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diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/47

10/48 Infantry Battalion

December 1943

24 JAN 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF). Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 1 Dec 43. To 1400 hrs 4 Dec 43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Weather Conditions.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin Frt Area	1	1200	SX 6370 Lieut A.Y. MAITLAND marched into unit from 23 A.I.T.B.		
		1930	O.O.10 issued		Appx 1 - O.O.10 (To be Forwarded later)
			C.O. conferred with all Offrs. Discussion on recent ATM's and O.O.10.		Appx 2 - Allocation of Telephones in manning of Battle Stations.
					Appx 3 - Works progress Report for period ending 30 Nov 43.
	2	1000	C.O. 6 Aust Inf Bn(Lt Col Egan) with I.O. and QM.visited Bn in reference to impending change over.		Appx 4 - Security Report for Wk Ending 2 Dec 43.
	3	1000	Coy Comds & Specialist Offrs 6 Aust Inf Bn visited Bn. Shown Covering Force Psns and Roles.		
	4	1400	All 6 Aust Inf Bn Offrs returned to 69 Mile Mark.		Appx 5- Works Progress Report for period ending 3 Dec 43.

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A/Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 4 Dec 43

To 8 Dec 43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	WEATHER CONDITIONS	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin Frt Area	4	1900	Frt Comd (Col Nurse) entertained at Offrs Mess.		Appx6-Trg Syllabus for Week ending 12 Dec 43.
	6	0800	Capt K.S.Biven, Adjnt, QM, RSM, RQMS and tpt sjt visited 6 Aust Inf Bn Area	Fair & Warm	Appx 7 - Instn ref Move of Adv Party to 6 Aust Inf Bn Area.
		2000	CO conferred with coy comds ref relief of unit by 6 Aust Inf Bn and movement of Bn on leave	Fine with thunder storm and light rain 1900 -2100 hrs	Appx 8.-W3008 Appx 9.- W3009. Appx 10.-Instn ref Relief 10/48 Bn by 6 Bn and MT allotment for move.
					Appx 11.-Censorship Instn ref leave.
					Appx 12 -Instn ref mov to 6 Bn Camp site.
	7	0800	Advance party left for 69 mile mark		
		1200	6 Bn advance party arrived Parap Camp		
	8	1130	6 Bn marched into Parap Camp	Fine and Warm	
		1400	Bn evacuated Parap Camp		Appx 13.-Works Progress report for period ending 7 Dec 43.
	DARWIN 69 MILE MARK		1830	Bn occupied 6 Bn camp site 69 mile mark.	
		2030	CO conferred with coy comds ref adm of new camp area		

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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0800 hrs 9 Dec 43 To 2359 hrs 22 Dec 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	WEATHER CONDITIONS.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN 69 MILE MARK	9	0800	Capt G. Textor marched out to LHQ Tactical School	"	
			B Wing Course No. 9 Beenleigh.	"	
	11		Unit Strength as per W3008 and W3009 - 33 Offrs 691 ORs.	"	
	13	1630	CO conferred with coy comds ref leave drafts	"	
	15	0930	First leave draft marched out of camp - draft consisted	"	
			of 3 officers 68 ORs.	"	
	17			"	Appx 14.—Road Recce report
	18		Unit Strength as per W3008 & W3009 - 31 offrs 690 ors.	"	of Tracks from Pell Field
	19		Lt-Col Davies marched out on leave and to attend	"	to Stapleton siding and
			LHQ School of Arty (Tk/A wing) Course 5 at Holdsworthy	"	Stapleton Siding to Dare
			NSW from 3 to 14 Jan 44.	"	win River Station
	21	0930	First portion of second leave draft consisting of	"	Appx 15. - Instn Ref Rear
			2 officers 198 ORs marched out of camp	"	Party.
	22			"	
				thunder storm	
				with hy rain	
				from 1830-1930	
				hrs	

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Unit 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 Dec 43. To 31 Dec 43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	WEATHER CONDITIONS.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN 69 MILE MARK	23		Second portion of second leave draft consisting of 2 offrs 44 ORs marched out of camp		Appx 16. - Road Recce Reports of (1) NA Road to Lucy Mine (2) Lucy Mine to Mount Finnis (3) Mount Finnis to NA Rd
	25		Posted Unit strength as per W3008 and W3009 32 offrs 699 ORs.	Fine & Hot	
	26			Thunder storm with hy rain 1830-1900 light rain during night	
	28		First Portion of 3rd leave draft consisting of 4 offrs 225 ORs marched out of camp	Thunder and hy rain 1900-2200	
	29			lt shower 1600 hrs Hy Rain 1900 to 2200 hrs.	Appx 17. - Road Recce report of (a) East track to Marrakai (b) Hughes to Humpty Doo
	30			Hy Rain 1640	
	31			Hy Rain and thunder storm 1900-2000 hrs.	

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A/Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

PROCEDURE FOR MANNING BATTLE STATIONS
ALLOCATION OF TELEPHONES

SECRET
30 NOV 43

Appx 2

AREA	SUB UNIT	NO OF PHONES REQUIRED	TYPE	OBTAINED FROM	BATTLE POST	REMARKS
LEFT Sector	A Coy	1 3	PMG D Mk V	1 Coy Billet Ord Room 3 supplied by sig pl	Coy HQ Coy HQ Pl Posts Nos 5, 4, 6,	HQ to Switchboard HQ to Pl circuit
	3 Fd Butchery	1	D Mk V	Sig Pl	Pl Post No 10	
	11 Sup Pers	1	D Mk V	Sig Pl	Pl Post No 16	
CENTRE Sector	6 Aust Survey Coy	1	D Mk V	Sig Pl	Pl Post No. 33	
	1 Aust Fd Coy	2	D Mk V	Sig Pl	Pl Post Nos 22 & 26	
	Docks Operating one Pl	1	D Mk V	Sig Pl	Pl Post No. 404	Docks Pl to CENTRE Sector HQ
	Sector HQ	2	PMG	Sig Pl	Sector HQ Post 34A Sector HQ	Coy HQ to Pl circuit Coy HQ to Switchboard
RIGHT Sector	Sector HQ	2	D Mk V	Sig Pl	1 Sector HQ for Sector cmd. 1 Sector HQ switchboard operators phone. Sector HQ	For Test purposes.
	C Coy	5	4 D Mk V	Sig Pl	3 for Posts Nos 38, 45, 63. 1 Coy HQ for Pl circuit Coy HQ	HQ to Sector Switchboard
	D Coy	5	4 D Mk V	Sig Pl	3 for pl posts 52, 54 60. 1 for Coy HQ to Pl circuit Coy HQ	Coy HQ to Sector switchboard.
	19 Aust Emp Coy	6	5 D Mk V	19 Aust Emp Coy Billet Area	4 For pl posts Nos 77, 84, 89, 96. 1 for coy to pl circuit Coy HQ	HQ to Sector switchboard.
			1 PMG	" "		

over

PROCEDURE FOR MANNING BATTLE STATIONS.
ALLOCATION OF TELEPHONES
(Continued)

SECRET
30 NOV 43.

AREA	SUB-UNIT	NO OF PHONES REQUIRED	TYPE	OBTAINED FROM	BATTLE POSITION	REMARKS.
Bn HQ	Command Post	3	P.M.G.	Sig Pl	Command Post:- 1 Direct to Frt 1 to S/Board 1 Direct to Adv Arty Comd Post.	
	Int Office	2	1 PMG 1 Freddie	Sig Pl Phone Sig Pl	Int Office Int S/Board Operator.	
	Sig Clerk	1	P.M.G.	Sig Clerk's Office Billet Area	Sig Clerk Battle Post	Taken by Sig Clerk
B Ech	CH	1	P.M.G.	CH Store	B Ech	CH Responsible.
	Int OP	1	D Mk V	Sig Pl	Parap Hotel OP	
	Int OP	1	D Mk V		19 Emp Coy OP	

1. Phones will be the LAST thing to be removed before Coy Comd or Coy HQ moves out and will be the FIRST thing installed, when Coy reaches Battle Area.
2. In column 5 of attached sheet where it is shown that phones will be obtained from Sig Pl, these phones will be delivered to Coy Battle HQ by Sig Pl, but it is the Coy's responsibility assisted by Sig personnel attached to install them and all other phones in their positions.
3. The 2 (Two) phones for use of Int personnel in their OPs will be collected by them at the Sig Store before they move out.

.....Lieut.
Adj't 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION:

List 11
00 Centre Sector
00 Right Sector
19 Emp Coy

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DARWIN FORTRESS(AIF)

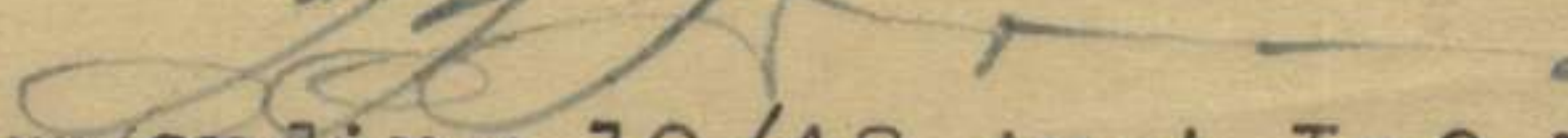
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
1 Dec 43.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

For period 1800 hrs 26 Nov to 1800 hrs 30 Nov 43.

1. Attached is an overlay showing tactical wiring completed and under construction during the above period.

 Lt-Col.
Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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APPX TO WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

1 DEC 43

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WIRING COMPLETED

WIRING UNDER

CONSTRUCTION

OVERLAY BOOM AREA

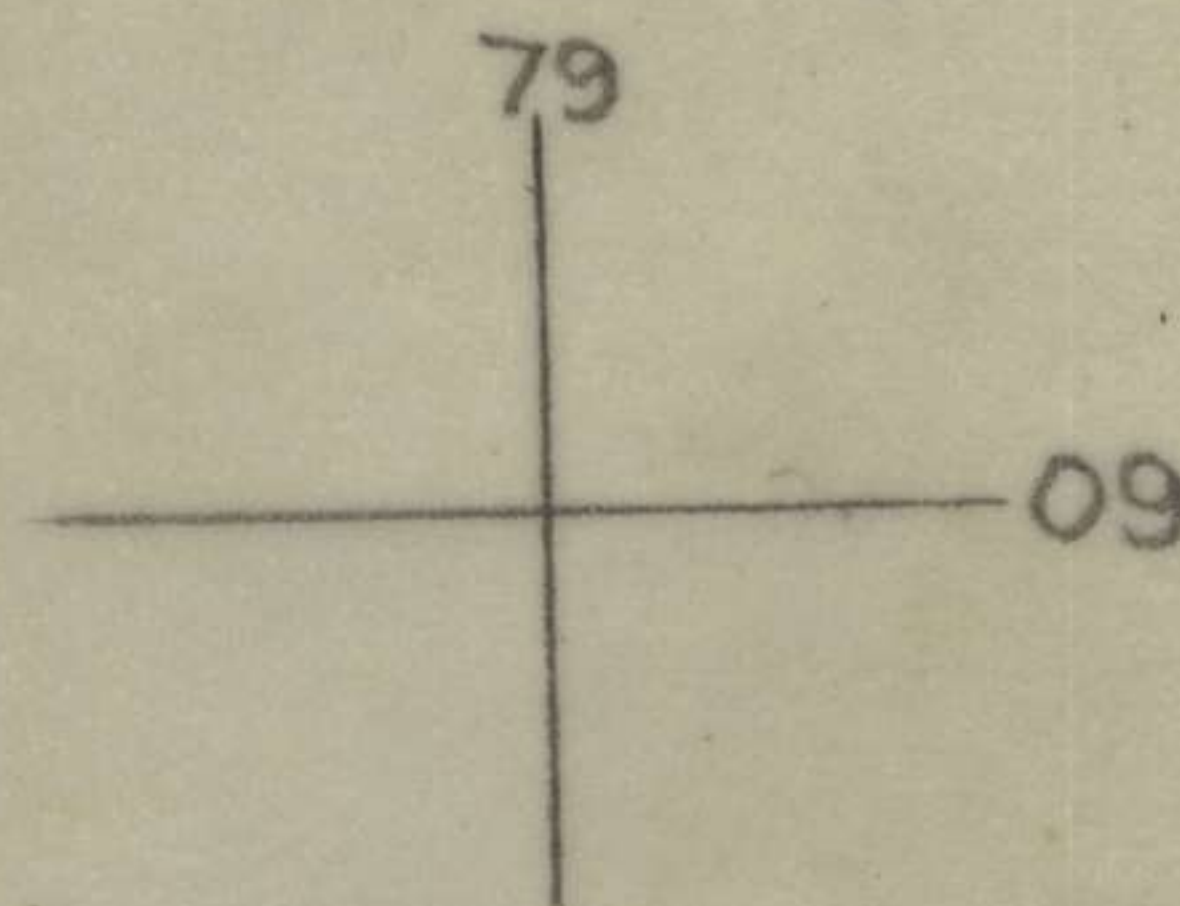
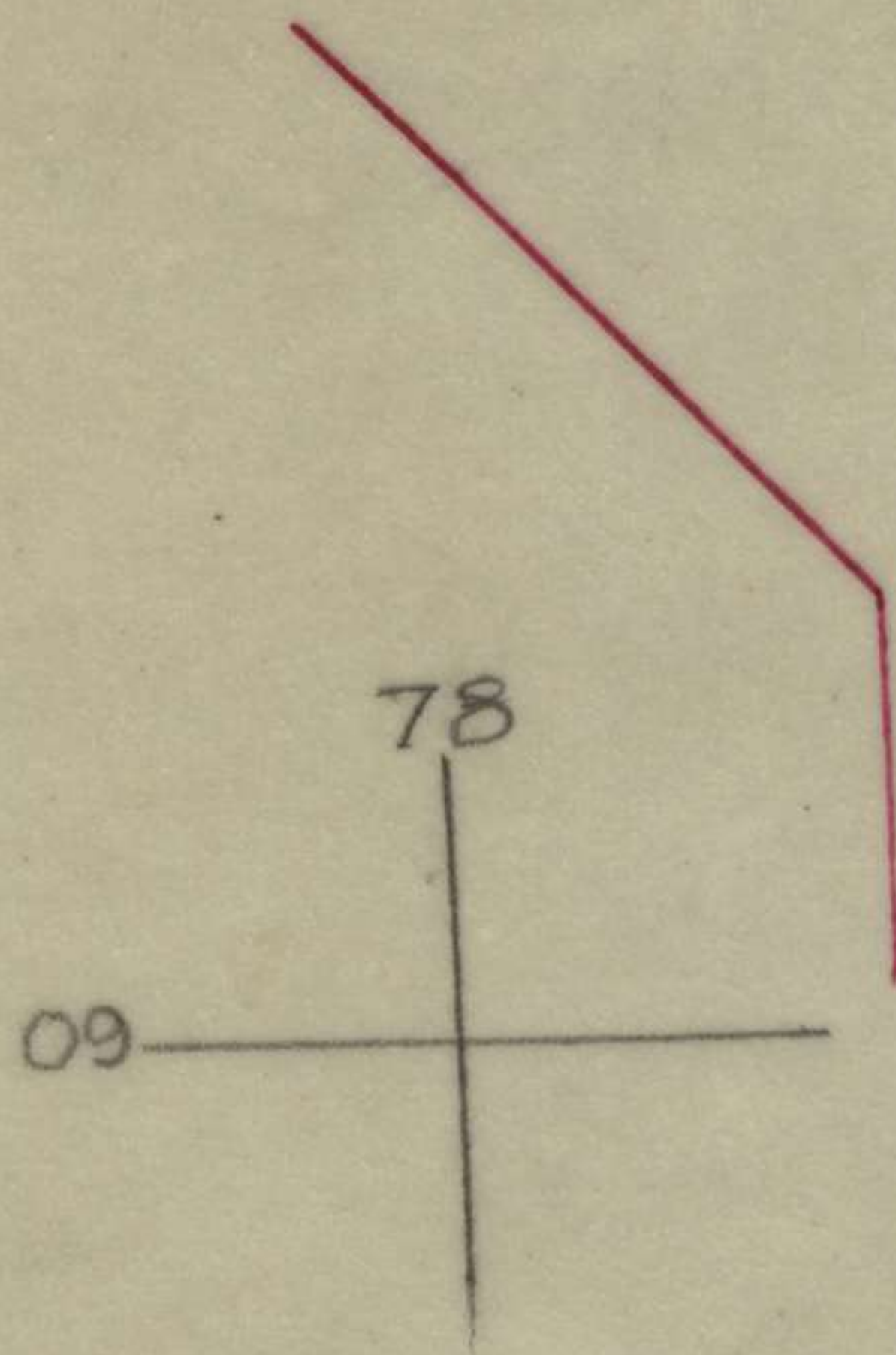
REF MAP DARWIN 8 INCHES TO MILE

INT SEC 10/48 AUST INF BN AIF

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APPX TO WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

1 DEC 48



WIRING COMPLETED

WIRING UNDER

CONSTRUCTION

OVERLAY LARRAKEYAH AREA

REF MAP DARWIN 8 INCHES TO 1 MILE

INT SEC 10/48 AVST INF ON A.I.F.

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Appx 4

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H.Q.
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
8 Dec 43.
INT/S.1/36.

SECURITY REPORT
For week ending 8 December 43.

1. NEW WORK (Defensive or otherwise)
As per Works Reports dated 27 Nov and 1 Dec 43.
2. WATER SUPPLY.
Irregular during period.
3. HEALTH & MORALE OF TROOPS.
Very good.
4. SECURITY OF AREA.
 - (i) Guard PERIMETER area of 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 12 ORs.
With the exception of 1 post, tour of duty is continuous.
 - (ii) Ludmilla Patrol.
 - (a) Time of Starting - as ordered.
 - (b) Strength - 1 NCO, 3 ORs.
 - (c) Patrol of Mangrove swamp on SOUTH side of LUDMILLA CR from 815134 (Ref Map DARWIN 1"-1 Mile) to BAGOT RD and all Minefields.
 - (iii) Fire and Patrol Picquet.
 - (a) Tour of duty - "Retreat" to "Reveille".
 - (b) Strength - 1 Officer, 2 NCOs, 10 ORs.
5. LITERATURE CONTAINING SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA AND NAMES OF PERSONNEL ON WHOM SUSPECT.
Nil.
6. IRREGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Nil.
7. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS THAT WARRANT INVESTIGATION.
Nil.
8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY.
Nil.
9. REMARKS.

The regular nightly patrol of LUDMILLA CREEK and Minefields was discontinued as from and including 28 Nov 43.

Future patrols will be carried out as and when ordered, but not more than once weekly.

As from and including 26 Nov, a Fire and Patrol Picquet will mount from "Retreat" to "Reveille" from which the Ludmilla Patrol will be drawn.

.....Lt-Col.
Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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H.Q.

DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

4 Dec 43.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

For Period 1800 hrs 30 Nov to 1800 hrs 3 Dec 43.

1. Attached is an overlay showing tactical wiring completed and under construction during the above period.

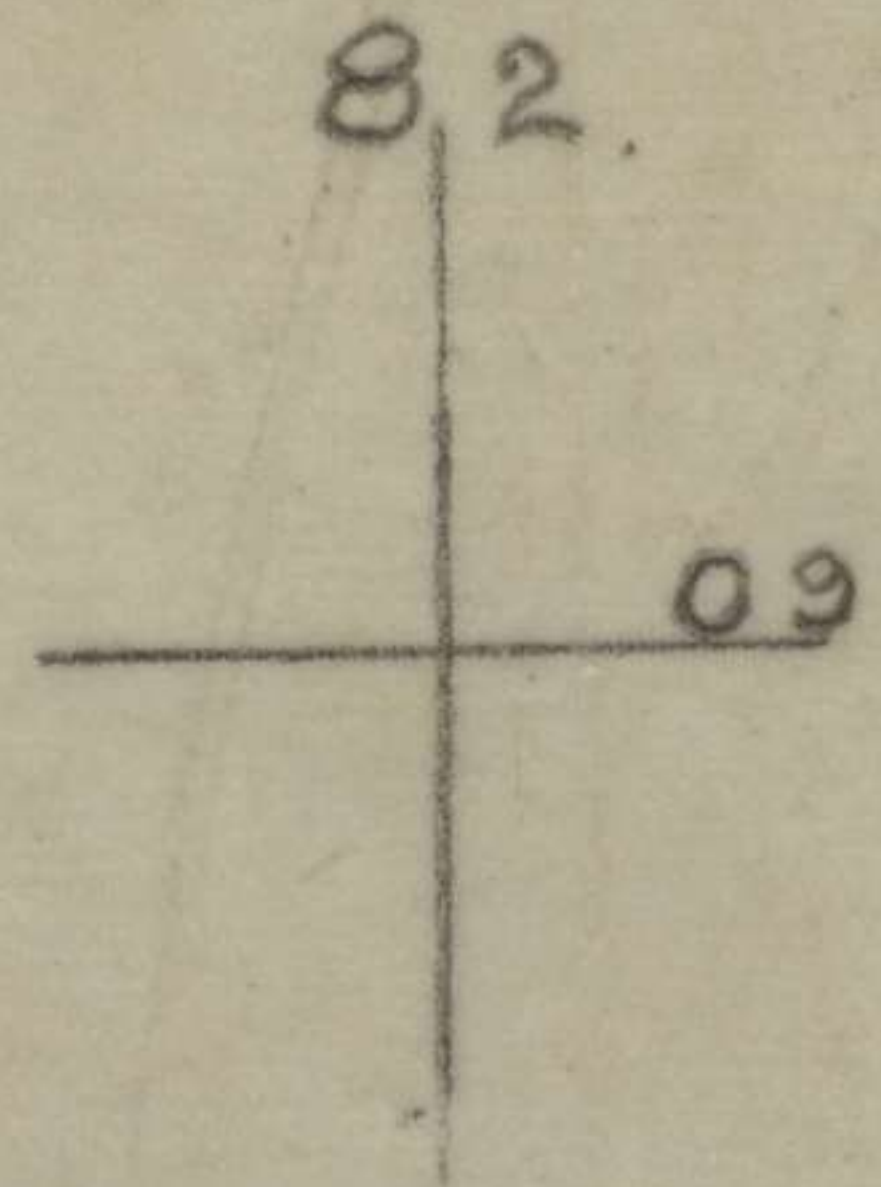
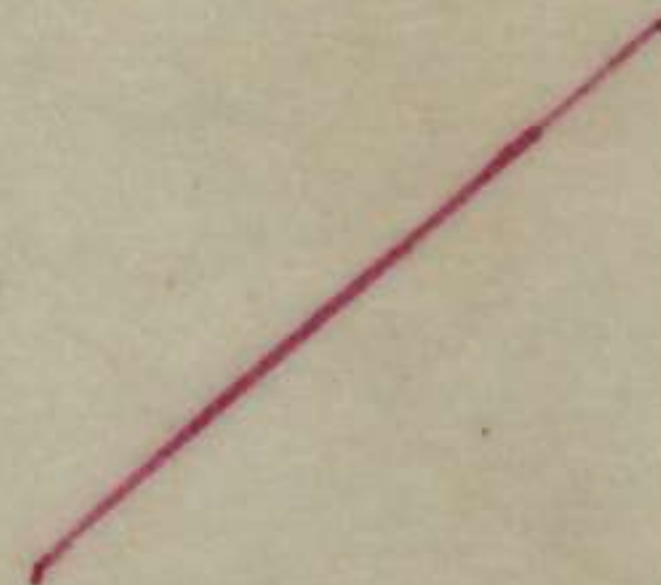
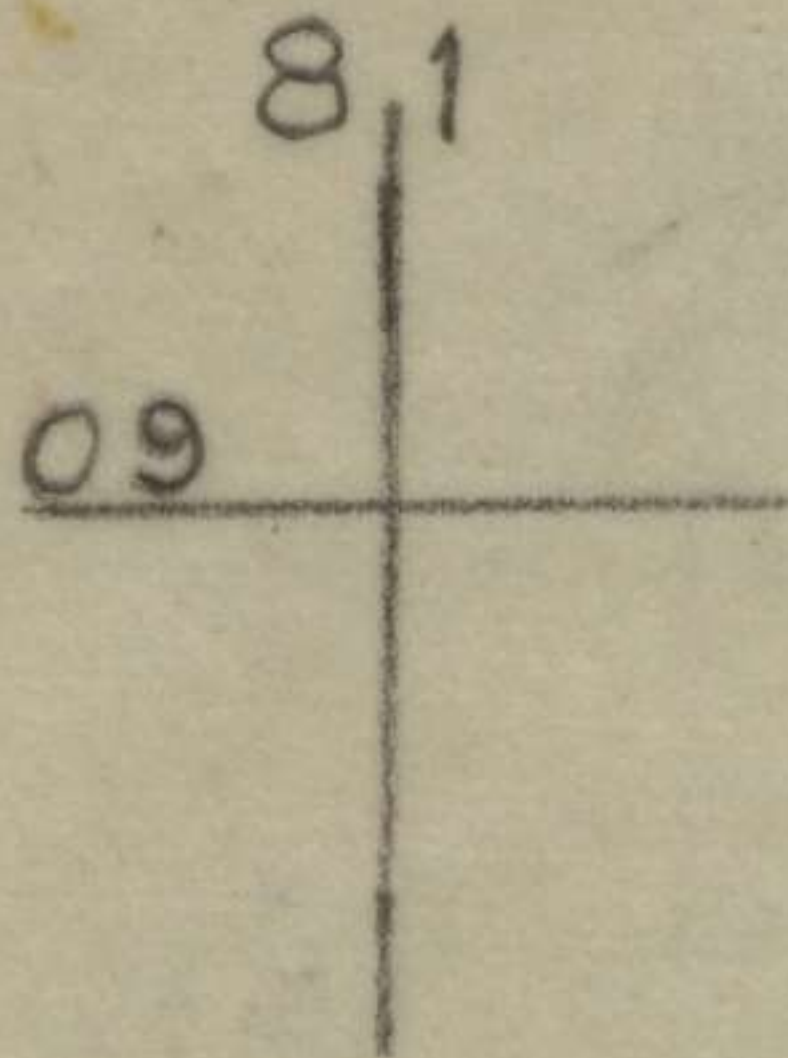


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Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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APPX TO WORKS PROGRESS REPORT.

4 DEC. 43.



Wiring Completed

Wiring Under

Construction.

OVERLAY BOOM AREA.

Ref Map DARWIN 8 inches To 1 mile
int sec. 10/46 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

Ref Map DARWIN 1"-1 mile 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 12 DECEMBER 45.

UNIT	TYPE OF TRAINING	AREA OF EXERCISE	PERIODS	SUBJECTS	REMARKS.
1	Field Works & Camflg. Coy Exercise.	Fortress Area	0900-1230 1400-1730	Field Works & Camflg. Two sided coy exercise between C & D Coys Object: To exercise coys in mobility in attack, defence, patrols, etc.	A & B Coys (less Art Duties) C & D Coys: Area: Parap-- Rapid Cl--Dripstone Caves-- Casuarina Beach.
6 Dec 45.					
2	Field Works & Camflg. Adm and Maintenance.	Fortress Area	0900-1230 1400-1730	Field Works & Camflg. C & D Coys: Maintenance of Battle Areas & Adm in Camp Area.	A & B Coys (less Art Duties) C & D Coys: Battle Area & Parap Camp.
7 Dec 45					

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 12 DECEMBER 45.

1. The following syllabus is made up to 7 Dec 45. It is anticipated that the move of this unit will take place on 8 Dec 45.

Ref Map DARWIN 1-1 mile NO. 88X SYLLABUS.

<u>PLANON</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	Maintenance of Battle Line and Signals Stores.
2	Bayonet, LMG, Grenade, Maintenance of Battle Area and Unit works.
3	5" Mortar ranging and orders, Bren, maintenance of battle position.
4	Construction of carrier bomb bays, maintenance of carriers, range practice (Bren)
5	Construction of bomb bays for Tk/A guns and portecoa, maintenance of battle position.
6	Unit and Prt works.
7	Adm and Maintenance duties.


Lieut.
 Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
4 Dec 43.
A/1/102.

MOVE TO 6 AUST INF BN AREA
ADVANCE PARTY

1. The following personnel will move to the above area as follows:-

(a) Monday 6 Dec 43.

Capt K.S. Biven

Adj. t.

Q.M.

R.S.M.

R.Q.M.S.

Tpt Sjt.

Capt Biven, RQMS and Tpt Sjt will remain at 69 Mile camp, remainder of personnel will return to unit on Monday Night.

T.O. will provide one 1 ton veh to report to Capt Biven at 0800 hrs 6 Dec 43.

(b) Tuesday 7 Dec 43.

One Officer per rifle coy.

4

Lieut R.V. Milton rep HQ Coy.

1

1 NCO (preferably pl Sjt) and one OR per Platoon

38

Bn OR Sjt

1

Intelligence Sjt and one OR.

2

Two OR from Q Store.

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These personnel will take all gear etc and will remain at the 69 Mile Camp.

T.O. will provide three 3 ton vehs and one 1 ton veh for the above.

The 3 ton vehicles will return to unit on Tuesday. The one ton veh will remain at the 69 mile camp and will report to Capt Biven.

This party will leave PARAP CAMP at 0800 hrs. Tpt will pick up personnel at each coy HQ and Bn HQ and report to Lieut Milton at HQ Coy.

2. Stores: The following tpt will be made available to QM for the moving of stores on 7 Dec 43. Tpt will report to QM at 0800 hrs and will return to unit on the same day:-

One 3 ton vehicle.

Four 30 cwt vehicles.

QM will allocate this tpt to Pioneer Officer, T.O., Sig Officer, as required.

.....*John*.....Lieut.
Adj. t. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION: List "D"
Lieut Milton
R.S.M.
6 Aust Inf Bn (for information)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

49 43
...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 10/48 Aust (Unit) Bn (AIF).

W.E. 17 12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 832+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 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	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	3	-	-	Majors					
NR	2	-	7	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	-	4	24	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters					
NOT APPLICABLE				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
NOT APPLICABLE				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	5	4	33		A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.	A.I.F. B	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
	A.	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
	E. (1)				NOT APPLICABLE						
	E. (2)				NOT APPLICABLE						

* 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.E. 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.
SX 6370	Lieut	MAITLAND A.Y.	23 .I.T.R.	1/12/43	Ceases to be seconded vide LHO Memo 193522 of 5 Nov 43, to date from 29 Oct 43.
SX22756	Lieut	TODD E.C.	"X" List	28/11/43	Rejoined Unit from LHO Tactical School Beenleigh.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX 28290	Lieut	MOORE E.C.	INF RPTS AIF	25/11/43	vide LHO Memo 077045 of 25 Nov 43 (Attached 10/43 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)) Pending movement to Aust Org Centre (J).

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).

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

49 43
...../..... (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major (T/Lt-Col)	VX44796	DAVIES	T.F.	OO	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN22763	BIVAN	K.S.	OC B	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN22774	MATTINSON	C.W.	OC A	Yes	X	
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN24382	MILLS	H.W.	21/c A	No	Attending School	18/11/43
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN22746	TEXTOR	G.	OC D	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN22747	SILKMAN	K.D.	OC C	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN22748	SMITH	D.H.	21/c D	No	On Leave	3/12/43
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN26630	HEATH	H.R.	OC HQ	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	SN22761	DAVEY	N.D.	ON	Yes		
Lieut	SN22751	GREEN	R.H.	P1 D	Yes		
Lieut	SN22767	STEWART	J.C.	sig O	Yes		
Lieut	SN22764	McDOUGALL	R.L.	Carr P1	Yes		
Lieut	SN 6570	HAILAND	A.Y.	P1 D	Yes		
Lieut	SN12097	LE GARNU	J.B.	Adjt	Yes		
Lieut	SN12113	MILTON	R.V.	Inf P1	Yes		
Lieut	SN12350	LIMBRICK	T.H.	P1 A	Yes		
Lieut	SN22756	TODD	E.C.	P1 A	Yes		
Lieut	SN22752	HAUNDER	V.H.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	SN22772	EASTWOOD	G.F.	P1 C	Yes		
Lieut	SN22760	BUTLER	H.	P1 C	Yes		
Lieut	SN22766	SIGAL	D.	OC Tr/A	Yes		
Lieut	SN22770	HOLLAND	L.E.	OC Mort	Yes		
Lieut	SN 22749	WILTSHIRE	D.L.	P1 D	Yes		
Lieut	SN22755	KIRBY	J.J.	P1 B	Yes		
Lieut	SN22874	SANDILL	V.L.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	SN22933	HALAN	J.W.	P1 C	Yes		
Lieut	SN 6806	LYNE	G.H.C.	P1 B	Yes		
A/Lieut	VX33496	PARKER	J.V.	P1 A	Yes		
A/Lieut	SN39876	STEINERSON	I.	P1 B	Yes		
A/Lieut	SN39772	LIVIE	J.B.	OC AA	Yes		
A/Lieut	SN37900	LOTT	B.	Carr P1	No	Attending School	22/11/43
A/Lieut	SN29372	PARRICK	E.	P1 B	Yes		
A/Lieut	SN29768	CASH	V.V.	P1 D	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.
CHAPLAIN	SN27741	CONSTABLE E.V.	A.A. Ch	14/8/43	CHAPLAIN
CAPTAIN	VX145106	HAIN H.	A.A.E.C.	14/11/43	R.H.O.
LIEUT (Prob)	SN28290	MOORE E.C.	Inf General St(AIF)	25/11/43	Attached Pending Movement to Aust Trg Centre (J.) vide HQ memo O20W25 of 25/11/43.

4 Dec 43.

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

Lt-Col.

Signature of Commander

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and 1st Lt. Decker Sjt promoted
vide 3 unit, Inf Regt 1941/70/1
duties being performed by 70 II

1. The following information was received from the [redacted] on 11/11/11:

Returned to Unit from K. List.
At present no summary.
Personnel on K. List

Not Required. Vacancies can be filled from within Unit.

Not required. Vaccines can be filled from within unit. Vaccines can be filled from within unit. Not required.

[illegible]

SELECT		K-2-A	K-2-B	DIVISION	RECEIVED
					ATTACHED

[illegible]

Qpl Filter	-	1
Each 1/2	-	1

[illegible]

agency to be filled from
surplus of 1 letter.
agency to be filled from

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1941. 10/45 UNIT (Unit) ON (AIR)

W.E. 17 12 8. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 332 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 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.	-	-	-	-	-
NR	1	1	0	W.Os. Class II.	AAFC	1	-	-	-
NR	2	-	3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAFC	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	1	Staff Sergeants	AAFC	-	-	-	-
NR	0	-	22	Sergeants	AAFC	7	-	3	NR
NR	13	1	00	Corporals	AAFC	0	-	2	NR
(171)	124	22	301	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AAFC	20	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	Civilians counting as O.R.	-	-	-	-	-
171 *	206	35	661	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	-	40 *	1	5	- *

* * 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.P.		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	B96 B	704	SIL	**	-	-	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	-	701
B(1)	NOT APPLICABLE									
B(2)	NOT APPLICABLE					[REDACTED]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

Unit

Serial No.

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

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

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Shirley

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
5 Dec 43.

A/1/105,

RELIEF - 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF) BY 6 AUST INF BN.

1. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will be relieved by 6 Aust Inf Bn on Wednesday 8 Dec 43.
2. Preparation for move:
 - (a) No gear will be taken from the present area by personnel except the following:-
 - (i) Officers:
 - Valises
 - Trunks
 - Stretchers(folding type only)
 - Arms & Eqpt.
 - (ii) ORs.
 - Kitbags
 - Packs
 - Arms
 - Eqpt.
 - (b) Stores: QM will advise coys of stores to be taken
 - (c) Coys will prepare inventories in triplicate of all stores, furnishings etc left behind.
These are to be checked at the time of handover; signed by officers concerned and disposed of:-
 - 1 copy to QM 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 - 1 copy to OC Coy " " " "
 - 1 copy to 6 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (d) Midday Meal 8 Dec 43 will be at 1115 hrs.
 - (e) Camp Hygiene:
 - (i) All tins, refuse, garbage etc will be disposed of.
 - (ii) Incinerators will be left burning and with all remaining garbage.
 - (iii) Kitchens will be thoroughly cleaned by 1230 hrs Wed 8 Dec 43
 - (iv) Billets, coy areas, ablutions and latrines will be thoroughly cleaned and cleared of gear other than that to be handed over to 6 Aust Inf Bn by 1100 hrs Wed 8 Dec 43.
 - (f) Advance Party - Instructions issued separately.
 - (g) Guard - with the exception of the ammunition post which will remain until relieved by 6 Aust Inf Bn, the guard will dismount at 0900 hrs 8 Dec 43.
 - (h) Carriers
 - (i) Carriers will be floated on AASC vehicles to new area after arrival of 6 Aust Inf Bn carriers in this area.
 - (ii) Guns and stores will be removed before loading.
 - (iii) One driver will accompany each vehicle throughout the journey to new area.
 - (iv) OC Carrier Pl, assisted by one RP, will guide 6 Aust Inf Bn carriers to loading ramp and take over AASC vehicles when off loading has been completed.
 - (i) Dress. Full marching order. Blankets and ground sheet rolled horseshoe fashion on packs, kit bags to be carried on trucks with personnel.
3. Movement
 - (a) Transport has been allotted as per Appx "A"
 - (b) AASC tpt will report between 1130 hrs and 1214 hrs. 8 Dec 43. Unit tpt will report to coys at 0830 hrs.
 - (c) Move will be made in coy blocks.
 - (d) S.T. - First coy block will move at 1400 hrs.
 - (e) Coys will advise Bn HQ when ready to move. Order of march will depend upon arrival of 6 Aust Inf Bn and will be notified to coys.
 - (f) Speed and density - 15.M.I.H.
8.V.T.M.

- (g) Halts - 10 mins to the hour.
 (h) Carriers and vehicles towing cookers will move as a separate block before the main convoy, under command OC Carriers Pl.
 (i) T.O. will be responsible for move assisted by RPs.

4. On Arrival at new area coys will:-

- (a) report their arrival in their own areas to Bn HQ.
 (b) Clear AASC vehs and allot quarters.

5. Protection on the Move.

- (a) Each coy will mount 4 LMGs on tpt for AA protection.

.....Lieut.
 Ajt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION: List "D"
 R.S.M.

M. T. ALLOTMENT

SERIAL	ALLOTMENT	1 ton	30 cwt	3 ton	REMARKS.
1	Band eqpt & RP Gear		1		
Bn HQ	Bn HQ office gear, reserve arm.		1		
	RAP & RMO Gear	2			
	Intelligence office & IO	1			
	Canteen			1 ^x	
	CO, Adjut, 2i/c & Padre's gear;				
	2i/c, Adjut & Padre's batmen	1			Padre's veh
	Officers' & Sjt's Mess			1	
	Tp carrying veh			2	
2	Kitchen, stores, incl A/A pl	1	1	1 ^x	3 ton veh will
HQ Coy	and Hygiene Stores.				tow cooker.
	Signal Stores.	2			
	Mortar Stores.	2			
	Carrier "	1	1		
	Carriers.			21	
	Pioneer Stores.		1		
	Tpt Stores.	1		1	
	Q Store.			3(1 ^x)	
	Tp carrying veh			8	
3	Coy Stores etc	1		1 ^x	3 ton veh will
A Coy	Tp carrying veh			4	tow cooker.
4	Coy Stores etc.	1		1	
B Coy	Tp Carrying veh			4	
5	Coy Stores etc.	1		1	
C Coy	Tp carrying veh			5	
6	Coy Stores etc.	1		1 ^x	3 ton veh will
D Coy	Tp Carrying Veh			5	tow cooker.
		15 ^x	5 ^x	60	

^x Unit Vehicles.

ALLOTMENT OF TP CARRYING VEHICLES.

COY	STRENGTH	ADV PARTY	PORTEES	PERS WITH CARRIERS	DRS & PERS ON STORES VEH	TOTAL TO BE LIFTED BY TP CARRIERS.	VEH
Bn HQ	62	3	-	-	12	47	2
HQ Coy	253	24	24	22	30	153	8
A Coy	100	7	-	-	6	87	4
B Coy	105	8	-	-	6	91	4
C Coy	103	7	-	-	6	90	5
D Coy	105	7	-	-	6	92	5
	728	56	24	22	66	560	28

1. Twenty pers will be carried per tp carrying veh. To adjust coy strength the following will apply:-

7 pers from Bn HQ will move with HQ Coy
 7 pers " A Coy " " " D Coy
 11 pers " B Coy " " " C Coy
 These personnel will report to respective coys at 1300 hrs 8 Dec 43.

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10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
7 Dec 43.

CENSORSHIP

1. Whereas previously a soldier could mention in correspondence that he may be home on leave soon, due to altered circumstances and the possibility of the Bn moving on leave in large convoys it is now necessary to impose strict censorship in regard to leave.
2. Coys will therefore notify their personnel that no mention will be made in correspondence or otherwise of the possibility of the Bn moving on leave.

DISTRIBUTION

List D
Padre

R. J. Sander
.....Lieut
IO, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
7 Dec 43.

A/1/105.

RELIEF - 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF) BY 6 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. The following instructions are to be read in conjunction with this HQ Memo A/1/105 of 5 Dec 43.
2. Rear Party: 1 Officer, 19 ORs from C Coy will remain until clearance is obtained from C.O. 6 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
3. Working Party: 3 ORs from C Coy will report to Canteen at 0830 hrs to assist in loading Canteen Vehicle.
1 NCO and 5 ORs from each of A B and D Coys will report to Bn Orderly Officer at 0930 hrs Wednesday.
4. Personnel in Close Custody: Coys will take over personnel from their coys who are in close custody at 0900 hrs 8 Dec 43. These personnel will remain in close custody in their coys until coys are advised by Bn HQ.
5. Time: Sig Officer will synchronise time at 1330 hrs 8 Dec 43.
6. Control of Convoy: The following personnel will report to OC of Respective coy groups at 1330 hrs 8 Dec 43 and will control the movement of their respective groups on Motor Cycles.

HQ Coy	3	RP Sjt, 2 from Mortar Pl.
Bn HQ	1	RP
A Coy	1	Sig Orderly
D Coy	1	Tpt Orderly
B Coy	1	Sig Orderly
C Coy	1	RP.
Carriers	2	Tk/A Pl, Tpt Orderly.
	10	
7. March Table is attached.
8. Halt: The convoy will halt for 20 mins at 1540 hrs.
9. Messing Arrangements.
 - (a) Coy Kitchens to gether with cookers and water carts will be ready to move by 1245 hrs and will be formed up on the OUB-Road past the Sentry box in the following order:-

HQ Coy	1 x 3 ton veh	(Towing cooker)
A Coy	1 x 3 ton veh	(Towing Cooker)
B Coy	1 x 3 ton veh	
C Coy	1 x 3 ton veh	
D Coy	1 x 3 ton veh	(Towing cooker)

 Water Carts -- 3.
 - (b) This convoy will move at 1300 hrs in charge of WO II Hynes.
 - (c) Evening meal will be served at the new camp from rifle coy areas. HQ Coy will ration the pls attached to rifle coys by Hot box from C Coy Area. Allocation of cooks will be made to coys after this meal and all rifle coys will ration attached HQ Coy personnel as from Breakfast 9 Dec 43. C Coy will retain HQ Coy cooker.
 - (d) All rifle coy officers will mess with their respective coys and HQ Coy officers with the rifle coy to which their platoons are attached for evening meal 8 Dec 43 and breakfast on 9 Dec 43. Bn HQ Officers will be rationed by B Coy Wednesday evening, thereafter from officers' Mess.
 - (e) All officers will mess as from lunch on 9 Dec 43 at Officers' Mess
 - (f) Rations will be delivered to coys at new site until further notice and will not be drawn from the Q Store.
10. Quartering: Owing to the disposition of HQ Coy, the allocation of areas and messing responsibility will be as follows:-

A Coy Nos 1 and 4 Pls.	B Coy Q Store and Bn HQ pers
C Coy No.3 Platoon, Tpt and coy HQ, HQ Coy	D Coy 2, 5 and 6 Pls

Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
Lieut.

DISTRIBUTION: List "D"
R.S.M.

10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)
MARCH TABLE
8 DEC 43.

M.I.2.H. 30
V.T.N. 8

S.P. - Out Gate Parap Camp

Order of March	GROUP.	Start Time		T R A F F I C C O N T R O L P O I N T S					
		Head	Tail	25 Mile-Elizabeth River		54 1/2 Mile Junc NA&Batchelor Rds		69 Mile Camp	
				Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail
1	HQ Coy 25 Vehs	1400	1411	1532	1543	1740	1751	1835	1846
2	Bn HQ 10 Vehs	1412	1416	1604	1608	1752	1756	1847	1851
3	A Coy 5 Vehs	1417	1419	1609	1611	1757	1759	1852	1854
4	D Coy 6 Vehs	1420	1423	1612	1615	1800	1803	1855	1858
5	B Coy 5 Vehs	1424	1427	1616	1619	1804	1807	1859	1902
6	C Coy 6 Vehs	1428	1432	1620	1624	1808	1812	1903	1907
7	Carriers 21 Vehs	1433	1444	1625	1636	1813	1824	1908	1919

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S E C R E T


H.Q.
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
8 Dec 43.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

For Period 1800 hrs 3 Dec to 1800 hrs 7 Dec 43.

1. During the above period knife rests have been completed in the Boom Area. No new tactical wiring has been laid.


.....Lt-Col.
Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

SECRET

W.D.
Appx 14

ROAD RECCO REPORT

by

10/48 MUST. INF. BN. (A.I.F.)

Ref Map - PINE CREEK 4 miles - 1 inch.
Map Ref - 413325 to 406321
Route - PELL Field to STAPLETON Siding
Distance - 5.5 miles
Strength of Patrol - 4
Patrol Leader - Sjt. M.B. Greasy, Int. Sec.

OBJECT:

- (a) Classification of road or track in both dry and wet weather.
- (b) Nature and condition of road or track surface.
- (c) Distance along road or track from HA road upon which convoys including troop carrying vehicles can move.
- (d) Work necessary on road or track in order to make same all weather road or track.
- (e) River and creek crossings whether same are defiles and extent to which same will affect movement (note particularly any low classification bridges).
- (f) Cover from air observation along road or track including distance which it is possible for vehicles to move off road for dispersion.

PART I

- (a) Road classification - B2 (C3)
- (b) Condition of road - Mainly earth surface with stretches of red gravel. The track is rough and the greater portion is in bad condition. It would deteriorate rapidly with rain.
- (c) Only entrance to track at present is at North end of bridge at 413325. Light M.T. can cover whole distance, but swamp patch at 412326 would be impassable to convoys of heavy M.T. or tp carrying vehicles. During wet season track would be impassable to any M.T. in present state.
- (d) Majority of track passes over swamp country and extensive stretches of corduroy would be necessary to make it an all weather track. Corduroy at 413326 would make it passable temporarily.
- (e) Creek crossings at 411326 and 406323 would require bridges to make them passable in wet season. The first is a timber ford with two feet clearance from creek at time of recco. and the second a stone ford in the creek bed. Both are defiles.
- (f) Light timber along majority of route provides some cover from air observation. Dispersal off track limited to last mile of route and at isolated points along track.

ROAD RECCE REPORT - DETAILED.

NAME OF ROUTE: Pell Field to
Stapleton Siding.

REF MAP PINE CREEK 4 miles to 1 inch

FROM 413325 TO 406321

TOTAL LENGTH - 5.5. miles.

WEATHER CONDITIONS - Fine

TYPE OF VEHICLE USED - 1-1ton truck

DATE - 14 Dec. 43

PLACE (Ref Map)	TIME	SPEEDO READING (Commence from zero)	RD CLASSN		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM RD AND NATURE OF COUSS COUNTRY AND BAD CURVES GOING	STEEP GRADIENTS	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
413325	0930	0-0.6	B2 h	C3	12 ft	fair	Flat swampy country. No movement off track in wet season	-	Leave NA Rd. north end of bridge at 413325 and pass sports ground on left
412325	0935	0.6				Bad			Creek crossing - bad mud patch no detour
412325 to 411326	0935	0.6 - 2	B2	C3	12 ft	Fair	Stretches of flat swampy ground and rough lightly timbered country. Movement off road nil in wet.	-	
411326	0945	2							Sign post and creek crossing
411326 to 409325	0945	2 - 3	B2	C3	12 ft	Bad	Rough swampy ground Nil movement off track		2.6 - Water hole left of track 3.0 - Water hole encroaching on track. Repairs needed.

PLACE (Ref Map)	TIME	SPEEDO READING (commencing from zero)	RD CLASSN		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM RD AND NATURE OF CROSS COUNTRY GOING	STEEP GRADIENTS AND BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
409325 to 407324	0955	3-4.4	B2	C3	12 ft.	Fair	Nil movement off track	-	4.4 - Water-hole and 2 minor creek cross- ings. Need repairs.
407324 to 406321	1005	4.4 - 5.5	B2	C3	12 ft	Fair	Hard and rough surface. Movement off road possible with care. Country lightly timbered	-	4.6 - Rock outcrop right side of track. 5.0 - Old mines left side of track. Road building material available. 5.2 - Creek crossing 5.5 - Junction Darwin River Station Road.

REF MAP PINE CREEK 4 miles to 1 inch

REPORT ON BRIDGES AND FORDS

DATE 14 Dec. 43

MAP REF	CONSTRUCTION C CONCRETE M MASONRY W Timber S Steel (if ford nature of bottom)	LENGTH in feet	WIDTH in feet	HEIGHT ABOVE RIVER BED in feet	No. of Piers or spans	DETOURS AT SIDE ED easily detoured CD Construction of detour possible Cons. detour impose	Class (if none est load in tons)	APPROACHES Height and nature of banks	REMARKS
411326	Timber ford	10 ft.	10 ft.	2 ft.	-	Detour on right (dry weather only) CD	3 to 4 tons	solid earth	storm creek. liable to flooding in wet season.
406325	Stone ford	12 ft	10 ft.	in creek bed	-	No detours	5 tons	solid earth	Liable to flooding in wet season

REF MAP - PINE CREEK - 4 miles to 1 inch

WATER SUPPLY

DATE - 14 Dec. 43

NAME OF ROUTE - PELL Field - Stapleton siding

MAP REF	SOURCE (Stream, dam, spring, etc. flowing or stagnant)	DEPTH	CAPACITY and available supply yield in galls per day)	QUALITY (Salinity in gr/ gal PPM to chlorinate)	Present Equipment and state of same	Remarks
410325 to 406322	Stapleton Creek - flowing	varies	unlimited	Good	Nil	

ROAD RECON REPORT

by

10/43 AUSTR. INF. BN. (A.I.F.)

Ref Maps - PINE CREEK AND DARWIN - 4 miles to 1 inch.

Map Ref - 406321 to 396365.

Route - STAPLETON Siding to DARWIN RIVER Stn.

Distance - 30.5 miles.

Strength of Patrol - 4

Patrol Leader - Sjt. M.B. Cressy, Int. Sec.

OBJECT:

- (a) Classification of road or track in both dry and wet weather.
- (b) Nature and condition of road or track surface.
- (c) Distance along road or track from HA road upon which convoys including troop carrying vehicles can move.
- (d) Work necessary on road or track in order to make same all weather road or track.
- (e) River and creek crossings whether same are defiles and extent to which same will affect movement (note particularly any low classification bridges).
- (f) Cover from air observation along road or track including distance which it is possible for vehicles to move off road for dispersion.

PART I

- (a) B2 (C3)
- (b) With exception of numerous swampy patches, majority of track is hard gravel surface in fair condition. These stretches reduce wet weather classification of route to C3.
- (c) Road is passable at present time to approximately 403337. Alternative road could probably be taken at this point but area not reconed. Repairs necessary at many other points before troop carrying convoys could move on entire route.
- (d) Small stretches of corduroy from 406321 to 403335 and repairs to creek crossings at approximately 403337 would make this portion of road serviceable under wet conditions. From 403335 to 396365 extensive improvements would be necessary to make road passable in wet season.
- (e) Creek crossings at 406322, 404322, 404326, 397342, 397352, 397357, 397364 would all constitute defiles and need repairs or bridging to be made passable in the event of heavy rains.
- (f) Cover from air provided by light timber along entire route. On high ground dispersal of vehicles possible close to road except where proximity of railway line makes this impossible.

ROAD RECON REPORT - DETAILED

NAME OF ROUTE - STAPLETON Siding
DARWIN RIVER STATION.

REF MAPS - DARWIN & PINE CREEK 1/4 miles to 1 inch FROM 406321 TO 406325 TOTAL LENGTH - 30.5 miles.

WEATHER CONDITIONS - Fine

TYPE OF VEHICLE USED - 1-lton truck

DATE - 14 Dec 43.

PLACE Ref Map	TIME	SPEEDO READING (Commence) (from (zero)	RD CLASS		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM RD AND NATURE OF CROSS COUNTRY GOING	STEEP GRADIENTS & BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
406321	1200	0.0 - 0.1							Stapleton Creek Bridge.
		0.1 - 0.4	B2	B2	15 ft.	Hard gravel surface. Fair condition	Nil	-	0.4 - Cross railway line to west side.
		0.4 to 1.1	B2	B2	15 ft	Red gravel surface with sections of corduroy	Nil Railway line on right. Fence and cleared property on left		0.7 - Shed and stock yards on right. 1.1 - Cross railway line to east side. Seargent's property one mile west of track junction at this point
406322		1.1 - 1.3	B2	CB	12 ft.	Swampy - Bad	Nil	-	Swampy stretch with 2 creek crossings in need of repair.
406322 to 406325		1.3 - 2.4	B2	B2	12 ft.	Hard rough gravel track	Movement off track on east side with care	Steep grade at 4.1	2.5 - Cross line to west side. 4.4 - Creek crossing hook ford needs repairs for vet.

(2)

PLACE Ref Map	TIME	SPEEDO READING (Commence from zero)	RD CLASSN		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD AND NATURE OF CROSS COUNTRY GOING	STEEP GRADIENTS & CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
404326 to 403336	1320	4.4 - 11.4	B2	C3	12 ft	Hard rough gravel sur- face with swamp patches	Movement off track possible on West side at time of recce but not in wet season. Lightly timbered country.	-	5.4 Dry W.H. and ry br to East side 5.9 R.A.A.F. camp on West side 7.6 Mud patch requires filling 7.8 R.A.A.F camp to West side 8.5 Rd junc. 30 yds of water on track past junc. 8.9 Rd junc (to Batch- elor field) 9.2 Track junc to West
403336	1400	11.4	C3	C3	12 ft	Bad. Swampy for 150 yds			Light M.T. bogged. No close detour. Impass- able to hy M.T.
		11.4 - 19.9	B2	C3	12 ft	Hard rough gravel surface with swamp patches	Dispersal and movement off track on high ground at time of recce, except where prevented by ry line and vicinity RUM JUNGLE STA. and homestead.		11.8 Camp on rise on East side of track followed by RAAF quarries

PLACE Ref Map	TIME	SPEEDO READING (Commence from zero)	RD CLASSN		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD AND NATURE OF CROSS COUNTRY GOING	STEER GRADIENTS & CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
									<p>11.9 - Take right turn past quarries to ry line and cross line to east side.</p> <p>12.2 - Cross line to west side.</p> <p>12.6 - RUM JUNGLE STA. Well on west side of track.</p> <p>12.9 - Homestead and reserve west side.</p> <p>12.3 - Track junc. to west.</p> <p>12.6 - Ry. bridge on east side.</p> <p>12.9 - Ry. bridge on east side, and ford.</p> <p>12.7 - Junc. of West track.</p>
397351	1530	19.9	B2	C3	12 ft	Boggy & Wet for 200 yds.	Nil		Corduroy required.
397351 to 396355		19.9 - 30.5	B2	C3	12 ft	Gravel with swampy patches	Movement off track at time of recon. Nil in wet season		<p>22.2 Creek crossing.</p> <p>22.5 Creek crossing</p> <p>22.1 48 mile ry. camp</p> <p>27.5 Track junc. 396355</p> <p>22.7 Ry. bridge east side</p> <p>22.0 Stone ford across creek</p> <p>22.0 DARWIN RIVER STA. & Pumping Sta.</p> <p>Profile & possible subush area from 397355 to 396354</p>
1635 Recon completed									

REF MAP - 2 INCH CREEK & DARWIN
6 miles to 1 inch

REPORT ON BRIDGES AND FERDS

DATE 14 Dec 43.

MAP REF	CONSTRUCTION C Concrete M MASONRY W TIMBER S. STONE. (if ford nature of bottom)	LENGTH (in feet)	WIDTH in feet	HEIGHT ABOVE RIVER BED in feet	No. of Piers or Spans	DETOURS AT SIDE SD easily detoured CD Construction of detour possible Cons. detour impos	Classn (if none est load in tons)	APPROACHES Height and nature of banks	REMARKS
405322	W	10	10	5	1	Stone ford in creek bed west of bridge	10	masonry	All weather bridge
404323	2 loose stone and gravel fords	10	10	in creek bed	-	NIL	3	solid earth	Crossings appr 200 yds. apart liable to flooding.
403326	stone ford	10	10	in creek bed	-	NIL	3	solid earth	Needs repairs for wet season
397347	stone and gravel ford	10	10	in creek bed	-	-	3	solid earth	Needs repairs for wet season
397357	"	"	"	"	"	-	"	"	"
398357	"	"	"	"	"	-	"	"	"
396354	solid stone ford	20	10	in creek bed	-	NIL	5	"	Water holes either side. 7 to 8 feet clearance.

REF MAP - DARWIN & FINE CREEK 4 miles to 1 inch

RIVER SUPPLY

DATE 14 Dec. 43.

NAME OF ROUTE - STAPLETON - DARWIN RIVER STA.

MAP REF	SOURCE (Stream, dam, spring etc. flowing or stagnant)	DEPTH	CAPACITY and available supply yield in galls per day)	QUALITY (Salinity in gr/ gal PPM to chlorinate)	Present Equipment and state of same	REMARKS
404327	Bore	unknown	unknown	unknown	6 - 1000 gall. tanks, 4 of which fed by pump.	RAAF Camp under construc- tion.
598343	Well	"	"	Good	Windlass and bucket	
598354	DARWIN RIVER		unlimited	Good	Steam engine pump and 2 storage tanks	

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REAR PARTY

The following instructions will be carried out by the rear party during the absence of the main body of the unit on leave.

1. AMN (a) Guard will be maintained.
(b) Amn will be serviced regularly and kept free from weather.
(c) RSM will ensure that above provisions are complied with and will arrange for coy reserves to be returned to Bn for this purpose.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) One phone in Adjutant's office direct line to Bde.
(b) One phone in Adjutant's office direct line to offrs mess.

3. MAINTENANCE

- (a) All MT, carriers, guns, mortars, signal equipment, stores etc. will be regularly maintained and serviced. Storage of arms and equipment of personnel on leave will be inspected regularly to ascertain that such are stored satisfactorily and free from weather.

4. ALLOTMENT OF DUTIES

- (a) Working parties to assist Pioneer Offr will be obtained from rifle coys. All coys will share mess orderly duties.

5. WATER SUPPLY

- (a) Lieut Milton will be responsible for the supply of water.

6. MESSING

- (a) Officers - Officers Mess
(b) ORs - C Coy Kitchen and Mess Hut.
(c) All Wifes Cookers will be concentrated at C Coy kitchen. These cookers will be used in succession for one week at a time.

7. ACCOMMODATION

- (a) All personnel of rear party will be quartered in their present Coy areas. At least two men will be in each Coy area at all times. Messing will be arranged so that meals are kept for these personnel until first personnel return from messing to their respective coys.
(b) There will be an officer or orderly at the Adjutant's office at all times.
(c) All tents not occupied by personnel on the rear party will be struck and returned to Coy Q Stores.

8. SAFE CUSTODY OF STORES - Stores in Coy Q Stores.

- (a) The Acting CQMS or storeman will be present at Coy Q Stores at all times.
(b) There will be at least one person from the Bn Q Store present at each Bn Q Store building at all times.

9. WORKS

- (a) Works will be continued with the following priority:-
 - i. Sleeping Huts
 - ii. Shower improvements.
 - iii. Roads
 - iv. Mess and Kitchen at HQ Coy
 - v. Sjts Mess.
 - vi. Officers Mess.

10. COY KITCHEN AND LINES

- (a) Coy kitchens which will not be in use, will be thoroughly cleaned and left in inspection condition. This includes the clearance of incinerators, ashes, foodstuffs, grease traps, drains, etc. Lines will be left tidy and unoccupied huts completely empty.

DISTRIBUTION

LIST D
RSM

.....Lieut
Adj 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

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ROAD REPORT

by

10/46 AMT INF BL (AIR)

Ref Map - DARNIN 4 Miles to 1 Inch
 Map Ref - 417337 to 376361
 Route - HA Road to Lucy Mine
 Distance - 26.9 Miles.
 Strength of Patrol - 5
 Patrol Leader - Lieut D.L. Wiltshire.

Object:

- (a) Classification of Road or track in dry and wet weather.
- (b) Nature and condition of road and or track surface.
- (c) Distance along road or track from HA Road upon which convoys incl to carrying vehs can move.
- (d) Works necessary on road or tracks in order to make same all-weather road or track.
- (e) River and Creek Crossings, whether same are defiles and extent to which same will effect movement (Note particularly any low classification bridges).
- (f) Cover from air observation along road or track incl distance which it is possible for vehicles to move off road for dispersal.

PART I.

- (a) Road classification R2 (OS)
- (b) Mainly earth surfaces with stretches of red gravel. The track is fairly good except where shown on road report. It would deteriorate rapidly with rain.
- (c) Approx 3.1 miles at present.
- (d) Corduroy is necessary on stretches of track shown as bad on road report.
- (e) Bridging of creeks detailed in road report would be necessary to make road passable in wet season. Bridge at 395364 should be repaired as soon as possible.
- (f) Light timber along majority of road provide some cover. Dispersal possible off track except on low lying ground.

ROAD RESCUE REPORT - DETAILED

NAME OF ROUTE: NA Road to Lucy Mine.

REF MAP: DARWIN - 4 Miles to 1 Inch.

FROM 417357 TO 376361

TOTAL LENGTH - 26.9 miles.

WEATHER CONDITIONS - Fine

TYPE OF VEHICLE USED - 1-1 ton Truck DATE: 22 Dec 43.

PLACE (Ref-Map)	TIME	SPEEDO READING (Commence from zero)	RD CLASS		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD & NATURE OF CROSS COUN- TRY GOING.	STEEP GRAD- IENTS & BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
417357	1545	Zero	B2	C3	10 ft	Fairly soft			
	1551	1.8	"	"	"	Track Fair	Slightly timbered	-	Leave NA Road.
		21.8 to					movement off road Nil		Creek crossing
	1558	5.1	"	"	"	Good	in wet		
	1558	5.1	"	"	"	50 yards	Ground very soft No	-	
						bad track	movement off track.		
		5.1 to 4.1	"	"	"	Fairly good	Movement off track OK		
	1602	4.1	"	"	"	"			Creek crossing. OK now.
									not fordable in wet.
		4.1 to 4.7	"	"	"	Track Fair	" " " "		
	1606	4.7	"	"	"	40 yds bad	Fairly firm		Would not take large convo
						track			
398363		4.7 to 6.1	"	"	"	Track OK	" "		
	1610	6.1	"	"	"	50 yds Bad	Lagoon on right and		Detour on left OK at present
						Track	across track		
		6.1 to 10.4	"	"	"	Track fairly	Fairly good OK		
	1634	10.4	"	"	"	good			
									Creek crossing. Soft bot-
		10.4 to B.O	"	"	"	Track fairly	" " "		tom not fordable in wet.
	1650	13.8	"	"	"	good.	" " "		Crossed railway

PLACE (Ref-Map)	TIME	SPEED READING (Commence on zero)	RD CLASS		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD AND NATURE OF CROSS- COUNTRY GOING.	STEEP GRAD- IENTS AND BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
393363	1650	13.8 to 15.4	B2	C3	10 ft	Fairly soft	No movement off track		
	1701	15.4	"	"	"	100 yds bad	" " " "		Low soft ground. Impass- able to heavy MT.
	1701	15.4	"	"	"				Bridge: Ref bridges & Ford
	1720	15.4 to 18.1	"	"	"	Good	Ok at present.		
		18.4	"	"	"	Fair at pre-	" " "		Low ground would be slip- pery with heavy rain.
			"	"	"	sent			
	1731	18.4 to 19.2	"	"	"	Fair			Creek crossing.--Bad.
		19.2	"	"	"				Impassable to heavy MT.
376361	1829	19.2-20.8	"	"	"	Fair	" " "		No ground--Ok at present
		20.8 to 26.9	"	"	"	Track fairly	" " "		Hilly ground.
	1833	26.0	"	"	"	good.	No detour possible.		Bogged--bad patch.
			"	"	"	20 yds bad			
			"	"	"	track			
		26.0 to 26.9	"	"	"	Fair	OK at present.		Arrived Lucy Mines.
	1837	26.9	"	"	"				

MAP REF	CONSTRUCTION C CONCRETE M MASONRY W TIMBER S STEEL (if ford nature of bottom)	LENGTH in feet	WIDTH in Feet	HEIGHT ABOVE RIVER BED IN FEET	No. of Piers or Spans.	DETOURS AT SIDE ED Easily detoured CD Construction of detour possible Cons. Detour imposs.	Class (if none ent load in tons)	APPROACHES. Height and nature of banks.	REMARKS.
416358	Ford--firm bottom	10 ft	10 ft	-	-	No detours.	4-5 tons	solid earth	Liable to flooding after heavy rain.
412359	" "	"	"	-	-	" "	"	"	" " "
401363	Ford--Soft bottom	12 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	2 tons.	"	" " "
399362	W	"	12 ft	5 ft	-	" "	5 tons	Solid earth	Bridge in good order.
395364	W	"	10 ft	4 ft	-	" "	1 ton.	Eastern App- roach rough Muddy on Eastern side	Bridge in bad repair Logs loose. Dangerous solid on West to NE unless pushed over.
393364 approx	Ford--Soft bottom	10 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	1 ton.	Fairly soft	Bad crossing.

REF MAP DARWIN 4 Miles to 1 Inch

WATER SUPPLY

DATE - 23 Dec 48.

NAME OF ROUTE- NA Rd to Lucy Mine

MAP REF	SOURCE (stream, Dam Spring, etc.) Flowing or stag- nant	DEPTH	CAPACITY and available supply yield in galls per day	QUALITY (salinity in gr/gal TFM to chlorinate.	Present equipment and state of same	REMARKS.
395365	Darwin River.	Unknown	Unlimited.	good	Steam engine pump and 3 storage tanks.	

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ROAD RECON REPORT

BY
10/48 JUNE INF RE (AIR)

Ref Map - DARNIN 4 Miles to 1 Inch
Map Ref - 376361 to 376342
Route - Lucy Mine to Mount Finniss
Distance - 9.9 Miles
Strength
of Patrol - 5.
Patrol Leader - Lieut D.L. Wiltshire.

Object.

- (a) Classification of Road or Track in dry and wet weather.
- (b) Nature and condition of road or track surface.
- (c) Works necessary on road or track in order to make same all-weather road or track.
- (d) River and creek crossings, whether same are defiles and extent to which same will affect movement. (Note particularly any low classification bridges.)
- (e) Cover from air observation along road or track including distance which it is possible for vehicles to move off road for dispersal.

PART I

- (a) Road classification BB (C3)
- (b) Mainly earth surfaces with stretches of red gravel. The track is fairly good except where shown on road report. It would deteriorate rapidly with rain.
- (c) Corduroy is necessary on stretches of track shown as bad on road report.
- (d) Bridging of creeks detailed in road report would be necessary to make road passable in wet season.
- (e) Light timber along majority of road provide some cover. Dispersal possible off track except on low lying ground.

ROAD JOURNAL REPORT - DETAILED.

NAME OF ROUTE: Lucy Mine to Mt
Finniss

REF MAP: DARWIN 4 Miles to 1 Inch

FROM 576361 TO 575349

TOTAL LENGTH: 9.9 Miles.

WEATHER CONDITIONS - Fine

TYPE OF VEHICLE USED - 1-1 ton truck

DATE 22 Dec 43.

PLACE (Ref-Map)	TIME	SPEEDO READING (Commence from zero)	RD CLASS		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD AND NATURE OF CROSS COUNTRY GOING	STEEP GRAD- IENTS AND BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
576361	0824	Zero	B2	C3	10 ft				Left Lucy Mines.
	0824	"	"	"	"	100 yds Bad Track	No movement off track, Low ground.		Bogged: Bad patch. No convey or heavy M.T.
		.1 to 3.6	"	"	"	Fair	OK at present.		
	0841	2.6	"	"	"	20 yds Bad Track	Very soft		Small detour made.
		3.3 to 4.0	"	"	"	Good	OK at present.		
	0845	4.0	"	"	"				Small creek crossing O.K.
		4.0 to 7.2	"	"	"	Very good	" " "		
	0902	7.1	"	"	"	20 yd Bad track	" " "		Small detour made.
		7.1 to 8.0	"	"	"	Good	" " "		
	0912	8.0	"	"	"				Creek crossing: Fair
575349		8.0 to 8.9	"	"	"	Good	" " "		
	0916	8.9	"	"	"				Same as above. O.K.
		8.9 to 9.9	"	"	"	Fairly good	" " "		Track fairly sandy.
	0926	9.9	"	"	"				Arrived Mount Finniss.

MAP REF	CONSTRUCTION C CONCRETE M MASSIVE W WOOD S STEEL (If Ford, nature of bot- tom)	LENGTH in Feet	WIDTH in Ft	HEIGHT ABOVE RIVER BED IN FEET	NUMBER OF PIERS OR SPANS	DETOURS AT SIDE AND EASILY DETOURING OR CONSTRUCTION OF DETOUR POSSIBLE. CONS. DETOUR IMPOSSIBLE.	Class (if none es- timate load in tons.	APPROACHES HEIGHT AND NATURE OF BANKS.	REMARKS.
575357	Ford--Firm bottom	9 ft	10 ft	-	-	No Detours	3-4 tons.	solid earth	Liable to flooding
575358	Ford--Sandy bottom	12 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	5 tons	" "	Liable to flooding but could be crossed unless water too deep
575359	Light Timber Ford.	12 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	5 tons	" "	" " " " "

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ROAD REPORT, FRONT

by

W/32 THE WHEEL (A/R)

Ref Map - DARWIN 4 Miles to 2 Inch
Map Ref - 414339 to 575849
Route - HA Road to Mount Finnies
Distance - 24.5 miles.
Strength
of patrol - 5.
Patrol Leader - Lieut D.I. Wiltshire.

Object

- (a) Classification of Road or Track in Dry or Wet Weather.
- (b) Nature and condition of Road or track surface.
- (c) Distance along Road or track from HA Road upon which convoys need to carrying vehs can move.
- (d) Works necessary along Road or track to make same all-weather Road or track.
- (e) River and Creek crossings, whether same are defiles and extent to which same are will affect movement. (Note particularly any low classification bridges.).
- (f) Cover from Air observation along the Road or track and distance which it is possible for vehicles to off Road for dispersal.

PART I.

- (a) Road classification IS (CS)
- (b) Mainly earth surfaces with stretches of red gravel. The track is fairly good except where shown on road report. It would deteriorate rapidly with rain, especially toward Mt Finnies
- (c) Approx 6.5 miles at present.
- (d) Corduroy is necessary on stretches of track shown as bad on road report.
- (e) Bridging of creeks detailed in road report would be necessary to make road passable in wet season. Large detours around open country at Mt Finnies end would be necessary in wet season.
- (f) Light timber along majority of road provide some cover. Dispersal possible off track except on low lying ground.

ROAD RECON REPORT - DETAILED

NAME OF ROUTE - NA Road to Mt Finnie

REF MAP DARWIN 4 Miles to 1 Inch

FROM 414549 TO 375349

TOTAL LENGTH - 24.5 miles.

WEATHER CONDITIONS - Fine.

TYPE OF VEHICLE USED - 1-1 ton truck

DATE 23 Dec 43.

PLACE (Ref- Map)	TIME	SPRINT READING (Commence from Zero)	RD CLASS		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD AND NATURE OF CROSS- COUNTRY GOING	STEEP GRAD- IENTS AND BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DAY	WET					
414549	0957	Zero to 6.5 6.5	FB	0 3	10 ft	Fair	OK at present.		Several small mud patches.
			"	"	"	15 yd bad patch	No detour possible.		Small creek crossing.
		6.5 to 8.5	"	"	"	Fair	OK at present.		Bogged; Bad patch
		8.5	"	"	"				
		8.5 to 9.4	"	"	"	Track good.	" " "		Small creek crossing .O.K.
		9.4	"	"	"		" " "		Crossed railway.
		9.4 to 10.4	"	"	"	" "	" " "		Small creek crossing. Very rough.
		10.4	"	"	"				
		10.4 to 11.7	"	"	"	" "	OK at present		Small creek crossing. m sand bottom.
		11.7	"	"	"				
		11.7 to 14.5	"	"	"	Track fair	" " "		Small creek crossing. No convoy if wet.
		14.5	"	"	"				
		14.5 to 17.5	"	"	"	Track fair	" " "		Detour made O.K.
		17.5	"	"	"	100 yds bad track	Ground fairly firm.		
		17.5 to 20.4	"	"	"	Track fairly	Ok at present.		
		20.4	"	"	"	good.			Creek crossing small wooden bridge. O.K.

PLACE (Ref-Map)	TIME	SPW 10 READING (Commence from zero)	PD CLASS		WIDTH OF ROAD	STATE OF SURFACE.	DEPARTURE FROM ROAD AND NATURE OF CROSS- COUNTRY GOING.	STEEP GRAD- IENTS AND BAD CURVES	REMARKS
			DRY	WET					
575349	1927	20.4 to 21.5	12	03	10 ft	Fair at pre- sent.	Mostly low, flat ground		Impassable if wet. Several muddy patches.
		21.5	"	"	"	30 yds bad track	Very soft		Bogged; No convoy or heavy M.T.
		21.5 to 22.6	"	"	"	Fair at pre- sent	Low ground, OK at pre- sent		Impassable if wet.
		22.6	"	"	"	30 yds bad track	Very soft		" " " No convo of heavy M.T.
		22.6 to 24.5	"	"	"	Track fine	OK at present.		

MAP REF	CONSTRUCTION C CONCRETE M MASONRY W TIMBER S STEEL (If Ford, na- ture of bottom)	LENGTH in feet	WIDTH in feet	HEIGHT ABOVE RIVER BED IN FEET.	NUMBER OF PIERS OR SPANS.	DETOURS AT SIDE ED Easily Detoured CD Constn of detour possible. Cons. Detour impos- sible.	CLASS (If none est load in tons)	APPROACHES (Height and nature of banks)	REMARKS.
408348	Ford--Very Muddy	24 ft	32 ft	-	-	No detours.	1 ton	Fairly solid	Crossing very boggy: Impassable unless temporarily repaired on spot
408347	Ford--Fairly firm.	10 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	3-4 tons	Solid earth	Not passable in heavy rain.
597347	Ford--Stone bottom	10 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	3-4 tons	Solid earth	Very rough on North can side. Southern side OK.
598348	Ford--Sand bottom	10 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	23-4 tons	Solid earth	OK unless water too high.
598349	Ford--Fairly firm	10 ft	10 ft	-	-	" "	3 tons.	Solid earth	Not passable after heavy rain
582349	W	12 ft	10 ft	5 feet	-	" "	4-Stone	Solid earth	Condition fairly good.

REF MAP DARWIN 4 miles to 1 inch

WATER SUPPLY

DATE 23 Dec 43.
NAME OF ROUTE - HA RD to Mt Finnis.

MAP REF	SOURCE (stream, Dam, spring, etc, flowing or stagnant)	DEPTH	CAPACITY and available/yield supply in galls per day	QUALITY (salinity in gr/gal PPM to chlorinate)	Present equipment and state of same.	REMARKS
324348	3 small lagoons	(a) 15 ft approx. (b) 6 ft approx.	unknown unknown	Good Good	-	(a) 100 yds x 40 yds approx. (b) 60 yds x 50 yd approx.

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ROAD RECCE REPORT

by
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

Ref Map - DARWIN 4 miles to 1 inch.
Map Ref - 415349 to 442367
Route - EAST TRACK to MARRAKAI.
Distance - 27 miles
Strenght of Patrol - 5
Patrol Leader - Lieut D.W. Crompton.
Date - 28 Dec 43.
Time - 0940 hrs (NA Rd) to 1200 hrs (Marrakai)
Weather Con- Cloudy. Rain fell along NA Rd between 0700 and 0800 hrs
ditions - this morning. This extended about 4½ miles out EAST
Track from NA Rd. from there for approx 2 miles. no
rain had fallen for at least 3 days, the track was dry
and dusty. The rest of the track to Marrakai was damp
and probably had rain yesterday evening.

OBJECT.

- (1) To determine the distance from NA Rd which convoys, including troop carrying vehicles, can move.
- (2) Whether vehicles can leave the road or track for dispersion purposes
- (3) The general condition of the road surfaces.
- (4) Work required if any to make track passable for troop carrying convoys.

Information.

- (1) As far as Marrakai.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The track has not deteriorated with wet except small patches which are not bad, but could become impassable in a matter of hours. Road surface from 415349 to 420346 very rough, water troubles nil,
Thence to HEATHER LAGOON fair condition, part dry and dusty, part damp.
Thence to 430353 across black soil plains firm except for a about 150 yds liable to break up under continual traffic. Can be detoured right or left in its present condition but would be impassable after steady rain.
MARRAKAI CROSSING is made difficult by an abrupt bank on the east side.
From here to MARRAKAI fairly firm going prevails, & the soft patches can be detoured if necessary.
- (4) Grading East bank of MARRAKAI CROSSING approx 6 man hours.

.....*Ed Crompton*.....Lieut.

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ROAD AND RECCE REPORT

by

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

RefMaps - DARTON 4 miles to 1 inch.
Map Ref - 411380 to 431387
Route Out - from HUGHES to HUMPTY DOO
Route Back - via ACACIA GAP 423367 to NA RD 417362.

Strength Patrol - 5.

Patrol Leader - Lieut D.N. Crompton

Date - 29 Dec 43.

Time - 1110 hrs. HUGHES, 1420 hrs HUMPTY DOO 1910 hrs NA RD at

Weather Conditions: 417362. Fine: There has been very little or no rain over the low lying parts of this route for the last week.

OBJECT:

- (1) To determine the distance from NA Rd which convoys, incl tp carrying vehs can move.
- (2) Whether vehs can leave the road or track for dispersal purposes.
- (3) General condition of the road surface.
- (4) Work required if any to make track passable for tp carrying convoys.

INFORMATION:

- (1) Convoys could not pass a ford close to NA Road at HUGHES. Convoys could not pass stretches of black soil between 424372 to 425370 after heavy shower.
- ~~(1a)~~ Convoys could not pass the bridge over the MANTON RIVER at 41703625 until the approaches at both ends are repaired. I was unable to find any sign of a track from 431385 to DONALD'S LAGOON.
- (ii) Yes.
- (iii) Track surface is firm generally. There are soft spots in the plain which can be negotiated by convoys but very little rain would make these difficult or impassable. They are notably in the vicinity - 427382, 427377 to 424363.
- (iv) Work required to make route passable to convoys.
 - (1) Creek crossing 412379 short corduroy bridge, length about 30 feet.
 - (2) Approx 1/2 mile past above crossing 50 yds corduroy.
 - (3) Grade banks of creek at 42543795.
 - (4) Corduroy approx 150 yds may be required at 427382 but there is plenty scope for detours as long as the black soil will hold.
 - (5) North East bank of creek at 431387 requires 15 yds of corduroy or stone.
 - (6) Repairs to approaches of corduroy over MANTON RIVER at 41703625 requires 30-40 yds of stone and gravel.

NOTE: In no case will the route be passable without extensive corduroy after a little more consistent rain on the flats.

..... *D. N. Crompton* Lieut.

21 APR 1944

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF) O.O. 10

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Ref Maps DARWIN 1" to 1 MI
DARWIN 8" to 1 MI

30 Nov 43.

INFM

1. Enemy Bases NORTH of AUST are still occupied by enemy and there is constant danger of an attack on this area.
2. Own Tps
- a. Within the Fortress Area are divided into COVERING FORCE, FORTRESS RES, and six def localities. COVERING FORCE consists of:-
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (Less B Coy Two Dets Mortars and Tk/A Pl)
1 Aust Fd Coy RAE.
One Pl 5 Aust Docks Opg Coy. RAE
6 Aust Survey Coy
11 Aust Sup Pers Coy
Hqs 3 Aust Fd Butchery
Det 12 Aust Fd Bakery
Det 12 Aust Div Salv Unit
19 Aust Emp Coy
FORTRESS RES is located outside NA RD area of 808102 and consists of:-
B Coy 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
Two dets Mortars 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
Pl Hqs and two sub secs Tk/A Pl 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
Other Fortress Tps - Located in def localities at PARAP CAMP, LARRAKEYAH, MYILLY POINT and MINDIL BEACH, BOOM AREA (SE end of DARWIN township), FANNY BAY, and EAST POINT.
- b. Sp Tps
- i Fd Arty - Two btys of Fd Regt allotted to Frt are in sp of COVERING FORCE. to Fortres
- ii Tk/A Arty - One bty, being that allotted/with under comd two sub secs of Tk/A Pl 10/48 Aust Inf Bn, is disposed in general area of COVERING FORCE posns.

INTENTION

3. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps will occupy posns for the def of the landward approaches to the FORTRESS.

METHOD

4. FDLs 827119 - 828122 - 822127 - 818125 - 816121 - 813119 - 808122 - 806118 - 803116 - 799115.

5. SECTORS

- a. RIGHT incl NARROWS - incl line from SE end CIVIL DROME 814123, to QUARRY 816113.
OC Maj C.J.A. Coombes MC
Tps under comd - C&D Coys 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aust Emp Coy
Eight MMG 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
Sp Tps Two dets Mortars 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
- b. CENTRE excl line SE end CIVIL DROME 814123 to QUARRY 816113 - excl FANNY BAY RD.
OC Lieut R L McDougall
Tps under comd - Two MMG 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
1 Aust Fd Coy
6 Aust Survey Coy
One Pl 5 Aust Docks Opg Coy
Det 12 Aust Div Salv Unit
Sp Tps - Two dets Mortar 10/48 Aust Inf Bn

(2)

c. LEFT incl FANNY BAY RD to incl VESTEYS BEACH.

OC Capt G.W. Mattinson

Tps under comd - A Coy 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
One MMG 10/48 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aust Sup Pers Coy
HQs 3 Aust Fd Butchery
Det 12 Aust Fd Bakery

6. Dispositions - See attached trace Appx A.

7. Sp Fire

- a. Fd Arty - Two btys of Fd Regt are in direct sp of COVERING FORCE. In addition third bty will participate in certain specified DF tasks and will also be available on request if not otherwise required. Arty tasks incl SOS Tasks see Appx B.
- b. Tk/A Arty - Disposed as per attached trace Appx A and list of posns and arcs Appx C.

8. Mortars

- a. Two dets 820121.
Task Sp RIGHT SECTOR
SOS 827126
- b. Two Dets 810118
Task Sp CENTRE SECTOR
SOS 805121
DF tasks at call see Appx D.

9. MMG - Posns and tasks Appx E.

10. TK/A Rifles - Posns and arcs Appx F.

11. LMG - Arcs and fixed lines see Appx G.

12. BELs These are allotted for purpose of illumination at night of area forward of FDLs as follows:-
- a. A Coy one light vicinity post 1.
Task - VESTEYS BEACH and open ground to EAST of beach.
 - b. D Coy one light vicinity post 51.
Task - Area from incl NA RD to incl LUDMILLA CK.
 - c. 19 Aust Emp Coy.
 - i. One light vicinity post 79.
Task - Area from excl PIMPLE 831120 to incl ry.
 - ii. One light vicinity post 82.
Task - Area from incl re-entrant 826116 to incl PIMPLE 831120.

13. OBSTACLES

- a. Pnr Pl will close gaps in Minefields at ry, NA RD, and BAGOT RD, with road blocks and mines on occupation of Bn Area.
- b. NA RD - closed at 822124 - 825126 by D Coy.
- c. FANNY BAY RD - closed at 804114 by A Coy.
- d. Gaps in Coy Areas and tracks to be closed by respective Coys.
- e. Ry to be closed at 825123 and 822121 with block, concertina wire and booby traps by D Coy.
- f. Tk/A Minefields have been laid from SADGROVES CK to LUDMILLA CK through the general line of BAGOT -NA RD junc.

14. PATROLS - Areas of responsibility:-

RIGHT SECTOR

- a. Incl QUARRY 816113 - NARROWS - incl QUARRY 817131 and to cover Minefields.
- b. EAST to incl RAAF 830140.
- c. NORTH to incl LUDMILLA Rifle Range and BAGOT RD.

CENTRE Sector

- Excl QUARRY 817131 - NORTH end of RACECOURSE - incl GOLF 802120.

(3)

LEFT Sector - Excl GAOL 802129 - VESTEYS BEACH - incl BAY 800117 and to patrol to and contact FANNY BAY def area.

Sectors will arrange mutual times for junc of patrols. In addition RIGHT Sector patrols will junc with patrols of Fd Force at rd - ry crossing 838128 and rd junc 826156 at times to be arranged.

Limit of patrol responsibility of Fortress Tps is general line of 838123 - 843127 - 843141 - 835147 - 835151 - 826154 - 826156 - 813155.

15. RES

- a. 2 Pl and 6 Pl HQ Coy.
Location - See APPX A.
Role - Protection of Bn HQ and counter attack within COVERING FORCE AREA.
- b. One Sec Carrs.
Location - Bn HQ Area.
Role - Protection of Bn HQ and sp by fire of any counter attack within COVERING FORCE Area.

16. WITHDRAWAL There will be NO withdrawal from COVERING FORCE posns unless ordered by FRT CMD. Posns to be occupied in event of withdrawal are shown on attached trace Appx H. Allocation to particular coys and sub units is dependant upon the situation at the time of withdrawal.

ADM 17. See Appx I

INTERCOMN

18. See Appx J

ACK

Time of Signature 18.00 Hrs

.....LIEUT
Adj 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

by
LT-COL T.F. DAVIES.
COMMANDING 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Serial No.123.

(Paras 585 to 588)

9 Dec 43.

PARA. 585. DUTIES.

The following Orderly Duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

9 Dec 43.

DUTY COY "A" COY
ORDERLY OFFICER Lieut R.Green
ORDERLY NCOs. A COY

11 Dec 43.

DUTY COY "D" COY
ORDERLY OFFICER Lieut W.V.Cash
ORDERLY NCOs. D COY

10 Dec 43.

"A" COY
Lieut E.C.Todd.
A COY

12 Dec 43.

"D" COY
Lieut A.Y.Maitland.
D COY

PARA. 586. WASHING OF CLOTHES

Clothes will not be soaked in bore water for longer than 2 hrs. To leave clothing in bore water overnight will result in the ~~fabrie~~ of the clothing rotting.

PARA. 587. WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water in 44 gallon drums and tanks attached to cookhouses will be used only for cooking and drinking and will not be used for the washing of clothes and other purposes. It must be appreciated that fresh water is carted by Water Carts which are working to capacity to maintain essential minimum requirements.

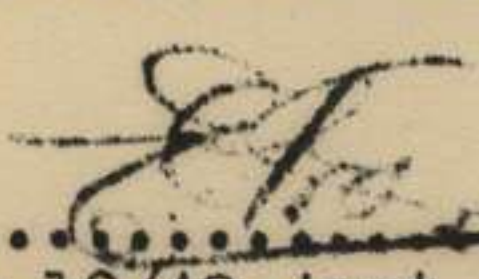
very effort will be made to conserve supplies of fresh water.

PARA. 588. MENS' CLUB

The Bde Mens' Club is open as follows:-

Monday-Saturday (incl)	1700 hrs to 2200 hrs.
Sunday	1000-2200 hrs.

Ice cream is sold daily at 1900 hrs.


.....Lieut.
Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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Serial No.124.

(Paras 589 to 595)

11 Dec 43.

PARA. 589. DUTIES.

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	<u>12 Dec 43.</u>	<u>13 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"D" COY	"D" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut A.Y.Maitland	Lieut W.V.Cash
DUTY NCOs.	D COY	D COY
	<u>14 Dec 43.</u>	<u>15 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"D" COY	"D" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut A.Y.Maitland	Lieut D.L.Wiltshire.
DUTY NCOs.	D COY	D COY

PARA. 590. LEAVE - CHRISTMAS 1943. (FRT ORDER NO. 539.)

Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Christmas Day, 1943 will be observed as an additional rest day.

2. Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all Headquarters to function.

3. Personnel retained for duty on Christmas Day 1943 may be permitted to take Monday 27th December, 1943 as a rest day in lieu.

PARA. 591. LEAVE - PAY FOR PERSONNEL PROCEEDING ON. (FRT ORDER NO. 542.)

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that personnel proceeding on leave from NT, may draw only TWO pounds immediately prior to movement.

2. On arrival at intermediate LTds, a similar amount may be drawn, and upon arrival at LTD, home state, full credit entitlement or portion thereof, may be drawn as required.

3. Strict adherence to this instruction will minimise risk of losses by theft en route.

PARA. 592. REMITTANCES OF CASH TO INTERNEES IN AUSTRALIA. (FRT ORDER NO. 543.)

Remittances of undrawn pay or of cash to internees inside AUSTRALIA is NOT permitted, and will NOT be accepted by Command Paymaster NT FORCE.

2. The only means of effecting such transactions is through normal mail channels.

PARA. 593. UNSERVICEABLE TOOTHBRUSHES AND COMBS - DISPOSAL OF. (GRO O. 782.)

1. Attention of all ranks is directed to the necessity for the return of unserviceable tooth brushes and combs to QMs before receiving a replacement issue.

2. These articles have considerable value owing to the cellulose acetate content which is in short supply.

PARA. 594. TRAIN TRAVELLING - INTOXICATING LIQUOR. (GRO. A. 789)

1. No member of the forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling.

PARA. 595. WEARING OF SAM BROWNE BELT. (GRO O. 794.)

1. The Sam Browne Belt may be worn by officers and warrant officers, Class I, as an alternative to the cloth or cotton belt -

(a) on formal occasions, with the shoulder strap over the right shoulder and

(b) on other than formal occasions, with or without the shoulder strap over the right shoulder.

2. For the purpose of this order, "formal occasions" will include all parades of a ceremonial nature held in public, attendance at official public functions and any occasion which commanders directly under LHQ may at their discretion prescribe.

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Adj 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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NOTICES

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF TRIAL

The results of the trials of the undermentioned members by Courts Martial convened and confirmed by G.O.C., NT Force(AIF) are published below:

(1) Member Tried - SX16134 Pte STEVENS J.

Charge - AA 15(1) Absenting himself without leave.

Finding - Guilty

Sentence - To undergo detention for 120 days.

Date of Sentence - 30 Nov 43.

Promulgation - 10 Dec 43.

(2) Member Tried - SX15077 Pte WHITE C.W.

Charge - Firstly: under AA18(4), with stealing Public Property.
Secondly: under AA40, with conduct to prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was in improper possession of ammunition.

Finding - Not guilty to first charge.
Guilty to second charge.

Sentence - To undergo detention for 6 months.

Date of Sentence - 30 Nov 43.

Promulgation - 10 Dec 43.

CHURCH SERVICES (for Sunday 12 Dec 43)

(a) Church Service for all coys at Red Shield Hut - 0930 hrs.

(b) RC Mass - Red Shield Hut 0800 hrs.

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Serial No.125.

(Paras 596 to 600)

13 Dec 43.

PARA. 596. DUTIES.

The following Duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	14 Dec 43.	15 Dec 43.
DUTY COY	"D" COY	"D" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut A.Y.Maitland.	Lieut D.L.Wiltshire.
DUTY NCOs.	D COY	D COY
	16 Dec 43.	17 Dec 43.
DUTY COY	"D" COY	"D" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut J.W.Whalan	Lieut G.F.Eastwood.
DUTY NCOs.	D COY	D COY

PARA. 597. SECURITY OF INFORMATION. (GRO.G.466.)

1. There is an increasing tendency for civilians to interrogate members of the Allied Armed Forces when the latter are on leave, travelling on duty, etc.
2. If not checked, this practice, although generally inspired by idle curiosity, may lead to the disclosure of much information of value to the enemy and will facilitate the task of enemy spies.
3. All ranks will be instructed that, in addition to refusing to disclose information to civilians, they should endeavour to obtain the names and addresses of any questioners and report same to the appropriate officer of their unit.
4. Security Service have undertaken to investigate immediately the bona fides of any inquisitive civilians whose names and addresses are supplied.

PARA. 598. REMITTANCES OF CASH AND UNDRAWN PAY (NT FORCE ADM INSTN NO. 97.)

1. It is anticipated that a very heavy demand for the remittance of cash or undrawn pay in the nature of Xmas gifts will occur this month.
2. Remittances of undrawn pay are now routed through the District Accounts Office of District of Enlistment and will consequently take longer/ to reach the remittee than cash remittances.
3. It is anticipated that remittances of undrawn pay which reach the District Accounts Office, Northern Territory, through paymasters, by 14 Dec or, in the case of cash remittances, 19 Dec, will be in the hands of remitees before 25 Dec.

PARA. 599. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Xmas Telegrams: Only the texts issued by the postal authorities are acceptable and must be lodged at Bn P.O. no later than 18 Dec 43. These telegrams must be censored.
2. A Change of Address Card will be issued to any soldier who desires his letters to be re-directed to his address whilst on leave. These cards will be lodged at Coy Orderly Rooms. No papers or parcels will be re-directed for men on leave.

PARA. 600. AUDIT BOARD.

The Regimental Audit Board is reconstituted as under:-

CAPT G. TEXTOR - PRESIDENT
LIEUT L.S. HOWLAND - MEMBER
LIEUT G.W.C. LYNE - MEMBER

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EXTRA CHRISTMAS RATIONS AND AMENITIES.

A distribution of the above (apart from Christmas Hampers provided by ACF) will be made from Regimental Funds, which have recently been augmented by a gift of £200 from the FFCE. This gift was made possible by the generosity of the people of South Australia and Broken Hill.

Maitland
.....Lieut
Adjnt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

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Serial No.126.

(Paras 601 to 602)

17 Dec 43.

PARA. 601. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	<u>18 Dec 43.</u>	<u>19 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"B" COY	"B" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut F. Parrick	Lieut I. Stephenson
DUTY NCOs.	B COY	B COY
	<u>20 Dec 43.</u>	<u>21 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"B" COY	"B" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut J.J. Kenny	Lieut G.F. Eastwood.
DUTY NCOs.	B COY	B COY

PARA. 602. ELIMINATION OF WASTE.

Promulgated below is No.25 of a Series of Anti-waste messages, for the information of all ranks.

DUDS WON'T STOP THEM !

Popping planes, toppling tanks, or jarring Japs is an unhealthy past-time if ammunition fails to function. The old adage--"Keep your powder dry"--- is as important today as it was at Waterloo, for no type of ammunition is completely dependable if neglected in transit or storage.

The problems of manufacture, packing and transport have been largely solved and ammunition is delivered to forward areas in first class condition. But neglect in unit storage is resulting in large quantities of ammunition being returned to ammunition depots for reconditioning, making heavy and unnecessary demands on valuable transport space and manpower.

The storage of ammunition in the tropics presents difficulties, but the need for care is so vital that very special attention must be paid to it. The fundamental rules are few:-

KEEP DRY--well ventilated and as cool as you can.

KEEP OFF THE GROUND--on a base of dunnage.

KEEP "READY USE" to a minimum.

LEAVE THE FUSE COVERS ON.

KEEP STORED BY LOT NUMBERS OR BATCHES.

LOOK AFTER YOUR AMMUNITION---MEN'S LIVES DEPEND ON IT.

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.....Lieut.
Adj't 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES: (Christmas Sunday, Dec 19)

0745 hrs Holy Communion - RED SHIELD HUT.

0930 hrs Special Christmas Service - RED SHIELD HUT.

2015 hrs Hymns and Carols in RED SHIELD HUT.

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Serial No.127.

(Paras 603 to 604)

20 Dec 43.

PARA. 603. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	<u>21 Dec 43.</u>	<u>22 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"B" COY	"B" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut D.L. Wiltshire.	Lieut R.V. Milton
DUTY NCOs.	B COY	B COY
	<u>23 Dec 43.</u>	<u>24 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"B" COY	"B" COY
DUTY OFFICER	Lieut A.Y. Maitland	Lieut G.F. Eastwood.
DUTY NCOs.	B COY	B COY

PARA. 604. QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR PROFICIENCY PAY. (G.R.O. G.769/43)

- GRO F.660/43 provides that entitlement to proficiency pay depends, among other things, upon the passing of a prescribed examination. A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he -
 - has been certified by his CO as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment, and
 - has passed the tests applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.
- The tests for all categories include the Tests of Elementary Training for gas as specified in "Gas Training(Aust) 1942".
- The following additional tests are prescribed for personnel of Inf Bns.-
 - Small arms test with the rifle or light machine gun or medium machine gun or, in the case of personnel issued with the sub-machine gun or pistol as a personal weapon, the sub-machine gun or pistol. The standard required of the candidate is classification as a first class shot.
- The following conditions will govern the conduct of the small arms tests, referred to in para. 3 hereof:-
 - All rifle, light machine gun and medium machine gun tests will be fired on open ranges.
 - Classification Tables, Part II, for the respective weapons will be fired and the conditions of qualification will be as specified in SAT, Vol I, Pamphlet 14.
 - One repetition only at each test will be permitted to count as qualification for proficiency pay.
- Where practicable, personnel in receipt of proficiency pay will undergo the prescribed tests at six-monthly intervals.

.....Lieut.
 Adj 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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A Christmas Card has been received from 129 Aust Gen Hospital endorsed as follows:- "To the Officers and Men of 10/48 Bn with compliments of the Season and best wishes from Matron and Sisters 129 Aust Gen Hospital".

CHURCH NOTICES: Wednesday 22 Dec 2030 hrs at 107 A.G.H.--NATIVITY PLAY.
 Christmas Day 0700 hrs at 10/48 Red Shield Hut-Holy Communion
 0930 hrs " " " " -Christmas Service.

G.C.M.--PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF TRIAL

MEMBER TRIED: - SX22763 Capt K.S. BIVEN

CHARGE: AA.15(1) Absenting himself without leave for 17½ hours.

FINDING: Guilty.

SENTENCE: Severe reprimand and fined five pounds.

DATE OF SENTENCE: 11 Nov 43.

PROMULGATION TO ACCUSED - 11 Nov 43.

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Serial No.128

(Paras 605 to 607)

23 Dec 43.

PARA. 605. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	24 Dec 43.	25 Dec 43.
DUTY COY	"B" COY	"A" COY
DUTY OFFICER	---	---
DUTY NCOs.	B COY	A COY
	26 Dec 43.	27 Dec 43.
DUTY COY	"A" COY	"A" COY
DUTY OFFICER	---	---
DUTY NCOs.	A COY	A COY

PARA. 606. GARBAGE AT PICNIC GROUNDS (NT FORCE ADM INSTN NO.102.)

1. Complaints are being received that personnel using certain beauty spots creeks, swimming holes for picnics in this area are not even taking elementary Hygiene precautions, resulting in the pollution and fouling of water, besides providing breeding ground for maggots flies and mosquitoes.
2. Notices will be installed wherever men gather for picnics reminding them of the elementary precautions necessary before departure, and where available deep trench latrines and empty bitumen drums for rubbish will be installed. Rubbish will be burned in the drums and the residue buried.
3. It is not enough to deposit all refuse in the receptacles. It must take be burned and the residue buried. Whilst burning rubbish fire precautions will be strictly observed.
4. Where receptacles are not installed, troops will dig trenches for the burial of all tins, scraps of food and excreta.

PARA. 607. DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

It is evident that some units are not complying with instructions concerning garbage disposal. Before placing rubbish on dump ADELAIDE RIVER the following treatment must be carried out:-

- (a) All rubbish must be completely incinerated.
- (b) Tins must not only be burnt but also flattened.

Any loads not conforming to above standards will be rejected.

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A/Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES. (Christmas Day) 0700 hrs 10/48 Red Shield Hut--Holy Communion
 0930 hrs " " " " --Xmas Service
 (Sunday After Christmas) 0745 hrs 10/48 Red Shield Hut-- Holy Communion.
 0915 hrs " " " " --Divine Service.
 2015 hrs " " " " --Hymns.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: 10/48 Aust Inf Bn Midnight Mass at L of C Sigs Recreational
 Hut ADELAIDE RIVER(Christmas Day-)

Confessions will be heard at Advance HQ in RAAF Picture Theatre Area from
 2230 hrs. Friday 24th, and at L of C Sigs Recreational Hut ADELAIDE
 RIVER from 2230 hrs Friday 24th Dec.

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COMMANDING 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Serial No. 129 (Paras 608 to 609) 28 Dec 43.

PARA. 608. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	<u>28 Dec 43.</u>	<u>29 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"A" COY	"A" COY
DUTY OFFICER	---	---
DUTY NCOs.		
	<u>30 Dec 43.</u>	<u>31 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"A" COY	"A" COY
DUTY OFFICER.	---	---
DUTY NCOs.		

PARA. 609. SEASONAL LEAVE. (Ref GRO 598 Pt XII Para 88.)

In order to dispel any doubt that may exist in connection with the abovementioned GRO, LHQ has issued the following instructions:-

"Applications will NOT be entertained or recommended for release of personnel from NORFORCE for Seasonal occupational leave.
In special cases applications for release for this purpose will be referred to LHQ for advice."

.....Lieut.
A/Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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APPENDIX B
(Issued with 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 0010)

ARTY TASKS

a. SOS TASKS

SERIAL	SUB UNIT	TASK	TIME RATE AMN	REMARKS
1	All three btys	Mudflat LUDMILLA between 82561296 and 82061302	0-2 Rapid HE 2-4 Normal 4-6 Rapid	SOS Sig RED followed by GREEN. Code word CRASH. All guns will be laid on this task which is PRIORITY ONE.

b. ALTERNATIVE SOS TASK

2	All three btys	Line NE of VESTEYS between 80661236 and 80341205.	0-2 Rapid HE 2-4 Normal 4-6 Rapid	SOS Sig GREEN followed by GREEN. Code Word MOSES. Guns will only be laid on this task when priority of SOS task serial 1 is cancelled and this SOS task substituted as of first priority
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c. DEF FIRE TASKS

TARGET NO	BTY ENGAGING	DESCRIPTION of TARGET	CO-ORDS	RATE OF FIRE	AMN	REMARKS
3	One Bty	VESTEYS BEACH	80161241	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - QM 16 DF Fire.
4	" "	NORTH end of RUNWAY CIVIL DROME.	80621291	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - QM 10 DF Fire.
5	" "	FANNY BAY GAOL	80251287	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - QM 24 DF Fire.
6	One Tp	200 yds SE wire at EAST PT	79531461	10 rds GF	HE	Call for Fire - QM 14 DF. Fire at call OC EAST POINT.
7	One Bty	QUARRY near junc BAGOT & NA RDS.	82961260	10 rds GF	HE	Call for Fire - PM 53 DF Fire.
8	" "	RY BRIDGE WEST RAAF	83311261	10 rds GF	HE	Call for Fire - PM 6 DF Fire.
9	" "	BAGOT RD	82641353	10 rds GF	HE	Call for Fire - PM 58 DF Fire.
10	" "	MAGAZINE AREA	82871111	10 rds GF	HE	Call for Fire - RM 46 DF Fire.
11	" "	SADGROVES CK	82401050	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 39 DF Fire.
12	" "	SADGROVES CK	83301200	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 40 DF Fire.
13	All Btys less one tp	Line NORTH VESTEYS	80471184 to 79971184	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - M60 DF fire.
14	One Bty	KNOLL SOUTH FANNY BAY GAOL.	80731261 to 80521253	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - QM 61 DF Fire.
15	" "	SE of Race-course.	100 yds ea side of 81981285	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - PM 62 DF Fire.

APPENDIX B continued

TARGET NO	BTY ENGAGING	DESCRIPTION OF TARGET	CO-ORDS	RATE OF FIRE	AMN	REMARKS
16	One Bty	SADGROVE CK AREA	120 yds ea side of 83151123	10 Rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 63 DF Fire.
17	" "	MAGAZINE AREA	120 yds ea side 82711136	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 64 DF Fire.
18	" "	MAGAZINE AREA	120 yds ea side 82731160	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 65 DF Fire.
19	" "	MAGAZINE AREA	120 yds ea side 82581150	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 66 DF Fire.
20	" "	MAGAZINE AREA 500 yds EAST of GATES	Line from 82391154 to 82581156	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 67 DF Fire.
21	" "	QUARRY SE Reservoir	81541127	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 68 DF Fire.
22	" "	Mangroves SADGROVES CK	Line between 81791053 and 81751079	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 69 DF Fire.
23	" "	Mangroves SADGROVE CK	Line between 81751079 and 81581092	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 70 DF Fire.
24	" "	MAGAZINE AREA	82161137	10 Rds GF	HE	Call for fire - RM 71 DF Fire.
25	One Tp	Re-entrant	Line between 83221237 and 83281235	10 rds GF	HE	Call for fire - PM 72 DF Fire.

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APPENDIX C

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TK/A GUNS

GUN NO	VICINITY POST NO	LEFT OF ARC Magnetic	RIGHT OF ARC Bearings.
A 1	80	34	109
A 2	89	74	168
A 2 Alt }		30	121
A 3		22	108
A 4	56	19	88
B 1	49	8	77
B 2	48	314	29
B 3	43	270	355
B 3 Alt }	39	253	350
B 4	60	342	74
C 1 (Night)	40	298	35
C 1 (Day)	66	8	82
C 2	33	5	64
C 3	30	284	6
C 4	142	24	120
D 1	23	259	355
D 1 Alt }	21	282	17
D 2	5	321	61
D 3	132	268	354
D 3 Alt }	133	356	89
D 4	114	314	29

APPENDIX D

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MORTAR DF TASKSREF MAP - DARWIN 8" to 1 MI

NO	TARGET	No of dets	Number of rds Type of Fire & rate ea det.	CALL FOR FIRE
<u>a. SOS TASKS</u>				
E 1	805122	2	20 Rds HE Rapid	"Mortar SOS E 1 Fire" Signal - Green followed by Green. If not required as SOS then call "Mortar E 1 Fire", When number of rds fired will be limited to 10 per det.
E 7	827126	2	20 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar SOS E 7 Fire" Signal RED followed by GREEN If not required as SOS then call "Mortar E 7 Fire", when number of rds fired will be limited to 10 per det.
<u>b. DF TASKS</u>				
E 2	807122	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 2 Fire"
E 3	809123	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 3 Fire"
E 4	812121	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 4 Fire"
E 5	817131	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 5 Fire"
E 6	818128	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 6 Fire"
E 8	829126 QUARRY	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 8 Fire"
E 9	831124	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 9 Fire"
E 10	829119	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 10 Fire"
E 11	827117	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 11 Fire"
E 12	824116	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 12 Fire"
E 13	815114	2	10 rds HE Rapid	"Mortar E 13 Fire"

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APPENDIX E.
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MMG POSTS

NO.		LEFT OF ARC	RIGHT OF ARC	FIXED LINE	RANGE OF FIXED LINE
<u>Magnetic Bearings</u>					
2		224	78	12	300 yds
21		263	15	265	300 "
23		260	330	260	350 "
39		280	20	20	500 "
47		260	15	260	200 "
49	{ Two Guns } { One Gun }	300	90	90	350 "
		300	90	300	350 "
		355	120	360	500 "
56		All round	-	60	200 "
80		15	120	17	400 "
131	Sec { Night }	50	80	80	600 "
132	Sec { Day }	290	85	-	-
140	Alternative posn	275	325	-	-
	Sec { Day }	15	55	-	-
141	{ One Gun }	5	30	30	350 "
	{ One Gun }	5	30	5	450 "

APPENDIX F

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TK/A RIFLE POSNS

<u>POST</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>ARCS</u> (Magnetic Bearings)
4	A	303 - 55
6	A	300 - 60
19	A	70 - 190
34A	Comp	270 - 90
36	Comp	350 - 90
42	C	340 - 90
45	C	315 - 360
47	D	260 - 15
52	D	345 - 120
60	D	200 - 80
63	C	65 - 225
68	Pnrs	125 - 230
69	Sig Pl	210 - 170
74	AA Pl	135 - 300
87	19 Aust Emp Coy	100 - 205

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APPENDIX G

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LMG SECTION POSTS

POST NO.	ARC OF FIRE	FIXED LINE	REMARKS
	Magnetic Bearings		
1	295 - 15	9	
2	224 - 78	13)	
		78 alt	
3	345 - 18		P1 HQ
4	303 - 55	303	
5	298 - 35	298	
6			P1 HQ
7	280 - 30	280	
8	330 - 23	23	
9	0 - 360	210)	
		75 alt	
10	100 - 204	140)	
		204 alt	
11	100 - 200	100	P1 HQ
		120 alt	
12	120 - 230	230	
13	155 - 230	-	
14	85 - 245	245	
15	140 - 200	200	
16	60 - 180	-	P1 HQ
17	170 - 210	205	
18	0 - 360	-	
19	90 - 250	-	P1 HQ
20	0 - 360	-	
21	267 - 20	267	
22			P1 HQ
23	260 - 330	260	
24	260 - 335	335	
25	0 - 360		
26			P1 HQ
27	250 - 355	355	
28	320 - 15		
29	7 - 75	7	
30	320 - 40	320	
31	297 - 75	297	
32	325 - 50		
33	320 - 340		
34	315 - 40	40	P1 HQ
34A			Sector HQ
35			P1 HQ with Sec
36	0 - 360		
37	305 - 35	35	
38	275 - 325		P1 HQ
39	280 - 20	20	
40	0 - 360	352	
41			Coy HQ
42	310 - 340	340	
43	275 - 360	360	
44	225 - 42	42	
45	315 - 360		P1 HQ
46	290 - 350	350	
47	260 - 15	260	
48	345 - 30		P1 HQ
49	300 - 90		
50	0 - 360	280)	
		310 alt	
51	297 - 80	80	
52	345 - 120	120	
53	355 - 90	10	

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APPENDIX G Continued.

<u>POST NO</u>	<u>ARC OF FIRE</u>	<u>FIXED LINE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
54			Pl HQ
55	45 - 110	110	
56	0 - 360	60	
57	0 - 360	20	Penetration Task
58			Coy HQ
59	0 - 360		
60			Pl HQ
61	0 - 360	240, alt 60	
62	65 - 225	225	
63			Pl HQ
64	110 - 250	110	
65			Sector HQ
66		63	Penetration Task
67			Pl HQ
68	125 - 230	125	
69	0 - 360) Bn HQ) Posts.
70	0 - 360		
71	165 - 240	165	
72	165 - 240	165	
73			Pl HQ
74	0 - 360	315	
75	110 - 180	115	Bn HQ Post
76	355 - 85	85	
77	350 - 65		Pl HQ
78	25 - 145	145	
79	20 - 130	37	
80	30 - 195	195	
81	80 - 200	180	
82	65 - 160	72	
83	60 - 183	183	
84	0 - 360		Pl HQ
85	165 - 260		Penetration Task
86			Coy HQ
87	100 - 205	133	
88	125 - 170	125	
89	110 - 165		Pl HQ
90	90 - 120	115	
91	75 - 185		
92	80 - 262	262	
93	130 - 215	212	
94	140 - 210	180	
95			Pl HQ
96	0 - 360		Penetration Task
404	0 - 360		Pl HQ post with Sec
405	0 - 360		Rifle Sec
406	0 - 360		Rifle Sec
407	0 - 360		Rifle Sec

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VESTEYS

WORKSHOPS

PARAP

M3"
FORCE

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TRACING FROM 8" MAP
Showing
RESERVE COY &
SWITCH LINE POSNS.
COVERING FORCE AREA

T.K.A. GUNS

MORTARS

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PL. BNDY.

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Int. Sect.
10/44 Aust Inf Bn. RLE
30 OCT. 43.
(AMENDED 1 DEC 43)

APPENDIX I

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ADM

1. AMNa. SAA - 1. On man or with gun.

Rifle 100 rds
 LMG 1250 rds
 MMG 3500 rds
 TSMG 200 rds
 Pistol 12 rds

ii Pl Res

Rifle 1000 rds per Pl.
 LMG 2500 rds per Pl.
 TSMG 1000 rds per Pl.

iii Coy Res

Rifle 2000 rds per Coy.
 LMG 5000 rds per Coy.
 TSMG 1000 rds per Coy.

iv Sector Res

RIGHT	Rifle	10000 rds.
	LMG	10000 rds.
	MMG	8000 rds.
	TSMG	5000 rds.
	Pistol	100 rds.
CENTRE	Rifle	5000 rds.
	LMG	5000 rds.
	MMG	2000 rds.
	TSMG	2000 rds.
	Pistol	50 rds.
LEFT	Rifle	25000 rds.
	LMG	10000 rds.
	MMG	2000 rds.
	TSMG	4000 rds.
	Pistol	100 rds.

- b. MORTAR 3" - HE 360 per mortar COVERING FORCE.
 SMOKE 90 per mortar COVERING FORCE.
 HE 150 per mortar B Coy.
 SMOKE 90 per mortar B Coy.

- c. MORTAR 2" - HE 60 per mortar.
 SMOKE 18 per mortar.

- d. 2pr TK/A - 150 rds per gun/

- e. PISTOLS SIG - 4 RED }
 4 GREEN } per pistol.
 8 ILL }

- f. GRENADES - 4 Secs 12 per def post, res 24 per coy.
 7 Secs 24 per rifle pl, res 12 per coy.

- g. TK/A MINES - Pnr Pl 128.

- h. BN RES all types amn at 816116.

2. RATIONS

- a. On man - 2 days plus 1 tin emergency.
 In Sec Posts - 3 days.
 B Ech - For RIGHT and CENTRE Sectors - 7 days.
 LEFT Sector - 25 days sector res.

- b. Delivery pts.

B Coy	807102	C Coy	817118
CENTRE Sector	808116	D Coy	821121
Bn HQ	816115	19 Aust Emp Coy	824119

3. COOKING

- a. COVERING Force (less LEFT Sector) plus B Coy at B Ech.
 b. LEFT Sector establish own kitchen at VESTEYS.

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4. WATER
 - a. 44 Galls res ea sec post.
 - b. Water carts - Two carts report RIGHT Sector and one cart reports CENTRE Sector each night. LEFT Sector replenish from VESTEYS reservoir.
5. POL - Full tanks and 50 mls res with all vehs.
6. MEDICAL
 - a. RAP - 815116
 - b. SBs - RIGHT Sector 6.
CENTRE AND LEFT Sector ea 4.
 - c. Evacuation.
 - i. From Bn R/P by amb.
 - ii. From LEFT Sector Aid Post direct to hospital per amb.
7. GAS - Decontamination Centres are established at:-
VESTEYS 814112, PARAP 802107, and VICTUALLING YDS 805099, RY WORKSHOPS 812114.
Pnr Pl will man VESTEYS and RY WORKSHOPS when required.
8. RPs - TCP at 817117 and 816115.
9. PW - Collecting post PARAP POLICE STA 811116.
RPs will collect from this post and deliver to PW cage at BARRAKEYAH.
10. B ECH - Established at Rifle Range area 812096.
11. MT - After occupation will RV at B Ech and come under comd TO.
12. MINEFIELDS

All warning signs and fences are to be removed at time of occupation. C and D coys will each supply one NCO and 10 ORs for this purpose. Parties will RV with Pnr Offr at junc of BAGOT - NA RD 30 mins after order to man posns.

APPENDIX J

(Issued with 10/43 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) CO 10)

INTERCOMN1. Location of HQs

- a. Sector HQs
- | | |
|--------|----------|
| RIGHT | 81691197 |
| CENTRE | 81031183 |
| LEFT | 80051137 |
- b. Bn HQ 81641168

2. L/T Comma. Bn HQ switchboard to:-

- i RIGHT Sector
- ii CENTRE Sector partied with OP PARAP Hotel
- iii LEFT Sector
- iv B ECH (alt LEFT Sector line)
- v OP 2 at post 78
- vi CO and IO party line
- vii Sig Clerk
- viii Tk/A Bty HQ

Alternate lines are also provided to RIGHT & LEFT Sectors.

b. RIGHT Sector switchboard to:-

- i 19 Aust Emp Coy
 - ii D Coy
 - iii C Coy
 - iv Mortar OP and gun posns party line.
- Alternate lines are also provided to C & D Coys direct and to 19 Aust Emp Coy by a continuation of D Coy direct line.

c. RIGHT Sector Area

19 Aust Emp Coy, omnibus circuit from coy HQ to posts Nos 77, 84, 89, 95.

D Coy, Party line to pl posts Nos 48, 54, 60.

C Coy, Party line to pl posts Nos 38, 45, 63.

d. CENTRE Sector Area

Party line to pl posts Nos 22, 26, 33, 4046.

Party line from Coy HQ to Mortar OP and gun posn.

e. LEFT Sector Area

Party line from Coy HQ to pl posts Nos 3, 6, 10, 16.

f. Fullerphone line from Bn HQ to RIGHT, CENTRE and LEFT Sectors partied.

g. Direct line from CO to fwd arty cmd post.

3. R/T COMN

- | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| No. 1 Gp | Bn HQ control. |
| | RIGHT, CENTRE and LEFT Sectors. |
| No. 2 Gp | RIGHT Sector control. |
| | 19 Aust Emp Coy, B & C Coys. |

4. V/S COMN

RIGHT Sector, C & D Coys to sig centre 82021179 established if and when necessary.

CENTRE Sector to RIGHT and LEFT Sectors.

5. ORDERLIES

Pers will report as follows at time of manning of battle posns.

To each Sector HQ - One orderly per sub unit under cmd.

To Bn HQ - One orderly from each of A, C & D Coys and one orderly from CENTRE Sector.

6. SOS SIGNALS

RIGHT Sector - RED followed by GREEN.

CENTRE Sector - WHITE followed by RED.

LEFT Sector - GREEN followed by GREEN.

Authority to order firing NOT below coy comds.

7. PASSWORDS - Changed daily at 1900 hrs through Int Sec.8. CODE NAMES - Issued by Int Sec and changed as necessary.9. TIME SYNCHRONIZATION - Daily at 0700 hrs & 1900 hrs through sigs.

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by
LT-COL T.F. DAVIES
COMMANDING 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Serial No.122.

(Para 584)

4 Dec 43.

PARA. 584. DUTIES.

The following Orderly Duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	<u>5 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"A" COY
ORDERLY OFFICER	Lieut E.C.Todd.
ORDERLY NOOs.	A COY
	<u>7 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"A" COY
ORDERLY OFFICER	Lieut R.Green
ORDERLY NOOs.	A COY

<u>6 Dec 43.</u>
"A" COY
Lieut J.Parker.
A COY
<u>8 Dec 43.</u>
"A" COY
Lieut E.C.Todd
A COY

.....*W. A. D.*.....Lieut.
for Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES. (for Sunday 5 Dec 43.)

1015 hrs Divine Service for all coys at CHURCH ARMY HUT	"	"	"
1045 hrs Holy Communion	"	"	"
2000 hrs Hymn Service			
R.C. Mass at 0800 and 0900 hrs DARWIN.			

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(Paras 581 to 583.)

1 Dec 43.

PARA.581.DUTIES

The following Orderly Duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

DUTY COY	<u>2 Dec 43.</u>	<u>3 Dec 43.</u>
ORDERLY OFFICER	"C" COY	"C" COY
ORDERLY NCOs.	Lieut E.Moore.	Lieut G.Eastwood.
	C COY	C COY
	<u>4 Dec 43.</u>	<u>5 Dec 43.</u>
DUTY COY	"A" COY	"A" COY
ORDERLY OFFICER	Lieut T.Limbrick	Lieut J.Parker
ORDERLY NCOs.	A COY	A COY

PARA.582.SOLDIERS RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK

The Soldiers' Record of Service Book (AAB.83) will be issued to all ranks shortly.

The loss, destruction or defacement of an A.A.B.83 by a wilful act or by negligence or any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will be under A.A.40.

PARA.583.RESULTS.

The following are the results of the Bn Rifle Club Shoot conducted on Sunday 27 Nov 43, at LUDMILLA RIFLE RANGE.

RAPID APPLICATION

NAME	COY	PLACE	PRIZEMONEY
Pte R.J.Bradstreet	HQ	1st	£2 : 10 : 0
Pte S.W.Greyman	HQ	2nd	£1 : 5 : 0
Pte H.R.Patterson	HQ	3rd	10 : 0
Pte N.L.Rashleigh	HQ	4th	5 : 0
WO I G.Burden	Bn HQ		
Sjt I.A.Martin	A	5th	each 2/-
Pte R.S.Powell	HQ		
		<u>APPLICATION 300^x</u>	
Pte N.L.Rashleigh	HQ	1st	
Pte W. Jolly	HQ		
Pte S.W.Greyman	HQ		each 19/-
Pte H.H.Wegener	HQ		
Sjt L.N.Harten	HQ		
WO I. G.Burden	Bn HQ		
Pte L.E.Leatch	HQ	6th	each 2/-
Pte A.F.Shephard	HQ		

SNAP 300

Pte S.W.Greyman	HQ	1st	£2 : 10 : 0
Pte N.L.Rashleigh	HQ	2nd	£1 : 5 : 0
Pte L.G.Leatch	HQ	3rd	10 : 0
Pte H.G.Garrard	D		
WO I G.Burden	Bn HQ	4th	each 5/-
Cpl I.Crowhurst	Bn HQ		
Pte R.S.Powell	HQ	5th	each 2/-
Pte K.J.Dodd	HQ		

APPLICATION.

Sjt I.A.Martin	A	1st	£2 : 10 : 0
Cpl I.Crowhurst	Bn HQ	2nd	£1 : 5 : 0
Pte S.A.Gower	HQ		
Pte R.S.Powell	HQ	3rd	each 6/-
Pte W.L.Jolly	HQ		
Pte S.W.Greyman	HQ		

NAME	COY	PLACE	PRIZEMONEY
Pte S.A. Gower	HQ	1st	each £2-0-0.
Pte A.G. Starick	HQ		
Pte K.J. Treleaven	HQ	2nd	each £1-1-0
Pte L.G. Leatch	HQ		
Pte W.G. Hood	HQ	3rd	each 10/-
L/Cpl E.E. Anderson	HQ		
Cpl R.R. Symonds	HQ	4th	each 5/-
Pte A.E. Jolly	HQ		
Pte K.J. Dodd	HQ		
Pte A.F. Shephard	HQ		

AGGREGATE

Pte S.W. Greyman	HQ	1st	£2 - 0 - 0
Cpl I. Crowhurst	Bn HQ	runners up	each 10/-
Pte N.L. Rashleigh	HQ		

CONSOLATION

Cpl R.R. Symonds	HQ	1st	£1 - 0 - 0
Pte A.W. Pitt	D	2nd	10 - 0
Pte H.G. Garrard	D	3rd	5/-

.....Licut.
Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SONG COMPETITION

1. In an endeavour to bring forward a song which may have the attributes of eventually becoming national, the Australian Broadcasting Commission has decided to offer prizes totalling £105 for the best songs written by an Australian composer. Special prizes totalling £35 have also been allotted to the writers of the lyrics of the winning songs. Competitors will apply direct to the office of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in their respective States for copies of the rules and entry forms. The closing date for receipt of manuscript is 1200 hrs Friday 31 Dec 43.

BOUNDS

The Spts' Mess and area adjacent is out of bounds to all other troops with the exception of WOs Spts and those who are detailed for duty therein.

REMITTANCES OF UNDRAWN PAY

Personnel wishing to remit money through their paybooks, are reminded that as the cheques are now despatched by DFO the time between lodgement and receipt of cheque by remitter is approx 15 days.

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by

CAPT K. S. BIVEN

ADM COMD 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF).

Serial No.130

(Paras 610 to 612)

31 Dec 43.

PARA. 610. DUTIES.

The following duties will mount at 1830 hrs on the dates shown:-

	<u>1 Jan 44.</u>	<u>2 Jan 44.</u>
DUTY COY	"C" COY	"C" COY
DUTY OFFICER	---	---
DUTY NCOs.	---	---
	<u>3 Jan 44.</u>	<u>4 Jan 44.</u>
DUTY COY	"C" COY	"C" COY
DUTY OFFICER	---	---
DUTY NCOs.	---	---

PARA. 611. CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC. (GRO. 9.824)

- Accidents involving army vehicles have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fail to dim their headlamps when approaching oncoming traffic.
- In order that personnel in control of vehicles may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out hereunder:-
 - When approaching oncoming traffic, the driver of a vehicle will ensure that his headlights are dipped and will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left-hand edge of the roadway.
 - If the headlights cannot be dipped, they will be dimmed. If they cannot be dipped or dimmed, the driver will switch to his parking lights. In either case, he will reduce the speed of the vehicle so that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision.
- The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation of all lights and for reporting immediately (on AAF G17) all defects which he is not permitted to rectify.)

PARA. 612. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Cases are still occurring in which members, who have been granted leave without pay, afterwards claim that they were not aware of the full effect of the grant of such leave.

Paras 105 and 106 of GRO 598/43 state:-

"Attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave (or an extension thereof) without pay.

When leave (or an extension thereof) without pay is granted the following will not be payable during the period of such leave (or extension):-

- Pay (including deferred pay);
- Field allowance;
- Dependants allowance;
- Travelling allowance;
- Subsistence allowance;

The officer who first receives an application for leave without pay will, before dealing with the application, satisfy himself by personal interview with the member concerned that the member, understands the full effect of a grant of such leave.

.....Lieut
A/Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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