tripod work. - T.O.E.T's on Gas Lecture by R.M.O. on First Aid - sighting patrols.
C Coy - Duty Coy - map reading - setting compass, Tk.A Rifle Lecture on guerilla warfare section and individual stalk.
- 7 May 43 - A Coy - Grenade priming - map enlargements - gas signs - Tank hunting lecture and preparations for lecture.
B Coy - Grenade throwing. Bayonet fighting, knots and lashings Owen and austen guns
C Coy - Marching and rifle exercises. Rifle holding, aiming & firing. Lecture on articles "Salt". Gas and respirator drill and wearing. Bren holding, aiming and firing. Bayonet and P.T. - Owen & Austen.
D Coy - Pl. Comds disposal.
No. 17 pl sec tng, snipers and pl attack.
No. 18 pl QDE, PP and unarmed defence and combat
No.19 pl. QDE, decontamination and range cards.
Coy disposal.- owen and austen lecture- Bn organisation Quiz on serial nos etc.
HQ Coy - Sigs on school - AA on leave - Mortars cleaning and maintenance and inspection of carriers and stores and driving to charge batteries. - Carriers cleaning and checking - inspection of stores - grenades and map reading - Tk.A Pl carrying out sub-calibre shoot on miniature range.
- 8 May 43 - Bn Parade and inspection of all tps - A Coy Tk hunting.
WOOLLOONOOKA - GLENGARRY AREA.
B Coy - Inspection of pls. Sten, owen. QDE's on Gas. Knots & lashings. Compass march.
C Coy - Issues - recognition of targets - fire control orders small arms, smallarms fire - close order drill - trigger pressing - bayonet drill
D Coy - Duty coy - building mess huts, showers and soakage pits and quix TOET's
HQ Coy - Sigs on W/T school. AA coast firing at AA targets. Carriers and mortars on Tk hunting - maintenance gun drill and Det Drill.
- 9 May 43 - R.C. Church Parade at 0900. Protestant Denominations Church parade at 0830 hrs.
Bn Sports Day - Inter coy games of football, cricket, soft ball corner ball, hockey, volley ball and tabloid sports. Inter Unit football match between 56 Bn and 104 Tk.A Regt.
At night A Coy carried out all night exercise and river crossing over Greenough River.

- 10 May - All coys preparing for mount of Div Duties. Tk.A Pl on miniature range firing sub calibres from portees. Trial Air Raid warning.
- 11 May 43 - A Coy mounting C.W.P's & Bde Guard.- C Coy mounting Town Picquet and rear Div Guard. - B Coy on miniature range - D Coy Duty Coy and carrying out construction work and improvements in lines. Remainder on Elementary Training and semaphore and T.O.E.T's. HQ Coy - Sigs on C.W.P's - remainder on work in lines improving amenities.
- 12 May 43 - A Coy on C.W.P's - C Coy on Town Picquet and Rear Div Guard. B Coy on ~~Town~~ working party in camp, Offrs on recce of river crossing exercise QDE and B Coy carried out river crossing exercise in neighbour of 12 May 43 and Field Firing Exercise. C Coy on Town Picquet and rear Div Guard. D Coy - Completion of works in lines. Preparation for night exercise & Q.D.E's. HQ Coy on works programme in Coy Lines.
- 13 May 43) A Coy on C.W.P's -
- 14 May 43) C Coy on Div Guard and Town Picquet
- 15 May 43) B & D Coys and HQ Coy working in camp area on works programme.,
- 16 May 43) building Mess Huts, Showers and Latrines.
- 17 May 43)
- 18 May 43 - -
- 19 May 43
- 20 May 43)
- 21 May 43) Bn still on 2 Aust Div Duties and HQ Coy working on works
- 22 May 43) programme in Camp Lines.
- 23 May 43)
- 24 May 43) 56 Aust Inf Bn relieved from Div Duties by 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- 25 -27 May 43 - Bde Control exercise conducted under Bde arrangements and direction. Communication exercise to practice Signal Systems & quick mobile moves.
- 28 May 43) Whole Bn on Forced March and consuming Emergency Rations.
- 29 May 43) A Coy Inspection and Close Order Drill and Gas & Respirator Drill
B Coy on Discussions of Current Affairs Bulletin. Lecture on ambushing and exercise in ambushing in Square 6735 map GERALDTON 1 inch : 1 mile.
C Coy Issues and working in Lines.
D Coy - Inspection of weapons and cleaning and maintenance of weapons. Advance Guard exercise and practice in debussing and occupying of a rapid defensive position.
HQ Coy on works programme in Coy Lines.
- 30 May 43) Protestant Church Parade in Unit Lines at 0815 hrs by Unit Padre.
R.C. Church parade in B Coy Lines at 0900 hrs.
Bn Sports programme from 0930 to 1300 hrs - inter coy games of Football, volley ball, hockey, soft ball, corner ball, and tabloid sports. Afternoon about ~~2000~~ 200 tps went into GERALDTON by MT and were present at Band Recital by massed bands bands from 2 Aust Div and stayed in town for Church services at night.
- 31 May 43) A & C Coys on rest day.
B Coy issue parade. Practice convoy moves. Debussing and rapid occupation of defensive position.
D Coy - issues, fitting and replacement of eyepieces of respirators. Pl inspection prior to C.O's inspection of Coy.
HQ Coy -Duty Coy. Duties by Tk.A Pl and Mortars.
Carriers and AA and Sig Pl on normal syllabus of training.

APPRECIATION OF SITUATION BY C.O. 56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)
AT TANK HILL MOONYOONOOKA AT 0900 HRS ON 16 MAY 43.

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OBJECT.

1. To establish a firm base vic MOONYOONOOKA for the purpose of:-
 - (a) Denying approaches to and from GERALDTON to the enemy.
 - (b) Conducting offensive ops therefrom against enemy forces within 5 Aust Inf Bde area of responsibility.
 - (c) Protection of GERALDTON Airfield.

FACTORS.

2. Possible Enemy Action .

- (a) The nature of the Coast line in GERALDTON area both North and South of GERALDTON is such that a landing must be considered as possible at any point in 5 Bde area.
- (b) The general type of country in the North West and district surrounding GERALDTON is such that paratps or Airborne tps landing within or outside the Bde area is a distinct possibility.
- (c) In the event of a landing from the sea it is reasonable to assume that vehs will be landed early and used to the extent of the rds available.
In the event of paratps or Airborne tps landing the use of rds is NOT so essential and the ~~the~~ lines of approach and ground other than rds become important, this aspect applies also to landings from the sea where tpt is not initially used.

Deduction.

- (a) Therefore necessary to construct base capable of all round defence with alternate subunit posns so that a main attack from any direction may be met with best possible concentration.
- (b) Necessary to be able to strike therefrom in any direction.
- (c) Approaches to and from GERALDTON should be effectively covered.

3. Ground and Approaches.

- (a) The high ground vic MOONYOONOOKA is divided by the main MULLEWA rd running East and West. The NARRA TARRA Airdrome rd runs North and South immediately West of the MOONYOONOOKA high ground. Running North and South a rd runs past MOONYOONOOKA Stn and joins the MULLEWA rd; This rd skirts the high ground on the South East.
All these rds are available lines of approach to GERALDTON.
The MULLEWA rd and its branches at MOONYOONOOKA Post Office could be used by enemy approaching from GERALDTON.

Deduction.

- (a) Therefore to deny GERALDTON to the enemy or to contain him within the 5 Bde def area it is essential that all these rds be covered and therefore our firm base must be disposed to cover the main and lateral rds, and the high ground in vic of TANK HILL is essential to us.
- (b) To the North of TANK HILL a long high feature running East and West covers approaches over fairly open ground to the North, also to the West down to the CHAPMAN RIVER and beyond to the slopes of MT FAIRFAX. Incl in this area is the rd NARRA TARRA-MOONYOONOOKA X rds.

The Western end of this feature also covers approaches from the West which could incl portion of GERALDTON Airfield.

Deduction.

Therefore from this feature the Northern and Western areas beyond TANK HILL can be adequately covered as also can the MULLEWA rd from GERALDTON and the NARRA TARRA rd approaches, and occupation of this feature is essential.

(c) The dominating portions of this long feature are approx 800 to 1000 X apart, the feature has good cover generally from aerial observation but owing to its length it is necessary to dispose tps on each end to stop possibilities of defiladed approaches. One Coy disposed on the whole feature would lack mutual sp within the Coy area.

Deduction.

Therefore to occupy this feature with safety it is necessary to dispose on it more than one coy either by fire power or additional tps.

(d) The Western slopes of TANK HILL cover and dominate the Western approaches from the direction of GERALDTON Airfield and also cover the approaches from the South to a large extent.

The Air^{field} rd runs across the front in this area and can be covered from this feature.

Beyond the Air^{field} and to the South West of this feature the 54 Bn is in occupation at NARNGULU. The ground between TANK HILL and 54 Bn is extremely open and can be covered as far as available weapons will carry but this still leaves a gap of approx 1500 X between our posn and 54 Bn that would have to be provided for.

The Western area of TANK HILL is very bare but has a wooded area running from its South Western edge up to CAMP HILL on which the timber is very good for concealment purposes.

Deduction.

Therefore it is necessary to occupy this posn to adequately cover the Western approach, the Airdrome rd and portion of the Southern flank, but any dug in posns would be picked up from aerial observation unless disposed in the copse which does not give the same dominating posns.

(e) To the South and South East of TANK HILL the Northern portion of CAMP HILL dominates the Eastern approaches incl the MULLEWA and MOONYOONOOKA Str rds which can be covered from this posn.

To the North of this feature the long Northern feature at its Eastern end can be covered by fire. Mutual sp can be had between these features or either side of the MULLEWA rd.

Further South of TANK HILL, CAMP HILL dominates the Southern approaches and can also give mutual sp to the West towards the 54 Bn posn.

The Northern end of CAMP HILL is fairly open and care would have to be taken in siting any posn against observation from air.

The remainder of CAMP HILL is very well timbered and would give good cover from view.

Deduction.

Therefore the Southern approach, Eastern approach and MOONYOONOOKA Str rd can be dominated from CAMP HILL but care would have to be taken to select posns against aerial observation.

(f) Beyond the CHAPMAN RIVER to the West of TANK HILL and approx 2500 X from it there is a sandy feature running from the River up to MT FAIRFAX that dominates the GERALDTON Airdrome and the ground East from direction of GERALDTON.

This feature if gained by the enemy would endanger our use of the Airfield.

Deduction.

Therefore it is necessary that we either occupy this feature or make provision to do so if threat from the GERALDTON direction is imminent.

GENERAL DEDUCTIONS.

The high ground vic TANK HILL if occupied can cover approaches in all directions.

With the rds available within the area running in all directions the general area is a suitable one from which to launch an offensive.

The rds also allow of possibilities of M.C. patrolling and est of O.Ps by M.C. to give early warning of enemy intention.

4. Mobility.

(a) It is essential in the event of enemy invasion that he be vigorously attacked at the earliest possible moment.

(b) 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) is mob res to 5 Bde with role of C.A. or offensive action in any direction.

It is therefore necessary for the unit at all times to be completely mobile.

To ensure this it will be necessary for all unit vehs to be held within the perimeter of the firm base.

Additional tpt to unit W.E. is also essential and a prearranged plan for sufficient tp carrying vehs to report at short notice is necessary.

Consideration must be given to occupation by coy gps with necessary tpt as close to coy areas as reasonable cover will permit.

5. Time and Space.

In the event of a landing by sea we should have at least 12 hrs warning either of the approaching convoy or of the landing if at a distant place and under these circumstances we will have ample time to organize our forces for any offensive action when the enemy has disclosed his intention.

On the other hand if a landing is made by paratps and/or Airborne tps time and space may be an essential problem and would entail the rapid move of a striking force.

As we cannot determine the enemy intention or anticipate his possible landing place it is essential that prior preparations be made to despatch a force where necessary without undue delay.

Deduction.

Therefore we must consider cutting movement orders to a minimum and have pre-arranged plans to anticipate the worst case.

6. Sp Weapons It cannot be determined what sp arms the enemy would have and it depends on the type of invasion but it is reasonable to assume that at least light or med Tks would be landed as soon as possible.

We have Arty concentrations within the Bde area but it is in sp and not under Comd so may not be where we want it.

We have one tp of 6 pdr Tk.A guns under Comd in addition to our own Pl of 2 pdr Tk.A guns.

The nature of the country and type of sandy soil would to a big extent influence light or med Tks to move by rds.

As we do not know the likely direction of attack we have to be prepared to defend all likely lines of approach.

The Tk.A guns under Comd are not as mobile as our own Pl of guns but are better suited for covering main lines of approach.

Deductions.

Therefore we must consider using the tp under Comd disposed to cover all rds leading into the area that is the MULLEWA rd at its Eastern and Western ends, the NARRA TARRA Airdrome rd and the MOONYCOONOOKA Stn rd.

We must consider use of our Bn Pl of guns as mobile striking power and Bn reserve.

7. Air.

The air posn cannot definitely be anticipated but in the initial stages of an invasion, the enemy would probably have to base carrier borne planes.

This would mean that we should have superiority or at least equal air power.

In either case, it can be anticipated that the enemy will make extensive use of recce planes to ascertain our movements and dispositions and it is essential that we deny him this infm.

Deduction.

Where possible, movement should be done by night.

Any movement during day should be at a low density.

Particular attention should be paid to concealment and camouflagé incl deceptive methods.

8. Sups - POL - AMM.

Within the Bde area of responsibility, the Bn gp may have to fight as an indep gp for some indefinite period.

The possibility of lines of supply being cut off cannot be overlooked as they are dependent on outside resources.

The main source of water supply is by water main along MULLEWA rd, there is a possibility of this being cut off.

Deduction -

Within the Bn base or within the Bde area, a supply dump of Sup POL and Amm should be established.

All available containers, water tanks etc, should be kept filled at all times and conservation of water exercised.

9. Morale.

Any landing of enemy forces on the mainland would mean that his morale would be high and he would therefore tend to take risks by pushing on to gain his objectives.

The opportunity of combat is what our tps have been waiting for and our morale would be high.

Deduction.

Although we could NOT afford to take risks, we should act boldly where possible and destroy the enemy.

10. Special Consideration GERALDTON Airfield.-

The GERALDTON Airfield is vital to us as a base for ops.

The defence of the Airfield may be one that would entail a separate task or one that would have to be considered whilst performing other ops at the same time.

The Airfield can be covered with fire from a firm base in MOONYOONOOKA area, but landings by paratps or Airborne tps in the vic of the airfield would necessitate the despatching of a striking force to deal with these men when most vulnerable, that is, as they are landing.

The Airfield is dominated by the Sand Hill feature immediately South of MF FAIRFAX and enemy occupation of this feature would endanger the Airfield.

The feature is too far from our base to be co-ordinated within our defences and is therefore either a problem which would need consideration by Bde co-ordination or an alternative posn for a detached force from our defences when it becomes apparent that an attack on the Airfield is imminent.

Deduction

We should endeavour to tie up the co-ordination of this part of the defence with a force out side our own Bn and/or select an alternate posn for part of our forces on this feature to be occupied when necessary.

We should have available a mobile striking force that can be used separately or as part of our def plan.

COURSE OPEN.--

11. To enemy.--

Until his intention is disclosed, we must be prepared for the worst case, that is, a landing of sea and Airborne tps at a number of places and using different lines of approach.

12. To us.--

(a) Occupy a def posn disposed along MULLEWA rd in depth and covering lateral rds MOONYOONOOKA Stn and NARRA TARRA rds.

Advantages.

(i) Gives us good def in depth from approaches from MULLEWA or GERALDTON.

(ii) Protects with tps and fire the main and lateral rds.

(iii) Gives us good routes for quick movement in any direction.

Disadvantages.

(i) Allows enemy covered approaches particularly for tps on foot from the North and South.

(ii) Lacks control for quick movement owing to the depth of occupation.

(iii) Tpt would have to be divorced to an extent from tp localities owing to each of cover from air.

(iv) Lacks cover from air for dispositions.

(v) Does NOT allow of mutual sp with other units or the Bde.

(b) Occupying a concentrated posn on Camp Hill and Tank Hill features.

Advantages.

(i) Gives concentration of force.

(ii) Gives us control of the main MULLEWA rd.

(iii) Gives us good fields of fire on the Eastern and Western approaches.

(iv) Allows of good control of sub units.

Disadvantages.

(i) Allows enemy good covered approaches from the North and West.

(ii) Allows of the possibility of enemy out flanking us.

(iii) Does NOT allow of mutual sp between Bns.

(iv) Does NOT allow us to control the lateral rds from NARRA TARRA or Airdrome.

(c) Occupy a slightly dispersed area in approx square formation on the dominating features in vic of MOONYOONOOKA with alternative posns ready to strengthen any threatened line of approach.

Advantages.

(i) Allows us sufficient dispersion to prevent an encircling movement between our forces and flanking Bns.

(ii) Gives us an all round def posn with depth in all directions.

(Advantages Contd)

- (iii) Allows us to control with fire the MULLEWA and all lateral rds within the area.
- (iv) Allows us to dispose Coy tpt in vic of Coy areas thereby making for mobility and movement of a striking force quickly.
- (v) Gives us protection from Northern and Southern lines of approach.
- (vi) Allows us to cover the Airfield with fire from our def. posn.
- (vii) Gives us mutual sp between Coys in an all round def posn.
- (viii) Allows us to concentrate rear Coys to a posn to counter threatened approaches.
- (ix) Allows quick means of despatching motorised tps owing to the number of rds under control.

Disadvantages:-

- (i) Wide dispersion makes central move difficult and all posn would require L.F. communications.
- (ii) Difficulty of wiring posns would be increased.
- (iii) Care would have to be taken in disposing tpt from aerial observations.

The enemies intention cannot be known initially and we must adopt the course most likely to succeed in the worst case therefore I will adopt course 12 (c)

13. My plan will be.

INTENTION.

I will establish a firm base on the high ground in vic of MOONYOONOCKA with a view to -

- (a) Denying the enemy approaches to and from GERALDTON.
- (b) Conducting offensive ops therefrom within the Bde area of responsibility.
- (c) Protecting the GERALDTON Airfield.

METHOD. F.D.L.s

Rds leading into and skirting the high ground.
The Northern and Southern edges of the slopes of occupied posns.

Tps. Square formation of Coys giving at least two coys covering all fronts.
One Coy gp locality Eastern end of Northern feature.
One Coy gp Western end of long Northern feature.
One Coy gp Eastern and Southern slopes of Camp Hill.
One Coy gp Western and Southern slopes of Tank Hill.

Inter Coy Bonds

MULLEWA rd incl to Southern Coys.
Prolongation of camp entrance rd incl to Western Coys.

Reserve.

All Coys to be prepared to act as reserve for Bn according to enemy line of approach.

Patrols.

MC sec of cars Pl to patrol all rds, and est O.P.s during hours of daylight.
All Coys to patrol respective fronts during night.

Alternative Posns.

Alternative posns to be prepared on all Coy areas to allow rear Coys to be re-disposed if necessary.
Coy posns to be dug ready for occupation Sandy Hill overlooking Airfield.

(METHOD Contd)

Qarrs.

To be allotted as portion of Coy Gps.

M.M.G.

To be co-ordinated in Bn Fire Plan.

M.Y.

To be allotted as portion of Coy gps and be co-ordinated as Bn Fire Plan.

Tk.A

6 pndrs to be co-ordinated in Bn Fire Plan and cover rds as main approaches.

Bn Pl.

One sec area of Northern feature.

One sec as mobile reserve on portee area TANK HILL.

A.A.

Protection Bn H.Q.

Pnrs.

Rd Blocks on all rds leading into and adjacent to area sited so that they can be covered from sub unit posns.

Arty (in sb)

- (i) Def fire tasks to be asked for.
- (ii) CHAPMAN RIVER running around Sandy Hill.
- (iii) Creek via MOONYOONOOKA Stn.

ADM.

- (1) Arrangements for quick reporting of Pl of A.A.S.C. Gen Tpt Coy.
- (2) Tpt allotted to Coys sufficient to make Coy mobile and to be dispersed in or adjacent to Coy locality.
- (3) Amn - sup - POL - Bn Dump within posn.

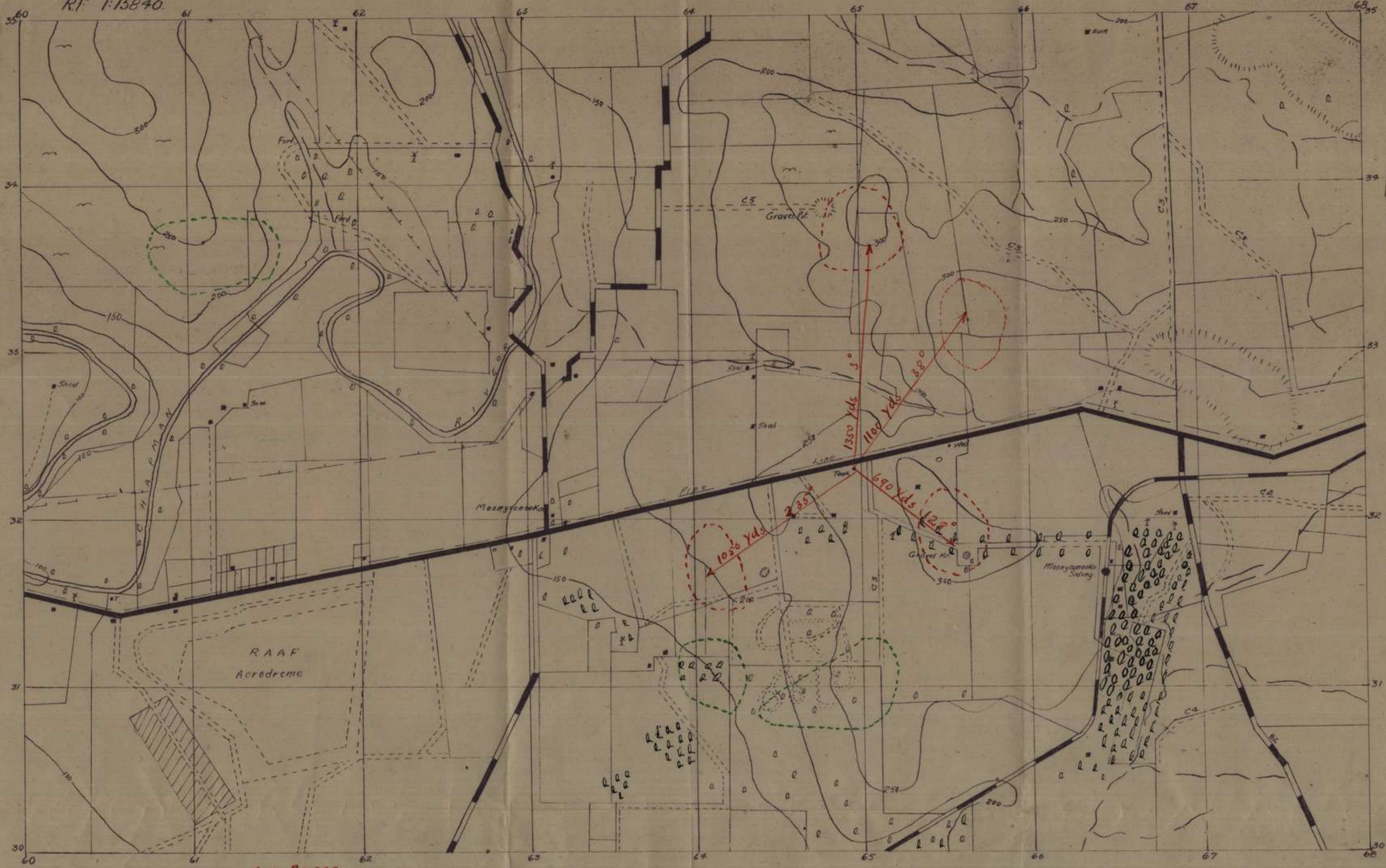
INTERCOMM

- (a) Bn H.Q. Copse in depression South of Water Tank.
- (b) L.T. established to all Coy H.Q's.

MOONYOONOOKA

Enlarged From Geraldton 1 inch to 1 mile

RF 1:15840



Coy Areas - - - - -
Alternative Post - - - - -

Scale 4 inches to 1 mile

VI 50 Ft.

Enlarged By
Int. Sec. 56 Dn
25.5.47

IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGES OF READINESS.

Upon warning to adopt first stage of Readiness being received from HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) the Adjt will ensure that copies of Schedules herein are delivered to personnel concerned, who will immediately act in accordance with instructions contained in Schedule 1. Schedules 2 and 3 will be implemented immediately on orders from Bn HQ.

-- Schedule 1 --First Stage of Readiness.

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFRS RESP	METHOD	REMARKS.
1	Acknowledge message from Bde	Adjt	Sig message or SDR	Message to read (In reply to No) ACK.
2	Warning order to Coys placing them on 12 hrs notice.	Adjt	Phone or Sig Message.	
3	Arrange for speedy passing of messages	Sig Offr. I.O.	(a) Check equipment (b) Double man signals. (c) Duty D/R available at all times. (d) 2 D/Rs sent to Bde. (e) Coy runners report to Bn HQ. (a) Int Sec on 24 hr roster. (b) Coding & decoding personnel available continuously.	Coy's phones manned continuously, 2 runners from each Coy at Bn HQ. Msgs handled on in fd.
4	<u>Deficiency Return.</u> Supply details of deficiencies on WET and WE as per W3006 X W3009.	Adjt & QM.	Special DR to Bde.	QM to supply necessary infm & Adjt to submit return.
5	<u>Fatigue Parties etc.</u> Withdraw all working & fatigue parties.	Coy Comd concerned.	D/Rs & Coy vehs.	T.O. send D/R to parties with warning order to prepare to move and parties then tpted in Coy vehs or as arranged with T.O.

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON	METHOD	REMARKS.
6	<u>Leave</u> - All leave will be cancelled & all pers on leave recalled.	Adj Coy Comds T.O.	(a) Sig mesgs. 2 D/Rs & vehs to collect D/Rs to patrol town and warn pers to report to unit Parking area (b) Adj to advise Bde of nos & places of distant leave pers. (c) Telegrams to distant pers.	(a) T.O. will get approx figures from Adj & arrange to send necessary tpt from HQ Coy to pick up local leave pers at Parking area. (b) For passing on to RTO & WA L of C.
7	<u>Duties</u> . Skeleton staff at night will be detailed to man Bn HQ office, Sig Office I Office & Coy HQ continuously.	Adj I.O. Coy Comds.	(a) Duty Roster of Offrs, ORs for Bn. (b) Coy duty Rosters.	
8	<u>PAD</u> (a) PAD measures will be checked. (b) Tpt dispersed & camouflaged. (c) Organization to occupy alternative posns will be tested. (d) Blackout conditions strictly enforces. (e) Unnecessary movement & maximum dispersion of tpt during movement will be checked. (f) All tps to make maximum use of cover. (g) Ensure that all sig pers are warned of action to take on receipt of alarm sigs.	2 I/C T.O. All Comds. All Comds. Sig O.	(a) Rehearsal of alarm stns. (b) All drs will sleep with veh. (c) Rehearsal of occupation of alternative posns. (d) Imposed on vehs, tents, fires & any other source. (e) Enforced by all Offrs. (f) Enforced by all Offrs. Immediate appropriate action on receipt of Air Raid Yellow - Warning. Air Raid Red - Raid. Air Raid White - All Clear.	All precautions to prevent enemy air retce of area will be taken. All lamps not essential withdrawn. Minimum use of torches.

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON	ACTION METHOD TAKEN	REMARKS?
9	<p>Local protection</p> <p>(a) Bn A.A. def posn will be manned continuously.</p> <p>(b) Sentries to be doubled during hrs of darkness at least two per coy & Comd gp. 4 for B ech & 4 for QM & amn store.</p> <p>(c) All visitors & strangers thoroughly investigated.</p> <p>(d) Bn all round def plan will be tested once.</p> <p>(e) Mobile Striking force for anti paratps will stand by from 1 hr before daylight until 1 hr after dark.</p>	<p>(a & b) 2 I/C All Coy Comds.</p> <p>(c) I.O.</p> <p>(d) Comd & 2I/C.</p> <p>Comd & Adjnt.</p>	<p>Local protection</p> <p>(a) In A.A. def posn will be manned continuously. In accordance with C.O.s plan for the area of darkness at least two per coy & Comd gp. 4 for B ech & 4 for QM & amn store.</p> <p>(c) All visitors & strangers thoroughly investigated.</p> <p>(d) Bn all round def plan will be tested once.</p> <p>(e) Mobile Striking force completely mobile & equipped.</p>	<p>(a) Fire will not be opened except (a) in event of hostile attack Issued as appx A.</p> <p>(c) I.O.</p> <p>(d) Comd & 2I/C.</p> <p>(e) Comd to be named Composition as per Appx B.</p>
10	<p>Security.</p> <p>(a) Unit identity signs, Coy security documents cameras, personal diaries & letters will be collected & delivered to I.O.</p> <p>(b) All documents, records etc in Bn HQ not necessary for mobile ops will be destroyed or delivered to I.O.</p> <p>(c) All unnecessary documents, surplus maps ATMs, text books will be packed in wooden box which will also contain box of matches & bottle of petrol.</p> <p>(d) Instns re wireless & commonsense telephone conversations will be implemented.</p>	<p>(a) Coy Comds. I.O.</p> <p>(b) Adjnt I.O.</p> <p>(c) Adjnt I.O. Coy Comds.</p> <p>(d) Sig O I.O. Coy Comds.</p>	<p>(a) Every Offr & OR & his gear will be thoroughly checked & all unit identity destroyed or obliterated.</p> <p>(b) I.O. will be responsible to burn incl old correspondence. mobile ops will be destroyed or delivered to I.O.</p> <p>(c) All text books will be withdrawn (FSPB retained) & packed under Coy instns & delivered to I.O. for disposal. It also contain box of matches & bottle of petrol.</p> <p>(d) Instns re wireless & commonsense telephone conversations will be implemented.</p>	<p>(a) I.O.</p> <p>(b) I.O. will burn incl old mobile ops.</p> <p>(c) All text books withdrawn under Coy instns to I.O. for disposal.</p> <p>All Offrs to instruct & emphasise to men the necessity.</p> <p>I.O. Coy Comds.</p>

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON	METHOD	REMARKS.
10 Contd.	(e) Security Instns to tps to make them fifth coln conscious will be implemented. Security of Arms, equipt & amm.	(e) Coy Comd. Coy Comds.	(a) All Coys check arms, amm & equipt. (b) Pers sleep with rifles. (c) Extra guard on Coy Q stores.	(e) All Offrs to co-operate & state examples to men. Tps will move in battle dress with arms & equipt at all times.
11	Completion of issues	Q.M. Coy 2 I/Cs. (c) RSM.	(a) Complete clothing & equipt issues. (b) Effect necessary replacements. (c) Complete issue of Amm.	RSM & CSMs to check.
12	Supplementary & Emergency Rations.	Q.M. WO 11 Caterer C.Q.M.S.	(a) Draw if necessary from sup Ft 48 hrs dry rations & issue to coys. (b) Issue emergency rations to tps.	(a) Contact B.A.S.C.O. (b) Not to be consumed except by orders HQ 5 Bde.
13	CWPs (if manned by unit) will be fully manned.	Adj. T.O.	Tpt to be arranged by T.O. for Coys to complete manning of posts. Prepare handover to VDC within 48 hrs.	Posts not previously manned (as per 5 Bde O.I.) to be immediately manned.
14	Tents to be struck with Bde permission.	Coy Comds. Q.M.	Message to Coys.	To be stacked in central dump arranged by Q.M.
15	Disposal of stores-All stores not necessary for mob ops to be dumped in central dump.	Q.M. 2 I/Cs.	Contact S/Capt re Bde dump or nominate unit central dump.	Q.M. to supervise.

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON	METHOD	REMARKS.
16	V.P.s to be placed under gd (Incl special forces E.G. Airfield Installations until taken over by V.D.C.)	Comd. Adjt.	Task & composition as Appx "C"	Cond of force to be manned.
17	Further preparation for move.	Adjt T.O. Coy Comds. Q.M. 2 I/Cs. RMO Coy Comds.	(a) Issue of load tables (b) Tpt allotted to Coys will report as required. (c) All vehs checked for maint- enance incl POL, res fuel & water. (d) Return of vehs from LAD & WShops expedited. (a) Pack & load fighting equipt. (b) Offrs & Sgts Mess gear, dumped in control area. (c) Offrs & O/Rs trucks, Kit bags to be dumped under Bde arrangements. (d) Band instruments to be cased. (a) Allot SB to coys. (a) Man A.A. posts in Coy areas.	(a) To be held ready prepared. (b) Bde advised of Res M.T. required. (b) Ready for storing. (c) QM to arrange dump & contact S/Capt re Kit store & disposal of. (d) Band Sgt to supervise. (a) No firing unless attacked.
18	Rear Party.	Adjt. T.O.	(a) Detail person to take charge of surplus stores. (b) Instruction disposal (c) Allotment M.T.	Arrange rations through S.C.
19	Issue orders or OPInstns.	Adjt.	In accordance with Comds Plan.	Issued as Appx D
20	Apprehension of Native- enemy aliens & suspects	Adjt. Coy Comds.	Coys to be prepared to act as detailed in appx "E" upon receipt of instns from Bn.	Action in accordance with relative 5 Aust Inf Bde O.I.

- SCHEDULE 2.-
SECOND STAGE OF READINESS.

SCHEDULE 2.
Page 1.

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON.	METHOD	REMARKS.
1	Acknowledge Message from Bde.	Adjt.	Sig message or SDR.	Message to read (In reply to No) ACK.
2	Warning order to Coys placing them on 45 mins notice to move	Adjt. 2 I/Cs. Q.M. Coy Comds. (f)All Offrs.	Issue warning order (a)Loading of Stores,amm etc. on vehs to be completed. (b)Surplus stores Kits,records etc handed over to rear party. (c)One blanket only per man remainder withdrawn. (d)Issue emergency rations (e)Fill 50%garbage & latrine pits. (f)Ensure that all pers are ready to move.	(a)(b)(c)(d) Through C.Q.M.S. & Q.M. to O.C. rear party.
3	<u>CWP's</u> will furnish Sitrep hourly	I.O.	Quickest means available reports direct to Bde in addition to En.	I.O. to arrange to send S.D/Rs where necessary to warn CWP'S.
4	<u>Alien & Suspected persons in custody to be removed to staging camps.</u>	I.O.	Coy tpt & men as detailed made available to move pers.	
5	Report to Bde "Action complete" or progress report re disposal of aliens.	Adjt.	Sig message or S.D/R	
6	Disposal of tentage	Coy Comds. Q.M.	Message to Coys, Q.M. to arrange disposal.	Tents to be struck according to Bde Comds plan & Q.M. to contact S.C. (L)
7	All actions detailed in Schedule 1 to be implemented immediately if not already completed.	As per Schedule 1.		
8	Issue C.O.s orders & Instns.	Coy Comds.	To act accordingly.	

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON	METHOD	REMARKS.
9	All vehs as far as possible to be fully loaded ready to move.	T.O. Coy Comds.		
10	<u>Intercomm.</u> Wireless silence will be enforced. All lines not necessary for ops will be taken in. Other lines prepared for reeling in at short notice.	Sig O.		
11				
12				
13				

SCHEDULE 3.
THIRD STAGE OF READINESS.

SCHEDULE 3.
Page 1.

SERIAL	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPON	METHOD	REMARKS
1	Acknowledge message from Bde.	Adjnt.	Sig message or S.D/R.	Message to read (In reply to No) ACK.
2	Warning order to Coys for immediate move.	Adjnt.	Phone or runner	
3	All pers ready for immediate ops.	All Offrs.		
4	Def posns or firm bases fully manned & ready for action.	C.O.	Pre arranged plan.	
5	H.C. fully manned.	Adjnt Sig Offr I.O.	(a) All Bn staff rostered for duty & organized rest. (b) Coy runners in attendance at Bn HQ continuously.	
6	All work not directly concerned with ops will cease.	Adjnt Coy Comds.		
7	All correspondence not dealing with immediate ops will be temporarily filed.	Adjnt.		
8	Continuous recce by unit.	Coy Comds.	Active patrolling of areas allotted for ops according to C.O.s plan.	
9	Hygiene	O.C. Rear Party.	Fill in remaining latrines on final movement.	
10	All tps "stand to" one hr before dawn.	All Offrs.		
11				
12				
13				

- APPX "E" ISSUED WITH 56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) O.I. - SCHEDULE 1. -

Ref Map GERALDTON 1 in to 1 ml.
 " 4 mls to 1 in.

- (1) LEGEND. N - Natives A - Enemy alien & NBS of enemy origin S - Suspects.
- (2) ESCORTS & GUIDES. Each veh will be manned by one Dr, one guide, one NCO & two riflemen - all to be armed.
- (3) ASSEMBLY AREAS. - (a) After completion of respective apprehensions all vehs in serials (a)(b)(c)(d) & (e) will assemble at map ref 640320.
 (b) The senior NCO or man at the assembly area will be in comd & decide when to move off.
 (c) Movement will be by convoy from ass area.
- (4) SUPPLIES. Each veh will carry three (3) days emergency rations for each army pers & one (1) days emergency ration for each person to be apprehended & conveyed by that veh.
- (5) WATER-DRINKING. Will be carried on scale of twelve (12) Gls per 3 ton veh & four (4) gals per 15 cwt veh.
- (6) POL. Will be carried by each veh sufficient for task plus 25%.

7. SERIAL	ROUTE	MILE- AGE.	TRANSPORT.		Sup By.	Location, Class & numbers of personnel to be apprehended.	Name & location of Guide.	Remarks.
			No of Vehs.	Type.				
(a)	CAMP-GERALDTON Drill Hall-BLUFF PT-GLEN- FIELD-GERALDTON- UTAKARRA-Then RV ref 1 in to 1 ml 640320- move to MULLEWA & return to camp.	81.	1	15 Cwt (4x2)	A Coy	GERALDTON S4 - BLUFF PT S1- GLENFIELD S1 - UTAKARRA S2 Total 8.	One NCO of N sec FSS GERALDTON Drill Hall.	Movement from RV ref GERALDTON 1 in.
(b)	Ref GERALDTON 1 in to 1 ml. CAMP-GERALDTON Drill Hall-DEEPDALE-MOON- YONOOKA Store- NARRA TARRA-BOOTENALL (ref 4 mls to 1 in) WALKAWAY-MINNENOOKA- BRINGO-RV ref 1 in to 1 ml. 640320-move to MULLEWA & return to Camp.	104	1	3 Ton (4x2 Or 4 x 4)	HQ Coy.	DEEPDALE A5-MOONYOONOOKA Store A5-NARRA TARRA A2- BOOTENALL A3-MINNENOOKA A2. Total 17.	Cpl McGILVRAY VDC)GERALDTON Drill Hall.	640320 by convoy to MULLEWA.

APPX "E" CONTD.

SERIAL	ROUTE	MILE- AGE	No of Vehs.	TRANSPORT		Location, Class & numbers of personnel to be apprehended	Name & location of Guide.	Remarks.
				TYPE	Sup By			
(c)	CAMP-GERALDTON Drill Hall- UTAKARRA-RV ref 640320 move to MULLEWA	67	1	3 Ton (4x2 or 4x4)	B Coy.	UTAKARRA-A18 Total 18.	Cpl Findlay (VDC) GERALDTON Drill Hall.	
(d)	CAMP-GERALDTON Drill Hall- GERALDTON- WONTHELLA-RV ref 640320- move to MULLEWA	68	1	3 Ton (4x2 or 4x4)	C Coy.	GERALDTON-A13 WONHELLA A 2 Total 15.	Pte Bennett (VDC) GERALDTON Drill Hall.	
(e)	CAMP-GERALDTON Drill Hall- BLUFF PT-RV ref 640320-move to MULLEWA.	70	1	3 Ton	D Coy	BLUFF PT -A16 Total 16.	L/Cpl Gosnell (VDC)GERALDTON Drill Hall.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/5/1943 *56 Bn. (AIF)* (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 31 O.R's. - + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1 2 11 17	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1								
	3													
	9		31											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	31									31
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 56 Bn. (AIF) (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 1/5/1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX12445	Capt	HOUGH J.W.	Attending Doctrinal Course of I & C Area

56 Aust. BN (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	NX112633	BRUEN	RT	CO	Yes		
Lieut. T. Maj	124443	MURRAY	E.F.	21/C	✓		
✓	124434	STEVENSON	A.E.	OC/DG	✓		
✓ T. Capt	124444	EVERITT	L.W.	OC/HQ	✓		
✓	124441	KEAST	W.C.	Adjut	No	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	27/3/43
✓	124436	NEIL	W.D.	OC/A	Yes		
✓	124442	FARRELL	J.R.	OC/B	No	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	27/3/43
✓	124440	CLARK	J.M.	S.M.	Yes		
✓	125724	SAMUELSON	C.J.	21/C A	Yes		
✓	116619	BOARDMAN	J.S.	21/C B	✓		
✓	125727	MASON	F.H.	OC/4PL	No	SCHOOL - HARVEY	27/3/43
✓	125728	SCOTT	M.M.	1.O.	Yes		
✓	76327	WILLIAMS	L.S.	21/C D	✓		
✓	125724	CALLAN	E.J.	OC/C	✓		
Lieut.	125736	BRAITHWAITE	S.J.	21/C 4PL	✓		
✓	116618	KILEY	J.A.	3PE	✓		
✓	124438	MCCLELLAN	C.M.	15PE	No	SCHOOL - HARVEY	27/3/43
✓	125731	MCDONALD	J.C.	14PE	Yes		
✓	124437	KING	B.W.	6PE	✓		
✓	125729	DAVIS	G.W.B.	TO	✓		
✓	125725	CURRAN	O.A.	18PE	✓		
✓	125735	MCDONALD	K.J.	12PE	✓		
✓	124439	HARDY	M.G.	19PE	No	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	28/4/43
✓	125756	BENNETT	J.L.	16PE	No	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	28/4/43
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM	A.X.	13PE	Yes		
✓	125738	DAY	J.P.	3PE	✓		
✓	125734	MACAULEY	L.H.	2PE	✓		
✓	126651	BROWNING	E.	8PE	No	COMBINED OP. CAMP	3/4/43
✓	119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	11PE	Yes		
✓	124446	SMITH	J.M.	1PE	✓		
✓	126640	EDG HILL	H.C.	17PE	✓		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	WX34307	McAULIFFE J.A.	AAML	24/9/43	RMO
Quartermaster	1X118638	SMITH P.T.	AACC	8/7/43	Quartermaster
Major	B259	THOMPSON J.	Pal Army		SAWO
Capt.	N278261	CONNELLAN J.B.	AAML	10/4/43	Dental Officer

1 May 43
Date of Despatch

RT Bruen
Signature of Commander
(RT BRUEN)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/MAY 1943. ^{56 AUST INF.} BN. (I.F.I.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. - O.R.'s 794+ OFFRS. - O.R.'s 13 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1		6	W.Os. Class II.					
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
3	4		31	Sergeants	See Back	4			
10	10	3	4	Sgt. Cooks		2			
58	58	7	681	Troopers, Privates, etc.		7		1	1
	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.					
72	75	11	794	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK →	13*		1	1*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	586	6	202							794
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	5 Aust Inf Bde						
2	2 Div Sig						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ^{56 Bn A.I.F.} (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 1/MAY 1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
Nx123836	pl	Goughlan J.K.	x list (2/1 A.G.H.)
Nx139843	sgt	Kelland H.L.	x list Hesp.
Nx126402	id	Nalaw. J.	O.C.T.U. (S.A. L ofc. area).
Nx140859	pl	Anderson A.D.J.	x list Hesp.
Nx125752	pl	Rodgers J.G.	x list (2/1 A.G.H.)
Nx125885	pl	Logan L.J.	x list Hesp.
Nx125768	pl	Shemmark J.G.	x list Hesp.
Nx119434	L/Sgt.	Keast. R.C.	x list Hesp.
Nx105429	sgt.	Caridy J.	O.C.T.U. (S.A. L ofc. area).
Nx125889	W.O. II	Artiel H.J.	x list Hesp. (Carpenter)
Nx140856	Plt	Hartley R.J.	x list Hesp.
Nx125788	pl	Wade H.J.	x list Hesp.
Nx114858	L/Cpl.	Sinclair A.	x list Hesp.

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/ May 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, B.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	2	3
			Welders			Painters	2		Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers	24	15	Tailors	9	
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners	6	5	Wireman	1				
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			W.O. I	1	1
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	5	W.O. B	7	6
			Height Taker			Clerks			C.O.M.S	5	3
			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply			S/SGTS.	1	
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			SGTS.	35	31
			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers			SGT. COOKS	1	4
			Joiners			Concretors			CPL	72	62
			Lineman			Cooks			CPL. COOKS	5	3
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			P.T.E.S.	12	67
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders				48	
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			A.A.P.C.	2	2
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			H.A.O.C.	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			H.E.M.E.	6	6
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			2 DIV POSTAL	1	1
			Miners			Equipment Repairers			A.A.M.C. (ORDERLY)	4	3
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assis.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	1		CARRIED FORWARD	6	1	CARRIED FORWARD	28	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		

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

2.5.43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
R.T. BRYEN
LT. COL.

Unit *4th Squadron, Royal Australian Armoured Corps*

Part A of Army Form W.3003 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 May 1943. PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Table with columns for Details of Troop, Details of Troop, and various job titles. Includes handwritten notes like 'Particulars of attachments' and 'Total 13'.

NOTE—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back. (b) Attached ranks or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided. (c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back. (d) Where reinforcements not detailed note accordingly on return by direction of M.H. in col. "Reinforcements". (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/5/1943 (Unit) 3rd Div

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 27 O.R.'s. - + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	3 4		1 2 8 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1						
	7		27			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	28									28
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N4124425	Capt	Hough. J.W.	attending Federal Council B. L. J. area
N4124441		Keast. W.C.	boy. Com. Council Harvey
N4124422		Farness. J.R.	
N4125737		Mason. J.H.	
N4124435	Lt Col	McClellan. G.H.	J. Council Harvey

Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
1st Lt	NY 112633	BRYEN, I	R. T.	CO	YES		
1st Lt	NY 124443	MURRAY	E. F.	210			
1st Lt	NY 124434	STEVENSON	A. G.	210			
1st Lt	NY 124444	EVERITT	L. W.	210			
1st Lt	NY 124436	NEIL	W. D.	210			
1st Lt	NY 124440	CLARK	J. M.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125726	SAMUELSON	C. J.	210			
1st Lt	NY 116519	BOARDMAN	E. S.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125723	SCOTT	M. M.	210			
1st Lt	NY 76724	WILLIAMS	L. J.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125724	CALLAN	E. J.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125736	BRAITHWAITE	S. J.	210			
1st Lt	NY 116618	KILEY	J. A.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125731	MCDONALD	J. C.	210			
1st Lt	NY 124427	KING	B. W.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125727	DAVIS	C. W. B.	210	NO	leave	6/5/43
1st Lt	NY 125725	CURRAN	D. A.	18th	YES		
1st Lt	NY 125735	MCDONALD	K. J.	12th			
1st Lt	NY 124439	HARDY	M. G.	19th	NO	SCHOOL. HARVEY	28/4/43
1st Lt	NY 125756	BENNETT	J. L.	16th	NO		28/4/43
1st Lt	NY 125739	CONNINGHAM	A. X.	13th	YES		
1st Lt	NY 125738	DAY	J. F.	210			
1st Lt	NY 125734	MACAULEY	L. A.	210			
1st Lt	NY 126621	BREWINGE	E.	8th	NO	Continued up to Camp	3/4/43
1st Lt	NY 119436	CHRISTIE	A. G.	11th	YES		
1st Lt	NY 126646	EDGILL	A. E.	17th	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NY 34307	MERRIFIELD J. H.	ARMY	24/9/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NY 118658	SMITH E. T.	ARCC	8/7/42	PADRE
1st Lt	B259	THOMPSON J.	1st Army		S.H.W.O.
Capt	NY 27836	CONNELLY T. B.	ARMY	11/4/43	General Officer

8 May 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43/7 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/5/1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. - O.R's. 788 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
1	1		6	W.Os. Class II.						
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
		1	1	Staff Sergeants						
	1	3	34	Sergeants			4			
			61	Corporals			21			
69	69	7	673	Troopers, Privates, etc.			7		1	1
	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.						
74*	84	11	788*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		del Back	13*		1	1*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	607	6	188							801
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	5 Aust Div Rgt (AIF)						
2	2 Div Sig						
4	87d. Ambs						
1	1192 Aust Div.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (AIF) (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 8/5/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123836	bpl	Coughlan TK	x List (2/1 AGH)
NX139843	Sgt.	Gulliana RL	x List (2/1 AGH)
NX125402	"	Molau J	OCTV SA / L of C Area
NX140859	bpl	Anderson ADJ	x List Hosp
NX125752	"	Rodgers J	x List (2/1 AGH)
NX125968	"	Rosemark J	x List Hosp
NX119434	L/sgt.	Keast RO	x List Hosp
NX125429	Sgt.	Cassidy J	OCTV SA / L of C Area
NX125887	Sub	Artfield DJ	
NX125856	pl	Hartley RJ	x List Hosp. (Carpenters)
NX125788	bpl	Wardle H	x List Hosp
NX114858	L/sgt	Senclaw A	x List Hosp
NX124413	L/sgt	Ekim H J	x List Hosp

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8/5/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	2	3	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters	-	2	-	Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot-Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	15	9	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	1	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				WO I	1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	5	-	WO II	7	6	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				C.Q.M.S	5	5	-
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				App. Sgts	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Surfants	35	34	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Support Cook	1	4	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				corporals	7	61	11
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				6 pl privs	5	3	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Privates	735	643	58
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Sgts	4	4	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Cpls	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Privates	8	7	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		5	1	CARRIED FORWARD		27	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		801	75

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

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Signature of Commander
C. R. BRYEN

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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43 / 5 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 5 / 1943 3. 56. 2nd Div. (AIF) (Unit)

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	3.	1	1 2 12 17	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1								
	3.	1	32			1								
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	33									33.
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX124415	Capt	HOUGH J W	56 Bn (AIF)	12/5/43	x School of Log Co Awa & AR 4
NX124441	"	KEAST W G	✓	10/5/43	x School HARVEY x "Lieut"
NX124447	"	FARRELL J R	✓	✓	Do Do
NX125727	"	MASON F W	✓	✓	Do Do
NX124438	Lieut	McCLELLAN C W	✓	✓	Do Do

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
1st Lt.	124433	BRYEN	K.T.	CO	YES		
1st Lt.	134443	MURRAY	R.F.	216	✓		
1st Lt.	124434	STEVENSON	A.E.	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	124444	EVERITT	LW	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	124441	KEAST	WG	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	124436	NEIN	W.D.	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	124445	HOUGH	JW	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	124442	FARRELL	J.R.	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	124440	CLARK	J.M.	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	125726	SAMUELSON	C.J.	216A	NO	ARW	12/5/43
1st Lt.	116619	ROHRDMAN	J.S.	216B	YES		
1st Lt.	125727	MASON	F.W.	OC'DW	✓		
1st Lt.	125723	SCOTT	M.M.	1-0	✓		
1st Lt.	76527	WILLIAMS	L.T.	216D	✓		
1st Lt.	125724	CALLAN	R.J.	216C	✓		
1st Lt.	125736	FRITHWAITE	S.J.	216A	✓		
1st Lt.	116618	KILEY	J.A.	13PE	NO	ARW	10/5/43
1st Lt.	124438	MCCLELLAN	C.M.	15PE	YES		
1st Lt.	125731	MCDONALD	J.C.	14PE	✓		
1st Lt.	124437	KING	B.W.	6PE	✓		
1st Lt.	125729	DAVIS	G.W.	70	NO	Leave	6/5/43
1st Lt.	125725	CURRAN	C.H.	18PE	YES		
1st Lt.	125735	MCDONALD	K.J.	12PE	✓		
1st Lt.	124439	HARDY	M.G.	19PE	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	28/4/43
1st Lt.	125756	BENNETT	J.L.	16PE	✓	SCHOOL - HARVEY	28/4/43
1st Lt.	125737	CUNNINGHAM	H.X.	13PE	YES		
1st Lt.	125738	DAY	J.P.	5PE	✓		
1st Lt.	125734	WACHULEY	L.A.	2PE	✓		
1st Lt.	126651	BROWNING	E.	8PE	NO	Combined Ops Camp	3/4/43
1st Lt.	119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	11PE	YES		
1st Lt.	124446	SALAIN	J.M.	1PE	✓		
1st Lt.	126640	EDGHILL	H.C.	17PE	✓		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
1st Lt.	124430	M. HULIFFE	AAAC	24/4/43	RMO
1st Lt.	124426	SMITH R.T.	AAAC	3/7/43	ARW
1st Lt.	124434	THOMPSON J.	AAAC	10/4/43	SAWO
1st Lt.	124426	CONNELLAN J.B.	AAAC	10/4/43	Dental officer

15 May 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(R.T. BRYEN)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/5/1943. 56 Aust Dy Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11, 12, 3 OFFRS. - O.R's 792 + OFFRS. - O.R's 13 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1		6	W.Os. Class II.					
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
		0	35	Sergeants		5			
6	6		66	Corporals		2			
64	71	7	671	Troopers, Privates, etc.		6		1	1
	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.					
71	80	11	792	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	See BACK →	13		1	1

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

Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
A	608	6	191						805
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	5 Aust Dy Bn (AIF)						
2	2 Div. Kings						
4	8, 7a units						
1	HQ 2 Aust Div.						
1	2 Div salvage						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (AIF) (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 15/5/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 133836	Cpl	Coughlan TK	X List Hosp (2/1 AFGH)
NX 139843	Sgt.	Guliana H L	X List Hosp
NX 125402	"	Melan J.	OCTU SA LHC Area
NX 140859	Bobbin	Rodgers J A	X List (2/1 AFGH)
NX 125768	Cpl	Shoemaker J	X List Hosp.
NX 119434	L/Cpt.	Keast RC	X List Hosp.
NX 105429	Sgt.	MacCarty J	OCTU SA LHC Area
NX 125887	WO II	Artfield O J	
NX 140856	Pte	Hartley R G	X List Hosp (Carpenter)
NX 125788	Cpl	Ward H	X List Hosp
NX 141858	L/Cpt.	Snelan A	X List Hosp
NX 124413	L/Cpl	Ken H J	X List Hosp
NX 125589	Cpl	Brooker H E	X List Hosp

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/5/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.		5	1	G.P.O. Assistants		27	10
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers		2	3
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		-	2	Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlefree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		24	15	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Weil Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	5	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD			5	CARRIED FORWARD			27	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		

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

15 May 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
(R.T. BRYEN)
Lt Col

RETURN TO UNIT

50 0000 21 4 (112) 001

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

Table with columns for Unit, Position, Detail of Present Strength, and Reinforcements Required. Includes handwritten entries like 'AAMC', 'AAOC', 'AEME', 'AAPC', and 'Postal Services'. A large handwritten title reads 'Detail of Personnel Allowed by WE'.

Handwritten notes and calculations on the left side of the table, including '12-11-43' and various numerical entries.

NOTE- (1) If any other than private is involved give details on back (2) If authorized leader or specialist not included in list will be added as reported in spaces provided (3) Where A.W.A.E. and/or A.A.M.E. personnel are detailed show details on back (4) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on return by inclusion of H.R. in col "Reinforced" (5) Where any (person) is mentioned in back of form, the name "Reinforced" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

War Diary
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.) *43/6*

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *22/5/3* / *1943* (Unit) *56th Div (AIF)*

W.E. *11/12/3* OFFRS. *32* O.R's. *-* + OFFRS. *1* O.R's. *-* ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
				*										
			1	Lieut.-Colonels										
			2	Majors										
		1	12	Captains	AAMC		1							
	3		17	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	3	1	32				1							
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	33									33
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>N298261</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>CONNELLAN J.E.</i>	<i>87th Ambrs</i>	<i>20/5/43</i>	<i>Attachment Ceased</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	NX 112633	BRUEN	RT	CO	YES		
Lieut. T. MAR	120443	MURRAY	E.F.	21/C	YES		
✓	124434	STEVENSON	A.E.	OC HQ	✓		
✓	120444	EVERITT	L.W.	GM	✓		
✓	120441	KENST.	W.C.	ADJ	✓		
✓	120436	NEILL	W.D.	OC HQ	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	19/5/43
✓	124445	HOUGH	J.W.	OC HQ	YES		
✓	124442	FARRELL	J.R.	OC HQ	✓		
✓	124440	CLARK	J.M.	2 1/2 A	✓		
✓	125726	SAMUELSON	C.J.	21/C	NO	ARL	12/5/43
✓	118619	BORRDMAN	J.S.	21/C	YES		
✓	125727	MASON	F.W.	OC HQ	✓		
✓	125728	SCOTT	H.H.	NO	✓		
✓	76527	WILLIAMS	L.J.	OC HQ	✓		
✓	125724	CALLAN	E.J.	21/C	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	19/5/43
Lieut	125736	PRITCHARD	J.J.	21/C	YES		
✓	116518	RILEY	J.H.	3 P	NO	ARL	10/5/43
✓	124438	MACLELLAN	C.M.	15 P	YES		
✓	125731	MCDONALD	J.C.	14 P	✓		
✓	124437	KING	B.W.	6 P	✓		
✓	125729	DAVIS	G.W.B.	7 P	✓		
✓	125725	CURRAN	C.A.	18 P	✓		
✓	125732	MCDONALD	K.J.	12 P	✓		
✓	124439	HARDY	W.G.	19 P	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	28/5/43
✓	125730	BENNETT	J.W.	16 P	✓	SCHOOL - HARVEY	28/5/43
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM	A.X.	13 P	YES		
✓	125733	JAY	J.F.	5 P	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	19/5/43
✓	125734	MITCHELL	L.H.	2 P	YES		
✓	126651	MORNING	E.	8 P	NO	Command of Camp	3/4/43
✓	119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.	11 P	YES		
✓	124440	SMITH	J.M.	1 P	✓		
✓	126640	EDGELL	H.C.	17 P	✓		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX 4107	M. AULIFFE	AMM	24/7/42	RMO
Chaplain	NX 118658	SMITH	FT ACC	8/7/42	padre
MR	F 259	THOMPSON	J. Val Army		SANO

22 May 43.
 Date of Despatch

R.T. Bruen
 Signature of Commander
 (R.T. BRUEN)

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)
43 / 6 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/5/1943. 56 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3. OFFRS. — O.R's. 793 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 18. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1		6	W.Os. Class II.					
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
		3	3	Sergeants		5			
			1	Cook		2			
4	4		68	Corporals					
65	75	10	670	Troopers, Privates, etc.		11		1	1
	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.					
70*	82	14	193*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	see below	18*		1	1*

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	625	2	184							811
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)						
1	702 Aust Div						
1	2 Div Salvage						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (AIF) (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 22/5/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 123836	Cpl	Boughlan TK.	x 2nd Hosp. (2/1 AIF)
NX 139843	Pvt	Quinn H.L.	x 2nd Hosp.
NX 135402	"	Molan J.	OCTU SA L of C area
NX 125752	Cpl	Kodomo J.	x 2nd Hosp. (2/1 AIF)
NX 1251768	"	Shepherd G.	x 2nd Hosp.
NX 119034	L/sgt	Keast R.C.	x 2nd Hosp.
NX 115429	L/sgt	Basson J.	OCTU SA L of C area
NX 125887	WO2	Coxfield W.D.	✓
NX 140856	Pk	Hartley R.V.	x 2nd Hosp. (Carpenter)
NX 38923	Cpl	Birmingham R.J.	x 2nd Hosp.
NX 156326	WO2	Taylor C.W.	OCTU SA L of C area

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22 / 5 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering		1		Operating Room Assts.		6	1	G.P.O. Assistants		30	10
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders		2	3
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Bliveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		24	15	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	5	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				WO I		1	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers		1	6	WO II		7	6
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				C G MS		5	5
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Staff Sgt			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Refract		35	35
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Sgt Corps		1	4
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Corporals		72	68
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Spl Cooks		5	3
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Privates		735	637
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Sgt		5	5
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Spls		2	2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Privates		12	11
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		6	1	CARRIED FORWARD		30	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		811	71

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

22 May 43.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(R.T. BRYEN)

UNIT
FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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

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

GROUP I		GROUP II		GROUP III		GROUP IV	
Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required
<i>Detail of Personnel allowed by W.F.</i>							
<i>Sgts</i>							
<i>Cpls.</i>							
<i>Ptes.</i>							
<i>Required</i>							
<i>AAAC</i>	<i>2</i>						<i>1 (orderly)</i>
<i>AAOC</i>			<i>1</i>				
<i>AE ME</i>	<i>1</i>					<i>10</i>	
<i>AAPC</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>				
<i>Postal Services</i>	<i>1</i>						
<i>Totals</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>2</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>

NOTE:—(a) If any other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized leaders or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.M.W. or A.M.W. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return of form in col. "Reinforcements Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Dispatch

War Diary copy.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/5/1943. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3. OFFRS. - O.R's. 791 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 18 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
1	1		6	W.Os. Class II.						
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
		1	1	Staff Sergeants						
1	1	3	34	Sergeants		5				
4	4		68	Corporals		21				
66	76	10	669	Troopers, Privates, etc.		11		1	1	
	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.						
72*	84	14	791*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	See BACK	18*		1	1*	

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	627	2	180							809
B(1)										
B(2)										

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)						
1	Hq 2nd Asst Div						
1	2nd Div Salvage						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 30/5/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123836	Cpl	Boughlan TK	x List Hosp (2/1 AGH)
NX139843	Sgt.	Gillman HL	x List Hosp
NX125402	"	Melan J	OCTU SA Lgc area
NX125752	Cpl	Rodgers JA	x List (2/1 AGH)
NX125768	"	Shoemark J	x List Hosp
NX119434	L/Cpl	Kleat RC	x List 118 AGH NORTHAM
NX105429	Sgt	Cassidy J	OCTU SA Lgc area
NX125887	WO II	Ackill BJ	
NX140857	Cpl	Hartley RJ	x List Hosp (Carpenter)
NX38923	Cpl	Birmingham A	x List Hosp
NX156526	WO II	Taylor CWJ	OCTU SA Lgc area

56 Aust Inf BN (AIF) Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 5 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)			
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
			<i>Carried Forward</i>	1		<i>Carried Forward</i>	6	1	<i>Carried Forward</i>	30	10	
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangefinders	2	3	
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters	-	3	Eivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	-	1				Radiographers			Stevadores			
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	24	15	9	Tailors		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	5	Winchman			Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman						
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners						
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics									
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)									
Fitters			Driver-Operator									
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers									
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians									
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)									
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			NO 1	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	6	NO 2	7	6	
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks			CO MS	5	5	
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			Plt Ckts	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Privates	35	34	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers			Plt Ckts	1	4	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors			Privates	72	68	
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			Plt Ckts	5	3	
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			Privates	75	63	
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Plts	5	5	
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			Plts	2	2	
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics			Privates	12	11	
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant						
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.						
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers						
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers						
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates						
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers						
CARRIED FORWARD	1		CARRIED FORWARD	6	1	CARRIED FORWARD	30	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	809	73	

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

20 May 43.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(R. T. BRYEN)

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30/1/1943

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30/1/1943
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Details of Present Strength		Reinforcements Required	
Category	Number	Category	Number
Group I	1	Group I	1
Group II	11	Group II	11
Group III	2	Group III	2
Group IV	5	Group IV	5
Group V	1	Group V	1
Group VI	1	Group VI	1
Group VII	1	Group VII	1
Group VIII	1	Group VIII	1
Group IX	1	Group IX	1
Group X	1	Group X	1
Group XI	1	Group XI	1
Group XII	1	Group XII	1
Group XIII	1	Group XIII	1
Group XIV	1	Group XIV	1
Group XV	1	Group XV	1
Group XVI	1	Group XVI	1
Group XVII	1	Group XVII	1
Group XVIII	1	Group XVIII	1
Group XIX	1	Group XIX	1
Group XX	1	Group XX	1
Group XXI	1	Group XXI	1
Group XXII	1	Group XXII	1
Group XXIII	1	Group XXIII	1
Group XXIV	1	Group XXIV	1
Group XXV	1	Group XXV	1
Group XXVI	1	Group XXVI	1
Group XXVII	1	Group XXVII	1
Group XXVIII	1	Group XXVIII	1
Group XXIX	1	Group XXIX	1
Group XXX	1	Group XXX	1
Group XXXI	1	Group XXXI	1
Group XXXII	1	Group XXXII	1
Group XXXIII	1	Group XXXIII	1
Group XXXIV	1	Group XXXIV	1
Group XXXV	1	Group XXXV	1
Group XXXVI	1	Group XXXVI	1
Group XXXVII	1	Group XXXVII	1
Group XXXVIII	1	Group XXXVIII	1
Group XXXIX	1	Group XXXIX	1
Group XL	1	Group XL	1
Group XLI	1	Group XLI	1
Group XLII	1	Group XLII	1
Group XLIII	1	Group XLIII	1
Group XLIV	1	Group XLIV	1
Group XLV	1	Group XLV	1
Group XLVI	1	Group XLVI	1
Group XLVII	1	Group XLVII	1
Group XLVIII	1	Group XLVIII	1
Group XLIX	1	Group XLIX	1
Group L	1	Group L	1

Handwritten notes:
 A.H.M.C.
 A.A.O.C.
 A.R.M.E.
 A.H.P.C.
 Postal Services
 2
 3
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 5

Handwritten notes:
 Personnel Released by
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 11
 1

Handwritten notes at bottom:
 Carried Forward
 Signature of Commander
 Date of Dispatch

War Diary copy
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/5/1943 *56 Lieut Inf Bn (AIF)* (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s. - + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5		6 7 8 9 10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.			
	1	1	1 2 12 19	*	*	A A M G	1						
	1	1	34				1						
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	B.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		35									35
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX119431	Lieut	MELVILLE J R V	56 Bn	21/1/43	First Appointment Current Rank
NX125800	✓	GUNNER AFS	✓	21/5/43	Do Do

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	NX112633	BRYEN	RT	CO	YES		
Lieut. T. Maj.	124443	MURRAY	EF	21/6	✓		
✓	124434	STEVENSON	HE	OOHG	✓		
✓ T. Capt	124444	EVERITT	LW	GM	✓		
✓	124441	KEAST	INC	OOA	NO	ARL	26/5/43
✓	124436	NEIL	WD	OOA	NO	SCHOOL- HARVEY	19/5/43
✓	124445	HOUGH	JW	OC C	YES		
✓	124442	FARRELL	FR	OC B	NO	ARL	23/5/43
✓	124440	CLARK	JM	21/6	YES		
✓	125726	SAMUELSON	CJ	21/6 D	NO	ARL	12/5/43
✓	116619	BOARDMAN	JS	21/6 B	YES		
✓	125727	MASON	FL	OC 4PE	✓		
✓	125725	SCOTT	MM	1.0	✓		
✓	76327	WILLIAMS	LS	OC D	✓		
✓ Lieut	125724	CALLAN	EJ	21/6 C	NO	SCHOOL- HARVEY	19/5/43
✓	125736	BRAITHWAITE	SJ	21/6 4PE	YES		
✓	116618	KILEY	JA	3PE	NO	ARL	10/5/43
✓	124438	MCCLELLAN	CM	15PE	YES		
✓	125731	MCDONALD	JC	14PE	✓		
✓	124437	KING	BW	6PE	✓		
✓	125729	DAVIS	GWB	70.	✓		
✓	125725	CURRAN	OA	18PE	✓		
✓	125735	MCDONALD	KJ	12PE	✓		
✓	124439	HARDY	MG	19PE	NO	SCHOOL- HARVEY	28/4/43
✓	125736	BENNETT	JH	16PE	NO	SCHOOL- HARVEY	28/4/43
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM	HX	13PE	YES		
✓	125738	DAY	JP	5PE	NO	SCHOOL- HARVEY	19/5/43
✓	125734	MCHAULEY	LH	2PE	YES		
✓	126431	BROWNING	E	8PE	NO	bombard of camp	3/4/43
✓	119436	CHRISTIE	HWG	11PE	YES		
✓	124446	SMITH	JM	11PE	✓		
✓	126640	EDGILL	FC	17PE	✓		
✓	119431	MELVILLE	JRW	16PE	✓		
✓	125800	CTUNNER	AFS	9PE	✓		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	NX34307	MULIFFE JH	HAME	24/9/43	RMO
Chaplain	NX118638	SMITH F.T.	HACC	8/1/43	page
WV	B259	THOMPSON J	101 Army		SAWO

30 May 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col
Signature of Commander
(RT. BRYEN)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Serial No 78.

ROUTINE

ORDERS

No 364 to

PART 1.

BY

Lt.Col R.T.BRYEN Comd. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

364. BN DUTIES. The following roster for Duty Coys and Orderly Officers will operate:-

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>COY.</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER.</u>
5 May 43	D	Lieut A.C.Edghill.
6 May 43	B	" K.J.McDonald.
7 May 43	C	" S.J.Braitwaite.
8 May 43	A	" B.W.King.
9 May 43	H.Q.	" J.F.Day.
10 May 43	D	" G.W.B.Davis.

365. PUBLIC LAVATORIES:-

The location of public conveniences in GERALDTON is hereby brought to the notice of all troops.

Lavatories are available as follows:-

1. At all Hotels.
2. Public convenience near Provost H.Q.
3. At rear of Town Hall.
4. Special Army structure opposite "Radio Theatre".
5. At rear of Radio Theatre.
6. At Queens Park near R.C. Cathedral.
7. At Railway Station.

366. TELEGRAMS.

Aust Field Post Office Regulations, state that telegrams lodged by Service personnel are to be printed in block letters. If this is done, it prevents undue delay and trouble in delivery and lightens the duty of Post Office staffs.

In future ALL telegrams left for transmission with the Postal Sgt, MUST BE PRINTED LEGIBLY IN BLOCK LETTERS (preferably in ink.)

367. REMOVAL OF RAILWAY SLEEPERS

All personnel are warned against removing Railway sleepers without authority, and Coy Comds will warn all personnel that disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

368. PROPHYLACTIC DEPOTS.

A Prophylactic Aid Centre is situated in Marine Tce, GERALDTON, between Francis and Fitzgerald Sts.

369. AMENITIES - ENTERTAINMENT - GERALDTON.

The following entertainments and facilities are available to all troops whilst on leave.

<u>INSTITUTION.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>	<u>HOURS.</u>	<u>CATER FOR.</u>
ACF All Services Club.	Marine Tce.	1100-2300.	Refreshments and meals.
C of E Rest Room.	Marine Tce.	1100-1600.	Rest Rooms, Reading etc.
Methodist Rest Room.	Marine Tce.	1930-2330.	Rest Room, Light Refreshments.
United Services House.	Marine Tce.	Cont.	Rest Room, Hot & Cold showers, sleeping accom'n etc.
2 Aust Div Mob Bath.	Cr Marine Tce Provost Coy.	Cont.	14 Hot & cold showers.
Birdwood House.	Eleanor St.	--	Refreshments, Billiards.
Pictures.	Radio Theatre.	2000	Change programme twice weekly. Wed & Sat.
Canteen.	Logans Tea room opp P.O.		

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	HOURS	CATER FOR
Dance C of E Ladies Committee.	C of E Parish Hall.	2000-2320.	Admission 1/6, Supper Served.
Band Recital.	Marine Tee vic Yacht Club.	1800-2000	Programme by unit Bands, Tue, Thur, Sat.
Dance.	Yacht Club.	Wed Fri Sat,	Entry with Partners only.
Dance.	Town Hall.	Tue Fri.	
Dance.	Druids Hall.	Wed Sat.	
Sewing, Mending.	C of E Parish Hall.		Leave on Wednesday afternoon after 1500 hrs. Must be wrapped and labelled.
Officers Club.	Marine Tee, near Club Hotel.		Officers.

370. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE.

Commodities purchased during April 1943.

Tomatoes.		29.	3.	3.
Apples.		38.	0.	7.
Onions.		6.	6.	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Custard Powder.	3.11.	3.		
Cornflour.	6.	3.	9.	
Baking Powder.	6.	5.	3.	
Camp Pie.	26.	12.	0.	
Canned Fruit.	23.	10.	7.	
Sausages.	9.	0.	8.	
Sugar.	3.	14.	3.	
Honey.	5.	3.	0.	
Cereals.	2.	5.	0.	
Tomato Sauce.	5.	8.	0.	
Vinegar.	1.	13.	0.	
Sundries.	2.	0.	9.	
Coffee, Flour				
Split Peas, Pepper.		95.	7.	6.
	<u>£95.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>6.</u>	

Less 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

£168.18.	0.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
<u>7.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>0.</u>
£161.15.	0.	$\frac{1}{2}$

Regimental Funds.

Meat.	29.	2.	6.
Custard Powder.	4.	7.	0.
Cornflour.	1.	11.	6.
Wheatmeal.	7.	14.	0.
Wheat.	1.	10.	0.
Flour.	3.	17.	0.
	<u>£48.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>0.</u>

NOTICES.

FOUND: At combined Ops Camp 6 Apr 43 - GOLD RING. Any person having lost such ring is to contact 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) direct.

LOST: 38 Cal Pistol No 983932. is reported to have been lost on the GERALDTON-MULLEWA road between GERALDTON and the Airdrome on 15 Apr 43. Any person or unit finding such pistol is to return same direct to 25 Aust Cav Regt (AIF)

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
 (L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Serial No 79.
No 371 to. 375.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1.

BY

Lt. Col R.T. BRYEN. Comd. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

371. VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR THE ARMY. visit

On the termination of his^W to inspect units of 3 Aust Corps and W. Aust L of C Area, the Minister for the army, Hon. F.M. FORDE, left the following message:-

"I was particularly impressed and inspired by my visit to the Divisions in their operational areas. Their smart and soldierly bearing on parade; their obvious physical fitness and their high morale particularly impressed me. Everywhere I sensed the existence of a strong spirit of co-operation and determination to achieve efficiency.

Would you promulgate to the troops my high appreciation of all that I have seen in the Command. Would you say to them - that it was an inspiration to meet them and to see for myself the great enthusiasm that they have brought to their task and the standard that they have so quickly achieved."

The Corps Commander wishes to add his appreciation to the excellent display of the high standard of training and of the discipline of all ranks during the Minister's tour.

372. CLOTHES RATIONING FOR THE ARMY.

The rationing Commission have advised that acceptance of current issues will be allowed up to 31 Jul 43.

373. WINTER DRESS - LEAVE.

Ref Div RO 317, which authorized the wearing of Winter Dress as from 1 May 43.

Dress for 2 Aust Div troops whilst on leave will be as laid down in ASO 8/3, which is promulgated hereunder.

Winter Dress - Other Ranks.

- (i) SD uniform, belt, boots and hat turned up.
- (ii) Gaiters will also be worn by all troops except personnel of Cav Units.
- (iii) Caps SD will NOT be worn. They are intended for use whilst on duty only.
- (iv) Colour patches will be worn.
- (v) Ties will NOT be worn.
- (vi) All buttons of jacket will be fastened.
- (vii) Personnel of Cav units will wear feathers in hats.

Winter Dress - Officers.

Leave dress for officers will be same as for Other Ranks, or officers uniform SD.

Dress - Hat & Cap Badges.

It has been noted that several officers and also drivers, have adopted the habit of wearing their Caps, Badges, Hat, Commonwealth, in lieu of Badges collar, Commonwealth. This practice is contrary to Standing Orders for Dress, and is to cease forthwith.

This order is to be promulgated to all ranks.

374. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

- (a) In order to ensure the best use of potential officer material available to the AMF, the establishment of officer Pre-Selection Boards has been approved by LHQ to conduct psychological and other tests of personnel recommended for or desirous of appointment to commissioned rank.
- (b) In addition a mobile Aptitude Testing Section will be placed at the disposal of Boards by LHQ.
- (c) As it is a fundamental principle of the scheme that every soldier who considers himself suitable for commissioned rank shall be interviewed by the Pre-Selection Board, steps will be taken to ensure that all other ranks know of this privilege and are invited to submit application to C.Q's and O.C's units accordingly.

- (d) O.C's Coys will forward to Bn H.Q. by 0900 hrs 10 May 43, list of applicants for commissioned rank and of other personnel whom they consider to be suitable for training as officers. These lists will be accompanied by a statement of service and the commander's confidential report on each individual concerned.
- (e) Div HQ will arrange for the applicants to be medically examined before they appear before the officer Pre-Selection Board.
- (f) Candidates will be required to attend the officer Pre-Selection Board for a testing and selection period of three days, during which period they will live and mess with the members of the Board and be treated as officers. Appropriate Formation HQ will make the necessary arrangements to provide a temporary officers mess for this purpose.
- (g) After the Board has tested the candidates and personally interviewed each applicant, it will prepare a list of personnel approved as potential officers in order of merit and present same to appropriate Formation HQ. A copy thereof will be forwarded through normal channels to LHQ.
- (h) Officer Pre-Selection Boards will in all cases give preference in selection to candidates who have had actual field service in operations against the enemy.
- (i) Vacancies at OCTU and direct appointment to commissioned rank in the field will be allotted to candidates in the order of merit determined by the Pre-Selection Board.

375. TRUCKS UNATTENDED.

All Coy Comds and T.O. will ensure that all drivers of vehicles are warned that vehicles must under NO consideration be left unattended at any time and in future disciplinary action will be taken against all breaches of this instruction brought to notice.

NOTICE.

Mobile Cinema will visit unit lines and a programme will be shown near Car Park at 1930 hrs on 14 May 43.

L.H. Macauley
Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjt.
56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

B Coy. N34876. Pte. MASTERS A.H. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. NX126656 Pte. ROBERTS R.A. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. N202528 Pte. TURNER S.C. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. N200043 Pte. SAINES M.G. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. N130146 Pte. KINCH H.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. N385210 Pte. BURNS E.W. Neglecting to obey standing orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. N130848 Pte. COOK A.F. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

B Coy. NX116696 Pte. CURTIS F.T. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX123832 Pte. LAWTON D.H. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

D Coy. N201112 Pte. JAMIESON D.A.M. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 Fined 10/- C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX138387 Pte. REBERGER C.S. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX126613 Pte. EVANS K. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX124100 Pte. SMYTHE T.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX94852 Pte. CALLAGHAN W.T. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX140847 Pte. RHODES J.H. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX125741 Pte. CUNNINGHAM S.G. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX91836 Pte. MOORE D.V. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX96282 Pte. BURNS A.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX124467 Pte. GOOLEY E.A. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX138385 Pte. CONNELLIAN J.S. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

A Coy. N200898 Pte. DIVINY J.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

D Coy. N201104 Pte. FULLER N.G. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 Fined 10/- C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX125810 Pte. CHARLTON G. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX156518 Pte. SLOAN R.C. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

A Coy. N385194 Pte. SMITH A.T. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX125749 Pte. PURCELL J.P. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX119458 Pte. KEOUGH F.G. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX123851 Pte. SLAVEN N.T. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

Bn HQ. NX125825 Pte. MOYNAHAN A.W. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

HQ Coy. NX123834 Pte. HALLCROFT A. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

Bn HQ. NX125423 Pte. McCANN C.N. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

Bn HQ. NX125422 Pte. McCANN A.S. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

Bn HQ. NX131609 Pte. SMITH J.H. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

Bn HQ. NX125424 Pte. WATSON N.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

BnHQ. NX124441 Pte. GOWANS A.L. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

C Coy. NX91824 Pte. DESMOND R.A. A.W.L. C.B. 7 Days.

C Coy. NX126635 Pte. SPLIET H.N. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

C Coy. NX94051 Pte. HETHERINGTON F.A. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 1 Mar 43
 Fined 10/- C.B. 7 Days.

D Coy. NX90227 Pte. FOLEY R. Drunkenness. Fined £3/-/- C.B. 7 Days. 15 Feb 43.
 D Coy. NX125769 Pte. GLEDHILL L.M. Neglecting to obey a General Order. 18 Feb 43.
 Fined £1/-/-
 C Coy. NX90998 Pte. KEATING R.P. A.W.L. C.B. 7 Days. 21 Feb 43.
 HQ Coy. NX125817 Pte. NIQUET M.N. Disobeying a Lawful Command, by his superior Officer
 13 Mar 43.
 Using Insubordinate Language to his superior Officer
 13 Mar 43. Fined £3/-/-.
 HQ Coy. NX131380 Pte. HOPPER W.S. A.W.L. Fined £3/-/- C.B. 10 Days.
 HQ Coy. NX124100 Pte. SMYTHE T.J. Failing to appear on a parade. 17 Mar 43.
 Fined £2/-/-.
 HQ Coy. NX125741 Pte. CUNNINGHAM S.G. Failing to appear on a parade 17 Mar 43.
 Fined £2/-/-.
 C Coy. NX125815 Pte. GUIFFRE V. Conduct to the Prejudice of good order and
 Military Discipline. C.B. 7 Days. 6 Mar 43.
 A Coy. NX123329 Pte. PICKUP F.E. Drunkenness. Fined £1/-/- 23 Mar 43.
 HQ Coy. NX123861 Pte. SKAMP R.B. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 23 Mar 43
 Fined £1/-/-.
 HQ Coy. NX94852 Pte. CALLAGHAN W.T. A.W.L. 26 Mar 43 Fined £1/-/-.
 C Coy. N130748 Pte. JONES R.C. Disobeying a Lawful Command 10 Mar 43, Admonished.
 B Coy. NX125409 Pte. GORHAM K.V. Neglecting to obey ASO. C.B. 7 Days. 18 Mar 43.
 HQ Coy. NX125402 Pte. NOLAN P. DRUNKENESS 19 Mar 43. Fined £1/-/- C.B. 7 Days.
 HQ Coy. NX125762 Pte. PICKUP T.A. DRUNKENESS - CONDUCT to the prejudice of good
 Order and Military Discipline. 23 Mar 43.
 28 Days Detention.
 HQ Coy. N201104 Pte. FULLER N.G. Conduct to the prejudice of good Order and
 Military Discipline 20 Mar 43. C.B. 7 Days.
 HQ Coy. N203238 Pte. PILTZ R.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 18 Mar 43,
 Admonished.
 HQ Coy. N237640 Pte. BLAMEY W.J. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 18 Mar 43.
 Admonished.
 D Coy. NX119480 Pte. SEATON A.E. Without urgent necessity quitting the ranks
 18 Mar 43. C.B. 7 Days.
 D Coy. NX125780 Pte. CHATMAN T.J. Without urgent necessity quitting the ranks
 18 Mar 43. C.B. 7 Days.
 D Coy. N34903 Pte. TAYLOR S.C. Conduct to the Prejudice of good order and
 Military Discipline 20 Mar 43. C.B. 7 Days.
 B Coy. NX126648 Pte. LARKINGS S. A.W.L. 26 Mar 43. C.B. 7 Days. Forf 1 days pay
 and allowances.
 B Coy. NX125880 Pte. LEWIS D.E. A.W.L. 26 Mar 43 C.B. 7 Days Forf 1 days pay
 and allowances.
 Bn. HQ. NX140858 Pte. BRYCE R.W. Neglecting to obey ASO. Charge 2. Disobeying
 a Lawful Command. Charge 3 Escaping Arrest.
 Charge 4 Disobeying a Lawful Command 5 Apr 43
 Fined £5/-/- C.B. 14 Days.
 HQ Coy. NX125878 Pte. KEANE L.J. A.W.L. 9 Apr 43. Fined £1/-/- C.B. 14 Days.
 Bn. HQ. NX125838 Pte. DUNN W.R. DRUNKENESS 12 Apr 43. Fined 10/-/-
 N203160 Pte. WEBSTER J.J. DRUNKENESS 12 Apr 43. Fined £1/-/-
 NX119461 Pte. AUGHEY C.V. Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order & Military
 Discipline 4 Apr 43. Admonished.
 NX156081 Cpl. MALONE A.R. Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order & Military
 Discipline 4 Apr 43. Severely Reprimanded.
 HQ Coy. NX126644 Pte. MITCHELL W.R. Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order & Military
 Discipline. 28 Apr 43. C.B. 7 Days.
 C Coy. N34769 Pte. BARBARO P. Conduct to the prejudice of Good Order & Military
 Discipline. 23 Apr 43. C.B. 4 Days.
 C Coy. NX125815 Pte. GUIFFRE V. Conduct to the prejudice of Good Order & Military
 Discipline. 26 Apr 43. C.B. 5 Days.
 W38521 Pte. GORDON F. A.W.L. 19 Apr 43. C.B. 7 Days. Forf 1 Days pay
 and allowances.
 B Coy. NX126595 Cpl. RYAN S.W. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 24 Apr 43.
 Severely Reprimanded.
 N34325 Pte. PRATT A.V. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 24 Apr 43.
 C.B. 14 Days.
 NX126622 Pte. KING G.S. Neglecting to obey Standing Orders 24 Apr 43
 C.B. 14 Days.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

10 May 43

BY

LT. COL. R. T. BRYEN
COMD. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

376. DUTIES - The following roster for duty coys and Orderly Offrs will operate and will NOT be altered without reference to Adjt.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Ord Offr</u>
11 May 43	B Coy	Lieut A.C. Edghill
12 May 43	HQ "	" K.J. McDonald
13 May 43	D "	" S.J. Braithwaite
14 May 43	B "	" J.M. Smail
15 May 43	HQ "	" B.W. King
16 May 43	D "	" J.F. Day
17 May 43	B "	" A.W.G. Christie
18 May 43	HQ "	" A.X. Cunningham
19 May 43	D "	" A.C. Edghill
20 May 43	B "	" K.H. McDonald

377. MOBILE CINEMA. - The Mobile Cinema with a double feature programme will visit Unit lines on FRIDAY 14 May 43. Screening will commence at 1930 hours, at Car Park Area.

Duty Coy will supply working party of 2 O/Rs to report at Car Park at 1400 hrs, these men being required to assist in the erection of screen.

1 sgt, 1 cpl, and 1 driver in charge of screenings will remain in unit lines for the evening meal on day of screening and for two meals on the following day.

378. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY : GATES TO BE CLOSED.

Complaints have been received that there is repeated failure of convoys to close all gates after the vehicles have passed through, especially in the pastoral areas.

All Offrs will ensure, by frequent instructions to drivers and disciplinary action against all offenders, that all gates are properly secured immediately the vehicle or vehicles have passed through.

379. VARIATION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR DRIVERS OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES.

(a) When an officer instructs the driver of any MT vehicle to exceed the authorised speeds limits or to infringe any other order of instruction, the officer concerned will so endorse the driver's G2 and will sign same as accepting full responsibility.

(b) No officer shall authorise any such infringement except on urgent grounds, and such grounds shall be clearly and fully indicated in endorsement on G.2.

(c) This instruction will NOT be taken to indemnify either the officer or the driver from any civil action which may be taken for infringement of the civil code.

380. DISCIPLINE OF TROOPS TRAVELLING IN MT.

(a) The present standard of discipline of troops travelling in MT leaves much to be desired. T.O. and Coy Comds will ensure that immediate steps are taken to improve the standard.

(b) The following points are given as a guide:-

(1) When troops are moved by MT, an officer, an NCO or the senior soldier will be put in charge of each vehicle. This Officer, NCO or soldier will be responsible to the senior officer or NCO moving with the vehicle.

(ii) Troops will not stand up in a vehicle whilst the vehicle is moving.

(iii) Troops will sit only in the authorised places and in the manner laid down.

381. AIR MAIL SERVICE - PERTH/MELBOURNE AND VICE VERSA.

On Tuesday, 4 May 43 the above service reverted to thrice weekly despatches in each direction as under:-

EASTBOUND = ex PERTH Wednesday, Friday, Sunday.

WESTBOUND = ex MELBOURNE Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Times of arrival and departure remain unaltered.

It is anticipated the full service will be restored by the end of July 43.

382. LEAVE RECREATIONAL - INTERSTATE.

(a) Leave will be available shortly at a date to be advised (subject to operational requirements and to the availability of transport) to personnel 3 Aust Corps in accordance with GRO A.559.

(b) Leave period : All ranks to be instructed that leave will begin and end at LTD nearest destination. Tps going AWL before arrival at latter LTD will be liable to have leave cancelled in addition to such other disciplinary action as may be involved.

(c) Dress : Particular attention will be paid to dress by all ranks when on leave.

(d) Discipline : For leave privileges to be retained it is essential that a high standard of discipline be maintained by all ranks throughout.

(e) Arms, Equipment and Personal Kit.

(i) Personnel travelling on leave will NOT carry arms. Arms will be stored under unit arrangements.

(ii) Messing gear, blankets and web equipment will be carried at all times.

(f) Security : Secrecy will be maintained. This will be impressed on all ranks, and attention to ASO 2/33 which states that troops are NOT to send telegrams or letters and are NOT to make telephone calls whilst journeying to their destination.

(g) A condition of granting accumulated leave will be that the member has a paybook credit sufficient to meet reasonable expenses during the period of leave.

383. D/R's AND PILLION RIDERS.

The practice of D/R's carrying pillion riders is prohibited.

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(L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjt
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NOTICE.

FOUND. A sum of money has been found and anyone having lost same to report to Bn H.Q.'s.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

Lt. Col R. T. BRYEN
Comd. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

384. DUTIES. - The following roster for duty Coys and Orderley Officers will operate and will NOT be altered without reference to Adjt.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>ORD OFFR</u>
18 May 43	B	Lieut A.X. Cunningham
19 " "	H.Q.	" A.C. Edghill
20 " "	D	" K.J. McDonald
21 " "	B	" B.W. King
22 " "	H.Q.	" J.F. Day
23 " "	D	" A.W.G. Christie
24 " "	B	" J.M. Smail
25 " "	H.Q.	" S.J. Braithwaite
26 " "	C	" J.W.B. Davis
27 " "	A	" O.A. Curran.
28 " "	D	" J.C. McDonald

385. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION.

1. The breaking-down of service or enemy ammunition in any way, other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued from LHQ, is strictly forbidden.

2. The breaking down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.

3. If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to HQ of Corps or L of C Areas.

4. Enemy ammunition will normally be broken down or demolished by RAE units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instructions from Formation, etc headquarters.

386. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES NO 36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE.

1. The .22 RF cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No 36M, is highly susceptible to moisture.

2. Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure:-

(a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders. Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.

(b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.

3. Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

387. TRAIN DISCIPLINE.

Several instances have been reported during the past weeks of personnel whilst travelling on the various Railway Systems riding on the steps of vehicles and stepping from one vehicle to another whilst the train is in motion. Accidents have occurred, some with fatal results.

Attention of all ranks will therefore be drawn to the following:-

The O.C. Train is responsible for the discipline of the troops travelling and security of unit equipment and other Service stores conveyed on the train. He will ensure that the regulations of the Railway system are strictly observed by the troops. He will NOT, however, interfere with prescribed running where an RTO is located. OC Train will make any requests to the Railway authorities through that Officer who is the channel of communication between the troops and the Railway Operating Staff.

Before leaving the entraining station, OC Train will warn troops against:-

- (a) Boarding or leaving trains in motion.
- (b) Leaning out of windows and doors, or protruding any portion of the body from the train as to be in danger of being struck by side or overhead structures,
- (c) Throwing anything out of the train,
- (d) Interfering with or causing damage to Railway property (windows, doors, brake-gear and other fittings).
- (e) Chalk marking of rolling stock.
- (f) Discharging firearms except pursuant to orders.
- (g) Carrying or consuming liquor on the train, unless supplied as part of a normal service available in a dining car.
- (h) Occupying any portion of the train other than that set aside for their accomodation.

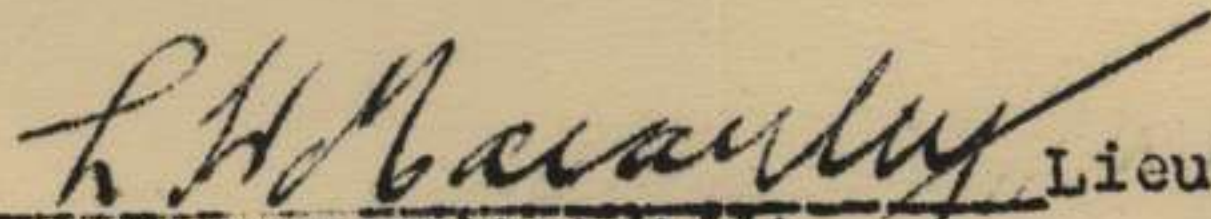
388. TRANSPORT - CONSERVATION OF.

Whilst it is appreciated that in most cases Officers responsible for the movement of M.T. are continually striving to reduce the use of vehicles to a minimum, even more stringent supervision must be exercised in this regard.

"Conservation of rubber and Petrol" has now become a factor of paramount importance, and it should be the aim of every Officer and NCO authorised to move M.T. that NO vehicle is permitted to record any unnecessary mileage.

389. IDENTITY DISCS - WEARING OF.

Contrary to the many previous instructions promulgated it is noted that some personnel are still NOT wearing identity discs at all times. Such unstruction is to be even more rigidly enforced and Coy Comds will take immediate action against any personnel committing a breach of above instruction.


Lieut.
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NOTICE.

FOUND.

Fountain Pen has been found on GERALDTON Beach - owner can have same on applying to Mr C. Thompson.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

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390. DUTIES. - The following roster for duty Coys and Orderley Officers will operate and will NOT be altered without reference to Adjt.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>ORD OFFR.</u>
23	HQ	Lieut A.X. Cunningham.
24	B	" S.J. Braithwaite.
25	D	" G.W.B. Davis.
26	A	" K.J. McDonald.
27	C	" J.C. McDonald.
28	B	" A.O. Curran.
29	D	" C.M. McClellan.
30	HQ	" A.C. Edghill.

391. REST DAY.

Mon 24 May 43 H.Q. Coy.
Tue 25 May 43 B & D Coys.
Wed 26 May 43 A & C Coys.

392. POSTING OF LETTERS - SOLDIERS ON LEAVE.

Troops on six days leave or longer in areas SOUTH of latitude 25 NOT subject to censorship while living under civil conditions.

Normal civil censorship conditions will apply and troops are subject to Defence act and National Security Act. Severe action is taken against offenders of these Acts.

Latitude 25 SOUTH runs BUNDABERG (Q) CARNARVON (WA) All towns in NSW Victoria and most towns in WA and SA.

393. SHORTS SHIRTS KD

It is desired to conserve the abovementioned articles for use next summer.

As far as possible SHIRTS, flannel, SHIRTS worsted or JUMPERS KD and TROUSERS WD or TROUSERS KD will be worn as working dress.

394. PASSENGERS IN ARMY VEHICLES.

In view of the tactical situation and the operational necessity and in accordance with para 10, Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles, passengers in the rear of Trucks and Vans of this formation will ride BACK TO BACK.

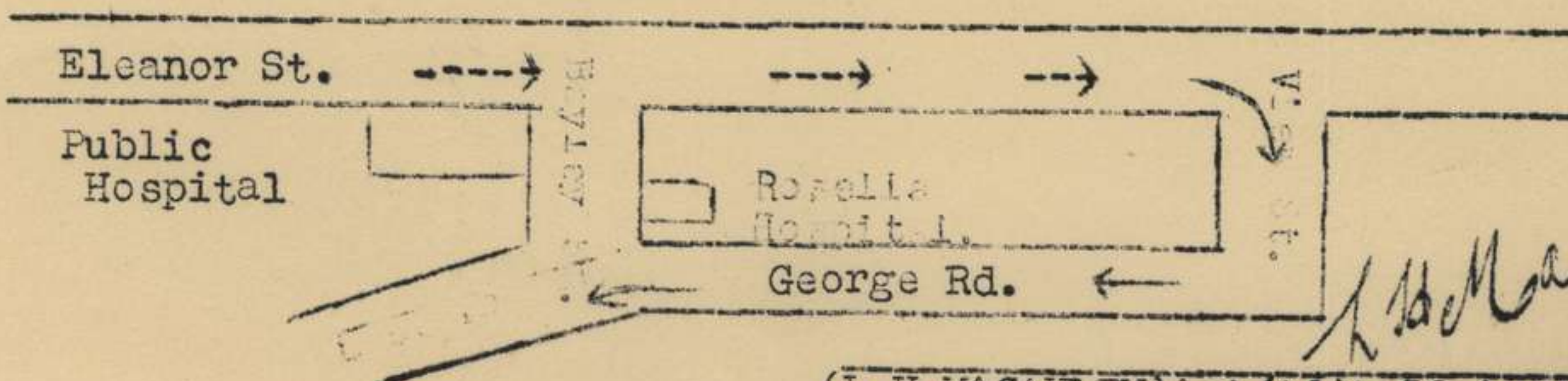
395. MILITARY TRAFFIC CIRCUIT - GERALDTON.

Due to the amount of noise at night in the vicinity of the Public and Rosella Hospital, occasioned by Military vehicles having to change down to low gear to negotiate Bayley St Hill (otherwise known as hospital hill), all Military vehicles will avoid Hospital Hill and proceed on the outward circuit from GERALDTON, by using View Street and George Street, and thence left into Eastern Road.

This order will apply only after 2200 hrs nightly, and T.O. and Coy Comds will promulgate this instruction to all drivers.

The necessity for quietness amongst passengers on Military vehicles will also be impressed on all ranks.

A sketch of the new circuit is as under:-



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B R E N CLASSIFICATION SHOOT

- GERALDTON R.R. -

- 1 / 6 MAY 43. -

PERSONNEL EXERCISED	727
PERSONNEL REFIRED TO QUALIFY OR QUALIFY FROM 2ND to 1st CLASS	135
TOTAL NUMBER EXERCISED	<u>862</u>

AMOUNT EXPENDED (INCLUDING NIGHT FIRING DEMO.) ██████████

- RESULTS -

<u>BEST IN SHOT.</u>	W.O. 11 KELLY. A. "B" Coy 116
<u>RUNNER UP.</u>	Pte PIETZ. R.G. "HQ" Coy 111

BEST COY SHOTS.

H.Q. Coy.	W.O. 11 CAMPBELL. W.	108
"A" Coy.	Pte. INGS. L.H.	110
"B" Coy.	(Pte. BULL. L.A.	110
	(Pte. PAINTER. L.A.	110
"C" Coy.	Pte. REBERGER L.G.	105
"D" Coy.	Cpl. OSBORNE. J.L.	109

COY AVERAGE (ON FIRST SHOOT.)

<u>POSN.</u>	<u>COY.</u>	<u>AVERAGE SCORE.</u>
1	D.	80.6.
2	H.Q.	75.38.
3	C.	75.34.
4	A.	72.2.
5	B.	71.1.

BEST PL SHOTS.

1 Pl.	Pte. RWLING. E.C.T.	102
2 Pl.	Pte. FOX. I.H.	102
3 Pl.	Cpl. MAJOR. E.M.	107
4 Pl.	(Cpl. STRACHAN. A.	104
5 Pl.	(Pte. DUNCAN. L.F.	104
6 Pl.	Pte. ROBERTS. F.	101
7 Pl.	Sgt. MYERS. C.H.	100
8 Pl.	Pte. McDONALD. W.C.	103
9 Pl.	Pte. MANSSELL. N.	100
10 Pl.	Sgt. FLEMING. B.A.	104
11 Pl.	Cpl. MCKENZIE. R.R.	107
12 Pl.	Pte. ROBERTS. R.A.	100
13 Pl.	(Pte. BULL. L.A.	110
14 Pl.	(Pte. PAINTER	110
15 Pl.	(Pte. MIRANDA. E.	98
16 Pl.	(L/Cpl. STINKS. A.J.	98
17 Pl.	L/Cpl. LANYON. W.R.	102
18 Pl.	Pte. LECKIE. K.M.	98
19 Pl.	Cpl. OSBORNE. H.J.	102
20 Pl.	Pte. HIRSON. R.H.	105
21 Pl.	Pte. MILLER. L.	106
22 Pl.	Pte. WATERS. A.L.	106

PL AVERAGES (ON FIRST SHOOT.)

<u>POSN.</u>	<u>COY.</u>	<u>PL.</u>	<u>AVERAGE SCORE.</u>	<u>POSN.</u>	<u>COY.</u>	<u>PL.</u>	<u>AVERAGE SCORE.</u>
1.	D.	18.	83.3.	12.	H.Q.	2.	74.7.
2.	H.Q.	3.	82.6.	13.	H.Q.	5.	73.5.
3.	D.	17.	81.5.	14.	A.	9.	73.
4.	H.Q.	Coy HQ.	81.3.	15.	B.	11.	72.9.
5.	C.	16.	78.8.	16.	C.	15.	72.2.
6.	D.	19.	77.4.	17.	A.	Coy H.Q.	71.4.
7.	H.Q.	1.	77.2.	18.	B.	13.	71.2.
8.	H.Q.	4.	76.2.	19.	B.	12.	69.3.
9.	C.	14.	75.3.	20.	A.	10.	69.2.
10.	A.	8.	75.2.	21.	H.Q.	6.	63.4.
11.	H.Q.	7.	75.-				

(A. E. STEVENSON.)

War diary

TRAINING PROGRAMME MAY 1943.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
"A" Coy	30	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
"B" Coy	30	1	23	19	24	21	10	15	4	10	12	2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
"C" Coy	1	23	13	24	20	21	25	4	10	12	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
"D" Coy	30	22	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
"H.Q." Coy	21	9	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Serial	Serial	Serial
1 Bre. Practice Classification Range	10 Mine Fields.	19 Tank Hunting.
2 River Crossing - Battle Practice.	11 Trip Wires Booby Traps.	20 Coy Programme.
3 Coy in Attack.	12 Wiring.	21 Pl. Controls.
4 Coy in Mobile Defence.	13 Field Firing - Sec & Pl Exercises.	22 Miniature Range.
5 Siting of Weapons.	14 Coy Inspection.	23 T.C. S.T. - LMG - Rifle Gas.
6 Revetting - Drainage.	15 Blitz March - Minimum 40 mls, 24 hrs.	24 Map Reading.
7 Siting of Obstacles.	16 Coy trek.	25 Field Sketching.
8 Camouflage - Natural & Art, Deceptive.	17 H.Q. Comn. Exercise.	26 Instruction on Sten & Owen Guns.
9 Rd. Blocks.	18 Arty Co op. (All officers to attend)	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 6.SECRET.
COPY NO.
13 May 43.1. GENERAL.

..... B Coy will supply a working party of 1 Offr and 30 O/Rs for construction work on F.A.D. MULLEWA approx duration 10 days.

2. MOVEMENT.

..... Working party will leave 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) lines at 0830 hrs on 15 May 43 and move by MT to F.A.D. MULLEWA.

3. REPORTING.

..... Party will report to Lieut THOMPSON of 5 Fd Coy R.A.E. who will be in charge of construction works.

4. TRANSPORT

..... Four three ton trucks will be required and will be supplied by T.O. and detailed to report to B Coy by 1800 hrs on 14 May 43. T.O. will also arrange for one M.C. orderly to move with working party.

5. TENTAGE.

..... B Coy will supply necessary tents to house party.

6. RATIONS.

..... Party will carry unconsumed portion of days rations on 15 May 43 and on subsequent days rations will be drawn from D.I.D. MULLEWA. B Coy will supply all necessary cooking gear, buckets, dishes lanterns etc.

7. LOCATION OF F.A.D.

..... Convoy will move out via Rd GERALDTON - MULLEWA. F.A.D. is approx 1 MI this side of MULLEWA. After crossing railway line there is a large quarry on the left hand side of the Rd and F.A.D. is situated about 1 MI along first Rd leading to left after quarry.

8. TOOLS.

..... All necessary tools for work will be supplied by 5 Fd Coy R.A.E. on site of job.

9. INTERCOMN.

..... M.C. orderly will return to Bn HQ each day for the purpose of collecting mail and any necessary messages.

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TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TROOPS.REF. MAPS.

GERALDTON 1:253440

NANSEN 1:63360.

THE BATTALION GROUP IN ATTACK.

All references are
ref. NANSEN sheet.

1. OBJECT.

To practice sub-unit comds. in appreciation, plans and orders for the attack.

2. LESSONS AND PRINCIPLES.(a) The choice of place, direction, objectives and time.

"The main problem which the attacker has to solve in making his plan are:-

Choice of place; he has to consider which ground best suits the characteristics of his force, which ground offers the best opportunity for surprise, and which ground, if captured, will bring the best opportunity for exploiting success; and to decide to which of these considerations he will give most weight, when, as is most usual, they are conflicting". F.S.R. Vol. II.

(b) The preparation.

"A period of preparation for an attack is always necessary to allow for reconnaissance by commanders; the formation of their plan; the issue of orders; the deployment of troops; the measures necessary to ensure the effectiveness of supporting fire, the selection and establishment of headquarters and the arrangements for intercommunication". F.S.R. VOL. II.

(c) Exploitation and consolidation.

"After success the first action should be to push out patrols to keep touch with the enemy and to ascertain the situation in front and to the flanks. There is often a period after a successful attack where ground beyond the allotted objective can be occupied with little or no resistance while the enemy is still surprised and disorganised". "Consolidation has as its purpose to secure the objectives which have been reached, as other important localities which have been occupied against counter-attack and as a base for further advance". F.S.R. VOL. II.

3. DIRECTING STAFF.

Capt. W.C. Keast. Capt. J.R. Farrell.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Date, times, place of assembly, transport, messing arrangements and syndicates will be advised later.

Maps, writing material, binoculars and compasses required.

Each officer will prepare an enlargement 4" to 1 mile of sqs. bounded by refs. 540510 - 540510 - 540470 - 540470 prior to the exercise.

5. OPENING SITUATION.

(a) A Japanese force, estimated at one regimental gp have landed at POINT GREGORY and is moving SOUTH towards GERALDTON. It is known to have captured NORTHAMPTON.

(b) 1 Aust Inf. Bde. Gp. has been ordered to attack and destroy enemy. It is moving NORTH along rd. GERALDTON - CARNARVON.

(c) 1 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp. O O B:-

H.Q. 1 Aust. Inf. Bde.
1 Aust. Inf. Bn.
2 Aust. Inf. Bn.
3 Aust. Inf. Bn.
1 Aust. Fd. Regt.
1 Aust. Tk/A Bty.
1 Aust. Fd. Coy.
11 Coy. A.A.S.C.
A Sqn. - 1 Aust. Cav. Regt.
1 Aust. Fd. Amb.

(d) 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp - Lt. Col. J. SMITH - is advance gd.

PROBLEM I. What tps. do you consider would be comprised in 3 Aust. Inf. Bn.Gp.

6.

NARRATIVE I.

On Mob. Tps. reaching BOLLER R. at 1200 hrs. they were held up by M.G. Fire from BARE KNOB ref. 523488. They seized features WHITE HILL ref. 527488 and GREEN HILL ref. 525484 from enemy patrols. The Cav. report that enemy posts are located on SCRUB RIDGE ref. 520495, BACKKNOLL ref. 525497 and BARE KNOB ref. 522493 estimated strength two coys. The adv. gd. comd. is coming fwd.

PROBLEM II. What do you consider would the adv. comd. do?

PROBLEM III. What would he do before leaving on his recce.?

PROBLEM IV. What would be his recce plan?

PROBLEM V. As comd. Adv. Gd. make your appreciation and issue your orders.

PROBLEM VI. As adjt. confirm, in writing the C.Os. verbal orders.

7.

NARRATIVE II.

The attack was successful and as it is now 1630 hrs. the Bde. Comd. ordered the Comd. Adv. Gd. to take up a defensive position on his present position and NOT to continue the advance until first light.

PROBLEM VII. On enlargement show position to be occupied down to Pls. position of Tk/A. guns Mortars Carrs. etc., and prepare your patrol plan.

D. S. NOTES.

PROBLEM I. 3 Aust. Inf. Bn. One Bty. Arty.
One Tp. Tk/A. One Det. R.E.
One Gen. Tpt. Pl.

Questions to be asked of individuals after problem discussed.

- (i) Q. Where would A Sqn. 25 Cav. Regt. be and under whose cmd.?
A. About 2 miles ahead of Adv. Gd. in this country. It must move sufficiently far ahead to recce. country ahead of Adv. gd. and give information in time for it to deploy and yet NOT be so far ahead as to risk being dealt with in detail or cut off. Now called Mob. tps. and working on an operational instruction under Comd. Bde. Comd.
- (ii) Q. Where would B ech. be and under whose cmd.?
A. Brigaded and moving almost in rear of Bde. coln under Bde. T.O.
- (iii) Q. Where would the Bde. R. Gp. move? What is its composition?
A. At head of Main gd. Comds. always well forward.
Bde. Comd. B.M. (B.M.L.) I.O. Sig. O. & 4 Sigs. 2 D.R.s. ~~XXXX~~ Arty Comd. and Sigs. Tk/A. cmd. R.E. Det. cmd. (Fd. Amb. Comd.?).

PROBLEM II. Immediately contact Cav. Comd. for information.

PROBLEM III. Plan recce. and give warning order.

"WARNING ORDER (.) ref map NANSEN one inch one mile(.) enemy located vic ref. 523488 - 527495 - 525497 (.) we will attack (.) 0 Gp. to ref. 524480 by 1240 hrs. (.) Assembly area sq. 5246 debus NOT fwd of ref. 521460 - 1220.
Too 1215

PROBLEM IV. Consider Cav. Comd. would be on right flank owing to obstacle. C.O. would look from GREEN HILL but would require another view point on left flank vic ref. 522484.

PROBLEM V.

APPRECIATION of the situation by Lt. Col. Smith at 1230 hrs. on (date) at ref. 522484.

OBJECT. 1. To secure the high ground through SCRUB RIDGE and BACKKNOLL to enable advance to be continued.

CONSIDERATIONS

2. GROUND.

(a) Ob-jectives. The enemy is located on SCRUB RIDGE, BLACKKNOLL and BARE KNOB. SCRUB RIDGE and BACK RIDGE are large high features with good fields of fire, cover and covered lines of withdrawal. BARE KNOB is a small feature without cover and is dominated by rear features. Deduction. Most of enemy's force will be located on SCRUB RIDGE and BLACK KNOLL. There is NOT likely to be a large force on BARE KNOB and by capturing former features I can outmanoeuvre tps. on BARE KNOB who can be dealt with later.

(b) Approaches. The ground on my right flank is a valley. Our Cav. have seized features that cover its approaches. The probable objectives can be seen. A partial tank obstacle protects his right flank. Some parts provide dead ground but most can be covered with fire and there is little cover from view. Deduction. If I attack from the right flank control and direction will be easily maintained though NOT as well as from front. My fire plan can be simple as fire can be observed, the obstacle will NOT hold up inf. The tps. will be under fire for a long distance and have to attack up hill and across the road. The ground to my front is undulating a bare of all cover and covered by fire from whole position. Probably objectives can be clearly seen. Deduction. Frontal attack easy to control, simple plan, fire support by observation but very exposed for attacking tps. Left flank is thick scrub onto positions, there is a tk. obstacle traversable by infantry. The enemy positions are NOT visible and support by observation difficult. Deduction. Left flank presents best approach for infantry but direction and control difficult, timed plan necessary and it will take longer to mount the attack.

- (c) Positions for Supporting fire O.P.s. etc., On the right flank GREEN HILL and WHITE HILL provide excellent O.P.s. and cover for Mortars at rear of GREEN HILL. In the centre Good cover can be obtained for Mortars and O.P.s. Left flank provides poor positions for O.P.s. Deduction. Centre and GREEN HILL provide best positions for O.P.s. and both areas are suitable for Mortars.

3. RELATIVE STRENGTH.

I have a Bn. Gp. and the support of a Sqn. of Cav. The enemy appears to have two Coys I am sure that he will have in such a gp. M.Gs. Mortars and Tk/A. weapons but he is NOT likely to have arty. The enemy is in a good prepared defensive position.

Deduction. I can attack and destroy the enemy with the support that I have available but I will have to employ the whole of my group.

4. TIME AND SPACE.

The time is now 1230 hrs. The vangd. Coy will have debussed 2000 yds back. The head of Mainvgd. should have reached debussing area and it will be half an hour before all troops are debussed - 1300 hrs. The Bn. can be forward in another half hour but if I attack from the flanks I will have to add another 15 minutes, another fifteen minutes will also be required to ensure sec. comds. have received their orders.

Supporting arms can be well in position before Inf. reaches their S.L. Deduction. I cannot attack before 1400 hrs.

5. COURSES OPEN. TO US.

- (a) I can attack from right flank with two or three Coys. with fourth Coy. on firm base, supporting fire by observation from front and overhead fire from Cav. But much of the approach must be over open ground under a great deal of the enemy's fire and the attack must be uphill.
- (b) I can attack from the centre taking BARE KNOB and then BACK KNOLL and SCRUB RIDGE. I can use Two Coys. fwd. one reserve and one on firm base. I can support by observation as in (A). The plan is simple but attacking troops would come under fire from the whole of the enemy's position while advancing over open ground and uphill.
- (c) I can attack from the left flank taking in turn SCRUB RIDGE and BACK KNOLL and dealing with BARE KNOB later. I can attack on a two Coy front with a Coy in reserve and a Coy on a firm base. The attack will be along a covered approach and the enemy will find it hard to delay the advance. I can give supporting fire from the front and the flank but it will have to be carefully timed owing to lack of observation. The objectives are NOT visible from any start line and the attacking tps. may lose direction and it will take longer to stage.

6. COURSES OPEN TO THE ENEMY.

- (a) Endeavour to break up our attack by fire and either resist to last or withdraw by covered routes before we reach his position.
- (b) Stage a counter attack while our troops are moving up to the start line.

I will adopt course 5 (c) because

- (i) I shall be able to close with the enemy before he can cause many casualties.
- (ii) By NOT meeting all his force at once I will beat him at close quarters.
- (iii) My firm base will protect me if the enemy adopts course (b).
- (iv) The enemy will find it difficult to withdraw particularly from BARE KNOB.

7. PLAN.

INTENTION.

1. I will attack SCRUB RIDGE and BACK KNOLL.

METHOD.

METHOD.

2. Fwd. Tps. Two Coys.
3. Res. Tps. One Coy. following fwd. Coys | One Coy. on firm base.
4. Arty . Tasks SCRUB RIDGE, BACK KNOLL.
5. Mortars. Tasks. BARE KNOB, SCRUB RIDGE.
6. Carriers. Supporting fire from front and right flank BARE KNOB and SCRUB RIDGE.
7. Tk/A. guns. Protection of firm Base and right flank.
8. Approz. Zero 1400 hrs.

PROBLEM V ~~and VI.~~

Questions for individuals before receiving solutions.

- (i) Q. Who would be in Bn. R Gp.
A. C.O. I.O. (Adj. at H.Q.) Sig. O. 2 orderlies. O.Cs. Arty. Tk/A. Mortars and Carr. (Mortars and Carr. may be in O. Gp.).
- (ii) Q. Who would C.O. issue his orders to:-
A. Bn. O. Gp. Coy. Comds. Adj.
- (iii) Q. Where would he issue them?
A. Under cover Vic. ref. 522484. I.O. would point out topographical features etc., while C.O. completing his appreciation.
- (iv) Q. How would R.M.O. get his orders? Where would he be ?
A. From Adj. or R.S.M. when H.Q. being established. He would NOT go forward in orders gp.

C.O. to give Verbal Orders from & also answer to PROBLEM VI.

Also ANSWERS PROB VI.

3 AUST INF. BN. O.O. No. 1.

SECRET.

Ref. Map. NANSEN 1:63,360.

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INFORMATION 1.

1. Enemy estimated two Coys. are on SCRUB RIDGE and BACK KNOLL with some tps. on BARE KNOB where a M.G. position has been located.
2. A Sqn. 1 Cav. Regt., is on WHITE HILL and GREEN HILL and will protect the right flank.

INTENTION.

3. 3 Bn will attack and capture SCRUB RIDGE and BACK KNOLL.

METHOD.

4. Fwd Tps. Right B Coy Left C Coy.
5. Objectives. 1st SCRUB RIDGE 2nd BACK KNOLL.
6. Reserves. D Coy will follow 400 yds in rear fwd coys to SCRUB RIDGE. A Coy will est firm base on left of rd vic 524486 and support attack by observed fire onto BARE KNOB.
7. Axis of Adv. 70° Grid.
8. Rate of Adv. 100 yds in 2 mins. B Coy will direct and set pace.
9. S.L. Ridge running in NW direction from ref 516490.
10. Exploitation. B and C Coys will exploit to rd junc ref 531501 and a line running due west from that point. A Coy will occupy BARE KNOB on success ~~subsequent~~
11. Consolidation. Right B Coy Left C Coy will take up posn in scrub 400 yds north of BACK KNOLL.

(4)

D Coy will remain on SCRUB RIDGE.

A Coy, after mopping up on BARE KNOB, will occupy that feature and BACK KNOLL.

12. CARRIERS. (i) Two secs Right flank.

Tasks. Z to Z plus 5-normal-SCRUB RIDGE.
Z to Z plus 12-normal-BACK KNOLL.
On success exploit along rd GERALDTON-CARNARVON.

(ii) Two secs vic A Coy.

Tasks. Z-3 to Z plus 6-normal-BARE KNOB.
Z plus 6 to Z plus 12-normal-BACK KNOLL.
Then go into reserve.

13. Mortars. (i) Four dets.

Tasks. Z-5 to Z plus 7 normal H E-BARE KNOB.
Z plus 7 to Z plus 13-normal-70% smoke-BARE KNOB.

(ii) Two dets.

In res for targets when indicated.

14. Arty.

Bty Tasks. Z-5 to Z plus 5-normal-SCRUB RIDGE and BACK KNOLL. HE.
Z plus 5 to Z plus 12-normal-BACK KNOLL. HE.

15. TkA.

(i) Tp guns. Protection on right flank.

On success one sec to protect front; one sec to remain on right flank.

(ii) Bn guns. One sec in A Coy area.

On success move fwd to SCRUB RIDGE.
One sec with tpt.

16. Engrs.

Det remain in reserve awaiting tasks.
On success ensure bridge at BOLLER RIVER is fit to take tpt.

17. Zero. 1415 hrs.

ADM.

18. R A P. Bend in rd ref 521479.

19. S A A. Right of rd vic ref 523478.

20. TPT. Remain in dispersal area until further orders.
Coy stores vehs come fwd on success.

INTERCOMN.

21. Bn H Q. Vic ref 522482.

22. W T. One 108 set to each rifle coy.

23. L T. Coys will be linked up with line on success.

24. Success. Red/green on capture of BACK KNOLL.

Capt.
(J. BROWN.) Adjt.
3 Aust Inf Bn.

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PROBLEM VI.

Order under heading Problem V, when it is used as DS of verbal orders.
Questions for individuals before being asked to prepare written order.

- (i) Q. Would you, as adjt, prepare a written order of confirm in writing this order?
A. No. The order would be given verbally and the action would be over before a written order could be prepared.
- (ii) Q. When is a written order given by an adjt.? Give example.
A. When there is a deal of time before the action and when the orders are such that each subunit comd must be sure of every detail. e.g. Night Attack.
- (iii) Q. What is ideal way for sub unit comd to receive his orders?
A. Verbally from CO on gd and written confirmation from adjt before action is required.

REMEMBER THAT ON THIS ATTACK EXERCISE WRITTEN ORDERS WOULD NEVER BE GIVEN.
THE PREPARING OF THE ORDERS IN WRITING IS FOR PRACTICE IN ORDER WRITING ONLY.

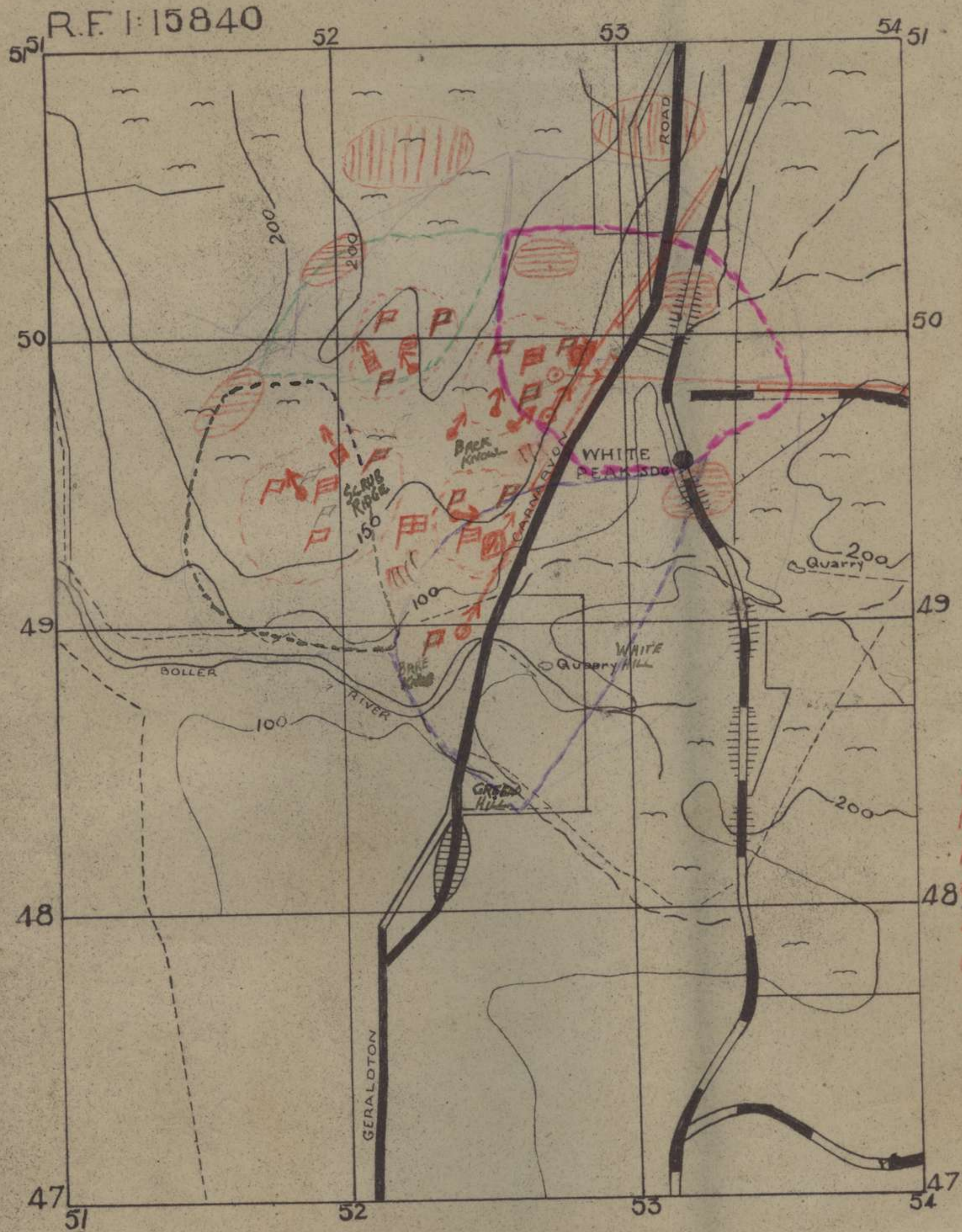
PROBLEM VII.

Questions for individuals before receiving solutions.

- (i) Q. How much digging in and wiring, if any, would be carried out?
A. As much as possible. One always prepares a defensive posn as strongly as possible no matter how long he expects to occupy it.
- (ii) Q. Where would the carriers be during the night? Where would their guns be?
A. Carriers come into bn area as are no good at night. Guns would be on fixed lines and usually dismounted.
- (iii) Q. Where would unit tpt be during night?
A. Coy stores vehs and Bn sigs and I vehs with bn. B Ech vehs bded. Probably Tp carriers would return to B Ech and come up early in morn. Some B Ech vehs would bring up food, water and petrol and replenish amm during night and would then return.
- (iv) Q. Where do you think 2 i/c would be? Who would act as 2 i/c in his absence?
A. With B Ech at LOB. A percentage of all ranks incl 2 i/c are usually LOB. Suggest OC HQ Coy acts as 2 i/c while QM is in charge of tps in B Ech.

ENLARGMENT NANSON SHEET

VIC WHITE PEAK



Under Instructions
CAPT. W.C. KEAST

Made By J. Worthy Pte
INT SEC 56 BN

56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) COMMUNICATION & TACTICAL EXERCISE:-

"CONTROL"

25 - 27 May 43

SECRET

24 May 43

Copy No. 14

Ref Maps:- GERALDTON - 1:63360
BOOKARA - 1:63360
NANSON - 1:63360

GENERAL - A Bde comm exercise will be conducted on 25 - 26 May 43. A tactical exercise with tps will be conducted on 27 May 43. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will participate in the exercises which will be under direction of Bde Comd.

2. OBJECT - (a) To provide a H.Q. Comms in the field.
(b) To exercise tps in the rapid mobile offensive & defensive action.

3. LESSONS- CONTROLLED DISPERSION IN BATTLE

- (a) "Without an adequate & comparatively 'fool-proof' system of intercomm - control - even the flexible 'loose recn' type, which is all we require - will break down" (ATM (Aust))
- (b) MOBILITY - "It must be possible to develop the maximum mobility of a portion of a Unit in the minimum time in abnormal circumstances (ATM (Aust).)"
- (c) MESSAGE WRITING - ".....brevity, clearness and strict observance of rules are essentials in message writing" (FSPB pam 2)
- (d) LIASON - "Offrs and N.C.O's acting as liason personnel are one of the most useful means of intercomm. (FSPB pam 2)
- (e) BATTLE PROCEDURE - "The object of battle procedure is to ensure that comm is exercised, and deployment effected, with the minimum of delay & the fewest orders possible." (ATM (Aust))

4. TPS TAKING PART:-

- (a) OWN TPS (i) ALL ranks of 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(ii) Other tps appearing in same dress.
- (b) ENEMY - Members of another unit representing 99 Jap Regt.

5. IDENTIFICATION & DRESS -

- (a) OWN TPS - BATTLE ORDER - steel helmet - trousers with gaiters - shirts (Flannel or worsted if available) or jumpers - NOT respirators.
- (b) ENEMY - As own tps but wearing hats, khaki fur.
- (c) D.S. & UMPIRES - White bands on cap or hat, white armbands.

6. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE -

<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>REPRESENTATION</u>
Tk.A Gun	Red Verrey
Mortar	Ballistite
MMG	Blank
LMG & SMG	Stone in tin or crackers
Rifle	Blank
Grenades	Aldershot grenades

7. MEDICAL - (a) ACTUAL - casualties evacuated as usual.
(b) Exercise casualties to R.A.P. only.

8. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:-

- (a) All Offrs & N.C.O's will ensure that actual conflict does NOT take place.
- (b) Precaution adhered to in use of explosives or blanks.

9. PRISONERS OF WAR - P.W's remain with captor forces until released by umpires or D.S. Normal P.W. procedure for interrogation and disposal will be carried out.

10. REALISM - All Offrs and N.C.O's will ensure that utmost realism is maintained & ALL ranks informed of what is going on.

11. INTERCOMM

- (a) One 208 set allotted to 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- (b) 108 sets allotted to coys by Sig Offr
- (c) CODES to be used will be notified later.
- (d) Messages will be prefixed with the word "CONTROL".

(Over)

11. INTERCOMN. (Continued)

(e) NEUTRAL SIGNALS & PERSONNEL:-

- (i) D.R's - with white hat bands
- (ii) Vehs - any Div Tps
- (iii) STOP EXERCISE - 4 long blasts on whistle - repeated
- (iv) Recommence exercise - 4 short blasts on whistle - repeated.
- (v) Exercise over - 2 long 2 short blasts on whistle - repeated.

(f) SYNCHRONISATION

- (i) All Offrs will receive time from Sig Offr at 0800 hrs daily.
- (ii) Sigs will receive time from Bde Sig Office at 0600 hrs.

12. OFFRS CONFERENCE:-

An Offrs conference will be held in Offrs Mess at 0815 hrs 25 May 43.
Breakfast in mess will be at 0730 hrs sharp.

13. PERSONNEL REQUIRED 25 May 43 -

It is anticipated that all Bn HQ, Sig Sec, and Coy & Pl Comds of each Rifle Coy will be required during 25 May 43.
All tps will probably be required on evening 26 May 43.
Details will be issued later.

GENERAL SITUATION.

At 0900 hrs 24 May 43, Comd. Aust Forces, from information available regarding enemy movement, declared Third Stage of Readiness in N.W. Area of W.A.

- 2. From an appreciation, he deducts that an attack on GERALDTON could be expected.
- 3. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) is in present area and other units in present locations.
- 4. At 1200 hrs 25 May 43, Third Stage of Readiness at GERALDTON was declared.

W.C. Keast

Capt.
(W.C.KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Time of signature 1200 hrs

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Issued with Operational Instruction No. 5

Serial No.	Post	Location of Place of duty	Strength	Water	Rations	Communications	Equipment to be taken over or required.
1	No. 1 CWP	232478	One sec.	Not manned	Be prepared to man at short notice.	No allotment W/T set.	
2	No. 2 CWP	243467	One sec.	" "	" "	" "	" "
3	No. 3 CWP	Smugglers Cove 251444	1 NCO 8 O/Rs	One 100 gal. filled every 3rd day.	Scale C. Tinned rations every 6 days.	Line through 44 Bn to Bde switch	Tent complete. 100 gal tank.
4	No. 4 CWP	Chapman R. 25284380	Pl HQ 1 Offr 1 NCO 10 ORs 1 Dvr	do	do	do	do
5	No. 5 CWP	Beach 25314261	Pl HQ 1 Offr 1 NCO 8 O/Rs 1 Dvr 3 Sigs.	One 200 gal tank	do	PMG GERALDTON Magnet phone required.	Tent complete.
6	No. 6 CWP	Feature 227 26014141	1. NCO 8. O/Rs 3. Sigs.	One 100 gal tank filled every 3rd day.	do	208 Set, Lamp & helio to 7 post.	One 208 set. Lamp & helio to be taken. One 100 gal tank.
7.	No. 7 CWP	High Ground 26894058	1. NCO 8. O/Rs 2. Sigs.	Water from farm 25 mins from post. 6 cans two gal.	do	PMG Line extended to post from GREENOUGH. Mag-neto phone required.	Tent complete. 208 set Lamp & Helio to be taken.
8.	GUARD D.I.D.	Northern Gully 284441	1. NCO. 10. ORs.	D.I.D. Container needed for inned use.	By DID Cooking utensils required		Tent complete.

Sig Offr will detail sig personnel as required by O.C. A Coy for serial Nos 1 to 7 Incl.

SERIAL NO.	POST	LOCATION.	STRENGTH.	WATER.	RATIONS.	COMMUNICATIONS.	EQUIPMENT.
9.	GUARD	E 2000 Inf Bde (AIF)	1 Party of 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 12 ORs. Offr NOT required.	Six Cans 2 Gal.	By Bde.		Tent Complete.
10.	GUARD.	2 Aust Div.	1 Pl of 36 incl 1 cook 1 Sgt, 3 Cpls, & 1 Offr.	"	By Div.		do
11.	PO GUARD	GERALDTON.	1 NCO, 6 ORs	Local	Daily by Coy		Quartered with Town Picquet.
12.	TOWN PICQUET	GERALDTON.	1 Capt 2 Lts, 6 NCOs 24 ORs, 2 cooks 4 15 cwt vans 4 Sigs.	Daily by Coy.	Daily by Coy	Ring 331 Power House.	Five Tents.
13.	Hygiene Picquet.		Hygiene Sgt 3 ORs.	PROVIDED FROM TOWN PICQUET.			
14.	ROAD MAKING PARTY		TO BE NOTIFIED LATER.				
15.	Fatigue	Birdwood House, GER.	1 Cpl: 6 ORs	Local	Midday meal provided Birdwood House.		Report Caretaker 0900 hrs Wednesday mornings.
16.	Instruction.	Rest Stn. NEWMARRA-CARRA	1 Sgt.	Local	By Rest Stn.		Full Marching Order.
17.	Rear Div HQ.	DIV Rear H.Q.	1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 12 ORs, 6 ORs for fatigues.	Div.	Div.		
18.	Fatigue Party.	Bulk Canteen.	4 ORs 1x3 ton truck.				Quartered with Picquet.
19.	COOK	All Services Canteen.	1 Pastry Cook.				Quartered with Picquet.
20.	Instruction	8 Fd Amb. X	1 Offr 1 NCO.	Fd Amb.	Fd Amb.		
21.	Working Party.	5 Aust Inf Bde. (AIF) X	1 NCO 6 ORs.				
22.	Bugler.	2 Aust Div.	1 Bugler.	Bde. Div.	Bde. Div.		

NOTE:- Serial 10 - Take four Brens for Instructional purposes on Div personnel.
 Serial 17 - Bren, Tommy, Austin and Owen Guns for Instruction.

WAR DIARY

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

56 AUST. INF BN (AIF) TRANSPORT INSTRUCTION. 7 May 43.

1. In future Drivers of all vehicles leaving camp area whether in convoy or moving independently will carry a duly certified and signed Transport check.
2. This Transport check will be filled in prior to departure and checked by T.C.P. and on return Picquet on duty at T.C.P. will fill in time and speedo reading and file.
3. At 1800 hrs each day checks will be returned to Tpt Office and thence to Adjt for checking.
4. The C.O.'s Recce Car (H1) and Bn 2 I/C's utility (H2) will NOT be required to carry Tpt checks and will NOT be halted by T.C.P. Picquet.
5. All Tpt checks will be signed by Bn 2 I/C, Adjt, Transport Offr Q.M. or a Coy Comd. In the event of the above Offrs all being unavailable Tpt checks will be signed by the senior Offr in camp.
6. Bn water carts will carry a permanent pass and will NOT be halted by picquet.
7. Notification of all transport leaving camp must be given to transport office at least one hour prior to duty in order that transport be co-ordinated.
8. A duty truck will be available each day leaving camp at 1000 hrs and remaining in GERALDTON until 1700 hrs. This will be a 3 ton truck and will be utilised for carting of Canteen supplies.

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 56 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRANSPORT CHECK.

DATE. _____

VEHICLE NO _____ DRIVER _____

TIME OUT _____ HRS. TIME IN _____ HRS.

SPEEDO OUT. _____ MLS. SPEEDO IN? _____ MLS.

OFFR, N.C.O. or PTE I/C OF VEHICLE _____

DESTINATION. _____

NATURE OF DUTY _____

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZING JOURNEY.)

This check to be signed by 2 I/C, Adjt, T.O. Q.M. or a Coy Comd.

S E C R E T.

56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

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OPERATIONAL ORDER No. 5

7 MAY 43.

Reference Map GERALDTON - 4 miles to 1 inch.

INFORMATION - 2 Aust Divisional duties are to be changed on 11 May 43.

INTENTION - 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will take over duties from 54 Aust Inf Bn

METHOD- (a) A Coy will take over duties serials 1 to 9 inclusive. O.C. A Coy will carry out recce of CWPs and contact O.C. Coy of 54 Aust Inf Bn at present on duty.
(b) C Coy will take over duties Serials 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 & 19
(c) HQ Coy will supply serials 15, 16, 17, 20, 21
(d) Offr i/c serial No. 10 will also be responsible to see that band supplies serial No. 22
APPX "A" attached shows ALL duties.

ADM:- M.T. Coys will as far as possible supply their own transport. Coy Comds to contact T.O. in this respect. With the exception of serials 11, 12, 13, transport will take new duties out and return old duties to 54 Aust Inf BN lines.

DRESS:- (a) PICQUET - Dress whilst on duty will be helmets steel with camouflage nets. Khaki Shirts. ('Austerity' shirts will NOT be worn.)
Long trousers K.D. and anklets web, side arms. Offrs will wear equipment & carry arms.
(b) GUARDS - Battle Dress. Long Trousers & anklets web. Helmets steel & khaki shirts (as above)
(c) HYGIENE PICQUET-
Fatigue dress. Duties will be clean & attend
(i) Latrines at Cathedral, South of Township
(ii) Latrines opposite "Radio Theatre"
These duties will be detailed from Town Picquet each day. Hygiene Sgt will make periodical inspections.

MEDICAL - R.M.O. will make visits to CWPs and Town Picquets as required. O.Cs to advise Bn HQ daily if R.M.O. is required. R.M.O. will supply Coys on out posts with necessary medical requirements.

AMMUNITION - A Coy will arrange with Q.M. and take 5,000 rounds S.A.A. for Bren Guns: 50 rounds per man for rifles: 200 rounds for each T.S.M.G. - 5 Verrey Pistols with 5 flares of each colour.
O.C. A Coy will arrange re tents, water tanks & other requirements for each posn.

INTERCOMN. - As shown on appx "A" attached.

ISSUED BY RUNNER.

<u>DISTRIBUTION:-</u>	Copy No.
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2 i/c	2
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HQ Coy	10
Caterer	11
War Diary	12, 13
File	14
R.S.M.	15
Spare	16, 17
5 Aust Inf Bde	18

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56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Time of signature 1700 hrs

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

8 MAY 43.

56 AUST. INF. BN. (A.I.F.)

SECRET:-To be issued to Staff only.

ALARM EXERCISE IN CO-OPERATION WITH R.A.A.F.

1. GENERAL.
The above exercise is to take place at 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) Camp during the daylight Hrs. of 10 May. 43.
2. OBJECT OF EXERCISE.
 - (a) To test the state of P.A.D. within the camp.
 - (b) To assimilate in the event of a bombing attack.
3. TROOPS TAKING PART.
All members of 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)
4. ENEMY.
Three (3) aircraft as detailed by R.A.A.F. GERALDTON.
5. REPRESENTATION OF BOMBS.
Gelignite bombs will be placed in position during Hrs. of darkness and fired to represent bomb bursts.
6. DURATION OF EXERCISE.
Aircraft will bomb camp area for period of approx. 15 Mins. This period is to be during normal R.A.A.F. trng. Hrs.
7. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.
During the afternoon of 9 May. 43 all Amn. is to be withdrawn from tps and held in Coy. stores. This Amn. will be re-issued during afternoon of 10 May. 43. N.B. This instruction is to be issued separately to all Coys.
- 8.

NARRATIVE.

During Hrs. of daylight on 10 May. 43 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) in camp in the MOONYOONOCKA area receive from R.A.A.F. GERALDTON a pre-arranged code word indicating a RED WARNING.

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"A" Coy C.O.Ref Map GERALDTON TRAINING SHEET
ENLARGEMENTINFM.1. Enemy

Jap force estimated strength equal to one Aust Inf Bn has landed NORTH and SOUTH of RIV. GREENOUGH. ONE Coy- SOUTH RIDGE ref 550210. ONE Coy -SPUR RIDGE ref. sq. 55422. M.M.G. posns have been observed on KNOLL TWO ref 550217 and on high features WEST of KNOLL TWO.

2. Own Tps.

"B" Coy is to attack enemy posn on SPUR RIDGE simultaneously with the attack on SOUTH RIDGE. C and D Coys are to remain in res. at CREAM RIDGE ref sq. 5623.

INTENTION.

3. "A" Coy will cross RIV. GREENOUGH at dawn 10 May, attack and destroy enemy in occupation of SOUTH RIDGE.

METHOD.

4. Attack will be carried out in two phases.

5. 1st. Phase

- (a) Objective - MMG. posn on KNOLL TWO.
 (b) Tps. 7 sec - 10 Pl. will cross river by assault boat and capture MMG posn.
 8 sec - will cross river and act as a covering force.
 9 sec - as protective force on NEAR side of river.
 (c) Action on capture of objective
 7 sec - will consolidate posn.
 8 sec - will remain in posn to form outer bridge head.
 (d) ZERO. 0530 hrs. (launching of boats)
 (e) Time to capture objective. - Z plus 20.

6. 2nd Phase

- (a) Objective
 RIGHT Pl. - SOUTH RIDGE (obscured portion)
 LEFT Pl. - " " (clear portion)
 (b) INNER Pl. Boundary - LEFT EDGE TIMBER - running NORTH and SOUTH.
 (c) Tps. to carry out attack.
 RIGHT - 8 Pl.
 LEFT - 9 Pl.
 (d) Action on capture of objective
 i. Exploitation and consolidation for 8 and 9 Pls. 200 yds S.W. of objectives.
 ii. On Success Signal from fwd Pls. 10 Pl (less 9 sec) will move fwd from their present posns and pursue enemy.
 (e) Time across river.
 8 Pl - Z plus 20
 Coy H.Q. - Z plus 20
 9 Pl - Z plus 20
 (f) STARTING LINE. - 100 yds from waters edge (over river)
DIRECTION OF ATTACK. - from S.L. 205 deg. mag.
 (g) PACE OF ATTACK - 100 yds, 3mins.

7. POINTS COMMON TO BOTH PHASES(a) Crossing place

- i. LOCATION - NORTH SIDE of river between CRAG PT. ref 555221 and RD. 553222.
 ii. ALLOTMENT TO PLS.
 EAST end of CROSSING PLACE - 8 and 10 Pls.
 WEST " " " " - 9 Pl
 EAST " " " " - CARRIERS and MORTARS.

(b) F.U.P's

- i. For each crossing place.
 8 and 10 Pls, Coy HQ, 100 yds NORTH of CRAG PT. ref. 555221
 9 Pls - RD ref 553222.
 ii. Route will be taped from F.U.P. to Crossing Place.

- iii. Halt for 10 mins.
- (c) Off Loading Point and Ass.Area
Vicinity KITCHEN AREA ref 556222,
- (d) BOATS
i. - 6 Assault boats and 2 recce boats will be allotted to the coy
ii. 1 Assault boat and 1 recce boat - 10 Pl.
2 " " " " 1 " " - 8 Pl and Coy H.Q.
2 " " " " " " - 9 Pl.
iii. Boats will be offloaded at 0400 hrs at KITCHEN AREA ref 556222.
- (e) Carriers.
i. One sec carriers will support phase 2 of the attack in dismantled posn. from NEAR SIDE of RIVER; neutralizing enemy MMG's on RIGHT FLANK from Z plus 25 to Z plus 28.
ii. On success signal, guns will be mounted and moved to crossing place then be dismantled, cross river and engage opportune targets on RIGHT FLANK by observation.
iii. Assist 8 and 9 Pls in pursuit task.
- (f) MORTAR.
i. 1 Det. (M) will support Phase 2 of the attack from NEAR SIDE of river neutralizing enemy MMG's on RIGHT FLANK from Z plus 25 to Z plus 30.
ii. On Success signal, cross river and engage opportunity targets on RIGHT FLANK by observation.
iii. Assist 8 and 9 Pls in consolidation.
iv. No movement of (M) carriers before Z plus 25.
- (g) Recce
i. Not more than 2 personell per pl. will recce at one time.

ADM.

- (a) Med. i. R.A.P. will be established at KITCHEN AREA.
ii. W.W.C.P. - NORTH END of KNOLL TWO. ref 550217.
- (b) Messing - Hot midnight meal before moving from CREAM RIDGE.
- (c) Amm. - S.A.A. res. at KNOLL ONE ref 551219.
- (d) P.O.W. i. - Collecting point LANDING PLACE.
ii. Disposal. - Ferried across to I sec.
iii. 10 Pl will have available 1 boat for this purpose.

INTERCOMM.

Bn.H.Q. CREAM RIDGE.
Coy H.Q. will move in rear of 8 Pl.
Normal distribution of 108 sets.
W.T. - Silence until Success signal from fwd coy and then
NORMAL TRAFFIC.
LIGHT SIGNALS. - Success signal fwd coys - ONE GREEN
SYNCHRONISATION - of watches at CREAM RIDGE.
PASSWORD. - CRAYFISH.

ACK.

Issued by hand.

DISTRIBUTION

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D COY	" " 6
HQ COY	" " 7
O.C. NO. 4 PL.	" " 8
O.C. NO. 3 PL	" " 9
T.O.	" " 10
CATERER	" " 11
BDE	" " 12-15
WAR DIARY	" " 14-15
FILE	" " 16-17
SPARES.	" " 18-19-20-21.

L.H. MACAULEY Lieut.
L.H. MACAULEY A/Adjt.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TROOPS ON CLOTH MODEL.JUNGLE WARFARE.1. OBJECT.

To teach advance and methods of attack in Jungle warfare.

2. LESSONS AND PRINCIPLES.

- (a) Offensive Action. Although it is NOT advisable under normal conditions to undertake offensive action merely for its own sake, we have in this case, something that is not normal, namely the "jungle". In jungle fighting we have everything to help the attacker, good approaches - surprise, in fact you have at your disposal the greatest friend possible, the Jungle.
- (b) Simplicity of Plan. Information is hard to get, support fire difficult to provide and control hard to maintain in jungle where visibility is almost nil. Therefore, surprise, boldness and resourceful leadership will succeed better than an elaborate plan. 3 AUST. CORPS SCHOOL PRECIS. Tac. 7.
- (c) Battle Drill. Against unexpected opposition or ambush all units and sub-units must be prepared to move quickly off the track or axis of advance and act in accordance with the commander's intention ---- The movement must be carried out automatically as a battle drill junior leaders understanding before what they are to do. 3 Aust. Corps. School Precis. Tac. 7.
- (d) Establishment of Firm Base. Before any attack a firm base must be established. The holding force in this base must NOT be less than one Coy with at least a Pl. in reserve. 3 Aust. Corps. School Precis. Tac. 7.

3. DIRECTING STAFF.

Capt. W. C. Keast. Capt. J. R. Farrell.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Owing to there NOT being any suitable ground in the district the exercise will be carried out only on the cloth model. Note books and pencils will be required. Prior to the exercise, officers should read any Intelligence Summaries or precis on the subject as well as revise their knowledge of present establishment of Inf. Bn.

5. OPENING SITUATION.

During night (date) a Jap force estimated at about one bn. has landed at BULLO BAY about ten miles SOUTH of SOUTH end of model. 1 Aust. Inf. Bn. is bivouaced at BELLEVUE one mile NORTH of model and is organised on present establishment and is at third stage of readiness. At 0730 hrs. on today's date C.O. 1 Aust. Inf. Bn. received an O.I. from his Brig. containing the following:

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1. During night (date) a Jap force estimated at One Bn. landed at BULLO BAY. Tac/R. report inf. moving NORTH by BROWN'S TRACK at RYE PARK.

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2. I consider that this landing is only to divert attention from a further landing further NORTH and to menace our rear. Bde. Cpt. less 1 Aust. Inf. Bn. will remain in its present position prepared to repulse any such landing.

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3. You will move SOUTH by BROWN'S TRACK and destroy enemy.
4. You will have to carry out this task with your Bn. resources only but I have allotted you two 208 sets.

6. PROBLEM 1.

Give composition, organisation, weapons and ammunition carried by 1st. Aust Inf. Bn. at commencement of move at 0800 hrs. ?

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TROOPS ON CLOTH MODEL

NARRATIVE 1.

At 1000 hrs the bn is moving south along the track.

PROBLEM 11.

Where would the head of the Van Gd be at this time and what would be the formation the unit would be moving in.

NARRATIVE 11.

At 1115 hrs the bn is still advancing.

PROBLEM 111.

Where would the unit be at this time and what would be its formation.

NARRATIVE 111.

At 1130 hrs the Van Gd encountered heavy fire from posns about 50 yds off track on each side of it. There were some few casualties from M.G. fire.

PROBLEM 1V.

What is action of Adv Gd Comd and the tps under his comd.

NARRATIVE 1V.

At 1230 hrs the Adv Gd has found the general posn of the enemy's posn. It has not been able to defeat him but has pinned down his fwd elements. The enemy's flanks have been found to be about 100 yds on each side of the road—a width of 200 yds—and a depth of about 250 Yds. It has been found that the enemy has MMGs and Mortars.

PROBLEM V.

As C O appreciate the situation? What would you do?

- 1 Jun 43 - HQ Coy on Rest Day
 A Coy doing Tk.A Rifle, Austen and Owen guns.
 B Coy - Duty Coy. Remainder on Patrols and scouts and compass march competition for 4 miles.
 C Coy - preparing for river crossing on GREENOUGH R and doing Assault Boat Drill.
 D Coy - being inspected in detail by C.O., Bn 2i/c, Adjt on A side, Q.M. on QSide, RSM and Sgt Murphy C.L. on TOET'S and Transport by T.O.
- 2 Jun 43 - B & D Coys on Rest Day.
 A Duty Coy Remainder on Bren, Gas, Owen & Austen Guns.
 C Coy - Completing River Crossing on GREENOUGH R and carrying out dawn attack and battle practice.
 ALL Coys have 2 men attending Malay Lessons under Lieut J.M.SMAIL Intelligence Section having Malay Lessons under Pte McFadden M.C. Cpl conducting MC School and Tpt Cpl conducting M.T.School each of 14 days duration.
- 3 Jun 43 - A Coy - Inspection of respirators. Battle procedure.
 B Coy - Battleprocedure.
 C " " "
 D " " "
 HQ " " "
- 4 Jun 43 - Preparations for visit of C in C, General Sir T.A.BLAMEY
- 5 Jun 43 - Rehearsal of Combined Operation Tng in morning and Rehearsal of "Lightning" Exercise of Airborne Bn and Paratps on GEORGINA AIRFIELD during afternoon.
- 6 Jun 43 - Further rehearsal of Combined Ops Tng during morning and practice in loading and unloading of Jeeps and M.C. Combinations during afternoon.
- 7 Jun 43 - Combined Ops Tng during morning inspected by General Sir T.A. BLAMEY, C in C.
 A Coy on P.T. - D Coy on scaling over water
 B Coy launching assault boats - C Coy landing from F.B.E's and HQ Coy on building pier heads and loading and unloading Tk.A Guns.
 During afternoon LIGHTNING EXERCISE by 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) of EN Airborne and Paratps, capture of GEORGINA AIRFIELD viewed by C in C.
- 8,9,10,11,12 Jun 43:-
 All Coys training in Camp & preparing for seven days "ROVER" exercise. Visit by Anti-Malarial Unit and lectures by Maj Anderson. - 8 Jun Bn sports programme.
- 13 Jun 43 - Preparations for "ROVER" Exercise.
- 14 Jun 43 - Bn on 7 day exercise. Move from firm base by M.T. to North of to AJANA near MURCHESON RIVER. Coys practices in attack, defence, mobile defence, Night attack, withdrawal and the advance.
- 19 Jun incl. - One Pl from 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) acted as enemy.
- 20 Jun 43 - Tps washing, mending and cleaning in morning. Protestant Denominations Church Parade at 0830 hrs, Roman Catholic Parade 1030hrs. Afternoon - Bn Sports programme.
- 21 Jun 43 - A,B,D Coys on Rest Day in GERALDTON.
 C Coy preparing for Div Duties.
 HQ Coy on maintenance and repairs after seven days "ROVER" exercise.
- 22 Jun 43 - C & HQ Coys on Rest Day.
 A,B & D Coys preparing to mount Div Duties.
- 23 Jun 43 - 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) mounting 2 Aust Div Duties. -
 D Coy on C.W.P.'s and Guard at D.I.D. at NORTHERN GULLY,
 B Coy on GUARDS at Fwd Div HQ and 5 Bde HQ and all working parties
 A Coy on GERALDTON Town Picquet and rear Div HQ Guard.
 C Coy preparing for move to 18 Fd Regt for 6 days Arty Trg.
 HQ Coy on repair and maintenance of all vehicles, arms etc after "ROVER" Exercise.
 Visit at night by 4 Div Concert Party.
- 24 Jun 43 - HQ Coy on maintenance and working parties with exception of A.A. Pl on a syllabus of training. C Coy moved to 18 Fd Regt and one battery of arty moved into 56 Bn lines for 6 days cadre on inf work. Remaining Coys on Div Duties as per appendix A of Div Duties

25 Jun 43 - All Coys on Div Duties visit by Mobile Cinema showing programme for all tps in Camp/

26,27,28,

29,30, Jun 43.- Bn still on Div duties. Transport and carriers and M.C. commenced in unit lines on 29 Jun 43. Capt C.J.Samuelson in charge
30 Jun 43:- Complete Trg in Inf & Return to 18 Ed Regt after a game of football against 56 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY
Lt.Col. R.T.BRYEN.
Comd. 56 Aust.Inf.Bn. (AIF).

Serial No 83
Nos 396 to 401.
31 May 43.

396. DUTIES. - The following roster for duty Coys and Orderley Officers will operate and will NOT be altered without reference to Adj. Gen.

DATE	COY		ORD OFFR.
31 May 43.	B	Lieut.	B.W.King.
1 Jun 43.	A	"	K.J.McDonald.
2 " "	C	"	G.W.B.Davis.
3 " "	D	"	J.R.W.Melville.
4 " "	H.Q.	"	A.W.G.Christie.
5 " "	A	"	S.J.Braithwaite.
6 " "	B	"	A.X.Cunningham.
7 " "	C	"	J.C.McDonald.
8 " "	D	"	A.C.Edghill.

397. REST DAY.

Mon 31 May 43 A & C Coys.
Tue 1 Jun 43 H.Q.Coy.
Wed 2 Jun 43 B & D Coys.

398. SECURITY OF INFORMATION - MAILING OF NEWSPAPERS.

Attention is drawn to DRO 35/43 of 20 Jan 43, which states that the mailing of newspapers by troops under command 3 Aust Corps, is prohibited. This instr applies to ALL newspapers, and not merely to those published in vicinity of unit areas.

399. LEAVE - MOVEMENT THROUGH LTD - MESSING GEAR.

Attention is drawn to Div RO 8/152.

Personnel are still passing through LTD not in possession of messing gear, and state that they have NOT been instructed by their unit to carry same.

The necessary instructions will be promulgated to all ranks forthwith.

400. A.W.L.SENTENCES.

The following sentences passed by DCMS upon charges of AWL are^{re} produced below for information of all ranks.

WX12482, Pte S.J.Knowles, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE, in that he, at CHIDLOWS, absented himself without leave from this unit from 2200 hrs 24 Apr 43 until 0645 hrs 28 Apr 43 - 4 Days.

Sentence. - To undergo detention for one (1) year.

WX15875, Pte Basil Couch, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE, in that he, at CHIDLOWS absented himself without leave from 1600 hrs 17 Apr 43 until 0700 hrs 30 Apr 43 - 13 Days.

Sentence. - To undergo detention for 90 Days.

Pte MacGregor, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE, in that he, at CHIDLOWS, when confined to Barracks absented himself without leave from his unit from 1800 hrs on 28 Apr 43 to 0950 hrs on 1 May 43 - 3 Days.

Sentence. - To undergo detention for eighteen (18) months.

WX15856, Pte C.W.N.Bolitho, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE, in that he, at CHIDLOWS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 2200 hrs 23 Apr 43 until 0645 hrs 27 Apr 43 - 4 Days.

Sentence. - To undergo detention for eighteen (18) months.

In order that the serious nature of this offence may be clearly understood, Unit Comds will ensure that all troops are informed of the above.

401. 4 AUST DIV CONCERT PARTY.

A pianist, a violinist and specialist acts are required to bring the above party up to its WE.

Applications from all members with suitable qualifications and who desire to transfer are to be submitted to this HQ by 1 Jun 43.

L.H. Macauley
(L.H.MACAULEY) A/Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Lieut.

NOTICE.

FOUND. Respirator marked N.32919 on platform at GERALDTON Railway Station. Owner of same is requested to report to RTO GERALDTON.

LOST. Rifle No.35255 taken in error between CLAREMONT And PERTH.
Any unit having this rifle on unit rifle register notify 3 Aust Motor Bde.

LOST. Compass Prismatic Liquid Mark III No.91191. Anyone finding same please advise CRE Corps Troops.

Rifle No.7915 in WATHEROO Area. Any unit holding the above rifle will advise HQ 2 Aust Div.

Rifle No.8874 lost WERRIBEE Area. Any unit having same in its possession advise HQ 3 Aust Corps.

Rifle No.3592. Taken from tent next to shell Buildings LTD CLAREMONT.
Any unit having same in its possession please advise HQ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)

- SPORTS RESULTS TO DATE. -

A Coy.	50 Points.
B Coy.	83 Points.
C Coy.	76 Points.
D Coy.	73 Points.
HQ Coy.	75 Points.
Bn HQ.	18 Points.

LOST. UNIT CENSOR STAMP NO 1413.
AIF Unit Censor Stamp No.1413 has been reported lost.
If found this stamp should be returned immediately to GSI 3 Aust Corps.

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Return of Personnel Release by W.F.

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- NX 139 543 Sgt. Lilland HW x List Hosp.
- NX 125 402 " Malan J. OCTU SA Lgc area
- NX 125 752 l/cpl Rodgers Jav x List. (2/1 HGH)
- NX 125 768 " Shearn J. x List. Hosp.
- NX 119 434 L/cpl. Keast Rcl x List 118 A Gth. N. C. M.
- NX 105 429 Sgt. Cassidy J. OCTU SA.
- NX 125 887 WO II Acill G. x List Hosp. (carpenter)
- NX 140 856 Plt. Hartley R J. x List Hosp.
- NX 389 23 l/cpl Birmingham P J. x List Hosp.
- NX 156 526 WO II Taylor CWJ OCTU SA Lgc area

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2 Majors
12 Captains → AAMC 1
19 Lieuts

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NX124437 Lieut KING BW

5 6 3 56 Aust Inf BN (AIF)

Evacuated to Hospital. 31/5/43.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009. 0600 Hrs. 5/6/43.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators		1	Panel Beaters	133	2
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	7	6	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	1	6	G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	2	3
Carpenter and Joiner	6	5	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers	24	15
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		9
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	-	3	WO I	1	1
			- ATTACHED BY WE -			WO II	7	6
			Sgts	5	5	C G M S	5	5
			Pls.	2	2	Staff Sgts	-	1
			Privates	12	11	serjeants	35	33
						Sgt Cooks	1	4
						corporals	72	67
						platoon books	5	3
						Privates	135	60
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	12	1		133	2		1803	78

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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Signature of Commander: [Signature]
 (RT. [Signature])
 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
 Bde. Divn. Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch: 5 Jun 43

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Rank	Service No.	Name	Initials	CO	Yes/No	Notes	Date
Lt. Col.	NX112633	BRUEN	RT	CO	YES		
Leut. T. Maj.	124443	MURRAY	EF	21/c	✓		
✓	124484	STEVENSON	AE	OC/HQ	✓		
✓ T Capt.	124444	EVERITT	LW	GM	✓		
✓	124441	KEAST	WC	Adj	NO	ARL	26/5/43
✓	124436	NEIL	WD	OC A	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY	19/5/43
✓	124445	HOUGH	JW	OC C	YES		
✓	124442	FARRELL	JR	OC B	NO	ARL	23/5/43
✓	124440	CLARK	JM	OC D	YES		
✓	125726	SAMUELSON	CJ	21/c A	NO	ARL	12/5/43
✓	116619	BOARDMAN	JS	21/c B	YES		
✓	125727	MASON	FW	OC APR	✓		
✓	125723	SCOTT	MM	1'0	✓		
✓	76527	WILLIAMS	LJ	21/c D	✓		
✓ Lieut.	125724	CALLAN	EJ	21/c C	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY	17/5/43
✓	125736	BRAITWAITE	SJ	21/c APR	YES		
✓	116618	KILEY	JA	9 PL	NO	ARL	10/5/43
✓	124438	MCCLELLAN	CM	15 PL	YES		
✓	125731	MCDONALD	JC	14 PL	✓		
✓	124437	KING	BN	6 PL	NO	Hospital	31/5/43
✓	125729	DAVIS	GWB	TO	YES		
✓	125725	CURRAN	OA	18 PL	NO	ARL	30/5/43
✓	125735	MCDONALD	KJ	12 PL	YES		
✓	124439	HARDY	MG	19 PL	NO	Hospital	30/5/43
✓	125756	BENNETT	JL	16 PL	YES		
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM	AX	13 PL	NO	ARL	2/6/43
✓	125738	DAY	JF	5 PL	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY	
✓	125734	MACAULEY	LH	2 PL	YES		
✓	126651	BROWNING	E	8 PL	NO	Combined ops Camp	8/4/43
✓	119436	CHRISTIE	ANG	3 PL	YES		
✓	124446	SMAIL	JM	1 PL	✓		
✓	126640	EDHILL	AC	17 PL	✓		
✓	119431	MELVILLE	JRW	11 PL	✓		
✓	125800	GUNNER	AES	10 PL	✓		

Capt. WX34307 McAULIFFE JA. AAMC 24/9/43 RMO
 Chaplain NX118658 SMITH F.T. AAC 8/7/43 Padre
 Mx B259 THOMPSON J. See Army ✓ SAWO.

5 June 43

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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, DATE DETACHED
Lt. Col.	NX 112633	FRYEN R.T.	POSTING	YES	
Lt. T. Maj.	120003	WILKINSON F.F.	210	YES	
Lt. T. Maj.	120002	JAYNE N.H.B.	210	NO	SMS-11/1/43
Lt. T. Capt.	120004	EYRES L.W.	210	NO	DTV PERTH 7/6/43
Lt. T. Capt.	120001	K. EAST W.C.	210	NO	ARL 26/5/43
Lt. T. Capt.	120036	NEIL W.D.	CC 1/4	NO	SMS-11/1/43 19/5/40
Lt. T. Capt.	120045	HUGHES J.N.	CC 6/30	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	120042	FARRELL J.R.	CC B	NO	ARL 23/5/43
Lt. T. Capt.	120041	C. PARK J.M.	CC B	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	125726	SAMUELSON S.J.	210 A	NO	ARL 12/5/43
Lt. T. Capt.	116119	HEARDMAN J.S.	210 B	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	125721	MASON F.H.	CC 4/11	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	125723	SCOTT A.M.	1/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	76827	WILLIAMS S.J.	210 D	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	75726	CHILMAN E.J.	210 C	NO	SMS-11/1/43 19/5/40
Lt. T. Capt.	125722	TRATTINER S.J.	210 1/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	116618	RILEY J.A.	9/1	NO	ARL 10/5/43
Lt. T. Capt.	120035	MACLELLAN S.W.	1/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	125731	MOGDENALO J.C.	1/1	NO	hospital 31/5/43
Lt. T. Capt.	125732	RINGS B.W.	1/1	NO	
Lt. T. Capt.	125733	DAVIS C.N.A.	7/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	125734	CURRAN C.A.	18/1	NO	ARL 30/5/43
Lt. T. Capt.	125735	MCDONALD R.S.	17/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	120039	HURDY M.C.	19/1	NO	ARL 9/6/43
Lt. T. Capt.	125736	BENNETT J.H.	10/1	NO	ARL 5/6/43
Lt. T. Capt.	125737	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	13/1	NO	ARL 21/6/43
Lt. T. Capt.	125738	DAY J.F.	5/1	NO	SMS-11/1/43 19/5/40
Lt. T. Capt.	125739	MURRAY L.H.	2/1	NO	DTV PERTH 7/6/43
Lt. T. Capt.	126651	FRONNING E.	3/1	NO	hospital 3/4/43
Lt. T. Capt.	120046	CHRISTIE H.W.C.	3/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	126640	SMALL J.M.	1/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	119431	EDGILL D.C.	17/1	NO	hospital 8/6/43
Lt. T. Capt.	119431	WELVILLE F.R.N.	11/1	YES	
Lt. T. Capt.	119800	TUNNER H.P.S.	10/1	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.
Colt.	NX 34307	MCHULIFFE J.H.	A/1me	24/9/43	RMO
Colt.	NX 118688	SMITH P.T.	A/ACC	8/7/43	teacher
Colt.	R 237	T. THOMPSON J.	in army		S/AVD

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(Unit.)
12 Jun 43.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 HRS. SATURDAY 12 Jun 43. 56 Aust Inf BN (AIF)
W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. - OR 780 + 18 OR. ATT. RYNE.

PART A. POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS, REQUIRED

Table with columns for WE EXCLUDING WORKMEN, DETAIL, and ATT. ALLOWED BY WE. Rows include NO CLASS I, NO CLASS II, C.G.M.S., STAFF SERJEANTS, SERJEANTS, CORPORALS, SERJEANT COOKS, CORPORALS (GEN), PRIVATES, and a TOTAL of 798.

PART B. O/R ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

Table listing 4 units: 1 5 Aust Inf Bn (AIF), 1 HQ & Qlt Inf Div, 1 2 Div Salvage, and 2 2 Div Sigc.

PART D. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO 56 BN IS REQUESTED. 12 Jun 43.

Table listing 12 personnel with columns for ID, rank, name, and location/assignment. Includes entries like NX 123836 (Sgt. Cunningham TK), NX 120242 (Sgt. Williams H.L.), and NX 126768 (Sgt. Woodhouse).

Detail of Personnel Allowed by W.E.

	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>Cpls.</u>	<u>Ptes.</u>	<u>Required</u>
AAAC	2		1	1 (orderly)
AAOC		1		
AEME	1		10	
AAPC	1	1		
Postal Services	1			
	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1.</u>

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
			CARRIED FWD					
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	76	=	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	23	-
Carpenter and Joiner	65	1	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers	47	9
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	AT			33	2		798	81

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

56 Aust Coy Bn (AIF)
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 Jan 43.

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

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0600 HRS. SATURDAY 19 JUN 43. 56 Aust Inf BN (AIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

56 Aust Inf BN (AIF) (Unit)

W.E 11/12/13. OFFRS. 34 + OFFRS. 1 ATT BY W.E.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	<i>4</i>		
Captains	<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	
Lieutenants	<i>19</i>		<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<i>34</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

ATTACHED Officers JOINED during week. *ALLOWED BY W.E.*

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>AMC</i>	<i>POSTED TO STRENGTH</i>	<i>TO WE</i>	<i>DEPT. WE</i>	<i>R/PS. REQUIRED</i>
<i>AMC</i>	<i>1 Captain</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>DETAIN</i>	<i>A.I. F.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>M.F</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>H.</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>35</i>

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

56 Aust Inf BN (AIF)

Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>MX 120437</i> <i>Lieut</i>	<i>KING BN</i>	<i>56 BN</i>	<i>to Hospital 31/5/43</i>
<i>MX 126640</i>	<i>KING HILL AC</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>to Hospital 8/6/43</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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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.
2nd Lt	121113	DAVEN R.T.	POSTING	YES	DATE DETACHED
2nd Lt	121113	MURRAY R.E.	21/10	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	STEVENSON R.E.	OC HQ	NO	SCHOOL-HEAD 8/1/43
2nd Lt	121113	EVERITT L.W.	OC HQ	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	KEAST N.C.	OC HQ	NO	HRM 20/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	NEIH N.D.	OC HQ	NO	SCHOOL-HEAD 19/1/43
2nd Lt	121113	LEIGH J.W.	OC HQ	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	FARRELL J.R.	OC HQ	NO	HRM 23/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	CLARK J.M.	OC HQ	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	SAMUELSON G.T.	21/10 A.	NO	HRM 12/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	FLANNAGAN J.S.	21/10 B	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	MILSON F.W.	21/10 C	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	SCOTT M.M.	21/10 D	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	WILKINSON L.W.	21/10 E	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	CHILMAN R.E.	21/10 F	NO	CHILMAN 19/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	FRITHWAITE S.T.	21/10 G	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	RILEY S.W.	21/10 H	NO	HRM 10/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	MCLELLAN S.M.	21/10 I	NO	HRM 15/6/43
2nd Lt	121113	MCDONALD S.L.	21/10 J	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	KING B.W.	21/10 K	NO	HRM 31/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	DAVIS G.N.	21/10 L	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	CURRAN J.A.	21/10 M	NO	HRM 30/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	MCDONALD K.J.	21/10 N	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	HARDY M.S.	21/10 O	NO	HRM 9/6/43
2nd Lt	121113	BENNETT J.W.	21/10 P	NO	HRM 5/6/43
2nd Lt	121113	CUNNINGHAM H.A.	21/10 Q	NO	HRM 2/10/43
2nd Lt	121113	OHY J.F.	21/10 R	NO	SCHOOL-HEAD 22/5/43
2nd Lt	121113	MACAULEY L.H.	21/10 S	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	BRUNING E.	21/10 T	NO	HRM 3/4/43
2nd Lt	121113	CARSTEN H.A.	21/10 U	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	SMALL J.M.	21/10 V	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	EDGILL A.C.	21/10 W	NO	HRM 8/6/43
2nd Lt	121113	MELVILLE J.W.	21/10 X	YES	
2nd Lt	121113	GUNNER A.S.	21/10 Y	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
1st Lt	NK3437	M'CALLIFFE J.A.	ARMY	24/9/43	SMD
1st Lt	NK118158	SMITH F.J.	ARMY	21/10/43	SMD
1st Lt	R234	TAMMANN J.	ARMY	21/10/43	SMD

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 10 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/6/1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (MIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. — O.R's. — + OFFRS. — O.R's. 17 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II.					
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
2	2	1	33	Sergeants	5	5			
5	5	3	67	Corporals	2	2			
73	83	10	682	Troopers, Privates, etc.	10	10			
—	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.					
81*	93	14	782*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		17*		2	2*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	625	1	173							799
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	50 Aust Inf Bn (MIF)						
2	HQ 2 Aust Div.						
1	2nd New Salvage						
2	2nd New Salvage						
6	18 Aust Inf Regt.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 19/6/1943.

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 123836	Cpl	Baughlan TK	x List Head. (2/11/43)
NX 139843	Sgt	McLennan HW	x List Head.
NX 129402	"	McLennan J.	OCTU. SA. HQ C area
NX 125752	Cpl	Rodgers JA	x List Head.
NX 25763	"	Shelmark J	
NY 105629	Sgt	Conroy J	OCTU SA HQ C area
NY 125887	WO2	Archibald G	
NX 140858	Pvt	Hartley J	x List Head (Carpenter)
NX 38923	Cpl	Birmingham R	x List Head.
NX 158526	WO2	Jay C. C. W.	OCTU SA HQ C area
NX 156066	Cpl	Boydell JW	x List Head.

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/6/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			CARRIED FORWARD	1		CARRIED FORWARD	10	2	CARRIED FORWARD	31	11
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)	5	1	Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	2	3
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers	1					Radiographers			Stvedores		
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	24	15	Tailors		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	5	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners					
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics								
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
Fitters			Driver-Operator								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			NOI	1	1
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	6	WOE	7	6
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks			CAMS	5	5
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			Staff Sgt	1	1
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Wardens	35	33
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers			Head Cooks	1	4
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors			Generals	12	67
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			Sub Cooks	5	3
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			Privates	135	629
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Sgt	5	5
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			Plts	2	2
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics			Privates	12	10
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.					
Photewriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	5	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	2	CARRIED FORWARD	31	11	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	799	83

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

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

Signature of Commander
 (RT. BAYEN)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19.6.1943 (Unit) *1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)*
 W.E. 15.3. OFFRS. - O.R.'s + OFFRS. - O.R.'s ATT BY W.E.
 Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.									
DETAIL					DETAIL					DETAIL					DETAIL				
W.O. Class I					W.O. Class II					W.O. Class III					W.O. Class IV				
Squadron or Company					Squadron or Company					Squadron or Company					Squadron or Company				
Staff Sergeants					Staff Sergeants					Staff Sergeants					Staff Sergeants				
Corporals					Corporals					Corporals					Corporals				
Troopers, Privates, etc.					Troopers, Privates, etc.					Troopers, Privates, etc.					Troopers, Privates, etc.				
Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				
<i>AFMC</i>					<i>2</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1 (orderly)</i>				
<i>AAOC</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1 (Ftbl. m/v)</i>				
<i>AAKE</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>				
<i>AAAC</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>				
<i>Postal Services</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.					Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.				
Number of O.R.		Unit to which they belong		Number of O.R.		Unit to which detached			
<i>2</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>			
<i>2</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>			
<i>2</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>			
<i>2</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>			

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to (Unit) is Particularly Requested.

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>
<i>Mr 18853</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Donaldson T K</i>	<i>1st Lt. 2nd Bn. 1st Div. (AIF)</i>

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK

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0600 HRS. SATURDAY. 26 JUN 43. 56 Aust Inf BN (AIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

NE 11/12/3 56 Aust Inf BN (AIF) (Unit)
OFFRS. 34 + OFFRS 1 ATT BY W.E.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	12	1	
Lieutenants	19		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	34	1	1

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

ATTACHED Officers JOINED during week. ALLOWED BY W.E.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
ARMY	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS TO WE	DEF. WE	R/FS
AHMIC	1 Captain	—	—	REQUIRED.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
DETACH	A.I.F.	C. M.F.		TOTAL
A.	35	—		35

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

56 Aust Inf BN (AIF)

Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NX 124437 Lieut	KING, B.W.	56 BN	in Hospital 3/15/43
NX 126640 Lieut	REDGILL AC	✓	in Hospital 8/6/42
NX 125880 Lieut	GUNNER H.F.S.	✓	in Hospital 2/5/42

56 Aust Inf. Bn (A.I.F.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

43/11

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.
		ARVEN, R.T.	POSTING	No.	
		WILKINSON, E.		Yes	
		STANFORD, A.E.		Yes	
		ISVERIST, L.W.D.		Yes	
		KIEBST, W.C.		No	
		WELMONT, W.D.		No	
		ALLEN, J.W.		Yes	
		THORPE, L.J.R.		Yes	
		CLERK, M.		Yes	
		WELLS, N.C.		No	
		WILSON, F.H.		Yes	
		WILSON, M.		Yes	
		WILSON, S.T.		Yes	
		WILSON, J.A.		No	
		WILSON, S.A.		No	
		WILSON, J.C.		Yes	
		WILSON, P.W.		Yes	
		WILSON, W.B.C.		Yes	
		WILSON, O.A.T.		Yes	
		WILSON, K.J.		Yes	
		WILSON, M.G.		Yes	
		WILSON, J.H.		Yes	
		WILSON, H.X.		No	
		WILSON, F.F.		No	
		WILSON, J.H.		Yes	
		WILSON, E.		No	
		WILSON, H.W.		Yes	
		WILSON, J.M.		No	
		WILSON, H.C.		No	
		WILSON, J.R.W.		Yes	
		WILSON, H.E.S.		No	

(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.
		WILSON, J.A.	ARMY	24/9/43	
		WILSON, F.T.	ARMY	8/12/43	
		WILSON, J.	ARMY		

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

(Unit.)

26 Jun 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Maj.
(E.F. MURRAY) Admin Comd
5 Aust Inf Bn

(Signature of Commander.)

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

50 West of Bn (AIF)

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

TABLE F.

SECONDED OFFICERS.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub-Rank or Higher T/Rank if held.	Army No.	SURNAME	INITIALS	Posting to which seconded.	DATE of SECONDMENT.
LT. COL.	NX.125728	DOWNING.	R.G.	C.I. 3 ACTS HARVEY.	12 Dec. 42.
Lieut. T. Maj.	N.33817	CONNAN.	J.W.F.	A.D. of W.	16 Jul 40.
✓	N.33818	REID	H.V.D.	CO. 13A. I.T. BN	15 May 43.
Lieut. T. Capt.	NX 70873	HINTON.	S.J.	ADJT. Camp STAFF. WALSLEY	26 Mar 43.
Capt	N33824	LANE.	B.S.B.	Area Officer WAGGA.	27 Feb 41.
Lieut. T. Capt.	N.33853	KENNEALLY.	K.M.	5. 9. I.T. BN.	4 May 42.
✓	N.33825	MULDOON.	H.A.	E.C. T.S. No. 1.	5 Sep 40.
✓	NX124435	SETTREE.	P.R.	S.C. "D"	
Lieut.	N33826	FLETCHER.	J.R.	3 MUST. CORP.	23/1/43.
✓	N.33837	LEVY.	L.J.	RRB. GRETA.	25 Apr 40.
✓	N.117865	MCDONALD.	W.C.	Asst. A.O. WAGGA.	17 Apr 41.
✓	N34557	MARGUET	P.A.	5 J.T. BN.	4 May 42
✓	NX125733	EVANS	N.	Lt. D. SYDNEY	13 Nov 42
✓	N.34283	SCHULTZ.	H.F.	5 Const. Coy Bde L.O. 3	13 Nov 42
✓	NX117866	BERRY.	L.L.	Lt. D. MELB	14 Sep 42
✓	N34025	GIRDHAM.	J.G.	5 STBN.	6 May 42
✓	N34362	WALSH.	K.J.	S.C. "A" Lt. Col. Org Centre	26/9 Mar 43
✓	NX 125730.	WILTSHIRE.	D.H.	5 STBN. W.A. Log C MT. Eng Depot	6 May 42. 12 Dec 42

TABLE H.

OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub-Rank or Higher T/Rank if held.	Army No.	SURNAME	INITIALS	MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT TO WHICH EVACUATED	DATE of EVACUATION FROM UNIT.
Lieut	NX 124439	KING	B.W.	M.D.S.	31/5/43.
✓	126640	EDG HILL.	AC.	✓	8/6/43
✓	125880.	GUNNER.	A.F.S.	✓	25/6/43.

(Signature of Commander)

(Unit)

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

(Date of Despatch)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 6 3 / 56 Aust Inf Bn (HIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 12 3. OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. 17 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1	1		6	W.Os. Class I.					
			5	W.Os. Class II.					
		1	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
21	21	3	13	Staff Sergeants					
21	21	3	15	Sergeants <i>cooks</i>		5			
71	81	10	664	Corporals <i>cooks</i>		2			
				Troopers, Privates, etc.		10		2	2
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
76 *	88	14	787 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK →	17 *		2	2 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). * * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	Detail	C.M.F.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	630	1	173							804
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	56 Aust Inf Bn (HIF)						
2	Hq 2 Aust Div.						
1	2 Div Salvage						
2	2 Div Sig.						
83	18 Aust Inf Regt.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 26 6 3 / 194

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123886	Cpl	Boughton TK	x List Hosp. (2/1 HGFH)
WY139843	Sgt.	Gulland HW	x List Hosp.
YX125402	Sgt.	Melan	OCTU SH L/C area
VX12575V	Cpl	Rodgers GA	x List Hosp
VX125763	"	Greenmark	x List Hosp
VX105429	Sgt	Cassidy DJ	OCTU SH L/C area
VX125887	WO II	Atkell SD	
VY140856	Cpl	Hartley	x List Hosp (Carpenter)
NX138923	Cpl	Birmingham CPO	x List Hosp
NX156326	WO II	Laydon CWJ	OCTU SH L/C area
NX156066	Cpl	Powell WJ	x List Hosp
NX119404	"	Reid PJ	x List Hosp

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / 6 / 1943.

Table with columns for Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required, and Details of Tradesmen. Includes rows for Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc., and a summary row at the bottom with totals 61 and 3010.

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

26 Jun 43. Date of Despatch a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander (R.T. BRYEN) A.O.D.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1943 (Unit)

W.E. OFFERS + OFFERS - O.R.'s ATT BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED										ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Reinforcements Required		Deficient W.E.		Surplus to W.E.		Posted		DET. (Army or Corps Strength)		Posted		Surplus to W.E.		Deficient		Reinforcements Required		Total	
								Personnel								Detail of attached Personnel			
1		1		1		1		W.O.s Class I								Sgts			
1		1		1		1		W.O.s Class II								Bpls			
								Squadron or Company Quartermaster etc.		Ptes.		Required							
								Staff Sergeants											
								Sergeants		1		1 (Orderly)							
								Corporals											
								Troopers, Privates, etc.											
								Civilians counting as O.R.'s											
								Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part B on Page 2.		14.187		10.88							
								C.M.F.		9		1 (After MV)							
								A.I.F.											
								Under 10 Years											
								and over											
								CIVIL											
								A.A.M.W.S.											
								A.W.A.S.											
								R.A.M.											
								R.A.A.P.											
								R.A.M.F.											
								A.A.P.C.											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.R.s	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.s	Unit to which they belong
2	18 Cmn Coy	10	18 Cmn Coy

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to (Unit) is Particularly Requested.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known)
107	Sgt	W. H. [unclear]	[unclear]
108	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
109	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
110	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
111	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
112	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
113	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
114	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
115	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
116	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
117	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
118	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
119	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
120	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
121	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
122	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
123	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
124	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
125	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
126	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
127	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
128	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
129	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
130	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
131	Sgt	[unclear]	[unclear]
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AUSTRALIA.
1 Jun 43

REPORT ON INSPECTION OF "D" COY.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Coy rolls are well kept, being marked up to date and initialled each day by O.C. Coy.
2. Pl Rolls are well kept and marked up to date, but are NOT initialled either by Pl Comd or Pl Sgt.
3. Nominal Rolls are fair and ^{con} maintained most essential information, but no index to nominal roll is kept.
Nominal Roll should contain, No., Rank, Name in full, sec, pl, date of enlistment, date joined AIF, rifle No., belt No., promotions etc., musketry practice, trade or calling, address, relationship of next of kin, full name and address of next of kin, date of birth, religion, blood group, vaccinations, inoculations, schools and courses.
4. Company Conduct Sheets (AAF B122) are NOT kept. These should be kept. One for every member of the Coy to show summary awards and DCM's or clean sheet as the case may be.
5. Pl Comds and Pl Sgts personal history books, although NOT complete as a result of new postings are very well kept and show all necessary information re members of Pl, as well as ammunition, TOETS etc.
6. A record of TOETS ^{is} kept for the whole coy for rifle, bren and gas.
7. Pay Books are fair, but in many instances records of anti-gas training is NOT filled in and steps should be taken to re-test these members and have particulars entered. In quite a few instances there are no records of schools and courses slips in members pay books. Some duplicate and continuation pay books do NOT contain particulars of inoculation and vaccination or record of anti-gas training as the original book has been lost and NO other record of above particulars has been kept.
8. Correspondence files are kept, but it is suggested, a better system of indexing, same may be introduced to include cross indexing.
9. Sick report file is maintained, but it was suggested ^{to} that the P & O Cpl that a book be maintained to show:-
No., rank, name, Light, Duty; No duty; duty.
In this way, a complete check could be maintained on LD & ND personnel proceeding on leave.
10. No leave register is at present kept, but it is suggested that one be maintained on similar lines to Bn Register.
11. Duty Roster is quite suitable and is in order.
12. Manning Chart is quite good and kept up to date.
13. Text Books are issued direct to NCOs from Bn HQ and no library is kept in Coy HQ.
14. No register of schools and courses is kept. It is suggested one be kept and particulars of past schools be obtained from Bn Register.

L.H. Macauley Lieut
(L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjt.
56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

5 INFANTRY BRIGADE.

BATTLE PROCEDURE.

1. COMPOSITION OF GROUPS. see I.T. 1937 para.39 G.S. Pub. 9

RECCONNAISSANCE R. Group (R. Gp,) Commanders group
ORDERS. O. Group (O. Gp,) Subordinate Comd.
FIGHTING. F. Group (F. Gp,) Main body of unit.
TRANSPORT. T. Group (T. Gp,) Tpt. not required with F.Gp.

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RECCE. GP. (I.T. 1937 para.39-2)

C.Os. R. Gp.

C.O.
I.O. and/or Adjt.
Dr.
M/C Orderly.
Sig Officer.
Sig Orderly.
Comd. Supporting Arms.)
Orderlies.)

Coy. Comd. R. Gp.

O/C and 2 orderlies.
C.S.M. -(prelim, recce, only)

Pl. Comd. R. Gp.

Pl. Comd.)
Pl. Sgt.)
1 or 2 orderlies.)

Sec. Comd. R. Gp.

Sec. Comd.
Runner Orderly.

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ORDERS GP. (I.T.1937 para. 39-3)

C.O.s O. Gp.

O/C H.Q Coy.
Orderly.
O/Cs four Rifle Coys.
C.S.Ms four Rifle Coys.
2 Orderlies per coy.

Coy. Comd. O. Gp.

Three Pl. Comds.
Three Pl Sgts.
2 Orderlies per Pl.

Pl. Comd. O. Gp.

Three Sec Comd.
Three Orderlies.

2. SITUATION. (I.T. 1937 Sec, 38)

- (a) The Bn is moving forward and action is probable.
- (b) The I.O. has been forward with a group (R.V. previously arranged with C.O.)
- (c) C.O. with his group is at or near the head of the Bn.
- (d) C.O. instructs 2 I/C to move Bn/ to a suitable Bn. assembly area and warns Coy Comd. to meet C.O. at a provisional R.V. chosen.
- (e) C.O. and R. Gp move forward.

RECCE AND ORDERS PROCEDURE.

Action by R. Gp. leader.

Simultaneous or progressive
action by others:

C.O. Proceeds with his Gp, on recce, and decides approximate:-

- (a) Objective
- (b) Direction of attack
- (c) Tentative areas for M.G. support fire.
- (d) Coy. required for attack
- (e) Bn R.V.
- (f) Approx Zero.

- (a) Bn. moves to a. area
- (b) Coy Comds Gps. move forward to provisional R.V.

C.O. GIVES OUTLINE PLAN TO HIS GP and then:-

- (a) Sends orderly to Coy Comd at provisional R.V. with instructions to bring them to R.V. at V.P.
- (b) Continues recce.

Comd. support Arms:- Go on recce.

I.O.- Prepares necessary data (maps, sketches etc.) as required by C.O.

Sig O.- decides sig layout, incl. location of Bn HQ.

Adjt.- Takes outline of orders checks map refs etc.

Bn 2 i/c- Instructs sub. comd to check battle equipment.

Coy Comds Gps. Proceed to V.P. to R.V. with C.O.

C.O. COMPLETES RECCE. and returns to V.P. where he:-

- (a) Gives detailed plan to support Comd and Coy Comd.

Comd. support arms complete recce. and return to R.V. with C.O.

COY COMD.

- (a) Make preliminary recce and decides:-
 - i. Coy a. area
 - ii. R.V. for Pl gps.
 - iii. Sends CSM to 2 i/c to give tactical situation and instruct 2 i/c to move Coy. to coy. a. area (Note- If situation prevents Coy tpt being brought forward to coy a. area, 2 i/c remains with tpt. and CSM brings Coy to a. area).
 - iv. Sends orderly to bring Pl Comd to R.V.

Coy Comd continues detailed recce

- (a) Coy moves to a. area.
- (b) Pl Comd Gp move forward to R.V.
- (c) Coy 2 i/c and CSM continue battle preparations.
- (d) CSM establishes Coy battle H.Q.

Coy Comd completes recce and:-

- (a) Meets Pl Comd at R.V.
- (b) Gives Pl Comd his plan.

Action by R. Gp. leader.

Simultaneous or progressive
action by others.

PL. COMD.

(a) Makes prelim recce and decides:

- I. Pl. a. area
- II. Pl. R.V.
- III. Sends Pl Sgt to bring Pl. to a. area.
- IV. Sends orderly to bring sec. cmd to R.V.

Pl. Comd. continues recce.

Pl. Comd. COMPLETES RECCE.

- (a) Meets Sec Comds at R.V.
- (b) Gives plan to Sec Comds.

- (a) Pl moves to a. area
- (b) Sec Comd gps move to R.V.

Pl Sgt checks battle equipment.

SEC COMD.

- (a) Makes preliminary recce.
- (b) Selects Sec a. area.
- (c) Sends runner to bring Sec to a. area.

Sec Comd. continues recce and on completion:-

- (a) Joins sec. at a. area
- (b) Gives full instructions to his men.
- (c) Leads Sec. on to S.L.

Sec move up to a. area.

NOTE.- The above notes are for instructional guidance only and are not intended to be followed slavishly.

Means of conveyance are not quoted herein, but it is intended to be understood that normal means of conveyance available to Comd. and Gps. would be utilised when practicable.

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Ref. Map GERALDTON. STRAT. 4 Miles to 1"
& Enlargement.

SECRET
Copy No.
56 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
5 Jun 43.

DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "LIGHTNING"

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. A tactical demonstration will be conducted on 7 Jun 43 in BOOTENAL-GEORGINA AREA.
2. OBJECT To demonstrate the capture of an AIRFIELD by AIRBORNE Tps.
3. LESSONS.
 - (a) Use of Paratps.
 - (b) Role of Airborne Tps.
 - (c) Rapidity of action.
 - (d) Isolation of captured area in preparation for further ops.
 - (e) Co-operation with Air Force.
4. TPS TAKING PART:- 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) organised as follows.
 1. One Paratps Coy.
 11. One Airborne Bn comprising
Bn. H.Q.
One Heavy Coy
Three Rifle Coys.
5. SEQUENCE OF EXERCISE:-
 - (a) Air photographs and map enlargements which will give all known information of ground defences will be prepared.
 - (b) Cloth model will be constructed in Unit lines, to train all leaders in their tasks.
 - (c) All above information will be made available to pilots.
 - (d) Bombing and ground strafing of Ground Defences.
 - (e) Raiding Party will attack ARTY and Inf posns, on ARTY HILL.
 - (f) Paratps will be landed at key points, to deal with ground Defences prepare way for landing tps.
 - (g) Air landing Tps will then be landed in waves on Drome, deplane, and rapidly move to pre - arranged tasks.
 - (h) For purpose of exercise dropping of paratps will be indicated by Air Force dropping several dummy parachutes. Tps who will be placed on the ground in concealed t posns, will then run to pre-arranged posns remove arms, amm etc from containers, (assumed to have been dropped by separate parachutes) then carry on with the task.
 - (j) For landing of Air Landing Tps, 6 planes will land on Airfield MT conveying Tps will move alongside of planes. Pers will debus and carry on with task.
6. OPENING SITUATION:- Issued as Appx "A"
7. FORECAST OF EVENTS.: Issued as Appx "B"
8. OPERATION ORDERS:- Issued separately.
9. DIRECTING STAFF:-

Brigadier F.P.H. FEWTRELL.
Lt-Col. R.T. BRYEN.
10. ADM.

Movement of Tps to Exercise Area will be under Unit arrangements

AMN All Ball Amn will be withdrawn from pers prior to exercise.
Ball Amn for normal AA def will be carried in bulk by Bn.H.Q. only

ADM. (Contd)

ANTI GAS. - equipment will NOT be carried.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Damage to private property will be avoided as far as possible. If found necessary to cut or break fences, Coy and Pl Comds will make careful note of location and advise Bn. H.Q. at conclusion of exercise.

Repairs will be effected immediately Exercise concludes, under direction of Claims Offr and Pioneer Pl Comd.

11. SECURITY

All correspondence will be treated as Exercise SECRET and will be marked EXERCISE "LIGHTING". All messages will be prefixed with the word "LIGHTING".

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H.MACAULEY) Act/Adjt 56 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Brigadier P.P.H. FORTWELL
Lt-Col. R.T. IRWIN

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

S E C R E T.

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Appx "A"

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
5 Jun 43.

DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "LIGHTNING"

OPENING SITUATION.

1. For the purpose of the exercise, it is assumed that the whole of the NORTHAMPTON - GERALDTON - DONGARRA Area is held by enemy forces.

An earlier attack on GERALDTON by units of 2 Aust Airborne Div, following an aerial Bombardment, has met with only partial success.

The GERALDTON AIRFIELD has been severely damaged and is unfit for use.

2. At 0900 hrs, on 6 Jun, Comd 5 Aust Airborne Bde was ordered to despatch a force by air to capture GEORGINA AIRFIELD and hold as a base for further ops.
3. The dispositions of 2 Aust Airborne Div at 1200 hrs on 6 Jun 43 are as follows:-

2 Aust Airborne Div HQ at CARNARVON.

5 Aust Airborne Bde Gp - consisting of three Airborne Bns and one Paratps Coy, situated in vicinity of CARNARVON AERODROME.

4. The RAAF have at CARNARVON AIRFIELD a strong force of bomber and tp carrying planes plus a sqn of recce planes.
5. Elements of the American Navy including several submarines are lying off CARNARVON.
6. From the study of air photos during second half of May and from subsequent aerial observation, it is known that the def of GEORGINA AIRFIELD consist of a mob force estimated at one coy, occupying posns on CHURCH KNOLL and ARTY RIDGE. A sec of 18 pdrs is also on ARTY RIDGE and some activity has been noticed in both CATTLE COPSE and PEN COPSE. The AIRFIELD A.A. def appear to consist of three quick-firing guns of Bofors type, situated at map ref 666218, 663201 and 656216, supported by Inf Secs with MMGs at 669220, 668208 and 655217.

The only other opposition considered likely to be encountered in the initial stages is from ground staff pers.

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DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "LIGHTNING"

COPY NO. _____

56 PARATPS BN. OO No. 1.

7 Jun 43.

Map Ref (GERALDTON) 1" = 1 MI.
Enlargement GEORGINA AREA.

INFM.

1. Enemy - is holding GEORGINA AIRFIELD area with a mob force estimated strength ONE COY.

(a) One Coy (less) (2 Pl) CHURCH KNOLL.
One Pl ARTY RIDGE.

(b) TWO 18 pdr guns ARTY RIDGE ref 688233 and 689232.

(c) A.A. Defences.

Known defences comprise:-

Three BOFORS TYPE quick-firing guns situated ref 656216, 666218 and 663201.

(d) M.M.Gs.- supported by Inf Sec at ref 655213, 668220 and 668209.

(e) Believed one sec MMGs concealed in each CATTLE COPSE and PEN COPSE.

Only additional tps known to be in area usual AIRFORCE GROUND STAFF.

2. Own Troops.-

56 Aust Airborne Bn (One Pl employed as raiding party)
One Coy 56 Aust Paratroop Bn.

INTENTION.

3. D Coy 56 Aust Paratp Bn will land from air and assist 56 Aust Airborne Bn to capture GEORGINA AERODROME and hold as a base for subsequent operations.

METHOD.

4. D Coy will be airborne from CARNARVON and will be landed by parachute (in token) on the GEORGINA AIRFIELD at ZERO + 10 as follows:-

D Coy (Less two Pls) in vicinity of PEN COPSE at approx 676212.

No 2 Pl in vicinity of 653221.

No 3 Pl vicinity CATTLE COPSE at approx 669224.

5. Objectives:-

(a) D Coy (less two Pls) will occupy PEN COPSE from which some opposition may be expected, and will then proceed to attack enemy positions in vicinity of AIRFIELD BLDGS. In event of this attack being held up, assistance may be anticipated from B Coy, 56 Aust Airborne Bn ZERO + 17.

6. (b) No 2 Pl will attack enemy posns in vicinity of 658214 and 655217. Should attack be held up, enemy will be pinned down as assistance can be expected by ZERO + 20 mins from A Coy. 56 Aust. Airborne Bn.

(c) No 3 Pl will immediately proceed to attack enemy A.A. and M.M.G posns at 666218 and 668220. At the same time provision must be made to silence any opposition which may come from CATTLE COPSE. Assistance can be expected from C Coy at ZERO + 22.

7. Co-Ordinating Conference.

A conference of all offrs will be held at HQ 56 Aust Airborne Bn at 0600 hrs 7 Jun 43.

8. ZERO hour will be notified at the conference.

ADM.

9. Dress.

Web equipment, water bottle in haversack, anklets web, steel helmet (in place of crash helmet), Trousers K.D.

10. Rations.

Rations for 48 hrs will be carried. (In token).

11. Amn.

20 rounds per man (BLANK ONLY).
3 Hand Grenades (Dummies) per man.

R.A.P.

House ref. 665205.

INTERCOMN.

12. 108 sets. White and blue signal Flags will be displayed by each Inf Sec to indicate posn to own aircraft.

Light Signals - Footing obtained - Red Verrey.

L.H. Macauley
Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) A/Adj. 56 Paratp's Bn.

ACK.

Time of Signature 0500 Hrs.

Method of issue. *DR*

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DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "LIGHTNING"

56 Airborne Bn.
7 Jun 43.

56 AUST AIRBORNE BN 00 No 1.

Map Ref GERALDTON 1" - 1 MI.
(Enlargement GEORGINE AREA)

INFM.

1. Enemy. - is holding GEORGINA AIRFIELD area with a mob force estimated strength ONE COY.

(a) One Coy (Less) (2 Pl) CHURCH KNOLL.
One Pl. ARTY RIDGE.

(b) ARTY TWO 18 PDR guns ARTY RIDGE ref 688233 and 689232.

(c) A.A. Defences.

Known defences comprise
THREE BOFORS TYPE quick firing guns, situated ref 656216,
666218 and 663201.

(d) MMG's. - supported by Inf Secs at ref 655218, 668220 and
668209.

(e) Believed one sec MMG's concealed in each CATTLE COPSE and
PEN COPSE.
Only additional tps known to be in area usual Airforce
GROUND STAFF.

2. Own Tps.

56 Aust Airborne Bn (ONE Pl as land raiding party)
One Coy 56 Aust Paratps Bn come under Comd at 0500 hrs on
7 Jun 43 and is to assist in ops as per 56 Aust Paratp Bn 00 1.

INTENTION.

3.

56 Aust Airborne Bn will capture GEORGINA AIRFIELD by Airborne
and land attack and will hold it as a base for subsequent
operations.

METHOD.

4.

56 Airborne Bn (less one Pl C Coy) will be conveyed by
Aircraft from CARNARVON AIRFIELD (in token) and will land on
the GEORGINA AIRFIELD as follows:-

B Coy plus one sec MMG, one det Mortar and one Tk.A Rifle sec
at ZERO + 15.

A Coy plus one sec MMG, one det Mortar and one Tk.A Rifle sec
at ZERO + 18.

C Coy (less one Pl) plus one sec MMG, one det Mortar and one
Tk.A Rifle sec at ZERO + 20.

Bn H.Q. plus H Coy (less det details) at ZERO + 21.

(NOTE:- For purposes of the demonstration, tps will be trans-
ported by MT from present location under Bn arrangements and
unloaded on the GEORGINA AIRFIELD at the times stated above.)

5.

One Pl of C Coy to act as raiding party will be conveyed by
submarine from CARNARVON (in token) and be disembarked at a
point on the coast, map ref (GERALDTON 1" to 1 ml 598135 at
ZERO - 5 hrs) NOTE:- For purpose of the exercise, this Pl will
be conveyed by MT to ref 694204 at ZERO - 30.

6. Objectives.

(a) B Coy will assist Paratps vic PEN COPSE and attack enemy
posn in vic of AIRFIELD BLDGS.

After taking these posns one Pl plus Tk.A Rifle sec will be
despatched to establish a Rd Block at 684188. B Coy less one
Pl will proceed to occupy posn on VILLAGE HILL in sq 6419 as
mobile res.

Objectives(Contd.)

(b) A Coy will immediately proceed to and attack enemy posns in vic ref 656215 and 655217. When this posn is mopped up, A Coy will reform along Ry Line facing CHURCH KNOLL and will launch an attack against that posn as early as possible. A Coy will then occupy def posn on CHURCH KNOLL and establish Rd block near X rds at 641229.

(c) C Coy (less two Pls) will occupy def posn in CATTLE COPSE and establish Rd Block at 660236. One Pl with one MMG and one Tk.A Rifle sec will be despatched immediately on landing to establish Rd Block at 694204.

(d) Bn H.Q. will be established in PEN COPSE..

(e) H Coy less Mortar Pl, three MMG secs and Tk.A Rifle Pl will occupy PEN COPSE and act as Bn reserve.

(f) Raiding Party less one Rifle sec will follow Rd from 670178 to 702214 and thence across country in N.W. direction to Rd at 685227.

This party will be in posn at this point by ZERO - 10. They will remain under cover - preferably in Creek Bed - and launch attack on enemy posns ARTY RIDGE at ZERO + 10, when aerial bombing ceases. On completion of task def posn will be occupied in that area. One Rifle sec of raiding party will be detached at branch Rds 673182 and proceed to a point approx 663201 to be in posn by ZERO + 10, when they will attack and capture A.A. Gun in vic.

7. Conference.

A conference of all Offrs will be held at Bn HQ at 0600 hrs on 6 Jun 43.

8. Zero Hour.

Zero hour will be notified at the conference.

ADM.

9. Dress.

Battle order - Less respirator.

10. Aim. 20 Rounds per man (Blank Only)
100 " " MMG (Blank Only)

Bn res will be established at 673207 in vic of Bn HQ (In Token

11. Tools for Consolidation:

One spade per sec will be carried.

12. Rations.

48 hrs rations will be carried by all ranks (In Token)

13. R.A.P.- House Ref 665205.

INTERCOMM

14. Bn H.Q. PEN COPSE.

15. W/T & DR between Coys and Bn HQ.

16. Signals will be sent to Bn HQ immediately final objectives are secured, Success Signal, A Coy - RED VEREY, B Coy - GREEN VEREY, Raiding Party - RED-GREEN VEREY.

Watches will be synchronised at ZERO - 4 hrs.

L.H. Macauley
(L.H. MACAULEY) A/Adjt. 56 Aust Airborne B Lieut

ACK

Issued by. *DR*

Time of signature 0500 Hrs.

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DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "LIGHTNING"

SECRET

Ref Map GERALDTON 1" to 1 ml.
GEORGINA Enlargement.

FORECAST OF EVANTS. - ISSUED AS APPX "B" TO 56 AUST INB
BN (AIF) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

SERIAL A.	DATE B.	TIME C.	UNIT D.	ACTIONS E.	REMARKS F.
1.	7 Jun	Zero-5 hrs	One Pl C Coy 56 Airborne Bn(Raiding Party)	Lands from submarine on coast at ref GERALDTON 598135 as Raiding Party, and Proceeds by track and rd to 643180, thence across country to Rd Junct at 673182 along rd to 702214 thence in NW direction to rd 685227 where posn will be occupied by Zero - 10. One Sec will be detached at 673182 and proceed to approx 663201 to attack AA Gun.	For the purpose of the exerci se, these tps will be transp- orted by MT to dispersal poin t. at ref 694204
2.	"	Zero	RAAF	Bomb GEORGINA AIRFIELD AA Defs and hangars and machine gun planed, etc on ground.	Bombing continues for 10 mins.
3.	"	Zero Plus 10	Raiding party	Raiding party less one sec move for ward under cover of creek and timber and attack Arty posn and Inf on Arty Ridge. One Sec attack and capture AA Gun at 663201.	
4.	"	Zero Plus 10	D.Coy 56 Para tps Bn & RAAF	Paratps and sups will be dropped in vicinity of (A) 653221 (b) CATTLE COPSE (c) PEN COPSE & vigorous attack will immediately be made as follows. (a) enemy AA & Ground Defs at 658214 and 655217 (b) AA & ground Defs at 666218 and 668220 (c) Ground Defs in vicinity of Air- field Bldg at 668209 and AA Gun posn at 663201	RAAF will drpp parachutes of various colours to represent tps and sups.
5.	"	Zero plus 15	Paratps Coy	PEN COPSE and CATTLE COPSE occupied	

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
6.	7 Jun	Zero Plus 15	Paratps Coy	Attacks vide Ser 4(a) & (b) success- ful and AA Guns silenced.	
7.	"	Zero Plus 15	Raiding Party	Raiding Party overpower enemy on Arty Ridge & proceed to consolidate against counter attack.	
8.	"	Zero Plus 15	B. Coy Gp 56 Air borne Bn & RAAF	First Flight Airborne Tps land on GEORGINA A Airfield.	Units of RAAF will land in flights of 6 planes. For purpose of exercise, as planes touch down tps will enter Air- field on MT, which will halt alongside the planes as they come to a standstill Tps will then debus one after another from each vehicle, to represent landing from plane and promptly run off approx 50 x clear of the plane and lie down to allow each Pl to form up in pre- paration for the attack on its particular objective. 2 M/C comb. and Jeep each will be landed with B, A, and C and H Coys.
9.	"	Zero Plus 16	B. Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn.	Tps landed in first flight proceeded to assist paratps in attack on AA & Ground Defs at sq 6620	Tps will keep clear of landing area to make way for second flight of planes. One Pl will be detached to form Rd block at 684188
10.	"	Zero Plus 18	A Coy Gp 56 Airborne Bn	Second flight of Airborne Tps land and proceed to assist paratps in attack on enemy AA & Ground Defs posns at 656215 and 655217	
11.	"	Zero Plus 20	C. Coy (less one Pl Airborne Bn.	Third flight of Airborne Tps Land.	
12.	"	Zero Plus 21	HQ 56 Airborne Bn, H. Coy (less details	4th Flight of Airborne Tps land	Bn HQ & H Coy (less details) will be estab. in PEN COPSE as soon as possible after landing.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
13	"	Zero Plus 25	A Coy 56 Airborne Bn	A, Coy secure enemy posns in sq 6521 reform along Rly line and assist paratps in attack on mob defs on CHURCH KNOLL.	
14	"	Zero Plus 25	B. Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn	Capture enemy posns in sq 6620 and proceed to take up def posns on VILLAGE HILL, sq 6419 as Mob. Res	
15.	"	Zero Plus 26	C Coy (less one Pl) 56 Airborne Bn	C. Coy (less one Pl) proceeds to occupy def Posn at CATTLE COPSE and establish Rd Blocks at Approx Ref 660236 and Cross Roads 694204	One Pl will be detached immediately on landing to proceed direct to 694204
16.	"	Zero Plus 35	A Coy 56 Airborne Bn.	CHURCH KNOLL captured and rd blocks being established at Cross rds ref 641229	
17.	"nc	Zero Plus 35	B. Coy, 56 Airborne Bn	Posn on VILLAGE HILL occupied and rd block established at ref 684188	

Ref Map GERALDTON 1st to 1 MI
 GEORGINA Enlargement.

DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "LIGHTNING"

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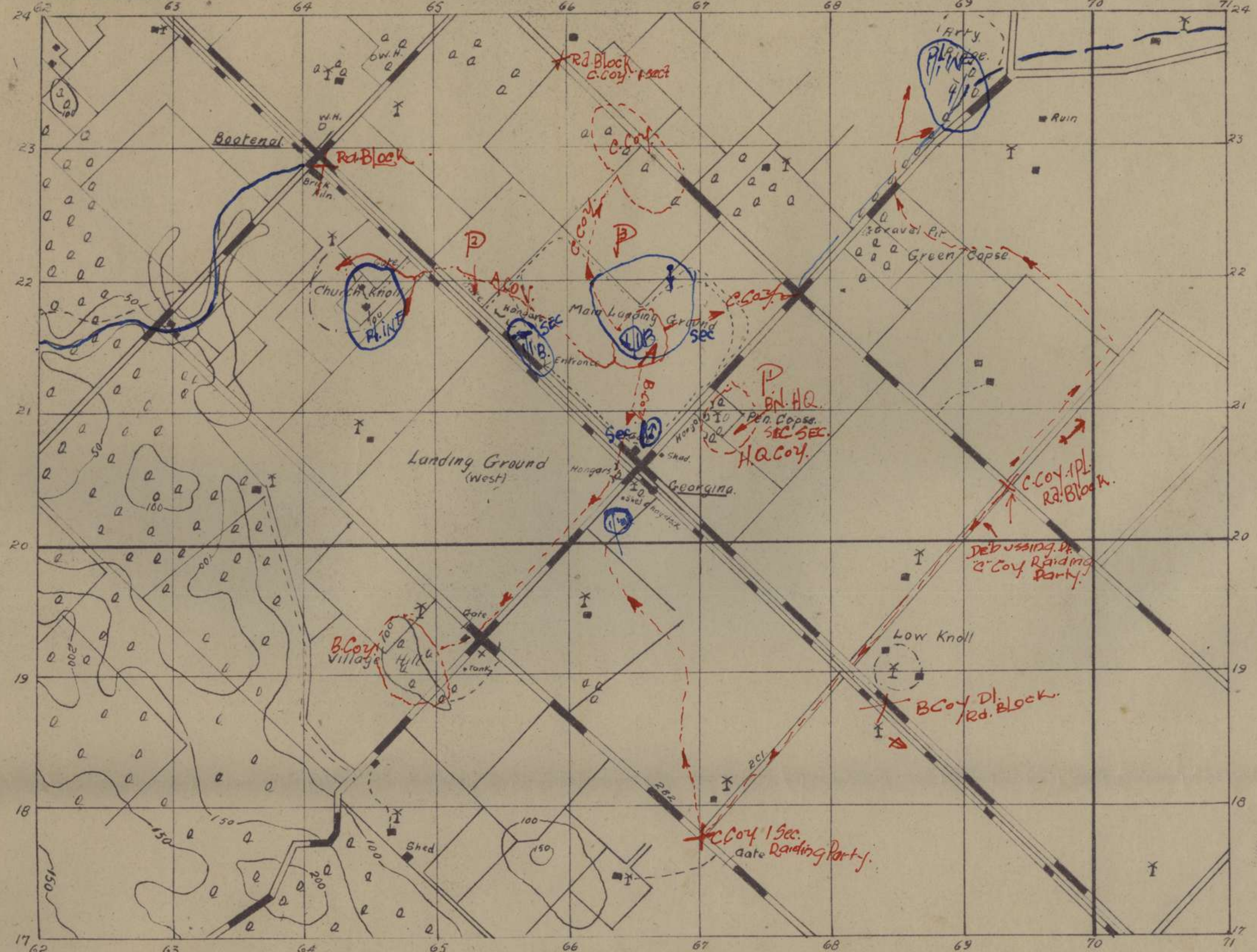
RAAF TASKS AND TIMINGS

SERIAL	DATE	TIME	NO. OF PLANES	DESCRIPTION OF TASKS	REMARKS.
1.	7 Jun	Zero to Zero Plus 10	6	Bombing of GEROGINA AIRFIELD, AA gun posns. at ref 656216-666218-663201. Airfield bldgs in Sq 6620 Arty posn at Ref 689233. Ground strafing of any suitable targets in Airfield which present themselves.	For the purpose of the exercise bombs will be represented by explosives ignited by ground tps near gun posns.
2.	"	Zero Plus 10	3	Dropping of Parachute Tps and sups in vicinity of CATTLE COPSE ref 669224 PEN COPSE " sq6720 SPLINTER PEN " 653221	For the purpose of the exercise calico parachutes of various colours will be dropped to represent tps & sups. Tps will NOT be carried by plane. WHITE parachutes to represent Troops. BLACK parachutes to represent Coy or Pl Comd. RED parachutes to represent Amn.
3.	"	Zero plus 10 to Zero plus 25	3.	Machine gun enemy posn on CHURCH KNOLL and and posns offering opposition to paratps.	
4.	"	Zero Plus 15	6.	Landing of 1st flight of Airborne Tps	Tps will NOT be carried, but for the purpose of exercise, one Coy of Airborne Bn (about 100 men) Plus MMG 3cc M. Sec, with 2 M/C Comb & 1 Jeep will be transported by MT onto airfield as planes touch down. As planes come to halt, lorries will pull up along side and tps will jump off, to represent actual landing by plane MC Combs & Jeep will also be off loaded

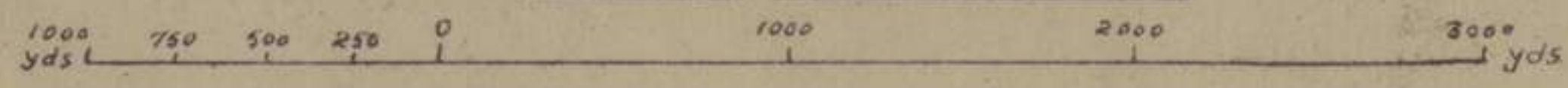
ENLARGEMENT GEORGINA LANDING GROUND

GERALDTON-KOJARENA 1 INCH = 1 MILE

RF 1:31680



Scale 2 inches = 1 mile



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Magnetic North
Grid North

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

G.I. 15.

Enemy Bn moving on NORTHAMPTON (.) flying coln about 12 mls ahead
advancing down NABAWA rd (.) 56 Bn will move to vic MUMBEMARRA and delay
and/or destroy enemy (.) 44 Bn is to move on COAST rd and secure
NORTHAMPTON

COBB Maj.
B.M.

0735.

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

e.2. 15

56 Bn will move immediately and take up posn astride junc rd and rly at
BOWES (.) be prepared to take offensive action to re-inforce 44 Bn.

COBB Maj.
B.M.

1400.

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

G.3 16

44 Bn in occupation of NORTHAMPTON (.) Jap withdrawn to North and in def
posn at ref Ajana 1 in 584357 (.) 56 Bn will move and capture rd junc
ref Ajana 1 in 584357

COBB Maj.
B.M.

0700.

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

G.4. 16

Ref Ajana 1 in (.) Tac R enemy paratps landed square 6846 and in def
posn (.) Comd appreciates that air borne tps will land tomorrow (.)
56 Bn will hold present posn until 1900 hrs and capture square 6846 by
night attack

COBB Maj.
B.M.

1500

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bn.

G.5. 17

Enemy landing at mouth of MURCHISON (.) adv coy advanced 20 mls towards
Ajana (.) Comd appreciates a larger force will follow and an attempt to
secure Ajana R.H. will be made (.) 56 Bn will move and destroy adv coy
and take up posn to stop any further thrust.

COBB Maj.
B.M.

1100

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

0.6 17

Additional landing effected at HUTT LAGOON (.) Comd appreciates that main thrust will be to est a base at NORTHAMPTON (.) 44 Bn are moving against enemy to deny western approaches (.) 56 Bn be prepared for possible withdrawal to NORTHAMPTON area

COBB Maj.
B.M.

2030

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

0.7 18

Ref NORTHAMPTON 1 in (.) 56 Bn will withdraw by bounds to posn squares 5288 - 5388 and deny northern approaches.

COBB Maj.
B.M.

0600

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

0.8 19

Enemy coln moving on NORTHAMPTON via CARNARVON rd (.) 56 Bn will destroy enemy coln

COBB Maj.
B.M.

0730

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

0.9 19

Enemy thrust out flanked 54 Bn and are held in posn in NANSON area (.) 56 Bn will move and destroy enemy to relieve 54 Bn

COBB Maj.
B.M.

1045

To. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
From. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

0.10 19

56 Bn move to Firm Base at MOONYCONOOKA and be prepared for offensive action south (.) 54 Bn is to move to NARNGULU

COBB Maj.
B.M.

1900

STANDARD COMPOSITION EN COLN ON THE MOVE.

SERIAL.

1 4 M.C. and/or combinations.

5 to 15 mls.

2 Adv Gd.
Two Sec. Carrs.

Approx. 1/2 ml.

One Pl. plus det. Pnrs and "I"-One sec Tk.A.-Coy.H.Q.-Two M Dets-
Two Pls-One Tp.Fd.Arty.-En.R.Gp.-Two DRs-Sig.Van(101)-"I"truck.

Approx. 3mls-One or Two M.C.regulating the distance.

3 Main Body.

One Sec Carrs.

One Tk.A.Gun.

One Det.M.

O.C. H.Q.Coy.-(Three Rifle Coy R.Gps(i.e.En. O.Gp.)- En.H.Q.(Less
Comd.Gp.and R.A.P.)-One Tk.A.6 Pndr.-Two Dets A.A.

Pnr.Pl.(Less Det.)-One Tp.Fd.Arty.

4 Rifle Coy led by 2 i/c-One Det.M
Rifle Coy led by 2 i/c-One Det.M
(One Tk.A. 6 Pndr.)

Rifle Coy led by 2 i/c-One Det.M

One Tk.A.Gun.

R.A.P.

One Sec.Carr.

2 to 10 Mls.

B Ech.-Two Dets.A.A.-One Sec.Tk.A. 6 Pndr.

5 NOTE.

Coy Gps No 3 Coy who will sup sec Carr for Adv Gd.

M.C.of Carr Pl.to operate with Carr Sec and Coy Comd of Gp.

V.T.M.by day - 10

V.T.M.by Night-40.

APPX F ISSUED WITH 56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) O.I. STAGES OF READINESS.

To be read in conjunction with 56 Aust. Inf. Bn O.I. Stages of Readiness.
Upon warning to adopt stages of Readiness the following is a summary of duties of Adjt.

First Stage of Readiness.

Adjt will

- (1) Ack msg from Bde, by sig msg or SDR - msg to read (in reply to NO) ACK.
- (2) Give Coys warning order placing them on 12 hrs notice - by phone or msg.
- (3) Send SDR to Bde a return of deficiencies in essential stores and personnel. QM to be consulted for necessary infm re stores.
- (4) Get from Coys the numbers of personnel on leave and places of leave. Advise T.O. of these details. Advise Bde of these details. Send telegrams to distant places for return of all leave personnel.
- (5) Arrange duty roster of Offrs and O/Rs to man Bn HQ continuously.
- (6) Be prepared to give C.O. instns for movement of any mobile striking force.
- (7) Supervise packing and/or destruction of all unnecessary documents, maps, records, text books. Work in conjunction with I.O.
- (8) Issue instns for fully manning and preparing to hand over any C.W.P. duties manned by the Bn.
- (9) Issue C.O.s instns for manning of any special tasks such as V.P.s.
- (10) Have load tables prepared for move by tpt. Advise Bde of Res M.T. required.
- (11) Detail personnel as rear party to take over camp and issue orders for disposal of surplus stores taken over by rear party.
- (12) Issue any orders or op instns as required by C.O.

Second Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Ack msg from Bde by sig mgs or SDR - msg to read (in reply to No-) ACK.
- (2) Issue warning order to Coys placing them on 45 mins notice.
- (3) In the case of apprehension of Aliens or suspects, send a report to Bde to the effect "action complete" or progress report.
- (4) Make check of all details in Stage 1 and arrange for completion if not already completed.

Third Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Ack mgs from Bde, by sig msg or SDR - msg to read (in reply to No-) ACK.
- (2) Warning order to Coys for immediate move.
- (3) Roster Bn Staff for duty and organized rest.
- (4) Instns to staff to temporarily file all matters not dealing with immediate ops.
- (5) Be prepared to issue C.O.s O.O.s and instns.

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First Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Roster "I" sec on 24 hr roster.
- (2) Be prepared to investigate all visitors and strangers.
- (3) Supervise security measures within the Bn as per serial 10.
- (4) Organize "I" sec according to available infm. Personnel to Coys.
- (5) Be prepared to sup C.O. with latest infm of enemy and appreciation from enemy point of view.

Second Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Arrange for quickest method of warning C.W.P.s.
Arrange for reports from C.W.P.s to Bde direct and to Bn.
- (2) Supervise arrangements for apprehension of aliens and suspects as per appx "E".
- (3) Give Adjt progress reports on para 2.
- (4) Check all details of 1st Stage for completion particularly serial 10.
- (5) Be prepared to give C.O. latest infm and appreciation of enemy dispositions and likely moves.

Third Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Attend all C.O.S conferences and be prepared to give latest infm.

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Upon Warning to adopt Stages of Readiness the following is a summary of duties of Sig Offr.

First Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Check all Sig Gear - Double man Sigs - have duty D.R. available at all times - allot Sigs and necessary gear to Coys, - See that 2 DRs are sent to Bde.
Have coding and decoding personnel available continuously.
- (2) Keep in close liason with Adjnt.
- (3) Roster Sigs for continuous duty.
- (4) Ensure that all Sig personnel are familiar with action to be taken on receipt of alarm warnings as per serial 8.
- (5) Instruct personnel in security re use of wireless and telephone.
- (6) All necessary details for quick transmission of msgs.

Second Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Prepare sigs to move at 45 mins notice.
- (2) Steps to enforce wireless silence.
- (3) All lines not necessary for ops will be reeled in. Other lines prepared for reeling in at short notice.

Third Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Prepare sigs to move immediately.
- (2) Fully man sig system ready for ops.
- (3) Close co-operation with C.O. and Adjnt.

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Upon warning to adopt stages of Readiness the following is a summary of duties of T.O.

First Stage of Readiness.

- (1) General check of Tpt and DRs to ascertain that all are in readiness for a quick move.
- (2) Send DRs to any parties of Coys on fatigue or working duties preparing them to move back to camp.
- (3) Detail necessary tpt to bring back any fatigue or working parties - get figures from Adjt for this purpose.
- (4) Send 2 DRs to town to patrol it with instns to warn personnel to report to unit parking area.
- (5) Send necessary tpt to parking area to collect leave personnel, ascertain numbers from Coys.
- (6) Check to see that proper dispersion is maintained, that Dvs sleep with vehs, that blackout conditions are maintained, that camouflage nets are used.
- (7) Check that all personnel are armed and equipped for ops.
- (8) Arrange for necessary tpt for Coys to fully man C.W.P.s if necessary contact Adjt for numbers.
- (9) Dispose of all unnecessary gear under instns from Q.M.
- (10) Make all preparations for a quick move as per serial 17.
- (11) Allot tpt for rear party.
- (12) In co-operation with Coys be prepared to sup tpt for appx "E".

Second Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Check all vehs for preparedness to move within 45 mins.
- (2) Check all details of Stage 1 and complete where necessary.

Third Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Check all vehs for immediate move.
- (2) Arrange traffic control for immediate move.

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First Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Inform Adjnt and T.O. of all working and fatigue parties on duty from the coy and the location of them.
- (2) Inform Adjnt and T.O. of the number and location of personnel on leave and cooperate with T.O. in recalling them.
- (3) Arrange roster of duties within Coy for continuous manning of H.Q. and area.
- (4) Check P.A.D. measures within the Coy as per serial 8 of Stages of Readiness.
- (5) Dispose Coy per Bn plan for local protection of areas. Double man all Sentries. Issue instns re opening fire on hostile aircraft.
- (6) Check Coy security measures.
 - (a) Unit identity signs, security documents, cameras, diaries, letters etc will be collected and handed over to I.O.
 - (b) Check every Offr and O/Rs gear and obliterate any unit identity.
 - (c) Pack all unnecessary documents, maps A.T.M. and text books etc in a wooden box with a bottle of petrol and a box of matches and delivered to I.O.
 - (d) All Offrs in Coy will emphasize the necessity of wireless and telephone security measures.
 - (e) Security talks by all Offrs to the men of the Coy.
 - (f) Check all arms, amn and equipment, extra guards on Q stores, all personnel to move and sleep with arms and equipment at all times.
- (7) See that Coy 2 I/C supervises the completion of issues to Coy.
- (8) Be prepared to supply necessary men at a moments notice to fully man all C.W.Ps (if manned by Bn.)
- (9) Be prepared to strike and dump tents when ordered to do so.
- (10) Supervise Coy 2 I/C in disposal of stores etc not necessary for ops.
- (11) Coy named in appx "C" to be organized as per appx.
- (12) Make all preparations necessary for a quick move as per serial 17.
- (13) Be prepared to act quickly for Coy responsibility as per app "E".
- (14) Be available for C.O.s conference at all times.

Second Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Be prepared to move at 45 min notice. Refer to serial 2 second stage.
- (2) All vehs to be as fully loaded as possible ready to move.
- (3) Check to see that all details in 1st stage have been completed.
- (4) Be prepared to put into action C.O.s plan or instructions.

Third Stage of Readiness.

- (1) Have Coy prepared to move immediately and ready for ops.
- (2) All work not directly concerned with ops will cease.
- (3) Receive C.O.s plan or instructions.
- (4) Continuous recce and patrolling of area allotted for ops.
- (5) Check instructions for "Standing To".

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56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) EXERCISE "ROVER".

SECRET.
12 Jun 43.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS FOR PERIOD 14 JUN 43 TO 20 JUN 43.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Ref Maps.

GERALDTON 1 in - NANSON 1 in - NORTHAMPTON 1 in - HUTT 1 in - ADJANA 1 in.
GERALDTON 4 ins to 1 Ml.

(1) A Tactical Exercise with Tps will be conducted in the GERALDTON MURCHESON area during period 14 Jun to 20 Jun 43.

2. OBJECT.

To exercise the Bn Gp in its operational role for the area and to function as a Bn Gp in continuous tactical exercises with particular ref to:-

- Day 1. (a) Testing Bn Stages of Readiness.
(b) Ability to occupy firm base quickly and operate therefrom.
- Day 2. (a) Function of Adv Gd.
(b) Hurried occupation of def posn.
(c) M.T. tactical move to def posn.
- Day 3. (a) M.T. move, procedure and functions of carrs, MC sec, "I" sec, Sigs, Tk.A and Pnr Pls.
(b) First contact and adv gd action.
(c) Bn attack particular attention to specialist arms.
(d) Details and recce for night attack.
- Day 4. (a) Conduct of night attack incl approach march.
(b) Consolidation and exploitation after night attack.
(c) Conduct of battle practice (Field Firing.)
(d) Occupation of def posn.
- Day 5. (a) Conduct of withdrawal to def posn.
(b) Routine and development of def posn.
- Day 6. (a) Counter attack from def posn.
(b) Hurried move and Bn attack from infm gained by Adv Gd.
- Day 7. (a) Move to firm base.

3. TPS TAKING PART.

- (a) All ranks 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Less maintenance party.)
(b) One tp 18 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)
(c) One tp 14 Aust Tk.A Bty (AIF)
(d) One sec A.A.S.C. Gen Tpt Coy.

4. ENEMY.

One Pl 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) under Comd Lieut Snelling.

5. CONFERENCES.

SERIAL.	DATE.	TIME.	PLACE.	WHO TO ATTEND.	REMARKS.
1	12 Jun 43.	1900	Camp	All Offrs.	Discussion of scope of exercise.
2	13 Jun 43.	1400	Camp	All Offrs and Pl Comds.	Discussion of Stages of Readiness.
3	20 Jun 43.	1400	Camp	All Offrs and Pl Comds.	Discussion of exercise.

6. ADM.

(a) Equipment & Stores.

Active Service conditions will obtain throughout the exercise. W.E.T. equipment, stores etc will be carried.

Amn. each Coy will draw from Q.M. the following trng amn.

Bandolier - 10 Rds per man.
Belt - 4 Belts per M.M.G.
Carton - 4 Mags per gun.
M. - 50 Bombs.

W.E.T. amn less the above amounts will be carried and the trng amn will make up the difference.

Trng amn will be packed separate from W.E.T. amn.

Kit bags will be carried and contain 2 blankets, change of clothing and change of boots only.

Packs will contain all other gear and be stacked in Coy mess huts.

Spare blankets, trng stores etc will be stacked in Coy mess huts.

Tents will be cleared of all surplus gear which will be stacked in mess huts and tents will be left laced up.

Each Coy will detail one picquet from camp maintenance party as store guard.

(b) Dress Own Tps.

Battle order.

Enemy. - Battle order with felt hats.

7. Normal adm work will be carried out in the field during the exercise.

8. Sups - POL - will be delivered in the field by A.A.S.C.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) All cultivation, buildings and house paddocks are out of bounds.

(b) Fences will not be cut or broken unnecessarily. If necessary to cut a fence the exact location will be noted and Bn HQ notified immediately.

Repairs (if necessary) will be effected by Pioneer Pl
(c) All exercise messages and reports will be prefixed "Rover". Messages regarding genuine casualties will be prefixed "Genuine Casualties".

(d) Strict water discipline will be observed throughout exercise.

10. CONDUCT OF EXERCISE.

Following the opening situation, the exercise will develop in the field by means of sitreps, msgs and O.I.s.

OPENING SITUATION.

1. At 1200 hrs on 13 Jun 43, Tac reports enemy convoy estimated 24 hrs sailing from HUTT LAGOON and heading towards the coast.
2. During early hrs of 14 Jun 43, Jap forces estimated one inf Regt succeeded in landing one Bn in HUTT LAGOON area North of GERALDTON and two Bns approx 100 mls North of GERALDTON.
3. At 1330 hrs 14 Jun 43, Comd 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) issues warning to all units in Bde as follows - "Adopt First Stage Ack"

This warning was followed at 0500 hrs on 15 Jun by msg - "Adopt Second Stage Ack" and at 0600 hrs on same day by msg "Adopt Third Stage Ack".

56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) "ROVER" EXERCISE.

SITUATION 2.

- (1) By 0730 hrs 15 Jun enemy intention had been disclosed from Tac R reports and the Bn at HUTT LAGOON area is moving on NORTHAMPTON with a flying coln about 12 mls ahead, advancing down NABAWA Rd.
- (2) Comd 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) orders-
 - (a) 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) to move and delay &/or destroy enemy flying coln in vic of MUMBEMARRA area.
 - (b) 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) to move along Coast Rd and secure NORTHAMPTON.

SITUATION 3.

- (1) At 1400 hrs 15 Jun 56 Aust Inf Bn having destroyed enemy flying coln and scattered the remnants are ordered to move and secure the rd and rly junc at BOWES and be prepared to take offensive action to re-inforce 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) who are advancing on NORTHAMPTON.

SITUATION 4.

- (1) By 1500 hrs 15 Jun 44 Aust Inf Bn had captured NORTHAMPTON and are occupying it.
- (2) Small bands of enemy tps who had been scattered from NORTHAMPTON are still operating in the BOWES area.
- (3) The remainder of Jap forces had withdrawn to the North.
- (4) At 0500 hrs 16 Jun enemy were reported to have taken up a def posn at rd junc ref AJANA 1 in 584357 and were digging in presumably to await re-inforcements from the North.
- (5) At 0700 hrs 16 Jun C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn receives O.I. to move and capture rd junc ref AJANA 584357.

SITUATION 5.

- (1) Jap forces driven off rd junc ref AJANA 584357.
- (2) At 1400 hrs 16 Jun Tac R reports enemy paratps landed on clear land and cultivation in sq ref AJANA 6846 and established a def posn on high ground in centre of cultivation.
Bde Comd appreciates that this will be followed by airborne tps next day.
- (3) At 1500 hrs C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn is ordered to hold present posn until 1900 hrs and then attack paratps posn in area 6846.

SITUATION 6.

- (1) 56 Aust Inf Bn successful in destroying paratps and RAAF shot down enemy tp carrying planes at 0900 hrs on 17 Jun.
- (2) At 1030 hrs 17 Jun infm is received by C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn that a landing has taken place at mouth of the MURCHINSON river and that an advanced Coy has proceeded East along MURCHINSON rd about 20 mls towards AJANA.
- (3) Bde Comd appreciates that this will be followed by a larger force and an attempt to capture R.H. at AJANA will be made.
- (4) At 1100 hrs 17 Jun 56 Aust Inf Bn are ordered to move and destroy the enemy advanced Coy and take up a posn to stop any further thrust.

SITUATION 7.

- (1) During afternoon of 17 Jun a landing in addition to the one at MURCHINSON mouth was effected in the area of HUTT LAGOON.
- (2) During night of 17 Jun it became obvious that this landing was the main thrust and was directed at establishing a base at NORTHAMPTON.

SITUATION 7 Contd.

- (3) At 1700 hrs 17 Jun Bde Comd orders 44 Aust Inf Bn who are at NORTHAMPTON move against enemy and deny western approaches to NORTHAMPTON.
- (4) At 2030 hrs 17 Jun 56 Aust Inf Bn are warned of a possible withdrawal to NORTHAMPTON area to stop Northern approaches.
- (5) At 0600 hrs 18 Jun Bde Comd orders 56 Aust Inf Bn to withdraw by bounds and occupy posn vic ref NORTHAMPTON sq 5288-5388 and deny Northern approaches to NORTHAMPTON.

SITUATION 8.

- (1) 56 Aust Inf Bn withdrew to NORTHAMPTON area and took up def posn.
- (2) At 0730 hrs 19 Jun C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn receives infn that enemy coln are approaching via CARNARVON Rd.
- (3) Enemy reach area 56 Aust Inf Bn posn at 0815 and commence an attack on our posn.
- (4) At 0845 hrs C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn orders - Coy to counter attack from right flank.

SITUATION 9.

- (1) By 1000 hrs 19 Jun enemy thrust is driven off and enemy forces completely destroyed.
- (2) At 1030 hrs 19 Jun C.O. receives msg from Bde Comd stating that enemy had outflanked 54 Aust Inf Bn and were at MANSON. 54 Aust Inf Bn moved and were holding enemy Southern thrust at MANSON.
- (3) At 1045 hrs Bde Comd orders 56 Aust Inf Bn to move South and destroy enemy to relieve 54 Aust Inf Bn for a threat from the South.

SITUATION 10.

- (1) 56 Aust Inf Bn destroys enemy force at MANSON.
- (2) 54 Aust Inf Bn moved back to firm base in area NARNGULU to counter threat from South.
- (3) At 1900 hrs 19 Jun 56 Aust Inf Bn are ordered to occupy firm base at MOONYOONOOKA and be prepared for offensive action in Southern area.

- FORECAST OF EVENTS - 56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) EXERCISE "ROVER". -

SERIAL	UNIT	TIME & DATE	SITUATION	ENEMY ACTION	REMARKS
1	56 Bn.	1345 hrs 14 Jun.	Receive msg "Adopt First Stage ACK".	Move out to MUMBAMARRA Area.	Bn to act as in Schedule 1 of Stages of Readiness. Schedule 1 to be carried out in detail.
2	56 Bn.	0515 hrs 15 Jun.	Receive msg "Adopt Second Stage ACK".	Move to NABAWA.	Carry out Schedule 2 of Stages of Readiness.
3	56 Bn.	0615 hrs 15 Jun.	Receive msg "Adopt Third Stage ACK".	- - -	As per Schedule 3 of Stages of Readiness.
4	56 Bn.	0745 hrs 15 Jun.	C.O. receives order to move to MUMBEMARRA and delay &/or destroy enemy flying coln.	Approaching NANSON Br	
5	Adv Gd Coy Gp.	0815 hrs 15 Jun.	Adv Gd gp leave firm base and move to MUMBEMARRA.	Repairing (token repairs) NANSON Br.	Adv Gd makes use of carr Pl MC sec for recce.
6	Adv Gd Coy.	0900 hrs 15 Jun.	MC brings back info of enemy at NANSON Br. Adv Gd deploys and takes up def posn.	Flying coln leaves Br at 0900 hrs and move at 15 MIH.	
7	56 Bn Adv Gd.	0910 hrs 15 Jun.	C.O. receives msg from Adv Gd.	Move on MUMBEMARRA.	
8	56 Bn.	0930 hrs 15 Jun.	C.O. makes recce-Bn commence to deploy.	Form up and commence attack.	Enemy coln dispersed by Arty and Inf form up behind Large Copse.
9	56 Bn.	1000 hrs 15 Jun.	Bn completes deployment and takes up def posn.	Withdraw to BOWES.	
10	56 Bn.	1400 hrs 15 Jun.	Bn ordered to move and occupy def posn astride BOWES Rd and Fly Junc.		
11.	56 Bn.	1830 hrs 15 Jun.	Bn in occupation and patrols out.	Harassing patrols during occupation.	Hurried occupation use made of recce parties fwd.

SERIAL	UNIT	TIME	DATE	SITUATION	ENEMY ACTION	REMARKS.
12	56 Bn.		Night of 15 Jun.	Routine by night & patrols.	Harrassing patrols & withdraw to AJANA 584357 & occupy def posn.	Prisoners to be properly searched & interrogated.
13	56 Bn.	0700 hrs	16 Jun.	C.O. receives O.I. ordering Bn to proceed to rd junc ref AJANA 1 in 584357 and destroy enemy.	Occupy def posn representing Coy Gp.	
14	Adv Gd Coy.	0930 hrs	16 Jun.	Adv Gd held up at School ref AJANA 1 in 586338.	Fire on Adv Gd-rd block near School.	
15	56 Bn.	1030 hrs	16 Jun.	Bn attack on rd junc ref 584357.	Withdraw to sq ref AJANA 1 in 6846 to represent paratps in posn.	
16	56 Bn.	1500 hrs	16 Jun.	C.O. receives orders to capture high ground in clearing AJANA 6846 by night attack.	In def posn.	
17	56 Bn.	1530 hrs	16 Jun.	Rece parties move to vic sq 6846.	Slight movement to indicate posn. Fire on any rece noticed.	
18	56 Bn.	approx 2000 hrs	16 Jun.	Bn approach march to A.A. for night attack.	In posn. Await attack.	All details to be carried out incl taping of S.L.
19	56 Bn.	approx 0530 hrs	17 Jun.	Commence attack.	Withdraw in time to vacate posn when tps arrive.	Lesson of limits of consolidation & exploitation to be brought out.
20	56 Bn.	approx 0615 hrs	17 Jun.	Sp arms & Stores brought up to posn.	Withdraw to ref AJANA 424402 & put up silhouette targets.	
21	56 Bn.	1030 hrs	17 Jun.	C.O. receives info of enemy thrust from landing at mouth of MURCHESON towards AJANA.	Complete putting up silhouette targets.	

SERIAL	UNIT	TIME & DATE	SITUATION	ENEMY ACTION	REMARKS
22	56 Bn.	1100 hrs 17 Jun.	56 Bn ordered to move & stop thrust on AJANA R.H.	Move to AJANA out of exercise area - send party 10 M West of Field Firing exercise to stop any traffic.	
23	Adv Gd Coy	1500 hrs 17 Jun.	Adv Gd fired on from FENCE HILL - (silhouette targets & gelignite) & Coy held up.		Wire will be laid by enemy from post to start point for attack & gelignite will be let off by "I" sec.
24	56 Bn.	1530 hrs 17 Jun.	3 Phase Bn attack (Field Firing) commence.	Camp at AJANA.	
25	56 Bn.	1730 hrs 17 Jun.	Bn occupies posn to stop any further enemy thrust via MOUNT VIEW ref AJANA 470375		
26	56 Bn.	0800 hrs 18 Jun.	C.O. receives warning to prepare for possible withdrawal to NORTHAMPTON area. Bn carries out routine in posn at night.	Collect field firing targets & deliver truck to 56 Bn.	All live amm to be withdrawn after field firing exercise.
27	56 Bn.	0600 hrs 18 Jun.	C.O. receives order to withdraw bounds to guard Northern approaches to NORTHAMPTON.		suggested bound via HUTT.
28	56 Bn.	0930 hrs 18 Jun.	First bound occupied & tpt sent back to move remainder of Bn.	At AJANA.	
29	56 Bn.	1400 hrs 18 Jun.	NORTHAMPTON area occupied by half the Bn & tpt move to HUTT.		
30	56 Bn.	1730 hrs 18 Jun.	Withdrawal complete & Bn in occupation in NORTHAMPTON area. Bn carry out consolidation.	Move to HUTT area for attack next morning.	
31	Enemy.	0830 hrs 19 Jun.		Plan up a attack Bn posn from Northern direction - to present Bn attack.	

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32	56 Bn.	0845 hrs 19 Jun.	Enemy attack disclosed - immediate C.O. ordered by C.O.	Continues attack.	Use of mobile force on Eastern rd.
33	56 Bn.	0915 hrs 19 Jun.	Counter attack developed and enemy dispersed.	Withdraw to rd. ambuss & pass through Bn posn.	
34	Enemy.	1000 hrs 19 Jun.		Move to area vic [unclear] & take up def posn.	
35	56 Bn.	1030 hrs 19 Jun.	C.O. receives info that enemy mobile force operating in [unclear] area.		
36	56 Bn.	1100 hrs 19 Jun.	56 Bn. ordered to destroy enemy force in [unclear] area.	Movement to indicate posn when div of approaches.	Enemy on taken up at discretion of C.O.
37	Adv Gd.	1430 hrs 19 Jun.	Contact enemy & rd held up.	Fire on Adv Gd.	
38	56 Bn.	1530 hrs 19 Jun.	56 Bn. attack on enemy posns.	Withdraw to 56 Bn lines & dump stores & move to 54 Bn.	
39	56 Bn.	1700 hrs 19 Jun.	Posn capture & consolidation.		
40	56 Bn.	1900 hrs 19 Jun.	56 Bn. ordered to occupy firm base to counter threat on [unclear].		
41	56 Bn.	2330 hrs 19 Jun.	Bn established on firm base.		
42	56 Bn.	0300 hrs 20 Jun.	Exercise ends.		

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Ref Map AJANA Linch = 1 mile

INFM.

1. Enemy. Paratps landed on high ground sq 6343 at 1400 hrs to-day and are consolidating.
2. Own Tps. 44 Bn are still in occupation of NORTHAMPTON.

INTENTION.

3. 56 Bn will capture high ground sq 6346 by night attack.

METHOD.

4. Objectives. Right. Tree Saddle to 200x right.

Left. Scrubby knoll excl Tree Saddle.

5. Tps. Right. C Coy

Left. B Coy

6. Res. Right. D Coy

Left. A Coy

} Will move 200x behind fwd coys

7. Route to Assembly Area.

(a) Rd CARRARVON to 608427, thence track to ck. junc 6|8455, thence on a bearing of 86 degrees mag to ass area.

(b) Order of march. B,C,Bn H.Q., A, D.

8. Assembly Posn.

(a) Ass area 650458

(b) Coys form up in same relative posn as at F.U.P.

(c) Route to F.U.P. 80 degrees mag reced by 1 sec

(d) Formations to F.U.P. line of secs in file.

9. F.U.P.

C Coy right.

B Coy left

D Coy right rear

A Coy left rear

Taped by 2500 hrs by Adjt & I.C.

Three (3) Coy guides will report to I.C. at Bn H.Q. at 2300 hrs.

Bearing to objective 80 degrees mag.

Distance to objective 800 yds.

10. Formations. Advance from F.U.P. in sec in file.
Distance between secs 20 yds.

11. Timings.

(a) Leave present posn 2330 hrs.

(b) Arrive at ass area 0325 hrs.

(c) Leave ass area 0400 hrs.

(d) Arrival in F.U.P.'s 0515 hrs.

(e) ZERO. 0520 hrs.

(f) Arrival on objectives 0544 hrs.

(g) Face of attack. 100 yds in 3 mins.

12. Action on capture of objectives.

(a) Consolidation by fwd coys on fwd slope & rear Coys on reverse slope.

(b) Exploitation by fwd Coys at first light to 800 yds fwd.

12. Action on capture of objectives -(CONT)

- (a) At first light A Coy will occupy Timber Ridge.
- (d) D Coy will occupy Cultivation Timber.

13. Guiding and pace setting.

- (a) I personnel will be available at Bn H.Q. at 2200 hrs to act as guides.
- (b) B Coy responsible for pace setting.

14. Fd Arty. F.O.O. with B Coy - observed fire.

15. M.M.G's.

- (a) One sec carr pl guns right flank protection on call for sp.
- (b) One sec carr pl guns left flank protection on call for sp.
- (c) One sec carr pl move and assist consolidation and exploitation on capture of objectives.
- (d) Amm expenditure limited to 6 belts per gun.

16. Mortars. Move forward at first light and assist consolidation.

17. Tk.A. Def. Move forward at first light and give Tk protection.

18. A.A Def. Two dets protection Bn H.Q. at first light
Two dets protection B Ech.

19. Patrols. D Coy will protect Ass posns from 0445 to 0520 hrs.

20. Conduct of tps.

- (a) No lights or smoking after leaving ass area.
- (b) Strict silence to be maintained during ops.
- (c) Mags charged (taken) and rifles will NOT be fired unless ordered by an Offr.
- (d) Bayonets will be fixed before leaving ass area.
- (e) Tps will NOT leave place in formation after leaving F.U.P.
- (f) Action when meeting enemy - Assault with bayonet silently.

ADM. 21. Amm.

S.A.A. reserve at F.U.P.

22. Tpt.

A Ech remain at present location.
B Ech remain at present location.

23. Med.

R.A.P. at ass area and on success move to F.U.P.

24. Meals.

Prior to attack, hot drink at ass area.

INTERCOM.

25. Bn H.Q. will close present location at 0200 hrs and open at 0400 hrs at ass area and move forward with attack in centre of formation.
Report centre will be established at ass area and after success sig Bn H.Q. 300 yds WEST of F.U.P.

26. Wireless- Silence until objective is reached, or surprise lost.
Attachment of sets normal.

27. Sigs - Cable to all coys on success.

28. Signals.- Success 2 reds (taken)

29. Pass Word- SIGN "STORMY"- COUNTER SIGN "TIGHT".

30. Synchronization.- At ass area.

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WITHDRAWAL.

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Ref Maps. AJANA - HUTT - NORTHAMPTON.

INFM.

1. Enemy.
 - (a) Landing effected HUTT LAGOON Area during night of 17 Jun 43.
 - (b) Enemy thrust directed at NORTHAMPTON.
2. Own Tps.
 - (a) 44 Bn is to move from NORTHAMPTON and deny Western approaches to NORTHAMPTON.
3. Tps passing from Comd.
C. Tp, 14. Tk. A Bty. passed from Comd at 1630 hrs to-day.

INTENTION.

4. 56 Bn will withdraw, as per Appx A, during day 18 Jun 43 to a posn via NORTHAMPTON and deny Northern approaches.

METHOD.

5. Rece Parties.

Coy Recee parties, consisting of the following, will report to Bn 2 i/c at 0815 hrs at RV or ref 460374.

A Coy - 2 i/c & ord, 3 pl Sgts, 1 sec comd from each Pl & 1 ord from each Pl.

B Coy - " " " " " " " " " " " " "

C Coy - 2 i/c & ord, 3 pl Sgts, 1 ord from each pl.

D Coy - " " " " " " " " " " " " "

Sigs - Sgt & 3 O/Rs

Bn HQ - RSM & 1 O/R

Vehs will be sup by A, B, C & D. 1 ton veh each, 2 i/c veh.

6. Timings.
 - (a) No withdrawal except recee parties before 0630 hrs.
 - (b) Present posn held in strength until 0940 hrs.
 - (c) Thinning out of fwd coys will commence at 0940 hrs.
 - (d) Posn will be finally abandoned at 1000 hrs.
 - (e) All movement NORTH of AJANA Rd ceases at 1130 hrs.
7. Rear Party Lines. - Line of fence at 475367.
8. All rear tps pass rear party line by 1025 hrs.
9. Bn Assembly area will be squares 4736 - 4836.
10. Coy assembly area will be
 - (a) C Coy - Bn Ass Area
 - (b) D " - Bn Ass Area
 - (c) B Coy - 200x South of rd bend ref 471368
 - (d) A Coy - 200x North of rd bend ref 471372
11. Routes to Bn Ass Area
 - (a) C Coy - Direct
 - (b) D Coy - Direct
 - (c) B Coy - Direct using ^{route} South of MURCHISON Rd
 - (d) A Coy - Direct using route North of MURCHISON Rd.
12. S.P. will be AJANA rail head.
13. Grouping and time past S.P. - Appx A
14. Route - VTM & MIB - DIS PT - HALTS - LIGHTS - See Appx A

15. Arty will be withdrawn as per Appx A

16. Rear Parties.

C Coy limited to 2 sec of 6
D " " " 2 sec of 6

One sec carr per fwd coy & one sec M per fwd coy, will report through traffic control at Rear Party Line as they pass through.- One DR made available by Bn HQ for this purpose.

17. Action on arrival at HUTT - A & B occupy def posn to facilitate withdrawal of C & D Coys.

Action on arrival at NORTHAMPTON Area - Occupy def posn digging in Northern approaches.

Coys will be met by guides and led to new posn.

ADP.

18. (a) Sup Pt - B Ech ref)
(b) A.P. - B Ech ref) sq NORTHAMPTON 5337.
(c) Pet - B Ech ref)

19. B ECH

(a) Cand. - Capt Everitt

(b) Move - Leave present posn at 0630 hrs and move as per appx A

20. Traffic Control.

(a) Control point at - Junc ADJANA Rd.

(b) Manned by Bn M.P. to be detailed.

21. Med. - R.A.P. closes at 0940 hrs and moves to NORTHAMPTON Area.

INTERCOMM.

22. (a) Bn HQ closes at 1000 hrs and opens at NORTHAMPTON on arrival.
(b) Report centre at Rear Party Line until rear parties pass through.

23. (a) Cable from rear Coys will be reeled in by 0630 hrs.
(b) ALL cable will be reeled in by 0930 hrs.

24. Alletment W/T. - Normal.

25. Synchronisation at 0500 hrs.

ACK.

Time of signature 0400 hrs
Method of Issue - DR & Runner.

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Distribution List	Copy No.
C.O.	1
2 i/a	2
Adjt	3
A Coy	4
B "	5
C "	6
D "	7
CC HQ Coy	8
Q.M.	9
I.O.	10
Sig O	11
Fd Arty	12
Carr Comd	13
M Comd	14
AA Comd	15
Tk.A Comd	16
Par P1	17
Tpt Sgt	18
RSM	19
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Ref Maps AJANA - HUTT - NORTHAMPTON.

Route. g AJANA - HUTT - NORTHAMPTON Rds.

VTM & MH - 10 VTM - 15 N.I.H.

Dis. Pt.

Halts. - No Halts

S.P. - AJANA Rail Head

Meals. - Breakfast 0500 hrs - lunch in Coy Posns - Evening meal - NORTHAMPTON Area.

SERIAL	UNIT	VEHICLES SUP BY	TIME PAST SP	OFFRS RESP.	DIS PT	ACTION OF VEH ON DIS PT.	REMARKS
1	B Ech plus attachments	All B Ech		Capt. Everitt	NORTH-AMPTON sq 5387	Remain in area	Move direct from present posn.
2	A Coy, B Coy plus present attachments 1 sec Tk.A 1 Tp Fd Arty	A Coy 3-1 ton 1-15 cwt 1-30 cwt B Coy 3-1 ton 1-15 cwt 1-3 ton C Coy 3-1 ton 1-15 cwt D Coy 3-1 ton 1-15 cwt	0745	Capt. Clark	HUTT Area	Return to Ass Area	All vehs report to En Ass Area by 0700 hrs 18 Jun 43
3	Bn Office, Sig Store Truck, AA sets NOT with B Ech - M Pl - Tpt & Stores - Tk.A Vehs	Own vehs	0800	Lieut Christie	NORTH-AMPTON Area via 529881	Remain at Bn HQ	Bn guide to take charge at dis pt.
4	C & D Coys, less rear party - Pnr Pl OC HQ Coy - Sig O "I" Truck, 1 tp Fd Arty	All vehs ex Ser 2 less 1 veh each OC & D Coy	1100	Capt. Hough	NORTH-AMPTON Area	Return to HUTT area	Coy guides will lead Coys to posns. One veh each to be sup to Adjt for rear party from Ass Area.

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SERIAL	UNIT	VEHS SUP BY	TIME PAST S.P.	OFFERS RESP.	DIS PT	ACTION OF VEHS ON DIS PT	REMARKS
5	Carr Sec att to C & D Coys, M Det att to C & D Coys Rear parties of C & D Coys Bn HQ	1 veh each of C & D Coys to be sent from En Ass Area to rep- ort to Adjt	1105	-	NORTHAMP- TON Area	Comd under Comd respective Coys	
6	A Coy, B Coy, plus atts plus 1 sec Tk.A 1 Tp Fd Arty	All vehs in Serial 2		Capt. Clark	NORTHAMP- TON Area	Come under Comd. of own Coys	Coy guides will lead Coy to posns.

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403. REST DAY.

Wed 9 Jun 43 - B & HQ Coys.

Thurs 10 Jun 43 - A, C and D Coys.

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Sentence - To undergo detention for 12 months.

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Comd. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Serial No 85.
Nos 413 to
20 Jun 43.

413. DUTIES. - All camp Duties and Orderly Officer for the ensuing fortnight while Bn is carrying out 2 Aust Div Duties will be supplied by HQ Coy.

414. REST DAY.

A Coy	Mon 21 Jun 43.
B Coy	" " " "
D Coy	" " " "
C Coy.	Tue 22 Jun 43.
HQ Coy.	" " " "

415. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURT.

When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the AIF, without mentioning the name of his unit.

In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.

The danger to security in disclosing the location of units cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

416. APPOINTMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS.

1. Appointments to commissioned rank in the Australian Army Legal Corps may be made in the case of persons who are Barristers or Solicitors of the High Court of Australia or of the supreme Court of a state or who are recognised by the Governor-General as possessing equivalent status and qualifications within His Majesty's Dominion, and who are of the age of 25 years and upwards.

2. Members of the Forces who comply with the above requirements may qualify for appointment to the Corps inter alia by passing at an AALC Course of Instruction, which will be held for this purpose from time to time.

3. A limited number of vacancies in the Corps exists and members of the Forces desirous of making application to attend a Course should submit to HQ 2 Aust Div (AIF) through the usual channels an application in the form set out hereunder. Successful applicants will receive notification to attend the Course in due course.

4. Intending applicants should ordinarily be of the age of 30 years and upwards.

5. Applications should be submitted NOT later than 25 June 43, in accordance with the following pro forma.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS.
APPLICATION TO ATTEND COURSE.

No Rank
Name in full
Date of Birth
Present unit and posting
Civil Qualifications
Date and place of Admission
Whether practised as Barrister or Solicitor
State where practised
Particulars of Military Service (giving dates)
Dates of promotion (if any)
Present Medical Classification
Previous Medical Classification
Dependants (Names of wife and children with ages of latter be stated.)
Date..... Signature.....
Report of legal Officer.

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(A.A.L.C. HQ 2 Aust Div (AIF))

417. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS.

1. The provision of Engineering cadetships (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.

2. Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved, applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis:-

(a) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 years and 20 years, who are medically Class A1, who are or become members of the AIF, and who have reached Leaving Certificate Standard in English, Mathematics and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join the AIF will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the AIF.

(b) Cadets selected from civilian sources will be enlisted in the AIF and all cadets will, during their cadetships, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.

(c) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of Military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an OCTU, over a period of approximately 3 years. Successful cadets will receive commissions subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allotted to RAE or AEIME units in the ranks.

(d) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the war, but it is hoped to make arrangements for the completion of the courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training.

(e) Cadets who prove unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal army service.

3. (1) Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs, who will forward all applications direct to LHQ (E-in-C), to reach LHQ not later than 5 July 1943. (This is essential to allow sufficient time for selection in time for assembly of selected cadets for the first course expected to commence on 1st September 1943.)

(11) COs will, with each application, furnish a report on the candidate as to his character, ability and suitability.

(111) Copies of applications and reports will be sent by COs through normal channels to HQ L of C Area in which the unit is serving.

418. DRESS - SAN BROWNE BELTS.

When not otherwise ordered, the following items of dress may be worn at the option of the member:-

(a) The San Browne belt (without shoulder strap) may be worn by Officers and Warrant Officers, Class 1.

(b) Other Warrant Officers may wear the belt, waist, brown leather.

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) A/Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.
(AIF)

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56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 7.

SECRET.
COPY NO.
20 Jun 43.

1. GENERAL. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF) will mount 2 Aust Div Duties on 23 Jun 43, as per App A attached.
2. ALLOTMENT OF DUTIES.
 - (a) D Coy will take over duties serial Nos 1 to 7 inclusive as per 5 Aust. Inf. Bde O.I. No 12 on 23 Jun 43, commencing at 1000 hrs and relief to be completed by 1600 hrs. O.C. D Coy will carry out recce of CWP's and contact O.C. Coy of 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF) at present on duty.
 - (b) D Coy will take over serial No 17 at 1500 hrs 23 Jun 43.
 - (c) A Coy will take over duties serials Nos, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, at 1500 hrs 23 Jun 43.
 - (d) B Coy will take over duties serials Nos 14, 16, 20, at 1600 hrs 23 Jun 43.
 - (e) HQ Coy will supply serial No 18.
 - (f) Tk. A Pl of 6 N.C.O.'s and 20 Ptes plus 14 N.C.O.'s and 67 Ptes from C Coy plus 3 Offrs will exchange with one Bty from 18 Aust Fd Regt on 24 Jun 43.
3. ALLOTMENT OF OFFERS FOR DUTY.
 - (a) C.W.P.'s. Capt L.J. Williams and Lieut J. Melville.
 - (b) Fwd Div HQ Guard. Lieut ~~M.W. G. Christie~~.
 - (c) Town Picquet. Capt J.M. Clark. Lieut S.J. Braithwaite and Lieut G.W.B. Davis.
 - (d) F.A.D. Mullewa. W.O. II A. Powys.
 - (e) C.I. for Arty Cadre. Capt J.S. Boardman.
 - (f) Offrs to go with C Coy to 18 Aust Fd Regt. Capt J.W. Hough, Capt M.M. Scott, Lieut J.C. McDonald.
4. INSTRUCTORS FOR ARTY CADRE.

Capt J.S. Boardman, W.O. I D.P. Woodward, Sgt Murphy C.L. Sgt Liebeck K.G. Sgt Fleming B.A. and Cpl Barnes J. will act as instructors for Arty Cadre in 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) lines for period 24 Jun 43 to 30 Jun 43.
5. TRANSPORT.

Coys will as far as possible use their own Coy Tpt and Coy Conds to contact T.O. in this respect. With the exception of serial Nos 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Tpt will take out new duties to various posts and return old duties to 54 Aust Inf Bn lines.
6. DRESS.
 - (a) PICQUET. - Dress whilst on duty will be helmets steel with camouflage nets. Khaki Shirts. (Austerity shirts will NOT be worn.) Long trousers K.D. and anklets webb, side arms. Offrs will wear equipment and carry arms.
 - (b) GUARDS. - Battle Dress. Long Trousers and anklets webb. Helmets steel and Khaki shirts (as above.)
 - (c) HYGIENE PICQUET.

Fatigue dress. Duties will be clean and attend
(i) Latrines at Cathedral, South of Township
(ii) Latrines opposite "Radio Theatre"
These duties will be detailed from Town Picquet each day. Hygiene Sgt will make periodical inspections.
7. MEDICAL. - R.M.O. will make visits to CWPs and Town Picquets as required. O.Cs to advise Bn HQ daily if R.M.O. is required. R.M.O. will supply Coys on out posts with necessary medical requirements.

W.A. 11/24/41

8. AMM. D Coy will arrange with Q.M. and take 5,000 rounds S.A.A. for Bren Guns: 50 rounds per man for rifles: 200 rounds for each T.S.M.G: - 5 Verrey Pistols with 5 flares of each colour. O.C. D Coy will arrange re tents, water tanks and other requirements for each posn.

L.H. Macauley Licut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) A/Ajt. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF).

Time of Signature. 1100 hrs.

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ISSUED BY RUNNER.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.

- C.C. 1
- 2 I/C. 2
- Ajt. 3
- R.M.O. 4
- T.O. 5
- A Coy. 6
- B Coy. 7
- C Coy. 8
- D Coy. 9
- HQ Coy. 10
- Caterer. 11
- War Diary. 12, 13.
- File. 14
- R.S.M. 15
- Spare. 16, 17.
- 5 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF) 18

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BATTAL.

3.1. GENERAL.

The Battalion will be under the command of the Battalion Commander and will be divided into four companies, A, B, C and D. The Battalion will be equipped with the following arms and equipment:

- (a) Rifles: 1000
- (b) Light Machine Guns: 10
- (c) Heavy Machine Guns: 4
- (d) Mortars: 2
- (e) Anti-Tank Rifles: 2
- (f) Searchlights: 2
- (g) Trip Mines: 20
- (h) Field Kits: 4
- (i) Medical Kits: 4
- (j) Signal Kits: 4
- (k) Transport: 40

The Battalion will be trained in the following tactics:

- (a) Attack
- (b) Defence
- (c) Flanking
- (d) Ambush
- (e) Retreat

The Battalion will be organized as follows:

- (a) A Company: 100 men
- (b) B Company: 100 men
- (c) C Company: 100 men
- (d) D Company: 100 men
- (e) Headquarters: 50 men
- (f) Caterer: 10 men
- (g) War Diary: 5 men
- (h) File: 5 men
- (i) R.S.M.: 5 men
- (j) Spare: 5 men
- (k) 5 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF): 5 men

MAP GERALDTON 1 in to 4 mls.

56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) APPX "A"
 ISSUED WITH OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO 7.

SECRET. COPY NO. _____

SERIAL NO.	POST.	LOCATION OF PLACE OF DUTY.	STRENGTH.	WATER.	RATIONS.	COMMUNICATIONS.	EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN OVER OR REQUIRED.
1	No 1 CWP.	232478	One Sec	Not Manned.	Be prepared to Man at Short notice. No allotment of W/T set.		
2	No 2 CWP	243467	One Sec	Not Manned.	Be prepared to Man at short notice. No allotment of W/T set.		
3	No 3 CWP	Smugglers Cove. 251444	1 NCO 8 ORS	1 100 gal tank filled every 3rd day.	Scale C. Tinned Rations every 6 days.	Line through 44 in to Bde switchboard.	Tent complete; 100 gal tank.
4	No 4 CWP	Chapman R. 25284380.	1 Offr. 1 NCO 8 ORS 1 Dvr	do	do	do	do
5	No 5 CWP	25314261	1 Offr. 1 NCO 8 ORS 1 Dvr			PMG GERALDTON Magneto phone required.	Tents complete.
6	No 6 CWP	Feature 227 26014141	1 NCO 8 ORS 2 Sigs	1 100 gal tank filled every 3rd day	do	208 set. lamp and helio to 7 post.	One 208 set, lamp and helio to be taken 1 100 gal tank.
7	No 7 CWP	High Ground 26894058	1 NCO 8 ORS 2 Sigs.	Water from farm 25 min from post 6 cans 2 gal	do	PMG line extended to post from GREENOUGH. Magneto phone required.	Tent complete. 208 set, helio and lamp to be taken.
8	TOWN PICQUET	GERALDTON	1 Capt 2 Lieuts 6 NCOs 2 Cooks 24 ORS 2 Sigs	Daily by Coy.	Daily by Coy.	Ring 331 Power House	Seven Tents.

SERIALIZED POST	LOCATION OF PLACE	STRENGTH	WATER	RATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS	SUBJECT TO BE MARKED OVER OR REMOVED.
9	PO Guard GERALDTON	1 NCO 6 ORs	Local	Daily by Coy		Quarters with Picquet.
10	FATIGUE PARTY BULK CANTEN	4 ORs 1 x 3 Ton Truck				Quartered with Town Picquet.
11	FATIGUE Birdwood House GERALDTON	1 Cpl. 6 ORs	Local	Midday Meal provided by Birdwood House		Report Caretaker 0900 hrs Thursday morning.
12	HYGIENE DUTIES GERALDTON	Hyg Sgt 3 ORs			PROVIDED FROM TOWN PICQUET STRENGTH	
13	COOK ALL SERVICES CANTEN	1 PASTRY COOK				Quartered with Town Picquet.
14	GUARD 2 Aust Div (AIF)	1 Offr 1 Sgt 3 Cpls 1 Cook 30 ORs	6 Cans 2 gal	By Div		Tents complete NB. Take four Brens for Instructional purposes.
15	REAR DIV HQ Guard. Rear Div HQ.	1 Sgt 2 Cpls. 12 ORs	Div	Div		Tents complete
16	GUARD 5 Aust Inf Bde AIF)	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 12 ORs	6 cans 2 galls	By Rde		Tents complete
17	GUARD DID Northern Gully 284441	2 NCO's 10 ORs	DID, Container needed for immediate use	By DID Cooking utensils reqd.	0930	Tents complete
18	INSTRUCTION REST STATION NEWMARACARRA	1 Sgt	Local	By Rest Station.		Full Marching order, NB. Tommy Austen and Owen Guns for instruction.
19	Coy to Fd Arty 18 Fd Regt Lines.	Tk. Pl plus 14 NCOs & 67 Ptes from C Coy.	18 Fd Regt.	18 Fd Regt.		Full Marching order No Tents.
20	Working Party. MURRESWA To report to FAD MURRESWA for full details)	1 Offr 1 NCO 27 ORs	Coy Comd will locate pts from 44 Pn.	See Q.M.	D.R.	10 x 3 ton FWD 1 Ut. 1 x 15 Cwt Blitz 1 M.C.

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56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR BTY OF 18 AUST PD REGT
PERIOD 24 - 30 JUN 43

DAILY TIMINGS

0630	Reveille
0645	Admin Parade
0700	Sick Parade
0745-0815	Breakfast
0830-0915	1st Period
0925-1010	2nd "
1020-1105	3rd "
1115-1215	4th "
1230-1400	Lunch
1400-1500	5th Period
1510-1610	6th "
1900	Night Parades.

DAY	PERIOD	TRAINING
1	1	Organisation of Inf Bn and Inf Weapons and their characteristics R.S.M.
	2	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 1 Grenades. Description and mechanism Sgt Liebeck
	3	Bayonet training. On Guard and High Post Sgt Fleming
	4	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 21 L.M.G. Advanced Handling (Use of Cover) Sgt Murphy.
	5	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 2 Grenades - Points before throwing and firing. Cpl Barnes.
	6	Lecture. - Fire Control. (a) General (b) Fire Positions (c) Indication and Recognition (d) F.C.O.S Lieut. G.F.B. Davis CAPT. BOARDMAN
2	1	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 22 L.M.G. Advanced Handling (Movement) Sgt Murphy.
	2	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 3 & 4 Grenades. Dischargers and fire positions Cpl Barnes.
	3	Bayonet training Points standing and ground dummies Sgt Fleming.
	4	Lecture. Fieldcraft. (a) Study of ground (b) Cover from view and fire (c) Concealment and camouflage (d) Keeping direction and movement by night. Lieut. G.F.B. Davis CAPT. BOARDMAN
3	5	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 23 L.M.G. Advanced Handling (triped) W.O.11 Fewys
	6	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 21 Less 1 TENG Characteristics Loading and Unloading Sgt Liebeck
	7	Directional March by night Arranged by Lieut. Davis CAPT. BOARDMAN

DAY	PERIOD	TRAINING
3	1	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 24 L.M.G. Section Handling (Movement) Sgt Murphy
	2	Bayonet Training Right and Left Parries and Butt Stroke Sgt Fleming
	3	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 5 Grenades - Firing Dummy Grenades Cpl Barnes.
	4	Field Signals and Communication Sgt Liebeck
	5	Lecture Scouts and Patrols (a) Employment (b) Method of working (c) Types Lieut G.W.B. Davis <i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i>
	6	Practical Period Scouts and Patrols W.O.II Powys
4	1	Battle Formations General Lecture Lieut Davis <i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i>
	2	Battle Formations Practical Exercises. Whole school under charge Lieut Davis <i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i> assisted by instrs
	3	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 25 L.M.G. Section Handling (Defence) Sgt Murphy.
	4	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 6 & 7 Grenades - Smoke & Signal Cpl Barnes.
	5	Bayonet Training Quickening Exercises Sgt Fleming
	6	Recapitulation TSMG Sgt Liebeck
	7	Fighting Patrols by night Arranged by Lieut Davis <i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i>
5	1	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 8 and 9 Grenades, Throwing Standing and lying positions Cpl Barnes.
	2	Practical Exercise in Tactical Handling of L.M.G. (Bren) Sgt Murphy
	3	Bayonet Training Quickening Exercises and controlled charges Sgt Fleming.
	4	Lecture Pl in Attack Lieut Davis <i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i>
	5	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 21 Less 2 & 3 TSMG Holding, Firing Stripping and cleaning Sgt Liebeck.
	6	Lecture Pl in defence W.O.II Powys
6	1	Forest and Jungle warfare - General Lecture Lt. Davis
	2 & 3	Bayonet Training - Blitz Course All to assist
	4, 5 & 6	Field Firing Exercise with discussion to follow Lieut Davis <i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i>
	7	Dusk attack bring in night consolidation tool drill, Weapon Pitsm selection of alternative positions and protective patrols whilst preparing defensive position
7		<i>CAPT. BOARDMAN</i> REST DAY AND CHANGE OVER

NOTES. ~~Lieut G.W.B. Davis~~ will act as C.I. and will be responsible for dividing the Battery into 6 squads of approx 15 each. The "Bull Ring" system will operate. 1 whistle will be blown 5 mins before the termination of each instructional period and 2 whistles for squads to change over for "smoke" 1 whistle to commence instruction again. Instructors will be responsible to see that they obtain the requisite stores prior to days work commencing.

L.H. Macauley Lieut
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56 Aust. Inf Bn (AIF)

Ref Map GERALDTON 1 in to 1 ml.
" 4 mls to 1 in.

- (1) LEGEND N-Natives A - Enemy alien & NBS of enemy origin S - Suspects.
- (2) ESCORTS & GUIDES. Each veh will be manned by one Dr, one guide, one NCO & two riflemen - all to be armed.
- (3) ASSEMBLY AREAS. (a) After completion of respective apprehensions all vehs in serials (a)(b)(c)(d) & (e) will assemble at map ref 640320.
(b) The senior NCO or men at the assembly area will be in comd and decide when to move off.
(c) Movement will be by convoy from ass area.
- (4) SUPPLIES. Each veh will carry three (3) days emergency rations for each army pers & one (1) days emergency ration for each person to be apprehended & conveyed by that veh.
- (5) WATER-DRINKING Will be carried on scale of twelve (12) Gls per 3 ton veh & four (4) gals per 15 cwt veh.
- (6) FOOD. Will be carried by each veh sufficient for task plus 25%.

SERIAL	ROUTE	MILE-AGE.	TRANSPORT		Sup By.	Location, Class & numbers of Personnel to be apprehended.		Name & Location of Guide.	REMARKS.
			No. of Vehs.	Type.					
A	MOONYOONOOKA-GERALDTON Drill Hall-GLANFIED BLUFF POINT-UTAKARRA tach RV at ref 640320 GERALDTON 1" to 1 ml, move by convoy to MULLEWA & return camp.	81	1	1 Ton (4x2)	H. Coy.	GERALDTON 4 GLANFIED 1 BLUFF POINT 1 UTAKARRA 2 Total 8	One NCO of 1 Sec F.S.S. GERALDTON Drill Hall	All Vehicles.	
B	MOONYOONOOKA-GERALDTON Drill Hall-GEORGINA- BOOTHALL-MOONYOONOOKA- RV-MULLEWA	92	1	3 Ton (4x2)	Coy	BOOTHALL 4 GEORGINA 2 MOONYOONOOKA 14 Total 20	Cpl McGilvray (VDC) GERALDTON Drill Hall.	After pick- ing up alien personnel RV at ref 640320	
C	MOONYOONOOKA-GERALDTON Drill Hall-UTAKARRA- RV-MULLEWA	67	3	3 Ton (4x2)	H.Q. Coy.	UTAKARRA 50 Total 50	Cpl Findlay (VDC)	On MULLEWA Rd where they will meet in convoy.	
D	MOONYOONOOKA-GERALDTON Drill Hall-WINTHELL- DEEPDRIE-RV MULLEWA	68	1	3 Ton (4x2)	B Coy	WINTHELL 11 DEEPDRIE 8 Total 19	Pte Bennett (DVC) GERALDTON Drill Hall	to MULLEWA on completion of duty return to camp	
E	MOONYOONOOKA-GERALDTON Drill Hall-RV MULLEWA	67	1	3 Ton (4x2)	C Coy	GERALDTON 19 Total 19			
F	MOONYOONOOKA-GERALDTON Drill Hall-BLUFF POINT RV-MULLEWA	70	1	3 Ton (4x2)	D Coy	BLUFF POINT 21 Total 21	L/Cpl Gosnell (VDC) GERALDTON Drill Hall		

23 Jun 43.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEAVE TRUCK PICQUETS & PERSONNEL ON LEAVE.

- (1) All previous instns to leave truck picquet are cancelled and in future the following procedure is to be adhered to.
- (2) Duty Coy will detail the truck picquet as follows
 - (a) 1 NCO not below the rank of Sgt
 - (b) 2 Ors per Coy according to number of Coys on leave.
- (3) Picquet will be dressed in Khaki W.D. with belt and bayonet and steel helmet and will carry cut evening meal and water bottle filled.
- (4) Tour of duty will be from time of embussing at camp until time of debussing of last veh in camp.
 During tour of duty picquet will NOT leave trucks and WILL be rostered by NCO I/C to move from front to rear of vehs continuously during period that vehs are at leave park.
- (5) The NCO & picquet will ride to town on the first truck leaving camp and return on the last.
 Immediately on debussing at leave park all Dvs will proceed to head of coln and hand the key of his veh to NCO I/C of picquet. NCO will be held responsible to see that this is carried out.
- (6) The NCO I/C of picquet will remain at head of coln of vehs and issue each driver with the key of his veh, when his truck is filled for the return journey.
- (7) On returning from leave all tps WILL report to NCO I/C of picquet at head of coln and embuss **in** trucks according to his instructions. NCO will see that drivers reporting first are given the opportunity of returning first when their trucks are filled. NCO will be assisted in embussing and control of tps by the remainder of the picquet.
- (8) The practice of calling out, swearing and generally making a nuisance on approaching and at the leave park will cease and picquet will report the names of offenders who will have disciplinary action taken against them.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

Lt. Col. R. T. KEMP.
Comd. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

Serial 36
Nos 419 to
23 Jun 43.

419. TRANSFERS TO R.A.A.F.

- (a) LHQ has directed that no further transfers to RAAF will be permitted from personnel serving in 3 Aust. Corps.
- (b) All call-up notices are hereby cancelled.
- (c) Details of all current call-up notices are to be notified to this HQ so that DFO and DFO may be advised. Returns to reach HQ 2 Aust. Div (AIF) by 1 Jul 43, (NOT later.)
- (d) Soldiers at present at GDD Claremont awaiting discharge and transfer to RAAF will be returned to their Units.

420. CANTINE SALTS-TOBACCO-CIGARETTES.

Tobacco and cigarette coupons will henceforth NOT be negotiable at the TOMI canteen.

Coy's will advise troops that purchases of tobacco and cigarettes will be made at UNIT Canteens only.

Arrangements should be made to enable troops to so purchase before proceeding on leave.

421. DRESS.

The tendency has arisen for troops at Dances to leave tunic buttons undone and even remove belts and tunics in some cases.

It is emphasised that dress at such functions is equally important as on any other occasions and strict instructions will be promulgated to troops that this practice is to cease forthwith.

Attention is also drawn to the dress of drivers M.T. It has been noted that M.T. drivers are conspicuous generally for their carelessness in dress. It is requested that Coy Comds investigate this matter, and ensure maintenance of standard of dress by these personnel.

422. ENLISTMENTS RANK.

LHQ have directed that no further enlistments are to be permitted to RANK.

423. TOILET PAPER - SCARCITY OF.

Owing to the shortage of toilet paper the scale of issue has been reduced temporarily and the following scale of issue will operate immediately.

1 roll (of 500 sheets) per 200 men per day;
4 rolls " " " " female personnel per day.

The necessity of prevention of waste will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

424. HYGIENE.

Personnel are to refrain from throwing matches, cigarettes etc into urinals. This causes stoppage and unnecessary work for the Hygiene section.

425. DRESS.

Until further orders, shorts except when taking part in sport, will NOT be worn.

Shorts and shirts nil khaki or green are to be carefully conserved for wear during summer months.

426. SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS ALLOWANCE.

	L.	S.	D.	
Tomato Sauce.	15	16	6)
Sausages fresh	58	19	6)
Camp Pie	13	6	0)
Pears	6	15	10)
Custard Powder	6	13	0)
Cornflour	4	15	6)
Baking powder	2	1	9)
Flour		8	7)
Sugar	2	9	6)
Cereals	2	12	6)
Sundries-Coffee)
Vinegar etc	1	17	0)
Meat-Pork	18	18	4	
Dribana	3	19	4	
				£ 22-17- 8

REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

Dripping		9	0	
Apples	36	1	9	
Onions	7	2	6	
Tomatoes	7	16	0	
Wheatmeal	4	16	3	
Wheat		15	0	
Flour	1	18	6	
				£ 58-19- 0

£188-18- 8

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 Lieut. (AIF)



56 AUST INF BN (AIF) - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR BTY OF 18 AUST FD REGT (AIF) - 24 TO 30 JUN 43

DAY 1.

Period	Time	Subject	Reference	Stores Required	Instructors	Remarks
1, 2 & 3	0930-1115	Organize as a rifle Coy & establishment of tents & area etc.	In. V.E.		Capt. Boardman & all Instructors.	
4.	1125-1230	Organization of Inf Bn, Inf Weapons & their characteristics		One of each weapon for purpose of recon - blackboard, easel etc.	Cpl Woodward.	Instructor to prepare blackboard prior to lesson.
5.	1400-1450	Lesson 1 Grenades	Sate Vol 1 Pan 13	All available practice grenades, gas checks, discharges & EV rifles.	Sgt Liebeck & Cpl. Barnes.	Periods 5, 6 & 7 will be conducted.
6.	1455-1545	Bayonet training - on Guard - High Post - points standing & lying	A.T. memo	Dummies trn sticks	WO Powys Sgt Fleming	On rotary system by PIs - each PI being split into 2 squads.
7.	1515-1545	LMG Advanced Handling	SAT Vol 1 Pan 4	6 Brens & components	WO Woodward Sgt Murphy	
1.	0830-0925	Lecture - Fire Control (a) General (b) Fire Posns (c) Indic & Recog (d) FCOs	SAT Pan 2 IIT	Instruction with dummy rnds, targets etc for demonstrations	Capt. Boardman	Arrange for instructors to give demonstrations as lecture is proceeded with.
2.	0935-1030	Grenade Trn.	SAT Vol 1 Pan 13 Less 2	As for period of day 1	Cpl Barnes	Coy to be organized.
3.	1040-1135	Bayonet Trn Parties, Points	AT memo	Dummies Trn sticks	Sgt. Fleming	in 5 squads for rotary system of instruction
4.	1135-1230	LMG Adv Handling - Tripod.	SAT Vol 1 Pan 4 less 22.	2 Brens	Sgt. Murphy	
5.	1400-1450	LMG Adv Handling Tripod	SAT Vol 1 Pan 4.	2 Brens & Tripods	WO Powys	
6.	1455-1545	TSMG Characteristics loading & unloading	SAT Vol 1 Pan 21 Less 1	5 TSMGs & components	Sgt. Liebeck	

Period	Time	Subject	References	Stores Required	Instructors	Remarks.
7.	1550-1645	Lecture on night marching & methods of keeping direction.		Compass to be issued	CO L. Woodward	General discussion exercise to take place that night to be arranged by CO. Boardman
8.	1900	Directional March by night		Compasses	All Instructors	Capt. Boardman to arrange
DAY 3						
1.	0830-0925	Lecture - (a) Study of ground (b) Cover from view fire (c) Can Cam	SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 & IMT	Fatigue en	All Instructors Capt Boardman	To be given by Capt Boardman with practical done by use of fatigue en
2.	0935-1030	Granade trng. Discharge fire poses	SAT Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 4	Dummy Grenades Mortarers & E Y Rifles	C. L. Barnes.	
3.	1040-1135	LMG Sec handling	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 24 & 25	2 LMGs & associated stores	Capt Murphy	
4.	1145-1230	Sec Per station - Field signs & comm.	IMT	NO Woodward		5 SQUADS
5.	1400-145	Boys Mt Trng - General recapitulation	A.T. Memo	Dummies Trng sticks	Capt Fleming	
6.	1455-1545	TSMG General Recapitulation	SAT Vol 1 Pam 21	5 TSMGs & Components	Capt Liebeck	
7.	1550-1645	Lecture - Scouts patrols (a) employment (b) Method of working (c) types etc.	IMT		CO Poyes	To be given to the Coy.

PERIOD	Time	Subject	Reference	Stores Required	Instructor	Remarks
DAY 4						
1.	0830-0925	Lecture - Battle Formations General Lecture.	IT 37 ATMs	Blackboard & easel	Capt. Boardman	
2.	0935-1030	Mortar - Characteristics description, practical Lesson		M. bombs & Components	To be detailed from HQ Coy	Capt. Boardman to Arrange.
3.	1040-1135	MG - Characteristics & description - Practical Lesson		MG component stores	To be detailed from HQ Coy.	
4.	1145-1230	Tk A rifle description loading, unloading, & firing.	SAT Vol 1 Para 5(a)	2 Tk A rifles & stores	Sgt Fleming	Periods 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
5.	1400-1450	Grenade Firing - Firing dummy grenades	SAT Vol 1 Para 13	Dummy Grenades dischar- gers, LV rifle ground to be marked out	Cpl Barnes	CI - Instructors to prepare Pl exercise & battle formation
6.	1455-1545	Austen & Owen machine carbines, general descrip- tion & working of		2 each of Austen & Owen & associated stores	Sgt Liebeck	Exercise
7.	1550-1645	Battle Formations - Practical exercise in deployment.	IT 37 ATMs	Inf weapons	Capt. Boardman	Coy exercise in all instructors deployment.
DAY 5						
1.	0830-0925	Move to miniature range		Tpt to be arranged	All Instructors	WO Woodard to arrange movement & Midday Meal
2.	0935-1030	Practical - Firing MG		MG & associated stores	Detailed from HQ Coy	CI to arrange
3.	1040-1135	Practical firing, MG		2 MGs complete	WO Woodard	

Period	Time	Subject	References	Stores Required	Instructors	Remarks
4	1145-1230	Practical firing dummy grenades & throwing grenades		Dummy grenades dischargers ballistite & E Y rifles	Cpl Barnes	
5.	1400-1450	Practical period - scouts and patrols		sec stores	WO Powys	
6.	1455-1545	Practical exercise in tactical handling LMG		2 LMG stores	SGT Murphy	
7.	1900	Fighting patrols by night		Fl stores	All Instructors	CI to arrange
			DAY 6			
1 & 2	0830-1030	Lecture & practical Fl in attack	IT 37	All Fl stores	All Instructors	Cpt. Boardman to arrange
3 & 4	1040-1230	Lecture & Fl in defence (practical)	IT 37	All Fl stores	"	"
5, 6 & 7	1400-1645	Field firing exercise & discussion			"	"
8.	1900	Lecture - Jungle & Forrest warfare			Capt. Boardman.	

NOTES - Capt J.S. Boardman will act as C.I. and will be responsible for dividing the Battery into 5 squads of approx 15 each. The "Bull Ring" system will operate. 1 whistle will be blown 5 mins before the termination of each instructional period and 2 whistles for squads to change over for "smoke" 1 whistle to commence instruction again. Instructors will be responsible to see that they obtain the requisite stores prior to days work commencing.

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23 Jun 43.ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES DRIVERS AND SPECIALISTS.

The undermentioned postings of Drivers and Specialists will be adopted forthwith and Inter Coy and Inter Pl transfers accordingly will be effected immediately.

All Driver Mechanics transferring to Carrier and Hertz Pls plus additional personnel detailed by C.C. Pls in question will attend a Carrier Course commencing 28 Jun 43. H.Q. Coy will submit to Adjt a nominal roll of personnel to attend the above course as soon as possible.

In some instances it will NOT be possible to effect transfers at present due to personnel on leave etc but such transfers will be effected on return of personnel concerned. This order will however be carried out at once as far as Dvr Mechanics, A.E.M.E. personnel and Dvs of F.W.B. trucks.

No of Veh	type	Serial No	Driver Alotted	Veh Allocation	Dvr Qualifications
41431 *	Car	1	Smith G.T.	C.O.	Dvr
76234	15 Cwt	H 2		S I/C	"
45088	1 Ton	H 3	McLean C.B.	I.O.	"
26236	30 Cwt	H 4	Richards H	RM & Office	"
29157	30 Cwt	H 45	Dunn W.R.	R.M.C.	"
1252	Carr	H 1	O'Hara J.W.	C.O. Carr	Dvr M. Gill
23234	15 Cwt	H 44	Klaney W.J.	C.C.HQ Coy	Dvr
41268	3 Ton FWD	H 48	O'Keefe L.T.T.	HQ Coy CQM & Cooks	"
45111	1 Ton	H 5	Herrew H.O.	Sig O	"
45133	1 Ton	H 6	Smith A.C.	Sig Stores	"
45031	1 Ton	H 7	Skampe H.E.	AA Pl Sgt	"
45018	1 Ton	H 8	Humphries H.H.	AA Pl Cpl	"
45072	1 Ton	H 9	Walsh J.E.	No 1 Det AA Pl	"
45013	1 Ton	H 10		No 2 Det AA Pl	"
45127	1 Ton	H 11		No 3 Det AA Pl	"
67457	15 Cwt FWD	H 12	Hanning F.R.	No 4 Det AA Pl	"
4376	Carr	H 13	Wilkinson E.G.	C.C. M Pl	Dvr M. Gill
76233	15 Cwt	H 14	Williams A.L.	Cpl Rangefinder	Dvr
45123	1 Ton	H 15	Kleinig A.A.	Ass	"
45125	1 Ton	H 16	Buckley N.	Ass	"
4168	Carr	H 17	Terry W.J.W.	No 1 Det M Pl.	Dvr M. Gill
4169	Carr	H 18	Schuppan C.A.	No 2 Det M Pl.	" " "
4165	Carr	H 19	Hallcroft A.	No 3 Det M Pl.	" " "
4170	Carr	H 20	Hansarrew W.	No 4 Det M Pl.	" " "
4164	Carr	H 21	Brackenridge J.	No 5 Det M Pl.	" " "
4166	Carr	H 22	Forsythe R.H.	No 6 Det M Pl.	" " "
1474	Carr	H 23	Hayes W.T.	C.C. Carr Pl	" " "
45121	1 Ton	H 24	Parcoll J.P.	Carr Pl Lieut.	Dvr.
1283	Carr	H 25	Tanner J.	Carr Pl.	Dvr M. Gill
1284	Carr	H 26	Eare G.R.	Carr Pl.	" " "
1394	Carr	H 27	Pack R.R.	Carr Pl.	" " "
1479	Carr	H 28	Watts J.	Carr Pl.	" " "
1473	Carr	H 29	O'Brien L.D.	Carr Pl.	" " "
2279	Carr	H 30	Cooke E.L.	Carr Pl.	" " "
2280	Carr	H 31	Smythe T.J.	Carr Pl.	" " "
2282	Carr	H 32	Warsten A.S.	Carr Pl.	" " "
2283	Carr	H 33	Quinn A.J.	Carr Pl.	" " "
4374	Carr	H 34	Rule R.T.J.	Carr Pl.	" " "
4375	Carr	H 35	Resengreen P.R.	Carr Pl.	" " "
4376	Carr	H 36	Roberts G.F.	Carr Pl.	" " "
76235	15 Cwt.	H 37	Smith K.	Tk.A Pl Cond.	Dvr.
45091	1 Ton	H 38	Fuller H.L.	Tk.A Pl Sgt.	"
45092	1 Ton	H 39	Ross L.V.	Mech M.V.	"
59673	Portee	H 40	Smythe P.H.	No 1 Sec Tk.A Pl.	" M. Gill

No of Veh.	Type	Serial No.	Driver Alotted.	Veh Allocated.	Driver Qualifications.
59874	Portee	H 41	Brennan F.F.	No 1 Sec Tk.A Pl.	Dvr.
52610	Portee	H 42	Cummins K.M.	No 2 Sec Tk.A Pl.	Dvr Mech G Ill
52292	Portee	H 43	Fitzsimon K.R.	No 2 Sec Tk.A Pl.	Dvr.
41993	3 Ton FWD	H47	Bagley R.J.	Par Pl.	Dvr.
76254	15 Cwt	H 48		QM & Tpt Cpl.	"
45133	1 Ton	H 52	Power G.L.	7 Pl Hyg & SAA	"
45979	1 Ton	H 53	Feele W.	7 Pl " " "	"
76270	15 Cwt	H 54	Hynott C.A.	7 Pl " " "	"
59645	3 Ton FWD	H55	Shiels W.H.	7 Pl Mech MV & E.M.Asn.	Dvr.
41222	3 Ton FWD	H56	Gavel S.R.	7 Pl Tpt Cpl & res M. Asn.	"
26566	3 Ton FWD	H49	Cernaluison V.C.	7 Pl WD. Caterer.	"
29191	30 Cwt	H 57	Mullins W.	7 Pl rock Sgt.	"
41233	3 Ton FWD	H58	Crowley B.	7 Pl RQMS	"
26436	30 Cwt	H 59	Johnson J.B.	7 Pl Equip repairer	"
7316	30 Cwt	H 60	Faulkner D.	7 Pl Petrol Stores	"
22979	30 Cwt	H 60	Haddington J.	7 Pl Water Cart	"
67651	3 Ton FWD	H61	Hiller R.B.	7 Pl Water Cart	"
17395	30 Cwt		Fitzpatrick J.B.	7 Pl Spare	"
45984	1 Ton	A 1	Diviny J.	O.C. A Coy.	"
61247	15 Cwt FWD	A5	Breckway R.S.	A Coy Stores	Dvr Mech G Ill
41910	3 Ton FWD	A 6	Pitt F.R.	Cpl Cook & Cecks	Dvr
45907	1 Ton	A 2	Atkins A.S.S.	Pl Cond A Coy	"
45917	1 Ton	A 3	Garland S.	Pl Cond A Coy	"
45122	1 Ton	A 4	Reynolds W.J.	Pl Cond A Coy	"
45951	1 Ton	B 1	Gerhan V.V.	O.C. B Coy	"
61244	15 Cwt FWD	B5	Dowell A.T.	B Coy Stores	"
59613	3 Ton FWD	B6	Rule F.R.	B Coy Cecks-Cpl Cook.	Dvr Mech G Ill
45112	1 Ton	B3	Bruce D.D.	B Coy Pl Cond	Dvr
45126	1 Ton	B3	Donaldson J.H.	B Coy Pl Cond	"
45975	1 Ton	B4	Grimson J.G.	B Coy Pl Cond.	"
45114	1 Ton	C1	Ceccato B.	O.C. C Coy.	"
61246	15 Cwt FWD	C5	Johnston J.	C Coy Stores	" Mech G Ill
41223	3 Ton FWD	C6	Hathaway R.S.	C Coy Cecks.	Dvr
45113	1 Ton	C2	Scholz G.M.	C Coy Pl Cond	"
45916	1 Ton	C3	McLennan A.D.	C Coy Pl Cond	"
45134	1 Ton	C4	Clarke F.J.	C Coy Pl Cond	"
45944	1 Ton	D1	Sherwood R.L.	O.C. D Coy	"
61241	15 Cwt FWD	D5	Vinecombe A.F.	D Coy Stores	" Mech G Ill
41222	3 Ton FWD	D6	Taylor R.J.	D Coy Cecks	Dvr
45971	1 Ton	D2	Spackman F.W.	D Coy Pl Cond	"
45979	1 Ton	D3	Schultz A.F.	D Coy Pl Cond	"
45137	1 Ton	D4	Cockrane J.E.	D Coy Pl Cond	"

ALLOCATION OF A.B.N.E. & ATTACHED PERSONNEL

No	Rank	Name	Qualification	Alotted to
NX136663	Sgt	Luff A.E.J.	Armour Sgt	7 Pl
NX131574	Cfn (GI)	Evans P.K.	Fitter Gun	5 Pl HQ (Tk.A)
N352675	Cfn (GI)	Horton J.W.	Blacksmith	6 Pl (Para)
NX135721	Cfn (GI)	Doyle S.W.	Mech M.V.	5 Pl HQ (Tk.A)
NX97039	Cfn (GI)	Coles J.F.	Mech M.V.	7 Pl
NX156978	Cfn (GI)	Gless W.H.F.	Mech M.V.	7 Pl
NX116792	Cfn (GI)	Sutton J.H.F.	Fitter M.V.	4 Pl (Carr)
NX133332	Cfn (GI)	Lawton D.H.F.	Fitter M.V.	4 Pl (Carr)
NX125799	Cfn (GI)	Boynour H.W.	Fitter M.V.	3 Pl (H)
NX133389	Cfn (GI)	Casey L.R.	Fitter M.V.	7 Pl.

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3 AUST CORPS WEAPONS COMPETITION

1. With a view to raising the Standard of weapon training throughout 3 Aust Corps, a Weapons Competition will be held at SWANBOURNE Rifle Range on Sat 31 Jul 43.
2. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will conduct eliminating contests on GERALDTON Rifle Range 13/17 Jul 43. Preliminary eliminating contests may have to be conducted on a suitable Field Firing Range, to be selected prior to above shoot on GERALDTON Classification Range.
3. The programme will include the undermentioned individual and platoon competitions:-

(1) Champion Pistol Shot (Officer)

- (a) Single action-Right of left Hand 30 Ft 6 Rds.
- (b) Double action- " " " " 30 Ft 6 Rds.

(ii) Champion Rifle Shot (Officer)

	<u>No of Rds per man.</u>
(a) Rifle Table A, Pt 11-application 200 yds	7
(b) " " " " -snap (discs) 200 yds	10
(c) " " " " -Rapid 300 yds	10
(d) " " " " Snapshooting 400 yds	5

(iii) Champion Bren Shot (Officer)

(a) LMG Course (Bren) Pt 11-Rapid 200 yds	22
(b) " " " " Application. Action and Distribution 300 yds	25
(c) " " " " Fleeting Target 300 yds	20

(iv) Champion TSMG Shot (Officer)

(Figure 11 Target - Full)

(a) 5 Rds Single aimed shots from 50 yds	5
(b) 10 Rds automatic aimed from 25 yds Shoulder (bursts)	10
(c) 5 Rds repetition fired from hip 25 yds	5

(V) Champion Rifle Shot (ORs)

(a) Rifle Table A, Pt 11-Application 200 yds	7
(b) " " " Snap (discs) 200 yds	10
(c) " " " Rapid 300 yds	10
(d) " " " Snapshooting 400 yds	5

(VI) Champion Bren Shot (ORs)

(a) LMG Course (Bren) Pt 11-Rapid. 200 yds	22
(b) " " " " Application. Action and Distribution 300 yds	25
(c) " " " " Fleeting target 300 yds	20

(VII) Champion TSMG Shot (ORs)

(Figure 11 Target Full.)

(a) 5 Rds Single aimed shots from Shoulder 500 yds	5
(b) 10 Rds automatic aimed from Shoulder (bursts) 25 yds	10
(c) 5 Rds repetition fired from hip. 25 yds	5

(VIII) Platoon Championship

(a) Snapshooting 300 yds	10
(b) Applications 300 yds	7
(c) Application 500 yds	7
(d) Tiles Competition 500 yds	5

(Time Limit: Firing will cease at the expiration of the time laid down or when all tiles have been hit, which ever is the earlier.) Details later.

3. Turnout as well as shooting will be taken into account. Ten points per man for turnout will be allotted in each match.

4. DRESS. Battle Order - SD Uniform, tin hat, respirator at alert, rifle, side arms, haversack containing messing gear, change of socks. Water bottle full in haversack.

5. Seven representatives for each of the individual championships, and seven teams for the Platoon Championships will be entered by 2 Aust Div. This number will be made up as follows:-

Each Individual Championship Pl Championship

2 Aust Inf Bde Area	2	2
5 Aust Inf Bde "	3	3
8 Aust Inf Bde "	2	2
Total 2 Aust Div	7	7

6. All Platoon teams will be selected from existing platoons or equivalent sub-units as at 1 May 43. Personnel transferred subsequent to 1 May 43 will NOT be eligible to compete in the Weapons Competition.

7. Teams for the Pl Championship will consist of 21, all ranks, including 1 Officer. The Officer will NOT fire.

Three emergencies may accompany each platoon team. No alteration to teams will be permitted after competition has begun.

9. No protests will be considered.

10. A pennant will be awarded to the winning team (Platoon) inscribed -

"3 Aust Corps Champion Weapon Platoon 1943"

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WAR DIARY.

- 1 - 6 Jul 43 - Bn on Div Duties - HQ Coy working in Camp in normal training.
(incl) Carrier, MF & MC Courses still in progress.
- 7 Jul 43 - 56 Bn handed over Div Duties to 44 Bn. - Visit to Lines by Mobile Cinema which screened a programme of two feature films and one cartoon.
- 8 Jul 43 - A & B Coys filling in slit trenches in morning and leave in afternoon.
D Coy do do do do do do do
C Coy - Individual trng sections 2 & 3 of Fd.Craft & Battle Drill.
HQ Coy - normal pl training.
- 9 Jul 43 - General preparation by all coys for the visit to unit of instructors from 3 Aust Corps Chemical Warfare Wing. Men checking up on personal gas equipment, effecting minor maintenance to respirators.
- 10 Jul 43 - Visit to Bn by 3 Aust Corps Mobile Chemical Warfare Wing. In the morning a Bn Parade of all ranks in camp, leaving skeleton staffs only on normal duties. Morning spent on lectures by instructors on Personal Gas Equipment, its uses, functioning and care, and also a talk on various known war gases.
AFTERNOON. - A further lecture on gases and then the whole parade was divided into parties of 50 men and these parties went through a gas chamber test using the gas D.M. - Party out on 'NICKEL' Exercise.
- 11 Jul 43 - Completion of M.T., Carrier & M.C. Schools. Examination of students brought forth excellent results and in the M.T. Wing, two students gained 100% in written examination, the average marks being approx 87%.
Party still out on 'NICKEL' exercise practicing A & Q (Skeleton Staffs) in task of replenishment of Ammunition in the field.
Detachments of HQ Coy attached to various Rifle Coys in gas training. Rifle Coys plus attachments from HQ Coy, spent the day on coys attacks including the use of choking gas. A gas exercise was also conducted incorporating the use of a 'blister' gas and practice of the coys in decontamination when passing through a contaminated area.
- 12 Jul 43 - B & D Coys - Washing in the morning. Rest Day in afternoon.
A & C Coys on weapon training - Move to Range by M.T. and complete firing in connection with 3 Aust Corps Shoot.
HQ Coy - Normal pl training incorporating lessons in semaphore.
- 13 Jul 43 - A & C Coys - washing in morning - Afternoon Rest Day.
Coys moving to and from Range, completing firing and weapon training in connection with 3 Aust Corps Shoot.
- 14 Jul 43 - Sig Pl plus Wireless van moved from Camp proceeding on SIX DAY Communication Exercise practicing sig members in various means and lines of communication.
HQ Coy - Rest Day.
Firing in connection with 3 Aust Corps Shoot continued.
- 15 Jul 43 - Continued eliminations for 3 Aust Corps Shoot held at Rifle Range.
A & D Coys - Security Instructions, loading and firing pistol, semaphore practice.
B & C Coys - Coy Comds disposal for instns from F.Craft & Battle Drill.
- 16 Jul 43 - Normal training by all Coys.
- 17 Jul 43 - All Coys - Observation Trng. - Fd.Craft & battle drill. Cover & Camouflage - Tactical Handling of Pl weapons. Period of semaphore.
- 18 Jul 43 - Church parades for Protestant Denominations held in Unit Lines, also service for Roman Catholics. - Remainder of morning devoted to period of semaphore, security instruction tests.
Afternoon. Bn organised sport competitions proceeded with, games played being Rugby Football, Hockey, Handball, Softball, Volley Ball, & Athletics.
- 19 Jul 43 - A & B Coys - morning washing and mending - Afternoon Rest Day.
C & D Coys - Fd.craft and battle drill secs 16,19,20,21 & 22, with one period devoted to semaphore. - HQ Coy normal pl training.
- 20 Jul 43 - Signal Pl returned to Camp from Communication Exercise.
B & HQ Coys rest day.
A,C & D Coys on Fd.craft and battle drill secs 23-25 and 26.
Visit to Lines in the evening by WA L of C Area Concert Party.
- 21 Jul 43 - C Coy - rest day. - D Coy Rest Day
A & B Coys on Fd.craft and battle drill secs 23-5, 26.
HQ Coy normal pl training plus periods of semaphore.
After parade hours, two teams selected from Rugby Footballers played a 'Possibles and Probables' match in which game selections were made for a Battalion representative team to play 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) on 25 Jul 43.

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- 22 Jul 43 - All Coys - Fd.craft and battle drill secs 27-8 and 29.
- 23 Jul 43 - All Coys - Fd.craft and battle drill secs 30,31 & 32. After parade hours, a battalion representative team played a Rugby football match with a team from 121 A/A Regt.
In the evening, the Mobile Cinema visited the Bn lines and screened a programme of one feature film and three shorts.
- 24 Jul 43 - All coys preparing for and discussing administration in preparation for forthcoming 7 day exercise "Cyclone", free for all exercise.
- 25 Jul 43 - Morning - Church Parades for both Protestant Denominations and Roman Catholics at 0830 and 0730 hrs respectively. After Church Parades, the remainder of morning was devoted to the Bn Sports programme, continuing with the competitions amongst the coys in football, hockey, volley balls soft ball and athletics.
Afternoon. - Shortly after the mid-day meal, about 120 men proceeded to GERALDTON by M.T. as spectators at Rugby League Football Match between 56 Bn selected team and a representative team from 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF). The game was played on GERALDTON OVAL and no charge for admission to soldiers. Civilians who attended contributed approx £40 and this sum was to aid R.S.L. Prisoners of War Appeal; the gated being manned by RSL officials. The game was attended by the G.O.C. 2 Aust Div (Maj Gen H.W.Lloyd). 56 Bn team gained the advantage from the start, but up to the completion of the match it looked like being "anybody's game"; and 56 Bn team eventually won the match, the score being 11 points to 7. Late in the evening all coys, less maintenance personnel left camp, for "COYCLONE EXERCISE".
- 26 Jul 43 - "CYCLONE EXERCISE" commenced in wet weather. All troops out on exercise, carrying on with exercise which consisted of patrolling, offence action, attack and movement.
- 27 Jul 43 - Troops still out on CYCLONE Exercise. Wet and showery both night and day. Personnel from exercise returned to Camp by M.T. owing to the most inclement weather. Remainder of day spent in drying blankets and clothes.
- 28 Jul 43 - A Coy - Training in semaphore, Fd.craft and battle drill. Lecture to Coy on dangers of V.D. by R.M.O.
B Coy - Route march, lecture to coy on V.D. by RMO, guards and sentries, booby traps, use of demo laying. Mounted Bn duties at 1800 hrs.
C Coy - Route march, lecture on V.D. by R.M.O., semaphore, musketry. During afternoon working party building blitz course.
D Coy - Miniature Tange practices.
HQ Coy - Normal pl training. Sigs on heliograph and wireless. Mortars on practice shoot and helping in the erection of blitz course.
After parade hours, a selected representative team from 5 Bde, (incorporating players from 56 Bn, 54 Bn and HQ 5 Bde) played a rugby football match against 121 A/A Regt. - Win for Bde team, score being 16 points to 7.
- 29 Jul 43 - A Coy - Training in camp including semaphore, Fd.craft and battle drill.
B Coy - Still on duty - remainder of coy training on map reading and on erections of blitz course.
C Coy - Normal training including route march, fd.craft and battle drill, booby traps, demolition and pincer movements.
D Coy - Inspection of Coy by O.C. - Coy and Pl drill - lecture on V.D. by RMO. - Range drill - instruction in Austen gun.
HQ Coy - Normal pl training and some men on the construction of blitz course.
- 30 Jul 43 - A Coy - Normal pl training including semaphore, fd.craft and battle drill.
B Coy - Issue of palliasses and straw. Fd.craft and battle drill, section drill, map reading, instruction in Austen Gun.
C Coy - Duty Coy - Working parties on erection of blitz course.
D Coy - Issue of straw and palliasses. Fd.craft and battle drill, section drill. Lecture on Guerilla Warfare.
HQ Coy - Normal pl training.
At 0200 hours, 6 Offrs and 53 O/R's left GERALDTON by special train, proceeding to PERTH to compete as representatives of 5 Bde in 3 Aust Corps Shoot to be held at SWANBOURNE RIFLE RANGE.
- 31 Jul 43 - A Coy - Morning devoted to Fd.Craft and battle drill. Afternoon Coys sports day and inter-pl matches.
B Coy - Written quiz on map reading, battle drill and Organisations.

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0600 hrs. Saturday. 3 Jul 43. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE 11/12/3. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)
OFFRS 34 ~~4~~ OFFRS. 1 att. By W.E.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	21		
Captains	12	1	
Lieutenants	19		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	34	1	1

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

ATTACHED. Officers JOINED during week. ALLOWED BY W.E.

ARM.	Rank.	Name.	Corps.	DATE	REASON	REMARKS
	ARMC	I. B. ...	—	—	—	—
	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	—	—	—
	A.	35	—	—	—	TOTAL 35

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chaplain	SMITH FT.	AAACC.	26/6/43	Attachment as Boche ceased.

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).
NX 124437 Lieut	King BN	56 BN	to Hospital 3/5/43.
NX 125880 Lieut	Gunner A70	✓	to Hospital 25/6/43.

56 Aust. Inf. Bn (AIF).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

4/3/12.

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.
Lt. Col.	NX12633	BRYEN R.T.	Posting Co.	No	DATE DETACHED ARL 23/6/43.
Lieut. T. Maj.	NX124443	MURRAY E.F.	2/c	YES	
✓	✓ 124434	STEVENSON A.E.	OC HQ Coy	No	SCHOOL. QWO. 8/6/43.
✓	✓ 124444	EVERITT L.W.	GM J	YES	
✓	✓ 124441	KEAST W.C.	Adjt.	NO	ARL 26/5/43.
✓	✓ 124436	NEIL W.D.	O.C. HQ Coy	No	SCHOOL-HARVEY. 19/5/43
✓	✓ 124445	HOUGH J.N.	OC Coy	YES	
✓	✓ 124442	FARRELL J.R.	OC B Coy	NO	ARL 23/5/43.
✓	✓ 124440	CLARK J.M.	OC D Coy	YES	
✓	✓ 125726	SAMUELSON C.J.	2/c A	YES	
✓	✓ 116619	BOARDMAN J.S.	2/c B	✓	
✓	✓ 125727	MASON F.W.	OC 4 PL	✓	
✓	✓ 125723	SCOTT M.M.	1.0	✓	
✓	✓ 76327	WILLIAMS L.J.	2/c D Coy	✓	
✓	✓ 125724	CALLAN E.J.	2/c C Coy	No	SCHOOL-HARVEY. 19/5/43
Lieut.	✓ 125736	BRAITHWAITE S.J.	2/c 4 PL	YES	
✓	✓ 116618	KILEY J.A.	9 PL	No	ARL 10/5/43.
✓	✓ 124438	MCCLELLAN C.M.	15 PL	No	ARL 15/6/43
✓	✓ 125731	MCDONALD J.C.	14 PL	YES	
✓	✓ 124439	KING B.W.	6 PL	No	Hospital 31/5/43
✓	✓ 125720	DAVIS G.W.B.	T.O.	YES	
✓	✓ 125725	CURKAN O.A.	18 PL	No	ARL 30/5/43.
✓	✓ 125735	MCDONALD K.J.	12 PL	No	ARL 20/6/43
✓	✓ 124439	HARDY M.G.	19 PL	No	ARL 9/6/43.
✓	✓ 125756	BENNETT J.H.	16 PL	No	ARL 5/6/43.
✓	✓ 125737	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	13 PL	No	ARL 2/6/43.
✓	✓ 125738	DAY J.F.	5 PL	No	SCHOOL-HARVEY 22/5/43
✓	✓ 125734	MACAULEY L.H.	2 PL	YES	
✓	✓ 126651	BROWNING E.	8 PL	No	Combined of Camp 3/4/43
✓	✓ 119436	CHRISTIE A.W.G.	3 PL	YES	
✓	✓ 124446	SMALL J.M.	1 PL	✓	
✓	✓ 126640	EDGHILL A.C.	17 PL	✓	
✓	✓ 119431	MELVILLE J.R.W.	11 PL	✓	
✓	✓ A15800	TUNNER A.F.S.	10 PL	No	Hospital 25/6/43.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX34307	M'CALLIFFE J.A.	A.A.M.C.	24/9/43	R.M.O.
Maj.	B 259	THOMPSON J.	Inf Army	8/7/43	S.A.W.O.

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(Unit.)
3 Jul 43.
(Date of Despatch.)

C.E.F. MURRAY Major
(Signature of Commander.)
5 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 12 / 1943 (Serial No.)

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

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. — O.R's 790 + OFFRS. — O.R's 16 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
			6	W.Os. Class II.						
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
			1	Staff Sergeants						
1	1		34	Sergeants			5	1		39 AA
4	4		18	Corporals			2			
			1668	Troopers, Privates, etc.			9	4		32 AA
			3	Civilians counting as O.R.						
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			16 *	1		33 AA *

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	633	1	172							806
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.			
Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	500th Coy (Inf)					6	
2	3rd Div. Coy						
1	2nd Div. Coy						
2	2nd Div. Coy						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 2 / 7 / 1943.

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
Nx123836	Pte	Baughman TK	x 2nd Lt. 2nd. (2/11/43)
Nx123402	Sgt	7/1/43	OCTU SA HQ C Area
Nx125757	Pte	Rodgers	x 2nd Lt. 2nd.
Nx125762	"	Shannon	x 2nd Lt. 2nd.
Nx113419	Sgt	Cooney	OCTU SA HQ C Area
Nx125981	Pte	Widdell	✓
Nx1289231	Pte	Birmingham	x 2nd Lt. 2nd.
Nx125756	Pte	Santer	OCTU SA HQ C Area
Nx125066	Pte	Reid	x 2nd Lt. 2nd.
Nx119454	"	Reid	x 2nd Lt. 2nd.
Nx125721	Pte	Doyle	x 2nd Lt. 2nd. KANK ATTACHMENT
Nx123858	"	Reid	x 2nd Lt. 2nd.

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 7 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering		1		Operating Room Assts.		6		G.P.O. Assistants		56	11	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	3		
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers	1							Radiographers				Stevedores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		24	15	Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	5	Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				NOT	1	1		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers		1	6	NOT	2	6	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				COSMS	5	5		
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Private Asst		1		
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Corporals	35	34	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Inf. Cooks	1	4		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Privates	72	68	4	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Inf. Cooks	5	3		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Privates	735	69	56	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				NOT	5	5		
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Private	2	2		
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		27	26	1	Private	12	9	3
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD		1		CARRIED FORWARD		6	1	CARRIED FORWARD		56	11	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		56	76	

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

3 Jul 43
Date of Despatch
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Major
Signature of Commander
(E. F. MURPHY) Adjutant General

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK

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0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 July 43 56 Aust. Inf. Bn (A.I.F.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

56 Aust. Inf. Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

WE 11/12/43 OFFRS. 34 + OFFRS. 1. ATT. by W.E

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	12	1	
Lieutenants	19		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	34	1	1

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

ATTACHED Officers JOINED during week. ALLOWED BY W.E.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
ARMY	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS TO WEDS	WE	RIF
ARMY	1 Captain			REQUIRED
Detail	A.I.F	C.M.F		TOTAL
	35			35

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).
NX124437 Lieut	King B.H.	56 Bn	To Hospital 31/5/43
NX125700 Lieut	Sumner A.F.S.		To Hospital 25/6/43.

56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

43/13

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.
Lt. Col.	NX12133	BRYEN R.T.	Posting C.O.	NO	A.R.L. 23/6/43
Lieut. Major	NX124443	MURRAY E.F.	2/16	YES	
"	NX124434	STEVENSON A.E.	O.C. H.Q. Coy	NO	School. Qld. 8/6/43
T. Capt.	NX124444	EVERITT L.W.	O.M.	YES	
"	NX124441	KEAST W.C.	AdjT	NO	
"	NX124436	NEIL W.D.	O.C. A. Coy	YES	
"	NX124445	HOUGH J.W.	O.C. C "	YES	
"	NX124442	FARRELL J.R.	O.C. B "	YES	
"	NX124440	CLARK J.M.	O.C. D "	YES	
"	NX125726	SAMUELSON C.J.	2/16 A "	YES	
"	NX116619	BOARDMAN J.S.	2/16 B "	YES	
"	NX125727	MASON F.L.	O.C. 4 Pl.	YES	
"	NX125723	SCOTT M.M.	I.O.	YES	
"	NX71527	WILLIAMS L.J.	2/16 D. Coy	YES	
"	NX125724	CALLAN E.J.	2/16 C "	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY 8/7/43
LIEUT	NX125736	BRAITHWAITE S.J.	2/16 4. PL.	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY 8/7/43
✓	116618	KILEY J.A.	9 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 10/5/43
✓	124438	MCCLELLAN C.M.	15 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 15/6/43
✓	125731	MCDONALD J.C.	14 PL.	NO	2/7/43
✓	124437	KING B.W.	6 PL.	NO	HOSP. 31/5/43
✓	125729	DAVIS E.W.B.	T.O.	YES	
✓	125725	CURRAN O.A.	18 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 30/5/43
✓	125735	MCDONALD K.B.	12 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 20/6/43
✓	124439	HARDY M.E.	19 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 9/6/43
✓	125756	BENNETT J.L.	16 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 5/6/43
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	13 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 2/6/43
✓	125738	DAY J.F.	5 PL.	YES	
✓	125134	MACAULEY L.H.	2 PL.	YES	
✓	126651	BROWNING E.	8 PL.	NO	DET. COMBINED OPS CAMP. 3/4/43
✓	119436	CHRISTIE A.W.E.	3 PL.	YES	
✓	124446	SMALL J.M.	1 PL.	NO	A.R.L. 23/6/43
✓	126640	EDGEMILL A.C.	17 PL.	YES	
✓	119431	MELVILLE J.K.W.	11 PL.	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY 8/7/43
✓	125800	GUNNER A.F.S.	10 PL.	NO	HOSP. 25/6/43

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	WX34307	MC AULIFFE J.A.	A.A.M.C.	24/9/42	R.M.O.
Maj.	B259	THOMPSON J.	SAL. ARMY	8/7/42	S.H.W.O.

56 Aust Inf. Bn. (A.I.F)

(Unit.)

10 July 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

E.F. Murray
Major

(Signature of Commander.)

(E.F. MURRAY) Admin. Comd.
5th AUST. INF. Bde. (A.I.F.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 13 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 7 / 1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. — O.R's. 832 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 43 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
1	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		X		1	J.M.A.A	
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
		1	1	Staff Sergeants		7		1	J.M.A.A	
1	2		38	Sergeants		9		1		
4	4		68	Corporals		5	1	5	J.O.A.A	
64	70	10	653	Troopers, Privates, etc.		22		2	2	
				Civilians counting as O.R.				1	J.M.A.A	
70 *	77	11	766 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK →	321 *	8	8	23.A *	

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	633	1	164							803
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	H.Q. 2 Aust. Div.						
1	2 DIV SALVADE						
2	2 DIV. SIGS.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 10 / 7 / 1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123856	CPL.	COUGHLAN. T.K.	X List Hoop
NX129402	Sgt.	NOLAN. J.C.	Old L of C Area
NX125752	CPL.	RODGERS. J.A.	X List
NX125763	CPL.	SHOEMARK. J	X List
NX125429	Sgt.	CASSIDY. J	O.C.T.U. S.A L of C Area
NX125887	W.O II	AXTILL. S.J.	" " " "
NX.38932	CPL.	CUNNINGHAM. R.J	X List
NX156526	W.O II	TAYLOR. C.W.J	O.C.T.U. S.A L. of C Area
NX156066	CPL.	POWELL. J.W.	X List Hoop
NX119454	CPL.	REID. P.J.	X List Hoop
NX126721	Pte.	DOYLE. S.V.	X List School. KARRAKATTA (WICK MV)
NX123858	Pte.	DARE. S.E.	X List Hoop (Bn Mch)

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) Unit

43/18 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/7/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				CARRIED FORWARD				Operating Room Assis.	6	7		G.P.O. Assistants		57	10
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	3	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		24	15	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				W.O.F.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	6		W.O.F.	6	5	1
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks				C.R.M.S.	5	5	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				STAFF SGTs	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical				SGTs	35	33	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				CPLs	72	68	4
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				Ptcs	107	103	3
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				SGTs	10	9	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				CPLs	10	5	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics	27	26	1	Ptcs	22	22	2
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tpin. Plant				W.O.F.	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
CARRIED FORWARD		1		CARRIED FORWARD		6	7	Gun Layers							
										57	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		803	69

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

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

E.F. Murray
Signature of Commander
(E.F. MURRAY) Comm.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/7/1913 (Unit)

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Detail of Attached Personnel

10	9	8	7	6	5	W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.		
						1	2	3
						Required		
						W.O.W.		
						Pts		
						CPLs		
						Sgts		
						Retains Required.		
						Deficient W.E.		
						Surplus to W.E.		
						Posted Strength.		
A.A.P.C.	1	1						
A.A.M.C.	2		1					
A.E.M.E.	1		7					
A.A.O.C.		1						
Postal	1							
A.A.C.C.	4	3	14	1				
TOTAL	9	5	22	1	2			

Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 7 of instructions for completion of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and (2).
 * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces, 10 N.E. Forces.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	4th Div. Sig.		
1	2 Div. Sig.		
2	2 Div. Sig.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to (Unit) is Particularly Requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
W.12345	Cpl.	COUGHLIN, T.K.	X Unit Sig.
W.12346	Sgt.	MCAN, G.C.	Old 7 of 8
W.12347	Cpl.	RODGERS, J.A.	X Unit
W.12348	Cpl.	SHOEMARK, J.	X Unit
W.12349	Sgt.	CASSIDY, J.	O.C.T.U. SA 5 of 6
W.12350	W.O.	AXTILL, S.J.	"
W.12351	Cpl.	CUMMINGS, A.B.	X Unit
W.12352	W.O.	TAYLOR, C.W.	O.C.T.U. SA 5 of 6
W.12353	Cpl.	POWELL, J.W.	X Unit
W.12354	Cpl.	REID, P.J.	X Unit
W.12355	Cpl.	GOYLE, S.W.	X Unit
W.12356	Cpl.	DARE, S.E.	X Unit

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK

Army Form W.3008

(Page 1)
(Adapted)

0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 Jul. 43. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E 11/12/3 56 Aust Inf Bn. (A.I.F.) (Unit)
OFFS. 34 + OFFS. 1 Att. By. W.E.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	11		
Lieutenants	18		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	32		2

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

ATTACHED ALLOWED OFFICERS JOINED during week. BY. W.E

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
ARM AAM.C	1 Captain			
Detail A	A.I.F. 34	C.M.F.		TOTAL 34.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NX125731 Lieut	MCDONALD. J.C	56 Aust Inf Bn	2/7/43	Seconded 3rd A.I.T.B.
NX124441 T. Capt.	KEAST. W.C.	56 Aust Inf Bn	10/7/42	Seconded 3rd Aust Corp School Hawking

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).
NX124437 Lieut	KING B.W.	56 Bn	To Hospital 31/5/43
NX125880 Lieut	GUNNER A.F.S.	"	To Hospital 25/4/43

56 Aust Inf. Bn (A.I.F.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

43/14

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and Higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps— Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX12633	BAYEN R.T.	C.O.	NO	DATE DETACHED. ARL 23/6/43.
Lieut T Maj	NX124433	MURRAY E.F.	2 1/2	YES	
" "	NX124434	STEVENSON A.E.	O.C. HR Coy	NO	SCHOOL Old. 8/6/43
T Capt	NX124444	EVERITT L.W.	O.M.	YES	
" "	NX124436	NEIL W.D.	O.C. A Coy	YES	
" "	NX124445	HAUGH J.W.	O.C. C Coy	YES	
" "	NX124442	FARRELL J.R.	O.C. B "	YES	
" "	NX124440	CLARK J.M.	O.C. D "	YES	
" "	NX125726	SAMUELSON C.T.	2 1/2 A Coy	YES	
" "	NX116119	BOORAMAN J.S.	2 1/2 B Coy	YES	
" "	NX125727	MASON F.L.	O.C. 4 Pl.	YES	
" "	NX125723	SCOTT M.M.	I.O.	YES	
" "	NX 76527	WILLIAMS L.J.	2 1/2 D Coy	YES	
" "	NX125724	CALLAN E.J.	2 1/2 C Coy	YES	
LIEUT.	NX125734	MACAULEY L.H.	ADJT.	YES	
LIEUT.	NX125736	BRAITHWAITE S.J.	2 1/2 4 Pl.	YES/NO	SCHOOL HARVEY 8/7/43
" "	NX116618	KILEY J.H.	9 Pl.	NO	ARL 10.5.43
" "	NX124438	MCCLELLAN C.M.	15 Pl.	NO	ARL 15.6.43
" "	NX124437	KING B.W.	6 Pl.	NO	HOSP 31.5.43
" "	NX125729	DAVIS G.W.B.	T.O.	YES	
" "	NX125728	CURRAN O.A.	15 Pl.	YES	
" "	NX125735	MCDONALD K.T.	12 Pl.	NO	ARL 20.5.43
" "	NX124439	HARDY N.G.	19 Pl.	NO	ARL 9.6.43
" "	NX125756	BENNETT J.L.	18 Pl.	NO	ARL 5.6.43
" "	NX125737	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	13 Pl.	YES	
" "	NX125725	DAY J.F.	5 Pl.	YES	
" "	NX126651	BROWNING E.	8 Pl.	NO	Det. COMB. O.P. CAMP. 3/4/43
" "	NX119436	CHRISTIE A.W.G.	3 Pl.	YES	
" "	NX124446	SMITH J.M.	1 Pl.	NO	ARL 23.6.43
" "	NX126640	EDGILL B.C.	17 Pl.	YES	
" "	NX119431	NIELVILLE J.K.W.	11 Pl.	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY 8.7.43
" "	NX125800	GUNNER A.P.S.	10 Pl.	NO	HOSP 25.6.43

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX34307	MURPHY J.A.	A.A.M.C.	24/9/43	R.M.O.
Maj.	B239	THOMPSON J.	3rd Army	9/7/43	S.H.W.O.

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)
(Unit.)

E.E. Murray Major
(Signature of Commander.)
(E.E. MURRAY) Adjutant Gen of
56 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

17 Jul 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 14 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 7 / 1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 13 OFFRS. — O.R's. 832 OFFRS. — O.R's. 43 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
			7	W.Os. Class II.		1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
			35	Sergeants		10			
			73	Corporals		8		2	1
51	61	10	652	Troopers, Privates, etc.		22	1	1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
51 *	61	11	773 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK	41 *	1	3	2 *

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	623	1	190							814
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	HQ 2 Aust Div						
1	2 DIV SALVAGE						
2	2 DIV SIGS						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 17 / 7 / 1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123852	CPL	COUGHLAN. T.A.	X List Hosp.
NX125763	CPL	SHOEMARK J.	X List
NX123429	Sgt.	CASSIDY J.	O.C.T.U. S.A. L of C. Area
NX125887	W.O ²	AXTILL S.J.	"
NX38932	CPL	CUNNINGHAM R.J.	X List
NX155526	W.O ²	TAYLOR. C.W.J.	O.C.T.U. S.A. L of C. Area
NX156066	CPL	POWELL J.W.	X List Hosp.
NX119454	CPL	REID. P.J.	X List Hosp.
NX125721	Pte.	POWELL	
NX125721	Pte.	DOYLE S.W.	X List School KARRAKATTA (Mch. MV)

56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) Unit

431-14 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/7/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering		2		Operating Room Assis	13	14	1	G.P.O. Assistants		71	10
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	3	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	15	9	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheeler				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				W.O. ²	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	6		W.O. ²	6	7	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	5	5		C.G.M.S.	5	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				3/SPTs	-	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				39TS	35	35	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Coach Trimmers				C.P.L.S.	72	72	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				H.E.S.	713	575	41
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				W.O. ²	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				39TS	10	10	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	27		C.P.L.S.	10	8	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				P.T.C.S.	22	22	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	13	14	1	CARRIED FORWARD		71	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	814	514	*

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

17/10/43
Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

(E.F. MURRAY) Admin Comd
56 Aust Inf. Bn (A.I.F.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/7/1943 (Unit) *5th Coy 8th Div*
 W.E. II / R. 13 / OFFRS - O.R.'s 832 - OFFRS - O.R.'s ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Replacements Required
Particulars of Attached Personnel

10		9		8		7		6		5		4		3		2		1	
N.O.		Sgt		CPL		Pvt		Required		DETAIL		Posted Strength		Surplus to W.E.		Deficient W.E.		Returns Required	
A.A.P.C.	1																		
A.A.M.C.			2																
A.E.M.E.			1		1			7											
A.F.Q.C.																			
POSTAL																			
A.A.C.C.			5		5			4											
TOTAL			10		8			22											

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

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

Number of O.R.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.R.	Unit to which detached.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong.
1	M.A. Div		
1	A Div		
2	2 Div		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return is Particularly Requested. 17/7/1943

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
MISSISS	CPL	COCHRAN, T.A.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	CPL	SHOEMARK, J.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	Sgt	CASSIDY, J.	O.C.T.U. S.A. 1 of C. Div.
MISSISS	W.O.	REITZEL, S.T.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	CPL	CUNNINGHAM, R.D.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	W.O.	TAYLOR, C.W.D.	O.C.T.U. S.A. 1 of C. Div.
MISSISS	CPL	POWER, J.W.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	CPL	REID, P.B.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	Pte	POWER, J.	X Not Prof.
MISSISS	Pte	DOYLE, S.W.	X Not Prof.

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0600 hrs Saturday 24 Jul. 43 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. 11/12/3 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) (Unit)
OFF. 34 + OFF. 1. Att. Coy. W.E.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	18		
Lieutenants	19		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	33		1

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

ATTACHED Officers JOINED during week. ALLOWED BY W.E.

Rank	Name	Corps.	Date	Cause
A.M.C.	1 Captain			
Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		TOTAL
	34			34

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps.	Date	Cause
Lieut	CUNNINGHAM, A.X.	56 Aust Inf Bn	22/7/43	Transf to 13 A.I.T.B.

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).
Lieut	KINE, B.W.	56 Bn	To Hosp 31/5/43
Lieut	Gunnison A.F.S.	" "	To Hosp 25/6/43

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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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.
Col	NX12433	BAYEN K.T.	POSTING	NO	ONTO DETACHED
Lieut Col	NX12443	MURRAY E.F.	C.O.	YES	ARL 23/6/43
"	NX12444	STEVENSON A.E.	REHA COY	NO	SCHOOL 23/6/43
"	NX12445	EVERITT L.W.	A.M.	YES	
"	NX12446	WELL W.D.	CC A COY	NO	ARL 18/7/43
"	NX12447	BOUGH J.W.	CC C COY	YES	
"	NX12448	FAKHELL J.P.	CC B COY	YES	
"	NX12449	CLARK J.M.	CC D COY	YES	
"	NX125726	SAMUELSON G.T.	2nd B Coy	YES	
"	NX125727	BOARDMAN J.S.	2nd B Coy	YES	
"	NX125728	MASON F.L.	CC B Coy	YES	
"	NX125729	SCOTT M.M.	I.O.	YES	
"	NX76577	WILLIAM L.J.	2nd B Coy	YES	
"	NX125736	CALLAN E.T.	2nd B Coy	YES	
Lieut	NX125737	BRITHWAITE J.T.	2nd B Coy	NO	SCHOOL 8/7/43
"	NX125738	AILEY J.A.	9th PL	YES	
"	NX125739	MCCLELLAN C.M.	15th PL	NO	ARL 15/6/43
"	NX125740	KING A.W.	6th PL	NO	HOSP 30/5/43
"	NX125741	DAVIS E.W.	T.O.	YES	
"	NX125742	CURRAN C.A.	18th PL	YES	
"	NX125743	MCDONALD K.T.	12th PL	NO	ARL 20/6/43
"	NX125744	HARDY M.E.	19th PL	YES	
"	NX125745	BENNETT J.L.	16th PL	YES	
"	NX125746	DAY J.E.	5th PL	NO	SCHOOL 22/7/43
"	NX126671	BROWNING E.	8th PL	NO	SCHOOL 21/7/43
"	NX126672	CHRISTIE A.W.	3rd PL	YES	
"	NX126673	SMALL J.M.	1st PL	NO	ARL 23/6/43
"	NX126674	EDGERHILL A.C.	17th PL	YES	
"	NX126675	MELVILLE J.K.W.	11th PL	NO	SCHOOL 8/7/43
"	NX126676	FENNER H.P.S.	10th PL	NO	HOSP 18/6/43
"	NX126677	MURRAY E.F.	ARL	YES	
"	NX126678	MURPHY L.H.	15th PL	YES	
"	NX126679	FAKHELL R.H.	14th PL	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.
Col	NX24307	McAVIFFE J.A.	H.A.M.C.	20/12/42	R.M.O.
Lieut Col	A 259	THOMPSON J.	Sgt Coy	8/7/43	S.A.W.O.
Capt	NX137124	GRIFFIN L.W.	7th Div	21/7/43	ARL

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)
(Unit.)
24 Jul '43
(Date of Despatch.)

E.F. Murray Major
(Signature of Commander.)
(E.F. MURRAY) Admin Comd.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

War Diary
FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)

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43/15 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/7/1943. 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/13. OFFRS. — O.R's. 832 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 43 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.											
			1	W.Os. Class I.																	
			7	W.Os. Class II.			1														
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																	
		1	1	Staff Sergeants																	
2	2		33	Sergeants			10														
1	1		71	Corporals			8		2	2											
53	63	10	650	Troopers, Privates, etc.			22	1	1	1											
				Civilians counting as O.R.																	
56 *	66	11	768 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		SEE BACK →	41 *	1	3	3 *											

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	618	1	190							809
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	HQ 2 Aust Div						
1	2 Div Salvage						
2	2 Div Sigs						
5	5th Amb. Coy						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested 24/7/1943.

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123856	CPL	COUGHLAN T.K	X List Hosp
NX125763	CPL	SHOEMARK J	X List Hosp
NX125429	Sgt	CASSIDY J	O.C.T.U. S.A. L of C Area
NX1255887	W.O ^{II}	AXTILL S.J.	" " " "
NX152526	W.O ^{II}	TAYLOR C.W.J.	" " " "
NX38932	CPL	CUNNINGHAM R.J	X List
NX156066	CPL	POWELL J.W	X List Hosp
NX119454	CPL	REID R.J	X List Hosp
NX125721	PTC	DOYLE S.W	X List School KARRAKATTA (Mech. M.V)

56 Aust Inf. Bn (A.I.F.) Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24/7/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)				
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		
			Surveyors, Engineering	1	2	Operating Room Assts.	14	14	1	G.P.O. Assistants	72	71	10
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians				Rangetakers	2	3	
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters		3		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1				Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1				Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers						Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	24	15	9	Tailors			
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman							
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics										
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)										
Fitters			Driver-Operator										
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers										
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians										
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)										
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors				W.O.I	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	6		W.O.II	6	7	
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	5	5		CQMS	5	5	
Grinder, Precision			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply				STAFF SGT'S		1	
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical				SGTS	35	33	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	7	6	Coach Trimmers				CPLS	72	71	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors				Ptes.	636	573	43
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals				W.O.II	1	1	
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.				SGTS	10	10	
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics	27	27		CPLS	10	8	2
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant				Ptes.	22	22	1
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers							
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	CARRIED FORWARD	72	71	10	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			809*59

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

24 July '43
Date of Despatch
a.w. 6m 1/3 3/43

Signature of Commander
(F. MURRAY) Admin Comd.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0800 HR Saturday 11/11/1918
 Particulars of Attached Personnel
 OFFERS OF SERVICE
 ATT BY W.E.

REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Rank	Number	Number	Number	Rank	Number	Number	Number
Staff Sergeants	1			Staff Sergeants	1		
Sergeants	33			Sergeants	1		
Corporals	11			Corporals	1		
Privates	10			Privates	5		
Civilians	1			Civilians	1		
W.O. Class II	1			W.O. Class II	1		
W.O. Class I	6			W.O. Class I	2		
Detachment	2			Detachment	2		
TOTAL	65			TOTAL	11		

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units			
Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.R.	Unit to which detached
1	1st Div						
1	2nd Div						
2	3rd Div						
2	4th Div						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to (Unit) is Particularly Requested 11/11/18

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
W.3008	CPL	COUGHLIN F.K.	X Unit
W.3009	CPL	SPICEMARK J.	X Unit
W.3010	SGT	CASSIDY J.	O.C. 1st Div
W.3011	W.O.	AXTILL S.V.	"
W.3012	W.O.	TAYLOR G.W.	"
W.3013	CPL	CUNNINGHAM R.J.	X Unit
W.3014	CPL	POWELL J.W.	X Unit
W.3015	CPL	REID R.J.	X Unit
W.3016	Pvt	DOYLE S.W.	X Unit

0600 hrs Saturday 31 Jul 43 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E 11/12/43 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)
OFFS 34 + OFFS ATT by W.E.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	10		
Captains	17		3
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	51		3

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week. ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
A.M.C	1 Captain			
Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		TOTAL 32

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).
MAJ	BUNNER A.F.S.	56 Bn	To Hosp 25/6/43

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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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.
LIEUT	112633	RAYEN R.T.	POSTING	NO	Not attached.
LIEUT	112643	MURRAY E.F.	6 D	YES	A.R.L. 23/6/43
"	112644	STEVENSON A.E.	OC HQ	NO	School 23/6/43
LIEUT	112645	MURRAY L.H.	4th	YES	
T CAPT	112646	EVERITT L.W.	3 M	YES	
"	112647	NEIL W.D.	OC HQ	NO	A.R.L. 23/6/43
"	112648	HOUGH J.W.	OC HQ	YES	
"	112649	FARRELL J.R.	OC HQ	YES	
"	112650	CLARK J.M.	OC D Coy	YES	
"	112651	SMITHSON J.J.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112652	BRADY J.P.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112653	MASON J.L.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112654	SCOTT M.M.	10	YES	
"	112655	WILLIAMS J.V.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112656	HALLAN E.J.	3 IR HQ	YES	
LIEUT	112657	FRITHWAITE J.V.	3 IR HQ	NO	School 23/6/43
"	112658	ALBY J.V.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112659	SUTHERLAND J.V.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112660	RYAN J.V.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112661	CLARK J.V.	3 IR HQ	YES	
"	112662	MCDONALD K.V.	13 PL	NO	A.R.L. 23/6/43
"	112663	HURDY M.B.	14 PL	YES	
"	112664	BENNETT J.F.	16 PL	YES	
"	112665	DUNN J.F.	3 PL	NO	School 23/6/43
"	112666	BROWNING E.	8 PL	NO	OC Combined 23/6/43
"	112667	CHRISTIE J.W.B.	3 PL	YES	
"	112668	SMITH J.M.	1 PL	NO	A.R.L. 23/6/43
"	112669	EDHILL H.P.	17 PL	YES	
"	112670	MELVILLE J.K.W.	11 PL	NO	School 23/6/43
"	112671	FUNNER A.E.S.	10 PL	NO	A.R.L. 23/6/43
"	112672	KING G.N.	6 PL	YES	

PART E.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	112673	MURPHY J.H.	H.A.M.C.	1/1/43	K.M.O.
"	112674	THOMPSON J.	3 IR HQ	23/6/43	S.M.W.D.
LIEUT	112675	MURPHY J.H.	3 IR HQ	23/6/43	Temp. Posting 23/6/43
"	112676	MURPHY J.H.	"	23/6/43	"

56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)
(Unit.)
31 JUL 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
(E.F. MURRAY)
5 AUST INF BDE (A.I.F.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43/18 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/Jul/1943 58 (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. - O.R's 892 + OFFRS. O.R's 43 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
3	4		31	Sergeants		10			
2	2		70	Corporals		9		1	1
51	43	12	650	Troopers, Privates, etc.		23	1	1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
56	* 69	13	764*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK	42*	1	2	2*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A	416	1	189						806
	B(1)									
	B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	1st Div 2nd Inf Bn						
1	20th Div Salvage						
2	20th Div Sigs						
5	5th Div 1st Bn						
1	5th Div 2nd Bn						
1	6th Div 1st Bn						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 31/7/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123952	CPL	COUGHLAN T.K	X List Hosp.
NX125743	CPL	SHOBMARK J	X List
NX125429	Sgt.	CASSIDY J	O.C.T.U S.A. L. of C. Army
NX38932	CPL	CUNNINGHAM K.V	X List
NX158526	WO2	TAYLOR C.W.H	O.C.T.U S.A. L. of C. Army
NX125721	PIC.	DOYLE S.W	X List 1st Lt KARAKHIA (Mch. MV)
NX151054	WO2	PHILLIPS H.W	L.A.W.O.P. B.S.V. L. of C. Army

56th Anti Inf Bn (A.I.F.) Unit

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition-Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	1	2		Operating Room Asssts.	14	14	1	C.P.O. Assistants	72	71	12
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	3	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		5		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	13	11	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				W.O.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	6		W.O.S.	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	5	5		C.R.M.S.	5	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				STAFF SGT'S		1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				SGT'S	35	31	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Coach Trimmers				CALS	72	70	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				PTCS	636	573	39
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				W.O.S.	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				SGT'S	10	10	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	27		CALS	10	9	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				PTCS	22	22	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	14	14	1	CARRIED FORWARD	72	71	12	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	875	806	58

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

31 Jul '43
Date of Despatch

H Murray
Signature of Commander
(E.F. MURRAY) Colonel
Comd.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday, 21/1/1943
W.E. 4 / OFFERS - O.R.'s 2 / OFFERS - O.R.'s 4 ATT BY W.E.
Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Detail of Attached Personnel

W.Oth SGTs CPLs Ptes. REQUIRED.

A.A.P.C.		1	1	
A.A.M.C.		2	1	1
A.E.M.E.		1	1	7
				1 FITTER MV 1 MECH. MV
A.A.O.C.			1	
POSTAL		1		
A.A.C.C.	1	5	5	14
	1	10 ¹⁰	9	22

Part B. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested, 21/1/1943

Serial No.	Name	Rank	Remarks

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

Maj. E.F. MURRAY.
Admin Comd. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Serial No 87.
Nos 427 to.
1 Jul 43.

427. DUTIES. - C Coy will take over Camp Duties from HQ Coy as from 1800 hrs 1 Jul 43, and remain on duty until 1800 hrs 7 Jul 43.

Duty Roster.

Date to Mount.	Duty Coy	Ord Offr.
7 Jul 43	A	Lieut G.W.B. Davis.
8 " "	B	" J.F. Day.
9 " "	C	" J.C. McDonald.
10 " "	D	" A.C. Edghill.
11 " "	H.Q.	" S.J. Braithwaite.
12 " "	A	" A.W.G. Christie.
13 " "	B	" J.R.W. Melville.
14 " "	C	" A.O. Curran.
15 " "	D	" A.X. Cunningham.

428. CO-OPERATION WITH CIVIL POLICE.

(a) Instances have been brought to notice of lack of co-operation and in some instances definite obstruction by Military personnel, including officers, in investigation by the Civil Police as to the location of property lost by civilians, in which army personnel are suspected to be involved.

(b) A serious view is taken of such an attitude which constitutes a breach of GRC A683/42 and which in addition may constitute both a Military and Civil offence.

(c) In this connection attention is directed to the provisions of 11.6 (3) (c); also to S 318 (2) of the Criminal Code of Western Australia, which makes it a misdemeanour punishable with imprisonment with hard labour for three years for any person (which includes Military personnel) to resist or wilfully obstruct a police officer while acting in the execution of his duty, or any person acting in aid of a police officer while so acting.

(d) It is the responsibility of all concerned to give the utmost co-operation to the civil police in their investigations, and disciplinary action will be taken in respect of future breaches of the above provisions.

429. FOUL GROUND.

Foul ground must be clearly marked and the indicator must bear the date of erection.

430. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

Instances are again occurring of wanton damage to civilian property.

All ranks will be impressed with the seriousness of Army action which may cause damage to property. Individuals found guilty will be dealt with most severely.

In some cases damage is caused accidentally, and not reported. Troops will be instructed to report immediately any damage, and action will be taken to carry out immediate repairs.

When repairs can be effectively made by the person causing the damage on the spot, this will be done, and a report submitted to Unit HQ.

431. COMMUNICATION WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

Units will not communicate direct with Municipal Authorities with requests for loan or hire of property.

All requests and dealings with Councils will be made either through formation or the Town Major.

432. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE - SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT. COMMODITIES PURCHASED DURING JUNE 1943.

From Supplementary Ration Allowance			From Unit Funds.			
Meat	£48.17.8	£121.7.11	£121.7.11	Apples	£24.18.0	£51.6.7
Custard Powder	8.14.0	Sugar	3.14.3	Onions	8.10.0	1.9.0
Corn Flour	7.6.10	Milk	1.7.0	Parsley	12.6	
Vinegar	1.13.0			Cabbage	4.3.4	£49.17.7
Camp Pic	40.14.0	Less 7%	9.9.8	Wheatmeal	9.12.6	
Baking Powder	2.1.9			Wheat	15.0	
Tomat. Sauce	6.15.0			Flour	19.3	
Preserved Fruit	5.8.8			Dripping	1.16.0	
	£121.7.11				£51.6.7	

(L.H. MCG. ULEY) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Lieut.

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Serial No 88.
Nos 433 to
4 Jul 43.

433. DENTAL PARADES.

All personnel when presenting to Dental Officer for treatment MUST be accompanied with a CLEAN handkerchief.

Patients should also have with them their Dental Appointment Slips A.A.F. D.26 or A.A.F. D.26 M., Dental Cards 55033, also paybooks when dental work is being carried out.

434. WINTER DRESS - LEAVE.

Attention is again drawn to 2 Div R.O. 434 which reads as under:

Dress for 2 Aust Div troops whilst on leave will be as laid down in ASC 8/3, which is promulgated hereunder:--

WINTER DRESS - OTHER RANKS.

- (1) SD Uniform, belt, boots and hats turned up.
- (11) Gaiters will also be worn by all troops except personnel of Cav Units.
- (111) Caps SD will not be worn. They are intended for use whilst on duty only.
- (1v) Color patches will be worn when they are on issue.
- (v) Ties will NOT be worn.
- (vi) All buttons of jackets will be fastened.
- (vi1) Personnel of Cav Units will wear feathers in hats.

435. DRESS - HAT AND CAP BADGES.

It has been noted that several officers and also drivers, have adopted the habit of wearing in their CAPS, badges, Hat, Commonwealth, in lieu of badges, Collar, Commonwealth. This practice is contrary to Standing Orders for Dress, and is to cease forthwith.

436. FOUL GROUND.

Foul ground must be clearly marked and the indicator must bear the date of erection.

437. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

Instances are again occurring of wanton damage to civilian property.

All ranks will be impressed with the seriousness of Army action which may cause damage to property. Individuals found guilty will be dealt with most severely.

In some cases damage is caused accidentally, and not reported. Troops will be instructed to report immediately any damage, and action will be taken to carry out immediate repairs.

When repairs can be effectively made by the person causing the damage on the spot, this will be done, and a report submitted to Unit H.Q.

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Serial No 89.
Nos 438 to
16 Jul 43.

438. DUTIES. - The following roster for duty Coys and Orderley Officers will operate and will NOT be altered without reference to Adjt.

<u>Date to Mount.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>	<u>Ord Offr.</u>
16 Jul 43.	H.Q. Coy.	Lieut. J.F. DAY
17 " "	A.	" G.W.B. DAVIS.
18 " "	C.	Sgt. MURPHY C.L.
19 " "	D.	Lieut. A.C. EDGHILL.
20 " "	B.	" A.X. CUNNINGHAM.
21 " "	H.Q.	" A.W.G. CHRISTIE.
22 " "	A.	Sgt. FARRELL R.H.
23 " "	B.	" LIEBECK K.G.
24 " "	C.	Lieut. J.L. BENNETT.
25 " "	D.	" M.G. HARDY.

439. REST DAY. As per Training Syllabus.

440. UNAUTHORISED RAIL CROSSINGS.

It has been reported that Military vehicles are using other than authorised crossings in the GERALDTON railway yards. This practice is causing considerable damage to the rails and MUST cease forthwith.

Coy Comds will ensure all ranks are conversant with this order, and severe disciplinary action to be taken against offenders.

441. DISCIPLINE : MT DRIVERS : SMOKING ET.

Smoking whilst driving any type of Army vehicle is strictly prohibited.

442. DISCIPLINE - WEARING OF DISCS IDENTITY AND CARRYING OF PAYBOOKS.

(a) Attention is drawn to GRO's 623/42 and 649/42 and Div R.O. 546/43.

Higher authority is concerned at the number of instances reported in which these orders are NOT being complied with. It is emphasised that Coy Comds carry out frequent checking inspections for corrective action.

(b) All ORs will produce identity discs and paybooks at all times when required by Prov personnel. For security reasons it is also necessary, if required by Prov personnel or sentries to produce Paybook or identity discs when entering H.Q.s, camps and installations.

443. DISCIPLINE - DRESS - SHOES.

(a) Shoes will only be worn by officers, members of the Womens Service and those members to whom permission is granted for medical reasons.

(b) In the case of personnel to whom permission is granted to wear shoes on medical grounds, a notation signed by the CO or M.O. granting such permission will be entered in the soldiers pay-book, pending the issue of the record of service book.

444. REMISSIONS OF FINES AND FORFEITURES ON DISCHARGE.

It is reported that some personnel believe that fines and forfeitures of pay imposed on members of the Forces are remitted by discharge from the army and that consequently fines and forfeitures need not be viewed seriously as penalties by members on whom they are imposed. As a result, the imposition of such penalties is liable to lose its deterrent effect.

Such penalties are not remitted on discharge. This fact will be impressed on all ranks.

445. SERVICE PERSONNEL - IRREGULAR TRAIN TRAVEL.

(a) Pending the issue of instructions by LHQ covering a uniform system for recovery of fares from Service personnel travelling without tickets, the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAY DEPT is bringing into operation a scheme on similar lines to that in force in SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(b) Authority for deduction from paybook is contained in a Certificate (as detailed hereunder) and soldiers signature wherever possible must be witnessed by RTO or member of Pro Staff.

(c) Should a refusal to sign be given, and there is no opportunity of handing the offender over to an RTO or Provost Staff, civil action may be taken by Railway Department in accordance with its by-laws.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

AUTHORITIES FOR DEDUCTIONS FROM
PAYBOOK OF DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL

I, No.....
Name.....
Rank
of.....
Unit, location of which must NOT be shown.

having travelled between.....and.....Without being in possession of a Railway Ticket for the journey, hereby agree to the amount of the fare being deducted from my Paybook.

.....
(Signature.)

Witness.....Date.....

NOTE: Wherever possible the witness should be the RTO or a member of the Pro Corps, who will check name etc with Paybook.

446. DAMAGE TO RAILWAY LINES.

Complaints have been received that Railway lines have been damaged due to Army vehicles being driven "astride" or "straddling" lines in Railway yards.

Drivers are to be informed this practice will cease forthwith, and lines will only be crossed at recognised crossings in the Railway yards.

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Hereunder is specimen duty pass to be issued to all personnel proceeding on duty out of Camp area.

This is to certify that No.....Rank.....Name.....
Coy.....of 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) is on Duty in the town of
.....during the hrs of.....(Period) on.....date.

SIGNATURE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE BY ORDERS.

Maj. E.F. MURRAY

Adm Comd. 56 AUST. INF. BN (AIF)

Serial No 90.

Nos 447 to.

23 Jul 43.

447. PIONEER HUT.

All ranks are to be warned that Pioneer Hut and Workshops are strictly out of Bounds and any person frequenting these will be subject to Disciplinary action unless on official business.

448. SALVAGE.

Coys are reminded that such things as tins, Cardboard etc are good salvage and consequently these articles are NOT to be burnt in future but collected in suitable receptacles and delivered to Salvage Representative in HQ Coy.

449. A.B.C. SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE FORCES.

Commencing Sunday 25 Jul 43 the ABC National Programme will be specially arranged for the entertainment of all allied fighting forces in the S.W. Pacific area from 1830 hrs to 2100 hrs each night.

450. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES.

Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.

The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are NOT applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and ~~and~~ which in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

451. GREEN ENVELOPES.

There is a big increase in the number of instances of mis-use of the GREEN ENVELOPE. The correct purpose of the envelope is to be explained to troops. If there is NOT an immediate reduction of breaches of this nature a drastic curtailment of this privilege will be imposed.

452. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

1. All ranks who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following:

2. An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.

3. Officers and ORs will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O i/c Photography.

4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.

5. C.O.'s of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.

6. The O i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-

(a) Such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Package containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.

(b) HQ L of C area

or

(c) O i/c Base Depot.

The O i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a) (b) or (c).

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paras 4,5 and 6 a C.O. may if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by NOT

CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY. (CONTD)

more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-

- (a) That the cameras so retained will be used only as directed by the O i/c Photography.
- (b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members risk.
- (c) That the CO may withdraw such approval at any time.

8. HQ L of C areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the units behalf to the Base Depot abroad.

9. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc direct to HQ L of C area. They will be accompanied by a memo, signed by the CO or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.

(b) If in the opinion of GS 1 at HQ L of C area films or prints should NOT, for security reasons be returned to forward areas, GS 1 will retain them and will without delay advise the formation unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc accordingly.

10. Films of photographs taken by officers and ORs for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. HQ L of C area will arrange with approved photographers that photographs conveying the Control of Photography Order will NOT be returned to the sender, but to HQ L of C area. Such photographs will be returned to CO unit for necessary action.

11. The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be in Australia, HQ L of C areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

12. Photographs other than those taken for official purposes, which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

13. Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action, and/or by:

- (a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
- (b) Destruction of films and prints.

14. This order will be read in conjunction with relevant paragraphs of Army Field Censorship Instruction No 22 - procedure and Instructions for unit Censorship.

453. CENSORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS.

It is the duty of all ranks to familiarise themselves with the following instructions from LHQ Field Censorship Instn No 4.

1. Newspapers will NOT be sent through the post by members of the AMF.
2. It is forbidden to write in such a way as to disclose either directly or indirectly any movement or rumoured or projected movement of any body of troops. This applies equally to operational and training areas.
3. A statement of any enclosures in letters (particularly money) must be shown on the top left hand corner of the first page. Parcels and packets shall be left open and a declaration of contents shall be loosely attached to the outside cover and signed by the sender.
4. The soldiers official address must be shown at the head of every letter.
ARMY NO, RANK, NAME, UNIT, AUSTRALIA.
The unit title should be shown in full but where abbreviations are used only those authorised will be permitted.
5. The name and address of the sender must NOT be shown on the envelope. The senders name and address shall NOT appear on postcards.
6. The full postal address of the sender will be shown on parcels and packets.
7. The full postal address with the exception of the unit will be shown in space provided at back of telegram form.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Maj E.F. MURRAY

Adm Comd. 56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Serial No 91

Nos 454 to

30 Jul 43.

454. PERMITS TO USE GERALDTON POST OFFICE FACILITIES

1. All permits to use GERALDTON Post Office facilities must have UNIT stamp impressed. Permits without the unit stamp will be treated as invalid and will be taken by the Picquet and forwarded to HQ. 5 Aust Inf Bde. (AIF)

2. Personnel presenting invalid permits will NOT be allowed to enter the Post Office.

455. REQUEST HOUR

1. This order seeks to organise the maintenance and improvement of morale in the Army and in particular -

- (a) to create a closer understanding between officers and men;
- (b) to reduce the A.W.L rate;
- (c) to reduce the number of letters written to obtain redress of grievances through unauthorised or improper channels;
- (d) to assist the soldier in the solution of his family welfare problems;
- (e) to give officers the opportunity to appreciate the incidence on a soldier's personal service of his domestic background;
- (f) to provide an "off the record" information bureau;
- (g) to provide an Army Social Service.

2. (a) In most units, the relations between officers and other ranks are such that any grievance or problem which is troubling an other rank is satisfactorily solved, either through the normal channels of complaint laid down in A.M.R & O. 289 or by informal contact between the man concerned and his sub-unit commander.

(b) Occasionally, however, the frequent changes of officers and men and the dispersal of some units make it more difficult for officers and men to get to know each other as thoroughly and quickly as is desirable. In such cases, other ranks are often at a loss when they wish, not to make a formal complaint, but to obtain information informally on some matter. As a result, a number of soldiers' difficulties, which could and should be resolved within the unit, are received at IHQ in the form of complaints through irregular channels.

3. (a) Company etc. commanders will see "requestmen" daily in accordance with the customs of the service and subject to operational exigencies.

(b) All units and organizations, including units etc. of Women's Services, and all detachments will, in addition, institute forthwith a weekly Request Hour - a period during which an officer is available for informal consultation by all ranks.

4. (a) The exact method of execution of this order must rest with Commanding officers. In fighting units, the close association of officers and man and the direct responsibility of platoon etc. commanders for the welfare of their men minimise the problem. In units of the services, the organization in general does not offer the same contacts. Training units, General details Depots, Recruit Reception Depots, Leave and Transit Depots and large headquarters need particular care.

(b) Whatever method is adopted, however, the following principles will be observed :-

(i) In every squadron, battery, company or equivalent sub unit there will be a period in the week in which an other rank may see an officer on any personal or Service matter, other than a formal complaint. The time and place will be published in the weekly training programme or standing orders.

(ii) Access to the officer must be direct, without the requirement of any previous notification or permission from a warrant or non-commissioned officer.

(iii) The interview should not take place in the sub unit office and should be entirely informal.

5. The object of this order and the unit etc. arrangements to comply with it will be explained to all ranks on parade. This procedure will be repeated from time to time as a continuous offer always open for acceptance.

6. So far as is possible, the officer himself should deal with questions raised at Request Hour. If the matter is one which should be raised as a formal complaint (e.g. because it involves a complaint against another soldier or a superior), he should tell the soldier that it must be raised and, if necessary, explain the proper channel.

7. The following are typical of the matters which will be raised by soldiers at Request Hour :-

REQUEST HOUR (CONTD)

(a) Considerations effecting the welfare of the soldier's family. Requests for leave to join his family to adjust difficulties will usually be associated with requests of this nature.

(b) Straight out applications for compassionate leave.

(c) Applications for a transfer to home state on compassionate grounds.

(d) Legal problems effecting the soldier's private affairs.

8. In dealing with problems associated with family welfare, the object should be to have the soldier assisted by the following agencies rather than leave his unit to attend to them personally :-

(a) The Family Welfare Organizations now operating most effectively in each state.-

These organizations have available trained social service personnel capable of executing the most intimate investigation without offence. Reference to these agencies may be made direct by commanding officers or through Amenities Service channels, as required. The bureaux referred to above are as follows :-

(1) Queensland -

Mothercraft Association War Auxiliary,
Victory Chambers,
Queen Street,
BRISBANE.

(2) New South Wales -

Family Welfare Bureau,
Cnr. Martin Place & Phillip Street,
SYDNEY.

(3) Victoria -

(i) Victorian Fighting Forces Welfare Service,
Nicholas Buildings,
Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE.

(ii) A.I.F. Women's Association,
437 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

which is affiliated with 3(i) above.

(4) South Australia -

Fighting Forces Family Welfare Bureau,
24 James Place,
ADELAIDE.

(5) Western Australia -

Family Welfare Bureau,
C.T.A. Building,
PERTH.

(6) Tasmania -

A.C.F. Welfare Centre,
A.C.F. Office.
131 Collins Street,
HOBART.

(b) The Australian Army Chaplains Department - Morale Section -

Soldiers may prefer the circumstances may indicate the Chaplaincy as a more appropriate channel of investigation and report for the information of the soldier on questions effecting his family. A morale Section is now organized in the office of the Chaplains-General at LHQ (477 St. Kilda Rd, Melbourne). On the recommendation of the chaplain, the Commanding Officer will send his report direct to the DAAG (CSD), 477 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, when the required investigations will be carried out by the clergy in the parish of the soldiers family, as directed by the Chaplain-General concerned. After investigation, reports will be conveyed direct to the commanding officer by the DAAG (CSD).

Detailed instructions to Chaplains are being issued by the office of the Chaplains-General, but applications may be made forthwith through this channel. Particulars should include number, rank, name, religion, unit and age of the soldier, together with the home address of his next of kin etc.

(c) In dealing with applications for legal assistance, the following should be borne in mind -

(i) The free service provided by visiting legal representatives or from the institutions listed in para 7 of GRO A.272/1943.

(ii) The utilization of the army Legal Service, the nearest member of which is available to advise as required by commanding officers.

456. POSTAL - AIR GRAPH LETTER SERVICE.

Attention is drawn to the troops that the Airgraph letter service is now in operation from Australia. Airgraph letters will be received for transmission to and from Australia.

The service may be used only for letters to Countries with which the necessary arrangements have been made.

Airgraph letters will be censored under normal unit censorship arrangements, the following being observed:-

The franking Officer's signature to appear in the lower left hand corner of the form (above the direction "This space should NOT be used"). The unit censor stamp will be affixed in the space between the address panel and the single printed line directly thereunder: it will be placed as far to the left as practicable.

The name and the address of the addressee and of the sender must be clearly inserted on each form used, also the page number must be shown immediately above the written text of each form used.

The name and address of addressee will be written BY HAND in prominent BLOCK LETTERS (as large as possible) and must be wholly within the panel provided for the purpose.

The writing to be plain and - black ink, small writing is unsuitable, the use of pencil is NOT recommended, but if used is MUST be a "B" pencil, INDELIBLE pencil WILL NOT be used.

The full address of the sender and date of writing must be written at the top of the letter portion of the form and at the end of the text the senders FULL NAME in BLOCK letters and his SIGNATURE must be inserted.

Airgraph letter forms are to be handled carefully as creasing and other forms of disfigurement will spoil photographic reproduction.

Airgraph forms are obtainable at Field Post Offices/

FEES PAYABLE ARE :-

(a) For Airgraph letters to members of the Forces of the British Empire.....5d.

(b) Airgraph letters to Civilians.....10d

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WAR DIARY

31 Jul 43:- Continued -

- C Coy - Route march. Pl attack Pincers movement. Fd.craft and battle drill, and semaphore.
- D Coy - Fd.craft and battle drill Sec 3.
- HQ Coy- Normal pl training - Duty Coy and working on erection of the Blitz Course.

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56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

TRAFFICE CONTROL GUARD.

1. The traffic control Guard will at all times appear in clean working dress with drill order.
2. Compliments are to be paid to all Officers at all times.
3. One member must be on Duty outside tent at all times.
4. N.C.O. of Picquet will be responsible to see that Main Entrance and Road into camp are kept clean at all times and all papers and other refuse must be picked up daily.
5. The Picquet will be responsible to see that all drivers carry a Transport Check signed by an Authorised Officer and a G.2.
6. The Picquet will ensure that all personnel proceeding in trucks are correctly dressed either for Leave or Duty and any soldier NOT so dressed will NOT be allowed to proceed past Traffic Control.
7. Drivers of all vehicles will obey all traffic rules and personnel travelling will do so, also. The correct method of sitting in vehicles will be insisted on at all times and N.C.O of Picquet will be held responsible for any breach of this order.
8. All 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Serial 93) vehicles including Carriers, Trucks and M.C's will be bound to comply with Bn Traffic regulations and transport checks must be carried by all Drivers of 93 vehicles.

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56 AUST INF. BN. (AIF) TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS. 2 Jul 43.

1. In future Drivers of all vehicles leaving camp area whether in convoy or moving independently will carry a duly certified and signed transport check.
2. This Transport check will be filled in prior to departure and checked by T.C.P. and on return Picquet on duty at T.C.P. will fill in time and speedo reading and file.
3. At 1800 hrs each day checks will be returned to Tpt Office and thence to Adjt for checking.
4. The C.O.'s Recce Car (H1) and Bn 2 I/C's utility (H2) will NOT be required to carry Tpt checks and will NOT be halted by T.C.P. Picquet.
5. All Tpt checks will be signed by Bn 2 I/C, Adjt, Transport Offr Q.M. or a Coy Comd. In the event of the above Offrs all being unavailable Tpt checks will be signed by the senior Offr in camp.
6. Bn water carts will carry a permanent pass and will NOT be halted by picquet.
7. Notification of all transport leaving camp must be given to transport Office at least one hour prior to duty in order that transport be co-ordinated.
8. A duty truck will be available each day leaving camp at 1000 hrs and remaining in GERALDTON until 1700 hrs. This will be a 3 ton truck and will be utilised for carting of Canteen supplies.

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EXAMPLE OF TRANSPORT CHECK.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRANSPORT CHECK.

VEHICLE NO _____ DRIVER _____ DATE _____
TIME OUT _____ HRS. TIME IN _____ HRS.
SPEEDO OUT _____ MLS. SPEEDO IN _____ MLS.
OFFR, N.C.O. or Pte I/C of Vehicle _____
DESTINATION _____
NATURE OF DUTY _____

SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHOURISING
JOURNEY.

This check to be signed by 2 I/C, Adjt, T.O. Q.M. or a Coy Comd.

56 AMPT. INV. NO. (AIF) PERIODICAL TO FIRE - COMPS ELIMINATION CONTEST - 13 to 17 JULY 1943.

APPX "A"

SERIAL	OFFS TO FIRE	TITLE OF EVENT	NO OF PRACTICES	INCL. SIGHTERS OR HANGING NO OF RIFLES FOR RIF	NO OF SIGHTERS	DAY TO FIRE	REMARKS.
1	all available offrs	Champ Pistol shot	2	12	NIL	1530 to 1700 hrs 15 Jul.	Capt Williams to have necessary stores etc ready.
2	all available offrs	Champ Rifle shot	4	36	2 - 1st prac 2 - 3rd prac 2 - 4th prac	See Remarks	Offrs to fire Rifle with own Coys. Hq Coy sent to arrange distribution of R.C. offrs.
3	All available A offrs	Champ Iron shot	4	75	3 - 1st prac 3 - 2nd prac		See Serial 9.
4	All available offrs	Champ Pistol shot	3	20	NIL		See Serial 10.
5	C Coy	Champ Rifle shot & Champ PI shot	4	36	2 - 1st prac 2 - 3rd prac 2 - 4th prac	0800 to 1400 hrs 15 Jul.	Coy are to fire only Pls who have a strength of over 20 plus any individuals who may have a chance
6	A Coy	Champ Rifle shot & Champ PI shot	4	36	" "	1400 to 1700 hrs 15 Jul. 0800 to 1100 hrs 14 Jul.	chance, and are in Pls of under 20 in strength.
7	B Coy	Champ Rifle shot & Champ PI shot.	4	36	" "	1100 to 1700 hrs 14 Jul.	Hq Coy & Hq will send 5 & 2 rep for indiv champ to range with B Coy.
8	B Coy - In Hq 5 of Hq Coy	Champ Rifle shot & Champ PI shot.	4	36	" "	0800 to 1300 hrs 16 Jul.	Champ PI will be selected from results of indiv shots in Pls. C Coy to move to range on night of 12 Jul & commence firing by 0800 on 13 Jul.
9	3 each per A, B, C & D Coy. 5 - Hq Coy - 2 In Hq, all avail offrs.	Champ Iron shot offrs & C/In.	4	75	3 - 1st prac 3 - 2nd prac	0800 to 1230 hrs 16 Jul.	C.O. A Coy to arrange stores, tpt and movement to range & return.
10	4 each Rifle Coy. 20 Hq Coy 2 In Hq, all avail offrs.	Champ Pistol shot offrs & C/In.	3	20	NIL	1330 to 1700 hrs 16 Jul.	C.O. Hq Coy to arrange stores, tpt & movement to range and return.
11	Selected Champ 2 Pls from above scores. Selected individual for serial 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10.	Champ PI shot. Practice	4 incl tiles match.	29	Apple 300-2 Apple 300-2	0800 to 1300 hrs 17 Jul. 1400 to 1700 hrs 17 Jul.	T.O. to arrange tpt. Hqs. 5011. Caterer to arrange permanent cooking staff & nos for each meal to be handed to range staff & sufficient time to prepare meal

56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO 2.

SECRET.
Copy No.
4 JUL 43.

1. GENERAL.

56 Aust. Inf. Bn (AIF) will be relieved of 2 Aust Div Duties on 7 Jul 43.

2. TRANSPORT.

All Duties will be returned to 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) lines by 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Tpt with the exception of Team Piquet which will utilise its own Tpt and requisition to T.C. for any additional trucks required. Working Party at F.A.D. MULLANA will use Tpt at present in use.

3. TIME FOR SLEEP.

(a) G.P.'s will change as under.

Post No 3 1000 hrs.
Post No 4 1030 "
Post No 5 1100 "
Post No 6 1000 "
Post No 7 1030 "

(b) Team Piquet will change at 1500 hrs.

(c) All Guards and additional duties will change at 1600 hrs.

4. DRESS.

(a) Dress for all Guards and Piquet will be S.D.

(b) Dress for all other Duties will be working dress.

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56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

4 JUL 43.

3 AUST CORPS MUSKETRY COMPETITION.

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will fire Edo Elimination of 3 Aust Corps Musketry Competition at GERALDTON Rifle Range as per Appx "A" period 13/17 Jul 43. (Incl)
Coys will fire on dates and at times as laid down in Appx "A".
2. C.C. Range. will be Capt J.W. Hough.
3. Butt Party.
C.C. Butts W.C. II A. Powys.
Party of NCO and 12 ORs from H.Q. Coy plus necessary Sig personnel.
C.C. H.Q. Coy will make sure that butt party detailed are familiar with and capable of carrying out marking duties with as little delay as possible.
4. Cooking Staff.
C Coy Wiles Cooker plus necessary cooking staff will move to Range for full period of shoot and will be supervised by S/Sgt Bargwanna J.H. acting as Range Q. C Coy when HQR at Range will eat at Kitchen of Coy on Range that day.
Arrangements for this will be made by acting W.C. Caterer.
5. Range Party.
 - (a) Range will include Butt Party and Cooking Staff as detailed above.
 - (b) Amn Party. One NCO from H.Q. Coy and One OR from each Rifle Coy will be detailed as Amn Party.
 - (c) A D/R will be detailed from H.C. sec to remain with Range Party and be available at all times to C.C. Range.
 - (d) S/Sgt Bargwanna J.H. will act as permanent Range Q and Armourer Sgt with all necessary equipment will be in attendance at Range.
 - (e) 3 Sigs plus necessary telephone equipment will be detailed by Sig Sgt.
 - (f) Coaches and Register Keepers.
A.C. and H.Q. Coys will each detail 2 Range Register Keepers.
 - (g) Recording Clerk.
Sgt Goldrick A.R. will act as Recording Clerk and will be responsible to see that sufficient C.3, C.2's, C.7's and C.10's are carried. P & C/E Ops will also assist in Recording when their own Coy is firing.
 - (h) Hygiene.
One member of Hygiene sec will be detailed by Hygiene Sgt to attend to Hygiene arrangements at Range.
6. Amn.
Requirements as per Appx "A".
7. Practices.
All Offrs to be familiar with practice as per GRC 163/42.
8. Weapons.
Brns. Coys will supply their own Coy weapons.
TRNG's. will be supplied by Bn Q.M. to arrange.
Pistols. Offrs will use their own pistols but these must be .38.
9. Movement.
Movement will be as per Appx "A".
Move in by Tpt and out by foot except last two days.
10. Tentage.
All Coys will each supply two tents to C.C. Range for Range Party.
Coy according to their stay on Range will be responsible for their own accommodation.

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11. Register Cards will be prepared by R.S.H.
Sheets showing Pl and Coy, scores to be prepared and maintained up to date
by R.S.H. assisted by Sgt Goldrick A.H.
12. Coy starting practice at 0800 hrs in morning will fire until completion
before having midday meal.
13. O.C. Range, Range Party, Butt Party, Register Keepers and Cooking Staff
to move out to Range on evening of 12 Jul 43 subject to Range being
vacated by outgoing Unit.
14. O.C. Range and O.C. Butt Party to ascertain materials, targets etc
required by 12 Jul 43.

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- SYLLABUS TRNG -- 56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) -- JUL 43. -

DAY JUL.	A. COY.	B. COY.	C. COY.	D. COY.	H. Q. COY.	REMARKS.
Thur 8	Fill in slit trenches- morning. Leave afternoon	Fill in slit trenches- morning. Leave afternoon	Individual trng- sections 2 & 3 of Fd cft & Battle drill	Fill in slit trenches- morning. Leave afternoon		A.B.D. morning wash- ing & general clean up.
Frid 9	Gas trng-inspection check up-Gas drill- stationary & on the move	All Coys ref Gas Training (Aust) 1942 - Chap 11 secs 5 - 14 Incl & Chap 111 sec 15 T.O.E.T. Same as A Coy	Same as A Coy	Same as A Coy	Same as A Coy	General preparations for offence action in presence of gas. As many as possible of Bn HQ to be attd to rifle Coys for exercise.
Sat 10	Morning-Lecture on gas & gas drill-training reese squad. Afternoon-Practical Gas- Chlorine & demo decantam	Same as A Coy	Same as A Coy	Same as A Coy	Same as A Coy Detachments to be att to Rifle Coys.	
Sun 11	Morning, Coy attack incort choking gas. Indiv trng-Sun afternoon. Same as A Coy Sec. 2 & 3 of Fd cft & Battle drill.		Indiv Trng-secs 2,3 & 4 of Fd cft & Battle Drill. Afternoon Coy attack incorp choking gas.	Indiv Trng-secs 2,3,& 4 of Fd cft & Battle Drill. Afternoon Coy attack incorp choking gas.	Detachments to be attd to Rifle Coys, on 9,10,11, & 12 Jul.	
Mon 12	Coy exercise with mustard gas.	Coy & attachments in attack, passing through area contaminated Order of Coys during exercise D,C,B,A Coys at Coy Conds disposal during waiting period.			Dets to be att to rifle coys	C Coy move to Range Range party from HQ Coy move to Range.
Tues 13	Weapon trng. Move by MT to Range. Firing 3 Aust Corps shoot.	Rest Day	Firing 3 Aust Corps shoot. March to camp	Rest Day	Syllabus to be sub- mitted by HQ Coy Cond & to incl semaphore	
Wed 14	Firing 3 Aust Corps shoot. March to camp.	Move by MT to Range Firing 5 Aust Corps shoot. March to camp	Rest Day	Morning-Weapon trng Afternoon-Move by MT to Rifle Range.	Rest Day	
Thur 15	Rest Day	Security instns & practical instns on loading & firing pistols Sig semaphore instns.	Security Instns & practical instns on loading & fir- ing pistols sig semaphore instns.	Firing 3 Aust Corps shoot March to camp	HQ Coy Cond to sub- mit syllabus for Pls of Coy to BWHQ for on days not allotted.	Offrs to fire pistol during afternoon.
Fri 16	Security Instns & prac Instns on loading & fir- ing pistols sig Semaph- ore Instns sec 2 & 3 of Fd cft & Battlô drill.	Coy Conds disposal for instns from Fd cft & Battle Drill.		Security Instns & practic Instns on loading & firing pistols sig semaphore instns sec 2 & 3 of Fd Cft & Battle Drill.		Selected Bren & BSMG shots to Rifle Range.

Day Jul.	A. COY.	B. COY.	C. COY.	D. COY.	HQ. COY.	REMARKS.
Sat. 17	Observation trip - Fd craft & battle drill Secs 5 & 6 Cover & Cam Sec 7 Tact handling of Fl weapons - Sec 9 Period of semaphore	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY		On this syllabus to incl periods of semaphore Selected Pls & selected individual shots move to Rifle Range.
Sun. 18	Morning - semaphore & security instrn, practical security tests. Afternoon: Organised sport	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	
Mon. 19	Rest Day	Rest Day	Fd. craft & Battle Drill, Secs 16, 19, 20, 21 & 22 - Period of semaphore	AS FOR C COY		
Tues. 20	Fd. craft & Battle drill Secs 16, 19, 20, 21 & 22 - Period of semaphore	AS FOR A COY	Fd. craft & Battle Drill Secs 23-25 & 26	AS FOR C COY	REST DAY	
Wed. 21	Fd. craft & Battle drill Secs 23-25, 26	AS FOR A COY	REST DAY	REST DAY		
Thurs. 22	Fd. craft & B.D. Secs 27-28 & 29	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY		
Fri. 23	Fd. craft & B.D. Secs 30, 31 & 32	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY		
Sat. 24	Coy Conds. Disposal	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY	AS FOR A COY		
Sun 25 to Sat. 31	<u>FREE FOR ALL.</u>		<u>FREE FOR ALL</u>			

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9 Jul 43

56 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF) INSTRS
EXERCISE "NICKEL"

Ref Map "MANSON" 1 in to 1 ML.

1. Exercise "NICKEL" will take place 10 - 11 Jul 43.
2. OBJECT; To Exercise Bn Staff (A & Q) in task of replenishment of Amn in the field incl
 - (i) Demanding
 - (ii) Handling
 - (iii) Accounting
 - (iv) Forecasting
 - (v) Preparation of dumping programme
 - (vi) Dumping of Amn.
3. REF. RASO Tng Pam No 6 Amn Pt 1 Movement and distribution by Rd.
RASO Tng Pam No 8 Pt 1 Supply and organisation in L of C Area
F.S.P.B. Pam 9 (a) 1941 (AMN Abbreviations)
4. PLACE Sqs 6557, 6557, 6556.
5. D.S. Lt-Col W.B. GARNER, Admin Com 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Major A. LEWIS, HQ A.A.S.C.
6. TPS TAKING PART Skeleton HQ; 5 Aust Inf Bde
18 Fd Regt
Tk A Bty
44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
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17 Coy MASC in co-operation
7. COMPOSITION ^{CO 10} 56 Bn Skeleton Staff G.C., 20 and Clerk, Q.M. and Clerk, R.S.M.
Sig Sgt, Sigs - four incl two D/Rs, Tech Storeman, two M/Cs supplied
by Carrier Pl, Loading Party, Cooks - two detailed by Act WO Caterer,
N.C.C. from Q Store, two O/Rs from A,B,C,D, and HQ 3 Coys as loading party
Attached Tps One tp 104 Tk/A Regt in Skeleton
M.T. C.O. Recce Car, Sig Van (Rear Link), Q.M. s Truck, Amn M.T. (3 ton 4 x 4 - 2, 15 cwt Vans - 3, Personnel M.T. - Trucks 30 cwt G.S. 1, Cooks and Gear - Vans 1 ton G.S. - 1, P.O.L. - Vans 1 ton G.S. - 1, Water - Bn 200 Gal W/Truck, D.R.s M/C - 4.
8. INTERCOM R/T and M/C Orderlies (2 108 sets)
9. LOCATIONS 10 JUL 43 H.Q. 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Sq 6547 1100 hrs
56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Sq 6557 1100 hrs
10. ADM P.O.L. Normal supplies carried - Reserve 100 miles consumption all vehicles under T.C.s arrangements.
TPT Arranged by T.C.
MEALS Cut lunch, Evening meal 10 Jul. Breakfast 11 Jul arranged by Act W.C. Caterer.
DRESS Battle order less respirator and steel helmets.
11. MOVEMENT OUT To be advised separately.
12. All messages, reports etc will be prefixed by "NICKEL" Genuine casualties will be prefixed
13. AMN SUPPLY POINTS Locations for purpose of exercise)ies will be prefixed
ARH ARF AF) "Genuine Casualty NICKEL"
MULLEWA ERADU Vic 6351 to be advised
14. CARE OF AMN Care of amn delivered will become the responsibility of the recipient Unit. It must be adequately guarded and suitably protected against weather until completion of exercise when it will be handed over to MASC

NARRATIVE As per Bde Instr

Distribution. C.O.1, Adj 2,
I.C.3, Q.M.4, T.C. 5, R.S.M.6,
Sig Sgt 7, Act WO Caterer 8, File 9.

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EXERCISE CYCLOPE

NOTES FOR UMPIRES.

1. Umpires are requested to make themselves familiar with the object and lessons of the exercise.
2. Protection : Note steps taken for protection on the move and at rest and where these are NOT satisfactory create situation to force Comds to protect their force.
3. Patrolling : Ask for patrol reports for all patrols sent out.
4. Information : Note use made of information gained.
5. Night Operations : During nights 4/5 and 5/6 night operations are desired. Ask Coy Comds for written operation orders for their night attack.

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EXERCISE "CYCLONE"

Appx "B"

MESSAGES.

DAY	COY	MESS NO	MESSAGE TO BE HANDED TO COY COMD ON PREVIOUS EVENING.
1	A	Z 1	CYCLONE (.) Move at 0730 hrs (.) Occupy ry track junc 29084358 till 0900 hrs (.) then move to MT JULIA 28794320 and occupy a defensive position till 1300 hrs (.) establish a rd block at 30034339 by 1730 hrs and patrol till 0600 hrs .
	B	Y 1	CYCLONE (.) Move at 0730 hrs (.) Occupy rd junc 29854359 by 0900 hrs (.) then move to arrive MT JULIA 28794320 at 1200 hrs (.) depart MT JULIA area 1400 hrs (.) establish rd block at rd junc 29254403 by 1700 hrs and patrol till 0600 hrs.
	C	X 1	CYCLONE (.) Move at 0700 hrs (.) clear enemy from rd ry junc 28854409 by 0900 hrs (.) establish rd block and occupy defensive posn in vicinity rd bend 27824436 by 1200 (.) remain there till 1500 (.) then establish rd block at rd bend 28414436 by 1700 hrs and patrol to 0600 hrs
	D	W 1	CYCLONE (.) enemy have been reported active in vic rd bend 27824436 (.) move at 0730 (.) keep rd junc 29414364 clear of enemy till 0900 (.) then move to take up a position at 1400 hrs in vic rd bend 27824436 (.) move from there at 1500 (.) establish rd block at rd junc 28414481 and patrol till 0600
2	A	Z 2	CYCLONE (.) Enemy patrols have been sighted in vic HILL 706 ref 30674441 (.) arrive there 1000 hrs patrol 1 1/2 mls all round (.) Attack any enemy found and clear area by 1330 (.) move to rd bend 30404423 by 1400 (.) occupy defensive position at rd ry junc 28864409 by 1730 and patrol till 0600 (.)
	B	Y 2	CYCLONE (.) occupy HILL 854 ref 29824544 from 1100 (.) move at 1400 to rd junc 28414481 (.) bivouac from 1730 (.)
	C	X 2	CYCLONE (.) move to ERADU SDG 29734428 and patrol till 1000 (.) then occupy defensive position at AMBANIA 30524438 till 1400 (.) occupy rd junc 29854359 from 1700 till 0600 (.)
	D	W 2	CYCLONE (.) occupy defensive position HILL 854 ref 29814544 from 1000 hrs till 1400 (.) bivouac at rd junc 29254403 from 1730 hrs.
3	A	Z 3	CYCLONE (.) enemy movements reported in vic rd bend 27824436 (.) arrive there 1100 and clear rd from there to rd junc 27784445 by 1230 (.) patrol till 1400 hrs (.) bivouac at rd junc 28414481 from 1600 hrs.
	B	Y 3	CYCLONE (.) occupy defensive position at rd bend 27824436 by 0930 and patrol to rd junc 27784445 till 1230 (.) bivouac at rd fence junc 29534412 from 1800 hrs.
	C	X 3	CYCLONE (.) patrol MT JULIA 28794320 from 1030 hrs till 1400 hrs (.) establish rd block at rd junc 29254403 at 1700 hrs and patrol till 0600 hrs (.)
	D	W 3	CYCLONE (.) occupy MT JULIA 28794320 from 0900 till 1200 (.) bivouac at rd bend 30034339 from 1700 hrs (.)
4	A	Z 4	CYCLONE (.) occupy defensive position on HILL 854 ref 29814544 by 1000 hrs (.) Move at 1130 to rd bend 30594557 and patrol to 1330 (.) then move to HILL 720 ref 31014561 and occupy a defensive position for the night by 1400 hrs (.)
	B	Y 4	CYCLONE (.) occupy AMBANIA SDG 30524438 by 0900 (.) at 1115 move to and occupy WILMOTTS BLUFF 30444514 by 1400 hrs (.)
	C	X 4	CYCLONE (.) enemy reported in vicinity rd bend 29694533 (.) occupy that position at 1000 and patrol area between rd bend and HILL 854 ref 29814544 (.) move at 1230 to rd bend 30314512 (.) carry out vigorous patrolling of area for 1 1/2 mls (.) if enemy in occupation WILMOTTS BLUFF carry out attack during night.

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DAY	COY	MESS NO	MESSAGE TO BE HANDED TO COY COMD ON PREVIOUS EVENING.
	D	W 4	CYCLONE (1/2) enemy patrols have been reported in vicinity HILL 706 ref 30674441 (.) occupy at 0930 hrs and patrol area between there and AMBANIA SDG 30524438 (.) leave area at 1100 and establish rd block at rd bend 30854540 (.) patrol area for 1 1/2 mls all round (.) if enemy in occupation HILL 720 ref 31014561 attack during night .
5	A	Z 5	CYCLONE (.) arrive at rd junc 31194561 at 0900 (.) patrol till 1230 (.) then move to rd junc 30694523 (.) patrol 1 1/2 mls all round (.) if enemy located in vicinity WILLMOTTS BLUFF 30444514 attack during night.
	B	Y 5	CYCLONE (.) occupy position astride track at 30784563 at 1400 hrs (.) patrol distance 1 1/2 mls all round (.) if enemy located in vicinity HILL 720 ref 31014561 attack during night (.)
	C	X 5	CYCLONE (.) Occupy HILL 720 ref 31014561 by 1200 hrs (.)
	D	W 5	CYCLONE (.) Occupy WILLMOTTS BLUFF 30444514 by 1200 hrs (.)
6	A	Z 6	CYCLONE (.) Occupy HILL 804 ref 31194439 from 1200 hrs to 2400 hrs (.)
	B	Y 6	CYCLONE (.) Move to track junc 30194476 thence rd bend 30404423 (.) bivouac till 2400 hrs (.)
	C	X 6	CYCLONE (.) Move to and hold rd ry junc 31034437 from 1200 to 2400 hrs (.)
	D	W 6	CYCLONE (.) Occupy position at rd bend 29964442 from 1200 hrs to 2400 hrs (.)
7	A	Z 7	CYCLONE (.) Move at 2400 hrs to R.V. at track rd junc 29524403 and await orders (.)
	B	Y 7	CYCLONE (.) Move at 2400 hrs to R.V. at rd ry junc 28864409 and await orders (.)
	C	X 7	CYCLONE (.) Move at 2400 hrs to R.V. at rd track junc 29244403 and await orders (.)
	D	W 7	CYCLONE (.) Move at 2400 hrs to R.V. at track rd junc 28524404 and await orders (.)

Two copies of each message are to be written out for Umpire by "I" Sec.

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EXERCISE "CYCLONE"

SECRET.
Copy No. 16.

- FORECAST OF EVENTS. -

- (1) S.P. for Exercise. : Coy area in vic rd junc 974406.
 (2) Commencement of Exercise. : (a) Day 1 Messages to be handed to Coy Comds in bivouac at 1800 hrs on 24 Jul 43.
 (b) No hostile action before 0830 hrs on Day 1.

DAY	COY	SERIAL	POINT	ROUTE DISTANCE FROM PREVIOUS POINT	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL	PROBABLE ACTION	ENEMY	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ACTION	REMARKS.
1									
25 Jul 43.	A	1	Ry Track junc 29084398	3½ Mls	0900				
		2	Mt JULIA 28794320	5 Mls	1115	Defence	B Coy	1200	
		3	Rd Bend 30034339	7 Mls	1730	Bivouac	Controlled Enemy	During Night	Take Prisoners.
	B	4	Rd Junc 29854359	3 Mls	0900		Controlled Enemy	0900-0915	
		5	Mt JULIA 28794320	6½ Mls	1200	Attack	A Coy	1200	
		6	Rd Junc 29254403	5½ Mls	1700	Bivouac	Controlled enemy.	During Night.	Take Prisoners.
	C	7	Rd Ry Junc 28864409	4½ Mls	0900				
		8	Bd Bend 27824436	6 Mls	1200	Defence	D Coy	1400	
		9	Rd Bend 28414436	3½ Mls	1700	Bivouac	Controlled enemy.	During Night	Take Prisoners
	D	10	Rd Junc 29414364	2¾ Mls	0900				
		11	Rd Bend 27824436	10 Mls	1400	Attack	C Coy	1400	
		12	Rd Junc 28414481	4 Mls	1700	Bivouac	Controlled enemy.	Night	Take Prisoners

DAY	COY	SERIAL	POINT	ROUTE DISTANCE FROM PREVIOUS POINT	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL	PROBABLE ACTION	ENEMY	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ACTION	REMARKS.
2	A	13	HILL 706 30674441	7 Mls	1000	Patrolling	Controlled enemy.		To harass A Coys occupation of Hill
		14	AMBANIA 30524438	1 MI	1330	Attack	C Coy	1330	
		15	Rd Bend 30404423	1 MI	1400				
		16	Rd-Ry Junc 28864409	9 MI	1730	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	
	B	17	Hill 854 29824544	8½ MI	1100	Attack	D Coy	1130	Use of C.A.P.
		18	Rd Junc 28414481	8½ MI	1730	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	
	C	19	ERADU SDG 29734428	7½ MI	1000	Ambush	Controlled enemy	15 Mins	Use of C.A.P.
		20	AMBANIA 30524438	4½ MI	1200	Defence	A Coy	1330	
		21	Rd Junc 29854359	6 MI	1700	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	
	D	22	Hill 854 29814544	9 MI	1000	Defence	B Coy	1330	Use of C.A.P.
		23	Rd Junc 29254403	8½ MI	1730	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	
3	A	24	Rd Bend 27824436	6 MI	1100	Attack	B Coy	1100	To attack during meal secure a prisoner Attempt to capture a patrol.
		25	Rd Junc 27784445	¾ MI	1230	Midday Meal	Controlled enemy		
		26	Rd Junc 28414481	4½ MI	1600	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	
	B	27	Rd Bend 27824436	4 MI	0930	Defence	A Coy	1100	
		28	Rd Fence Junc 29534412	10 MI	1800	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	To capture a patrol.

DAY	COY	SERIAL	ROUTE POINT	DISTANCE FROM PREVIOUS POINT	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL	PROBABLE ACTION	ENEMY	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ACTION	REMARKS.
	C	29	Mt JULIA 28794320	6½ Mls	1030	Attack	D Coy	1100	
		30	Rd Junc 29254403	5½ Mls	1700	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	Capture of a Patrol
	D	31	Mt JULIA 28794320	5½ Mls	0900	Defence	C Coy	1100	
		32	Rd Bend 30034339	7 Mls	1700	Bivouac	Controlled enemy	Night	Capture a patrol.
4	A	33	Hill 854 29814544	9 Mls	1000	Defence	C Coy	1100	
		34	Rd Bend 30594557	4½ Mls	1330	Ambush	Controlled enemy	1330	Controlled enemy NOT to delay Coy
		35	Hill 720 31014561	2½ Mls	1430	Defensive Posn & Bivouac	D Coy	During Night 4/5	
	B	36	AMBANIA 30524438	6 Mls	0900	Defence	D Coy	1100	
		37	WILMOTTS BLUFF 30444514	4½ Mls	1400	Def Posn	C Coy	During Night 4/5	
	C	38	Rd Bend 29694533	8 Mls	1000	Ambush	Controlled enemy	1000	Prisoners required
		39	Hill 854 29814544	1 Ml	1100	Attack	A Coy	1100	
		40	Rd Bend 30314512	3½ Mls	1400	Patrol to WILMOTTS BLUFF Bivouac			
		41	WILMOTTS BLUFF 30444514	1 Ml	During night	Attack	B Coy	During Night 4/5	
	D	42	Hill 706 30674441	7 Mls	0930	Patrol to AMBANIA 30524438			
		43	AMBANIA 30524438	1 Ml	1100	Attack	B Coy	1100	
		44	Rd Bend 30854540	6 Mls	1400	Patrol to Hill 720	A Coy		
		45	Hill 720 31014561	1 Ml	Night	Night attack 4/5	A Coy		

DAY	COY	SERIAL	ROUTE		ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL	PROBABLE ACTION	ENEMY	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ACTION	REMARKS
			POINT	DISTANCE FROM PREVIOUS POINT					
5	A	46	Rd Junc 31194561	1 MI	0900	Midday Meal Ambush	Controlled Enemy	0900	Prisoners required
		47	Rd Junc 30694523	½ Mls	1400	Patrolling to WILMOTTS Bluff.	Controlled enemy		To be harrassed
		48	WILMOTTS BLUFF 30444514		Night	Attack	D Coy	Night 5/6	
	B	49	Track 30784562	3½ Mls	1400	Patrol to	Hill 720 Controlled enemy		To be harrassed
		50	Hill 720 31014561	1 MI	Night	Attack	C Coy	Night 5/6	
	C	51	Hill 720 31014561	5 Mls	1200	Defensive Posn	B Coy	Night 5/6	To be harrassed during day by controlled enemy
	D	52	WILMOTTS BLUFF 30444514	4½ Mls	1200	Defensive Posn	A Coy	Night 5/6	
6	A	53	Hill 804 31194439	5½ Mls	1200	Bivouac to 2400			To be harrassed during day by controlled enemy
		54	Track Junc 30194476	6½ Mls					To be harrassed during day by controlled enemy
	B	55	Rd Bend 30404423	3½ Mls		Bivouac to 2400			
	C	56	Rd & Rly Junc 31034437	7 Mls		Bivouac to 2400			To be harrassed during day by controlled enemy
	D	57	Rd Bend 29964442	5½ Mls		Bivouac to 2400			To be harrassed during day by controlled enemy
7	A	58	Track Rd Junc 29524403	9 Mls	0630	Breakfast MT to camp			
		59	Rd & Rly Junc 28864409	9 Mls		Breakfast MT to camp			
		60	Rd & Trk Junc 29244402	10 Mls		Breakfast MT to camp			

DAY	COY	SERIAL	POINT	ROUTE DISTANCE FROM PREVIOUS POINT	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL	PROBABLE ACTION	ENEMY	ANTICIPATED TIME OF ACTION	REMARKS
	D	61	Track Rd Julo 28524404	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Mls	0630	Breakfast MT to camp			

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO.

D.S.	1 - 2
Comd	3
2 I/C	4
T.O.	5
I.O.	6
Umpires	7, 8, 9, 10, 11
O.C. ENEMY	12
Bde	13
File	14, 15
War Diary	16, 17
R.M.O.	18.

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EXERCISE "CYCLONE"

APPX "A"
COPY NO. 17

DELIVERY POINTS.

DAY	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY
2	Track Junc 28994410	Creek Bend 28414475	29784399	Rd Bend (Sandy) 29104411
3	Creek Bend 28414475	Track 29524403	Track 29374399	29784399
4	Rd Bend 30794531	Fence Rd Junc Sand) 30494513	Track (Sand) 30334500	Track (Sand) 30684526
5	Track (Sand) 30684526	Track Bend 30664537	Rd Bend 30794531	Fence Rd Junc (Sand) 30494513
6	White Post 30 Yds beyond 14 ML sign 31184438	Water Hole 30514429	Quarry Track 31044435	Copse 29774404

Supplies for Day 1 will be collected by Coys in Base area.

Delivery Pts will be notified daily by Coys D.R collecting ref and time from Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO.

D.S.	1, 2
Comd.	3
2 I/C	4
Q.M.	5
W.O.Caterer.	6
I.O.	7
T.O.	8
Umpires.	9,10,11,12
O.C.Enemy.	13
Bde.	14
File.	15,16
War Diary.	17,18

FREE FOR ALL EXERCISE.

Ref. Maps.

INDARRA	1" to 1 MI.
NANSON	1" to 1 MI.
GERALDTON	1" to 1 MI.
MUNGARRA	1" to 1 MI.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Ref 0 A.T.M. Appx B. Handbook on FIELD CRAFT AND BATTLE DRILL

1. GENERAL.

Exercise CYCLONE will take place from 25 - 31 Jul 43 at GERALDTON under direction of C.O.

2. OBJECT.

- (a) To train Comds in tactical work and the care of men in the field.
- (b) To develop initiative and offensive spirit.

3. LESSONS.

- (a) Necessity for protection at all times.
- (b) Value of offensive action.
- (c) Tactical handling of support weapons.
- (d) Patrolling for information.
- (e) Collection, collation, distribution and use of information.
- (f) Necessity for good communications.
- (g) Detail necessary for night operations.

4. TROOPS TAKING PART.

- (a) Bn is to be divided into four company gps (A,B,C, & D) each gp to comprise one rifle coy, one det Mortar pl, one sec carr Pl, two ~~light~~ M.C. sec, four sigs, one "I" pers.
- (b) Bn "Q" Staff.

5. ENEMY.

- (a) All 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) tps met are to be treated as enemy.
- (b) A controlled enemy will comprise Capt F. Mason (O.C.) two dets Mortar Pl, surplus carrs, Tk-A Pl, AA Pl.

6. ASSEMBLY

Coy areas at 1600 on 24 Jul 43 for movement by M.T. to base in vic rd junc 2974406.

7. UMPIRES.

- (a) One officer per coy to be nominated by C.O.
- (b) Umpires will submit daily reports.

8. NEUTRAL SIGNALS.

- (a) Umpires and D.S. will wear white arm bands.
- (b) Neutral M.T. will display a white flag in front of vehicle.

9. CONFERENCES.

SERIAL	DATE	TIME	PLACE	WHOM TO ATTEND	PURPOSE
1	23 Jul	1900	Offrs Mess	All Offrs	Explanation object and lessons of exercise
2	24 Jul	1000	Offrs Mess	D.S. and Umpire.	Discussion of points for umpires and Reports to be submitted.
3	1 Aug	1900	Offrs Mess	Umpires Pl & Coy Comds Sp weapon Comds.	Discussion on Exercise.

10. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

- (a) Rifle .303 Blank.
- (b) Grenades, Monabel Payne Grenade.

11. ADM.

- (a) AMN. Available blank amm and monabel will be distributed by Q.M.
- (b) EPT. 1. Kitchen : One 3 Ton FWD per Coy.
Wiles Cooker will NOT be taken.
One 3 Ton FWD to Controlled Enemy and Bn H.Q.
- 2. Baggage : One 15 Cwt FWD to each coy and one to Controlled enemy.

(c) Supplies.

- (1) 200 gal tank be carried on Kitchen truck.
- (2) Delivery pts for rations, water, POL and mail will be given daily.
- (3) Coys will requisition for sup by DR at 1200 hrs daily.
- (4) Correct procedure will be adopted at delivery pts at all times.

(d) Medical.

- (i) R.A.P. will visit each coy daily.
- (ii) Field dressing will be carried by all ranks.
- (iii) First aid kit will be carried by coys.

12. INTERCOMN.

- (a) Bn HQ will be established in vic rd junc 29744406.
- (b) D/R will report to Bn HQ at 1200 and 1800 hrs each day or as required.
- (c) Two 108 sets will be allotted to each coy.
- (d) All msgs and reports will be prefixed CYCLONE. Genuine casualties to be prefixed Genuine Casualties.

13. REPORTS.

- (a) Reports will be carried by D/R.
- (b) Patrol and operation reports will be submitted by coys daily to Bn HQ.
- (c) Sitreps and sketches by personnel will be submitted daily to Bn HQ.
- (d) Umpires reports will be submitted daily to Bn HQ.
- (e) Coy Comds and Umpires will submit reports at conclusion of exercise.

14. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

- (a) Damage to property will be reported immediately.
- (b) Cultivated paddocks are out of bounds.
- (c) Water will NOT be drawn from unauthorised sources.

Exercise Ends 0800 hrs on 31 Jul 43.

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EXERCISE CYCLONE.
OPENING SITUATION.

JAP forces which had penetrated to a general line along the GREENOUGH River, have been defeated and have withdrawn to the Coast.

Tao R reports that small forces of the enemy approximating Coy gps have been observed in the area.

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) has been ordered to move to area in vic rd junc 29744406 and send out independent coy gps to locate and destroy the enemy.

NARRATIVE.

Each evening at approx 1800 hrs Umpires hand to Coy Comds a message giving their route and orders for the following day (See appx B att)

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
D.S.	6 - 7
Comd.	8
2 I/C.	9
T.O.	10
Q.M.	11
I.O.	12
Sig Offr.	13
W.O.Caterer.	14
Umpires.	15-16-17-18.
O.C.Enemy.	19
Bde.	20
File.	21-22
War Diary.	23-24
R.M.O.	25

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H.MACAULEY) A/Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
19 JUL 43

A1, B1, C1, D1 HQ Coy -

INDEX: FOOTBALL

The undermentioned teams will report to Sgt MULCAHY, R.J. and Cpl LAYTON, W.R. respectively on 18 & 20 JUL 43 at 1630 hrs sharp for training.

1. The undermentioned teams will play on 21 JUL 43 at 1530 hrs on 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Football Ground.

2. B & HQ Coys' Jerseys will be made available for match and Sgt WHELAN, G.G. will be referee.

3. 1/Cpl SLOAN, K.G. & Pto GARD, K.W.P. will act as Lineamen.

4. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) team to play 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) on GERALDTON OVAL on Sunday 25 JUL 43 will be selected from this game.

No. 1 Team

FORW

CROWE SPENCE WHELAN HASLER

MULCAHY
SLOAN

BAGHAM HENDERSON GARDNER

KIRBY WILSON

COLLINE

No. 2 Team

FORW

MELVILLE BACLEY STRACHAN GIBSON

LAYTON
POWELL

MASTERS HENDERSON HAYDEN

GILLIES ARMSTRONG

FORW

Lt. Macauley Lieut.
L.H. MACAULEY
Lt. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
19 JUL 43

RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

THE UNDERMENTIONED TEAM WILL REPRESENT 56 AUST INF. BN. (A.I.F.) AGAINST THE 54 AUST INF. BN. (A.I.F.) ON GERALDTON OVAL AT 1500 HRS. ON 25 JULY. 43.

ALL PLAYERS WILL REPORT TO CPL. LANYON W.R. ON FOOTBALL FIELD AT 1630 HRS. ON 22 and 23 JULY 43 FOR TRAINING.

KURT.

SPKERS.

NIVEN (outside Centre) MURPHY (in side centre) HWY HART

LANYON. (capt) SIGOOD.

COLLINS. MINROE.

PINNEY BASHAM. HEATHERINGTON. GARDNER

RESERVES. GROWE. (back) SMYTH. (forward)

ALLOCATION OF SPECTATORS TO ATTEND.

MACH RIFLE COY.	20	Each.
H. Q. COY.	30	
BN. H.Q.	5	

These figures will NOT include players, 1/Cpl. Bloane and Pte K.W.P. Carr.

The undermentioned team will play against 121 Regt. A/A on 56 Aust Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) ground at 1630 Hrs. on 23 July 43. and will report for training to Sgt. Growe at 1630 Hrs. on 22 July 43.

KELLY.

GROGAN GROWE. (capt) BRADLEY. MELVILLE.

RAGLEY

CARR.

SMYTH.

GILLIES ARMSTRONG.

MASTERS. O'NEILL. IRYSDALE.

RESERVES. STRACHAN. (BACK.)

MAHER. (Forward)

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
L.H. MACAULEY
Adj. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
22 JUL 43

- 56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) APPX "A" TO TRG PROGRAMME. -

SERIAL	TRAINING
1	Rest Day
2	Fd Cft and B.D. Sec 3 by day sec 4 by night.
3	Fd Cft and B.D. Secs 5, 6 and 7.
4	Fd Cft and B.D. Secs 8, 9 and 10.
5	Fd Cft and B.D. Sec 11 and 12 by day Secs 13 and 14 by night.
6	Fd Cft and B.D. Sec 15.
7	Blitz Course 1 hr.
8	Musketry Table A pt 11.
9	Re Shoot of failures at Musketry.
10	Coy Gp of Rifle Coy - Sec Carr, 1 or 2 dets Mortar, Sub Sec Tk.A, det AA Pl, det Pnr Pl, det Sigs to C.O.T.C.
11	Duty Coy - Bn Duties.
12	Duty Coy - General purposes.
13	10 Days continuous Fd Cft and B.D. sec 16 and chap 11 secs 19 to 35.
14	Bn, Coy and Pl HQ in Bde sup exercise.
15	Coy comes under Comd 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) for Arty exercise.
16	Sports afternoon - morning 1 hr Blitz course - 1 hr Semaphore - Coy Duties.
17	<u>Unit School</u> - (a) M.T. school - 4 per Coy. C.I. Capt Samuelson.) (b) Carr School - 2 per Rifle Coy remainder from HQ Coy.) (c) M.C. school - 1 per Coy - 2 HQ Coy and Bn HQ. (d) Sec Comd school - 6 per Coy - C.I. Lieut Curran. (e) Sig School - all sig personnel less nos required for C.W.P. - C.I. Sgt Laird. (f) Snipers school - 2 per Coy. (g) "I" school - 1 per Coy and "I" sec - 2 wings - C.I. Capt M.M.Scott.
18	Specialist trg on syllabus supplied by O.C. HQ Coy.

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56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) TRAINING PROGRAMME AUG 43.

AUGUST.

COY		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
A	M	6	1	2	7 3	4	7 5	9 6	7 13	7 13	7 13	7 13	7 13	7 13	7 13	7 13	7 13
	A	8	1	7 2	3	7 4	5	9-7 6	SUPPLY STUDENTS AS PER SERIAL 18 OF THIS PROGRAMME								
B	M	7 2	8	1	3	7 4	5	9-7 6	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
	A	2	8	1	7 3	4	7 5	9 6	SERIALS 11-17 18 20 21 OF BDE DUTIES SUPPLY STUDENTS AS PER SERIAL 18 OF THIS PROGRAMME								
C	M	7 2	1	8	7 3	4	7 5	9 6	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
	A	7 2	1	8	3	7 4	5	9-7 6	SERIALS 1 TO 10 INCL OF BDE DUTIES SUPPLY STUDENTS AS PER SERIAL 18 OF THIS PROGRAMME								
D	M	7 2	1	7 3	8	7 4	5	9-7 6	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12
	A	2	1	3	8	4	7 5	9 6	SUPPLY CAMP DUTIES AND ANY EXTRA BDE DUTIES SUPPLY STUDENTS AS PER SERIAL 18 OF THIS PROGRAMME								
H.Q.	M	7 12 19	12 19	1 12	12 19	8 19	8 19	9 7-12 19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
	A	12 19	7 12 19	1 12	7 12 19	8 19	8 19	9 12 19	7 7 7 7 7 7 7 SUPPLY STUDENTS AS PER SERIAL 18 OF THIS PROGRAMME								

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AUGUST.

COY		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
A	M	7 13	7 13	7 13	13 12	13 12	13 12	13 12	13 12	13	13	10	10	14 10	14	14
	A	13	13	13	13 12	13 12	13 12	13 12	13 12	12	12	10	10	10	12	12 16
B	V	11	11	11	13	10	10	10	1	13	13	13	13	14	14	14
	A	See Page 1-----			13	10	10	10	1	13	13	13	13	13	13	16
C	M	11	11	11	13	13	13	10	10	10	1	13	13	14	14	14
	A	See Page 1-----			13	13	13	10	10	10	1	13	13	13	13	16
D	M	7 13 12	7 13 12	7 13 12	15	15	13	13	13	10	10	10	13	14	14	14
	A	See Page 1-----			15	15	13	13	13	10	10	10	13	13	13	16
H.Q.	M	1	19	19	12 19	12 19	12 19	12 19	12 19	12	12	12	12	14 12	14	14
	A	1	7		12 19	12 19	12 19	12 19	12 19	19	19	19	19	19	19	16

3 AUST CORPS WEAPONS COMPETITION

ORDER AND METHOD OF FIRING WILL BE AS SET OUT HEREUNDER

APPENDIX "A"

FIRING	NO	PRACTICE	TARGET	RANGE	ROUNDS		DETAIL	REMARKS	H.P.S.	
					Per Firer	Total per Team			Indiv	Collective
PLATOON CHAMPIONSHIP	1	APPLICATIO.	Large	300	7	140	Lying position with bayonet	2 Initial sighters not to count	25	500
	2	SNAP SHOOTING	$\frac{3}{4}$ Fig (11)	300	10	200	" " " "	Each hit in 12"x16" Rectangle :5 pts Each other hits :4.	50	1000
Day 1 Total Pts 2600	3	APPLICATION	Large	500	7	140	Lying position without bayonet	2 Initial sighters not to count.	25	50
	4	TITLES COMPETITION	$\frac{3}{4}$ Fig (11)	500	5	100	" " " " "	10 Pts per hit. If all targets hit 5 pts for each round left. Teams will be timed. Time limit 60 secs.		$\frac{600}{2600}$
CHAMPION RIFLE	1	APPLICATION	Small	200	7	70	Lying position with bayonet	2 Initial sighters not to count	25	
	2	SNAP SHOOTING	Disc 22"	200	10	100	Sitting position with bayonet	5 Exposures of 10 secs 20 secs between Exposures. Each hit in 18" circle. 5 Pts. Each other hit 4 Pts.	50	
Day 2 Total Pts 150	3	Rapid	Large	300	10	100	Kneeling position with bayonet	Exposures of 60 secs. Rifle loaded with one charger remaining charger buttoned in pouch. Firer may be in aiming position when 50 target appears.		
	4	SNAP SHOOTING	$\frac{3}{4}$ Fig (11)	400	5	50	Lying position without bayonet	Each hit 12"x16" Rectangle :5 pts. Each other hit 4 pts. 5 exposures of 5 secs 20 secs interval.	$\frac{25}{150}$	

FIRING	NO	PRACTICE	TARGET	RANGE	ROUNDS		DETAIL	REMARKS	H.P.S.	
					Per Firer	Total per mound			Indiv	Collective
CHAMPION BREN SHOT	1	RAPID APPLICATION	Small	200	22	220		Lying-Gun rested on suitable cover. Gun loaded sights adjusted and firer in position with butt in contact with the ground. When target appears the firer will engage it with 2 single rounds then change to automatic and continue with bursts of about 4 to 5 rounds. Exposure : 30 Secs Scoring - each direct hit inside 4 ft circle 2 Pts.	44	
DAY 2 Total Points 119	2	ACTION AND DISTRIBUTION	I.L.G Screen	300	25	250		Ammunition arranged in 2 Magazines (15 in one 10 in the other). Firer lying behind gun, 5 yards in rear of firing point - magazines in pouch equip, sights at 200. On order or signal "action" he will carry the gun forward to position (as in practice 3) load, adjust sights & open fire, distributing his fire irregularly in bursts so as to engage all portions of the target. Time 1 minute from action being given. Where pouch equip is not available the magazines will be placed on ground at the firing point. Scoring each rectangle 1 Direct Hit 4 pts 2 " " 5 " 3 " " 6 " 4 or more " 7	35	
	3	FLEETING TARGET	Large	300	20	200		Automatic. 20 Rounds in one magazine. Firer in position on the firing point (as in practice 3) Gun with magazine on, but not loaded, sight adjusted and butt in contact with the ground. On appearance of the target the firer will load and engage it. Exposure 20 Secs Scoring - each direct hit inside 6" circle on Target : 2 pts.	40 <u>119</u>	

FIRING	NO	PRACTICE	TARGET	RANGE	ROUNDS		DETAIL	REMARKS	H.P.S.	
					Per firer-	Total Mound			Indiv	Collective
CHAMPION TSMG SHOT	1	Single Shot	$\frac{3}{2}$ lig (11)	50	9	50	5 Single shots fired from shoulder	Each hit in 12"x16" Rectangle :5 Pts Each other hit 4 Pts	25	
Day 3 Total Pts 100	2	Bursts	"	25	10	100	10 Shots fired from shoulder in bursts	" "	50	
	3	REPETITION	"	25	5	50	5 Single shots fired from the hip	" "	100	
OFFICERS CHAMPION PISTOL SHOT Day 3 Total Points 100	1	Double action	"	30 Ft	12	12	Right or left hand standing	Each hit in 12"x16" Rectangle : 5 Pts Each other hit : 4 Pts 6 Rounds to be fired from waist level. 6 rounds to be fired from shoulder level but not aimed	60	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Jul 43.

56th AUST CORPS WEAPONS COMPETITION.

1. The final for the above competition will take place at SWANBOURNE Rifle Range commencing 1 Aug 43.

2. PRACTICES.

The programme of practices to be fired and points allotted for each event is attached hereto as Appendix "A".

3. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) personnel proceeding to SWANBOURNE.

Lieut Bennett and 16 Pl.

Lieut Christie and 3 Pl.

Capt Hough and Batoon.

Capt Williams and Batoon.

Capt Boardman and Lieut Davis.

Sgt Fleming, Cpls Osborne, Lawton and Ptes Coutts and Greener.

Offrs.	O.R's.
1	23
1	23
1	1
1	1
2	-
	5
<u>Total.</u>	<u>6</u> <u>53</u>

4. Camp Commandant will be responsible for all matters of local administration during the period of the camp including the co-ordination of transport to and from SWANBOURNE Rifle Range.

5. ACCOMMODATION.

Hutted accommodation and full scale of Camp accommodation stores including palisades will be provided for all ranks in No. 2 and 3 Camps, MELVILLE.

6. EQUIPMENT.

(a) Competitors will arrive at MELVILLE with the following equipment:-

IMB, Bren and TMB (where applicable)

Rifle and/or pistol and web equipment

Respirators, Steel helmet

Personal necessaries

Grung sheet.

Blankets

Resting gear.

(b) It will be the responsibility of units to ensure that all competitors arrive with arms and equipment, including magazines for Bren guns and TMBs, in readiness to participate in the competition. No arms or equipment will be supplied on arrival.

7. OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESS.

(a) An officers and a Sergeants mess will be open at MELVILLE.

(b) A charge of 1/- per day will be made for officers and will be spent on extra rations etc, as decided by a committee constituted by:-

Mess President (Senior Officer present) Camp Commandant, Camp Adjutant, 3 Officers, 1 each from 1 Aust Arm Div, 2 Aust Div and Corps Troops.

8. Order of Shoot.

Detailed instructions concerning times of each event will be issued in a Camp order.

9. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition will be issued to competitors on arrival at the Rifle Range.

10. CANTEENS.

Canteen facilities, less cigarettes and tobacco, will be available at MELVILLE. All ranks should purchase sufficient cigarettes and tobacco before leaving their respective units, to cover the period of the competition.

11. MOVEMENT.

All competitors will be required to report to Competitors Camp, MELVILLE, 30 Jul 43, Movement instructions will be issued separately.

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3 AUST CORPS WEAPONS COMPETITION

Results of competition conducted in the 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Area. The personnel enumerated below will represent this Bde area in above competition commencing 31 Jul 43 at SWANBOURNE Rifle Range.

<u>Rifle - Possible 150-</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1.	NX 124445	Capt. J.W. HOUGH	56 Bn (AIF)	124
2.	NX 109063	Capt. JAIRDAIN	Sigs 2 Div	114
3.	NX 76327	Capt. L.J. WILLIAMS.	56 Bn (AIF)	110
1.	NX 123828	Cpl OSBORN, J.C.	56 Bn (AIF)	128
2.	NX 125748	Pte CRERAR, J.	do	119
3.	NX 37094	W.O.11 McASKILL, S.	2 Div Workshops A.E.M.E.	116

<u>Bren - Possible 119 -</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1.	NX 76327	Capt. L.J. WILLIAMS	56 Bn (AIF)	112
2.	NX 124631	Lieut HARRISION	54 Bn (AIF)	112
3.	WX 33136	Lieut KEMPTON	25 Cav Regt	111
1.	NX 148796	Pte HUMMERSTON, E.G.	54 Bn (AIF)	113
2.	WX 32721	Sgt VIGUS, T.W.	25 Cav Regt	111
3.	NX 123832	Cpl LAWTON, D.H.	56 Bn (AIF)	110

<u>T.S.M.G. - Possible 100</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1.	NX 125729	Lieut G.W.B. DAVIS	56 Bn (AIF)	92
2.	NX 116619	Capt. J.S. BOARDMAN	do	90
3.	NX 124445	Capt. J.W. HOUGH	do	89
1.	WX 26764	Cpl ROBERTS, V.C.	44 Bn (AIF)	97
2.	NX 125793	Sgt FLEMMING, B.A.	56 Bn (AIF)	96
3.	NX 124120	Pte COUTTS, C.S.	do	89

<u>Pistol - Possible 60</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1.		Major F. HILL	HQ 2 Div (AIF)	60 3" Gp
2.	WX 29411	Lieut J.R. GILES	44 Bn (AIF)	60 5" Gp
3.	NX 124445	Capt J.W. HOUGH or	56 Bn (AIF)	60 6" Gp
	NX 76327	Capt L.J. WILLIAMS		

Platoon - Possible 100 plus 10 for turnout of men

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>TURNOUT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
16 Pl 56 Bn (AIF)	1212	173	1385
3 Pl 56 Bn (AIF)	1073	170	1243
E Tp 18 Fd Regt	1057	125	1182.

L.H. Macauley Lieut
(L.H. MACAULEY) Adjt 56 Aust Inf Bn
(AIF)

DUTY ROSTER

**DATE TO ROCKET
AT 1700 Hrs.**

DAY

DEPUTY OFFICER

DATE TO ROCKET AT 1700 Hrs.	DAY	DEPUTY OFFICER
28 Jul 43	B Coy	Lieut G.V.B. DAVIS
29 Jul 43	C	" R.H. FARNHILL
30 Jul 43	D	" A.C. HOSKILL
31 Jul 43	H.Q.	" H.G. HADY
1 Aug 43	H.Q.	" J.A. KELLY
2 Aug 43	D	" A.C. CURRAN
3 Aug 43	A	" G.L. MURPHY
4 Aug 43	B	" R.H. FARNHILL
5 Aug 43	C	" G.H. McSHAN
6 Aug 43	H.Q.	" A.H.O. GIBBINS

NOTE:

AS PER SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR AUGUST.

L. Kobayashi Lieut.

(L.H. HOSKILL) Adj. 36 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)